Would that the world realized and felt the truth of these words of Christ, and applied them to itself! Christ in all His greatness, in the wonder of His power, in the depth of His wisdom, in the clearness of His knowledge, humbly recognizes whence He came—from God, His Father—and to Him again would He return. He could have spoken of Himself only, since He is God, equal to His Father, and was with Him to His Father, and was with to His Father, and was with Him when He created everything. In a word, He had supreme dominion over all things; but His glory was to know that He was doing the will of His Father, who sent Him, and that He would return again to Him. Who does not note His wisdom? After all, what was the humanity, in itself, that He bore? It was great because united to a God, but it was not His glory in the full it was not His glory in the full sense of the word; it was only assumed in order that His Father's glory might be manifested, and that man might have a chance to

If, for a moment, we contrast man with Christ, we see immedi-ately man's pride and folly. He is living not as he should, completely for his Father, but for himself, or for the things around him. Never do we hear him, especially when rising to worldly greatness or when receiving earthly honors, humbly profess that he came from God, and that to return to God is his greatambition and principal aim. He loves to magnify his deeds, and to show his apparently wonderful strength and power. He seems to forget that God sustains him and is his life and strength, more than the trunk of the huge oak is the life and strength of its limbs and As the branches cut from the tree wither and become lifeless, so would man die if cut away entirely from God. It is not pessimism to say that man continually endeavors to show his indeally endeavors to show his indeindexing the same difficulty of the sam pendence and to become self-sufficient. He lives in a world of plenty, and few things openly point to the Lord of the harvest. The origin of all these things, their powers to fructify and endure, he searcely ever considers. They are practically matters of fact with He should stop to consider he would be, if God had placed him somewhere in emptiness. What could he bring forth? Nothing; he would soon expire. Or he should ponder again what would become of him, if he were born without reason or lost it, as happens to many. He would be useless to himself and to the world. He could not restore reason. But who gave him this great wonder? God. If him this great wonder? God. In man had given it to himself, he could renew it if it should wear out herome incapable of action. We

we must leave this world; and we seldom ask ourselves whither we are fact, and spoke of it in the Gospel.

He knew that He must go; but
more than this, He knew where He
was going. He realized this, because He felt that He was doing
His Father's will. Moreover, since
He came from God, He must return
to Him. All men, likewise, must
leave the world, and they should all
say, each one individually, "I came
from God, and to God I must
return." But the second part of
this statement is true only under return." But the second part of this statement is true only under certain conditions. If I am living such a life as will lead me to God, and continue to persevere in it, eventually I shall arrive in His presence. But if I am living otherwise, I shall indeed return to God, but only to see Him as a stern judge and then be banished forever from Him. We always should bear in mind that the day will come when we shall be helpless and in need of God's assistance more apparently and more certainly than we need it now. We have heard the boastful atheists, in their pride and blindatheists, in their pride and blindness, deny God and make a mockery ness, deny God and make a mockery of belief in Him; yet later we have seen them helpless on the brink of eternity, literally falling into the hands of the living God, the severity of whose justice they were soon to experience. When we visit the places where sleep the dead, the record of many an infidel is sadly written over his silent tomb; this is written over his silent tomb; this is the very fact that his blasphemy is hushed to the world, to resound only where God's eternal enemies abide. In life he had tried to conquer God, yes, he had even believed that he had done so; but in death he was helpless. The same spirit that rose in rebellion against its Maker must bow in penal, suffering servitude while the body rots in the earth. As we can see from history, how futile are the deeds and how useless the life of him, who tries to perform his actions without God's help, and endeavors to live separated from Him! If you doubt the truth of this, study how God has conquered by death (if you will admit nothing more beyond) those who defied Him and His help in life. Those who live for God give their lives up to God; those who live not the very fact that his blasphemy is hushed to the world, to resound only where God's eternal enemies abide. In life he had tried to con-quer God, yes, he had even believed that he had done so; but in death he was helpless. The same spirit that rose in rebellion against its Maker must how in penal suffering

YEAR

By Mgr. Enrico Pucci (Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

To those so situated that intimate bits of gossip and anecdotes concern-ing high dignitaries of the Vatican; come to their ears, one of the most interesting features concerning the Holy Year of Jubilee has been the attitude of the Pope toward the preparation for and the actual observance of the period of Jubilee so far. And the outstanding feature of His Holiness' attitude has been his extreme humility regarding it coupled with a moderation of exit coupled with a moderation of ex-pectations that has astonished many of his intimates.

When, before the Holy Year began, discussion sometimes turned to the degree of success which might be attained, measured in terms of the number of pilgrims who might be attracted to Rome, the Pope invariably replied that the Holy Year will have been successful if it brings to the hearts of the people a greater fervor of faith, a greater purity of conduct and a more complete exemplification of Christianity in daily life. If these things are not accomplished, His Holiness said, the Holy Year will have failed even though countless throngs of pilgrims have visited the

MODEST IN HIS ESTIMATES

estimates were hazarded as to the

came on pilgrimage to Rome. But that was not only a Holy Year, it was also the first year of a century. Then, communication and traveling were much less expensive than now; then a great and world-famous man was Pope, Leo XIII."

But while the Pope, as well as all Christians, have cause for rejoicing in the manifestations of renewed spiritual life manifested in Holy Year observances, there are also conditions calling for supressions. also conditions calling for appre- act of humility performed

could renew it if it should wear out or become incapable of action. We might contemplate for hours all the so-called great powers of man, and we would arrive at the same conclusion; namely, that without God, man never could possess them, or put them into action.

We are too prone to forget that We are too prone to forget that by pseudo-scientific reasoning, to the security of this country. You prove that all religious ideas are can bring from every citizen respect absurdities and lies. Thus the for the law when you can convince absurdities and lies. Thus the citizen that you have in Christ fully realized this dispoke of it in the Gospel. The control of the contro religious institutions in their unfortunate country but they have also endeavored to bring up a younger generation which will be opposed to any influx of religious ideas. Their paper which, translated, is called The Godless, by means of vulgar and indecent illustrations, cheap verse, so-called humorous stories and alleged scientific demonstrations, has no plainly and very roughly. This institutions scientific demonstrations, has no other purpose than to tear out all traces and memory of religion from the hearts of the people. While this evil has, so far, been confined largely within the boundaries of Russia, attempts are being made constant-ly to spread its influence in other countries. In France, for example, after the present anti-clerical and Radical Government came into power Russian anti-religious pamphlets began to be translated and widely circulated.

All these unpleasant symptoms of the most tremendous assault ever made against Christianity do not escape the vigilant notice of the Pope. Even though the anti-religious campaign of the Bolsheviks has been carried on in a schismatic country, he is seriously concerned because of a realization that it is directed against all creeds and particularly against the Catholic Church in which the Bolsheviks recognize their most

formidable antagonist.

INTERESTING ANECDOTE OF POPE

calm on the tossing waves. It seems to me that that was the reply of the Father to the preoccupations and fearsw hich filled my heart. It seems to me that for me too the Divine Master at that moment repeated the rebuke addressed to His disciples on the Lake Genesareth: "Men of little faith, why

doubt ye?"
"I thanked the Father from the depth of my heart, and felt quieter; more complete and more serene faith filled my heart. I wished that that little picture from that moment should watch over every act of my pontificate. I had it placed in this modest frame, and from then on, on my work table it stands. Every time anxiety or grief assails me every time a more difficult or painful circumstance presents itself in my ministry, I look at this picture and the sight of it renews in me that sense of faith which consoled me so much in the first twilight of my pontificate.

GOV. SMITH'S TALK ON HUMILITY

New York, March 80.-Governor Smith received Communion with the 3,500 members of the Holy Name Society of the New York Police Department who attended the annual On these same occasions when that branch of the Society here yesterday morning. After the Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral the Governor marched down Fifth Avenue at the head of the policemen to the Commodore Hotel where he and Cardinal Hayes were among the speakers at the breakfast.

Responding to an enthusiastic in troduction, Governor Smith said in

was Pope, Leo XIII."

And from these observations His
Holiness would draw the deduction
Holiness would draw the deduction altar rail, and that is the force of example. You represent the great that estimates for 1925 would have to be restricted to numbers less power of the law, but when you bow

In Russia the Bolshevik revolu-tion has carried into power the most

of you and some of them say it very plainly and very roughly. This morning, however, you gave them an answer. We appreciate what you are doing in the Police Depart-ment and so do all right-thinking people. A politeman must have the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon and the courage of Daniel in the lions' den. All things are de-manded of a policeman, and the slightest error of judgment brings him to book. If there are people who find fault, you go your way doing your duty, and doing it not because

of what the critics may say, but because of your faith in God."

The Rev. Joseph A. McCaffrey, police chaplain, presided at the breakfast. Besides the Governor and the Cardinal, the speakers were: Supreme Court Justice
Thomas W. Churchill; City Court
Justice Joseph V. McKee; First
Deputy Police Commissioner John
A. Leach; and the Rev. John F.
White of St. Agnes' Church.

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The majority of the people in this sound that many, as we mentioned before, do not extend their belief far enough. Herein lies the danger. There must be no limitation to our acknowledgment of God, and no occasion can arise when are not bound to show our belief in Him. Our interest must be such that, like St. Paul, we live, not ourselves, but Christ liveth in us.

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are the Catholic representations being freely discussed in Derry Orange circles but the individuals suspected of having drafted them suspected of having drafted them are being threatened. In short, faith has been broken as to the secrecy of the documents, and intimidation is being practiced on intimidation is being practiced on it is being practiced on it is being snapped like a toy at a point only one meter from the strength and hurled down. Alternative them." all who took any prominent part in the movement to have Derry City transferred to the Twenty-Six Counties. Derry Catholics are making a vigorous protest against the instigators of this cowardly

CHURCHES WRECKED IN THE PHILIPPINES

Fresno, Cal.-The Right Rev. John B. MacGinley, Bishop of Mon-terey and Fresno, has received communications telling of heavy damage to churches in the Philippines and the narrow escape of a Catholic bishop in the typhoon which recently created havoc in parts of the Islands.

Nineteen Catholic buildings,

churches and parish schools, were damaged, the roofs of many being torn away, in the Diocese of Nueva Segovia, according to a letter written by the Right Rev. Peter J. Hurth, C. S. C., bishop of that diocese, to Archbishop Piani, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, a reprinting of which Bishop MacGinley received. At the time of writing, the bishop indicated that reports of much more devested. that reports of much more devastation might be expected.

"I have seen various damaged buildings with my own eyes, and it is sufficient to make one lose heart," wrote the bishop. "Among in regard to the representations made to the Commission by the Catholics of Derry City. The statement which the most seriously damaged is the most beautiful church we have north of Dagupan, in some respects superior to the churches of Dagu-pan, Binmanley and Lingayen. It is the church which the Augustin-ians never fail to mention in their descriptions of religious mon-

> 'With what sacrifices was I not seeking to repair the ruins of previous calamities. And now, in some cases, what had been done with so much difficulty has again been undone. It is hard, hard be-yond words. * * For the yond words. * * * For the third time in my life as a bishop, I find myself with a list of ruins and the difficult problem of rebuilding

Another letter, also to Archbishop Piani, tells of the terrible experience of the Right Rev. Santiago C. Sancho, Bishop of Tuguegarao, who was on board a ship when the typhoon struck it. The captain dropped two heavy anchors, in addition to the two ordinarily used, says the bishop, but the fury of the storm snapped the steel cables of all four. The ship was being blown out to sea when there was a sudden shift of the wind, and the captain forced his vessel aground. Huge waves buffeted it, but it held together until, on the following day, those on board were able to disembark and walk four kilometers through sand reefs and

bars to Salomague.

The Apostolic Delegate, said the communication, had made an appeal for help for the devastated area.

The more we love God, the more real must be our fear of death. Something accomplished, some thing done has earned a night's repose.—Longfellow.



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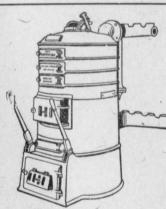
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