



An Impressionist Sketch of Pius X.

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The biography of our Holy Father, Pius X., is now the property of the world, yet the time is but short since the Cardinal of the patriarchal see of Venice led his busy apostolic life almost unknown to the world beyond his dioceses. However, a slight and intimate sketch may still be of interest, a few touches of human nature which show the beautiful, lovable character under many sidelights, as no accurately compiled records of a splendid pastoral life-work could ever hope to do.

passed upon him, the best which could be pronounced upon any ecclesiastic, "always a model priest and bishop, full of the burning zeal of souls." Firm, unflinching as a rock, where conscience and duty are concerned, but with the compelling sweetness of personal goodness, a man whose nobility, honesty, and integrity of purpose can be read on his every feature, a keen observer, tireless worker, and strict disciplinarian; add to this a truly apostolic charity, and surely we have the worthiest recommendation for the wider pontifical vineyard.

What May Happen in France on December 11.

Both M. Briand and M. Clemenceau have declared, says the Paris correspondent of the Dublin Irish Catholic, that so long as they are in office they will never close a single church. However, those Ministers' words are full of cunning. They will not close the churches, but they pretend that unless public worship associations are formed they will not allow the priests to celebrate Mass in them. They will apply the law if a priest should venture after the 11th of December next to cross the threshold of the sacred edifice and celebrate either a Mass, a baptism, a marriage or a funeral service, he is to be regarded as a criminal and dragged before the tribunal and condemned to fine and imprisonment.

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LOYOLA CLUB.

On Wednesday, October 17, the Club held its second regular meeting. The large number of young ladies present was an encouraging promise of a successful year. Several new names have been added to the membership roll already; and the club rooms present anything but a half-filled appearance; still both roll and rooms have a liberal welcome awaiting any young ladies who have been unable to join their ranks so far.

wonderful to hear. Most of the questions touched on favorite books and characters. It is easy to grow eloquent when discussing hobbies. Rev. Father Devine took his place in the circle, and won much praise as a conversationalist. When votes were taken, however, the prize for the most interesting talker was awarded to Miss Tansey.

Irish Bishops Issue Statement to Their People.

The Catholic Archbishops and Bishops in Ireland held a meeting last week at Maynooth College. Cardinal Logue presided, and there was a full attendance of bishops. The following statement was adopted unanimously: "As it has come to our knowledge that mixed residential colleges have been established by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, we have to direct the attention of the faithful to the following declaration of the bishops published on May 16, 1899: 'We desire to impress upon the local bodies concerned the primary importance in the establishment and direction of technical schools and colleges of avoiding anything to which Catholics should object on religious grounds, whether in the teaching or in other departments of such schools and colleges. It has been the duty of the bishops to repeatedly warn their people against the institution of mixed residences for Catholics and Protestants. The principle already so successfully maintained for many years in the working of training colleges in Great Britain, and applied within recent times with the best results in the case of similar institutions in Ireland, should be followed in this instance also if residential institutions are to be set up.' In addition to this a decree of the last Synod of Maynooth, which has been already sanctioned by the Holy See, enacts as follows: 'Since it appears to us that instruction in technical subjects for our people is necessary, we consider it permissible for Catholic youth to frequent the schools attended by non-Catholics where this instruction, as distinct from a general training or education, is given. We, however, strictly forbid Catholics to reside with non-Catholics in such schools, unless, on special grounds, the bishops of the place judge otherwise in particular cases.'"

Celtic Cross for Tom Moore's Grave. Arrangements for the unveiling of a handsome Celtic cross over the grave of Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, in Bronham churchyard, near Devizes, are being made by the Moore Memorial Committee, an organization composed of several prominent Englishmen.

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