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THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1906

THE LATE REV. L. W. LECLAIR. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me. though he be dead, shall live."

kindly deeds, a man the like whom only passes our way once. The late Rev. L. W. Leclair was a man among men. Quiet, unassuming, patient, appreciative to a marked degree, tender as a child, ever ready to listen to a tale of sorrow, always eager to stretch out his hands to the erring, submissive, in all the perfection of the spirit of obedience to his superiors, such were the qualities of the dear departed priest.

Yet it was not these that were greatest in the character of the man, nor which endeared him most those who knew him best; but what impressed even the most casual acquaintance was the spiritual element in his nature, developed and nurtured in an infinite degree because of his close communion with God.

Of a delicate constitution, he had baffled the most severe illness, and even this last he had hoped to be to conquer; but the all-wise Father ordained otherwise, and a few days before his death, his condition becoming alarmingly weak, he was anointed by his superior, Rev. Charles Lecoq. Having some what rallied, the hope was entertained that the end was yet far off. but the already weakened constitustrain and last Thursday evening at 11 o'clock, like a tired child he gave his gentle spirit back into the hands of its Maker, falling into his dreamless sleep as the consoling words of

It was hard to associate death with Father Leclair; we who had known him from the intimacy cover ing many years could not accept the thought that he was growing old.

the last absolution were uttered.

He is deeply mourned by those who were privileged to call him friend, and though it is but natural to grieve as one beholds the circle of friendship grow smaller, still there is the glorious hope of the bright resurrection, and the soulsustaining assurance that all well with him.

Countless souls were led by him scriptural assurance that "they who news is more than made up for by lead others to justice shall shine as stars in the firmament."

As the orphan's friend will he too, be missed. Their welfare was for keeping the country waiting so

nothing was he happier than planning for their comfort The brightest moments of his life have been those spent among his little ones, and when he became too weak to leave his room their visits to him there were events which cheered his heart and of which he never failed to of their views speak to those afterwards calling upon him. At the time of his death he was engaged upon what to him was a labor of love, the erection of a large orphanage CHANGE OF ADDRESS .- When order Outremont. He had cherished hope of spending his declining years to his memory and within its walls children's voices will rise in prayer to the dear Saviour who so loved the little ones to bless their late director, and to grant him the rest he so surely earned. His labor of former day among the people of St. Patrick's when "life was young and fair and sweet," is a happy memory, and there are hundreds who had occa sion to bless his name either as the angel of the sick room, as spiritual director, or as simple friend. His good deeds were countless as the Holy See. sands, for which he has already heard the "well done" of the Master Whose most exemplary follower he was. He had often said he trembled when he thought of the respongathered upon him, as his eyes no longer beheld the things of this world, we feel confident the effulgent rays from the great white throne il- A statement attributed to the the shadow through which his holy Hazebrouck, was published in shine of the Master's presence, He to away, full of years, good works and spent devotedly and unselfishly in of His service. The beautiful sentiment expressed in "The Dead Priest," from the pen of the gifted poet him who has just fallen on sleep:

A shadow slept folded in vestments The dream of a smile on its face, Dim, soft as the gleam after sun-

That hangs as a halo of grace Where the daylight hath died in the

valley And the twilight hath taken its place-

A shadow! But still on the mortal There rested the tremulous trace Of the joy of a spirit immortal Passed up to its God in His grace.

A shadow! Hast seen in the summe A cloud wear the smile of the sun? On the shadow of death there flashing

The glory of noble deeds done. On the face of the dead there glowing

The light of a holy race run, And the smile on the face is reflect

The gleam of the crown he has won Still, shadow, sleep on, in the vest ments Unstained by the priest who has

Yea, sorrow weeps over the shadow But faith looks aloft to the skies And hope, like a rainbow, is flash-

O'er the tears that rain down from their eyes,

They murmur on earth "De profun-The low chant is mingled with

sighs. 'Laudate' rings out through the heavens—
The dead priest hath won his faith's prize.

There is nothing left for us to add but the simple prayer of supplication that rest eternal may be his.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE. There is little to record as to the general situation of ecclesiastical affairs in France. The bishops have is presented their views to the Pope, and everything is now in a state of suspense to a higher life, and we have the speak. But what is lacking in reports flying about in the press. All sorts of curious reasons are given for the Pope's delay. He is blamed

rlier it is certain that he would have been blamed for precipitation, and would probably have been charged with having his mind made up and his course of action determined upon be fore the meeting of the bishops and in utter disregard of any expression

It is said, on the authority of the Stampa of Turin, which professes to have obtained its information from as if the exodus had continued Rome, that a large volume relating to France has been prepared at the Vatican containing a statement of all that has been done since the all possibility of an Irish nation. among the little orphans, but he passing of the law of separation, willingly made the sacrifice of his along with the necessary documents. unsatisfied wish. In a very short It is furthermore reported that the so much improved of late years in while there will stand a monument Pope will publish his decision on the Ireland that most recent emigrants whole question next month, and that have left, not from compulsion, but whilst inviting the bishops to form from choice. Earnest-minded patriparochial associations in accordance ots have been doing their best to with the Canon law, the heads of these associations will be told to grants the folly of their ways, and organize them within the limits of the civil laws of the country. Thus there would be neither acceptance of The welcome change in emigration nor submission to the Law of Separation, but a middle course which would leave untouched the provisions of French law, and would at the same time save the face of the

pass any comment upon it, but as in the next place economic conditions far as one can judge of its meaning, have much improved. The land is it would scarcely seem to be a very intelligent anticipation of the Pope's people; sturdy, independent peasant sibility of the priestly office, and of forthcoming decision. For this much proprietors are taking the place of the long years he would have to is clear, that a parochial association the miserable tenants at will, whose render a terrible account. As the is not the association for public wor- conditions were so selflike. The movesigns of approaching dissolution ship contemplated by the act, and it is only to such associations that is giving more opportunities of emthe use of the churches will be grant-

lumined the mysterious valley of Abbe Lemire, the priest deputy for the spirit passed into the eternal sun- Matin a few days ago, and in this he is represented as speaking to the Whom he brought a record of a life following effect on the matter of the terest in their surroundings and law: "A priori the separation law is not schismatic, since the Pope convoked a conference of bishops to examine its consequences. That is an priest Father Ryan, justly applies to important point. The law certainly might have been better, and it would have been desirable to leave the administration of certain property in the hands of the church. It would, moreover, not have amounted to a very large sum. The misery is that, on the one hand, the Pope is the prisoner of a coterie which prevents him from hearing and from speaking, and that, on the other, Catholics are in many instances blinded by bad newspapers which maintain between Rome and Paris a complete system of telegrams and biased news."

> In conclusion the Abbe expressed it as his opinion that the law would in the end be accepted, a consum mation which was hoped for by all good Catholics. Against this may be set certain words uttered by Cardinal Coullie, Archbishop of Lyons, to a number of his clergy who had come to congratulate him on his feast day. His Eminence said that in his opinion they could "no longer cherish any illusions as to the future in store for them." Therefore in presence of such a situation their ness to obey, at all costs, like good command should be given. "It is God Who calls us to a struggle which we have not provoked, but which must

be carried on in His honor." The Cardinal bade his priests make a careful study of the text of lished upon it, as well as of the Encyclical of the Holy Father. "Weigh well their conclusions and hold vourselves ready." These hortations certainly read as if the call would be one to resist. But, on the other hand, there is nothing in them which is inconsistent with an exhortation to be ready to obey what might be causily rou the personal feelings of manv-a call till His Holiness shall to submit to the law, and make the best of it.

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at last reaches u For the first time since 1851 em cline, and it was with heartfelt feel ings of thankfulness that every ing tidings from the statistics just published. The emigration question is the most vital of all for Ireland. the same alarming rate as it has been going on for the last half-cen tury there would soon be an end to When the exodus began it was painful necessity, but conditions have point out to those thoughtless emithe injustice they are doing their country in deserting it.

statistics is attributable to two caases a moral and material one. The moral pressure brought to bear upon public opinion by the Anti-Emigration Society and the Gaelic League should, in the first place, be The report is too indefinite to given credit for the improvement, and fast coming into possession of the ployment than hitherto existed. Finally the working of the local gov ernment act has placed in the hands of the people more power and responsibility than they ever hitherto enjoyed, and this gives them an inmakes them anxious to stay at home and work for the welfare of the country. The larger question self-government is by no means lost sight of, the new powers and respon sibilities wielded by the Irish people only act as a fresh lever stimulating their exertions for the attainment of a full measure of freedom.

MURDERED PRIEST LAID TO

REST Few more pathetic sights be imagined than were to be witnessed at the funeral of the ager Father Corsi. The body, stabbed in seven places, was laid to rest in the Campo Verano, after obsequies performed in the presence of several Bishops and various members of the Roman nobility, including Prince Doria-Pamphila and family, who in sisted upon bearing all expenses in-On all sides fervent de monstrations of love and veneration were exhibited for the memory of the deceased, whose goodness had found a way into thousands hearts

The wretched murderer is said to be insane, but this plea is put forward so often now that we take it clal position observed during the inat present cum mica salis. He is still in prison awaiting identification by that the company was managed by ar ed with wounding some weeks ago. The terrible crime of murdering soldiers, as soon as the word of Father Corsi cannot but recall to us that dark night in 1881, when the Catholic Church was outraged in the corpse of Pope Pius IX. As the hearse bearing the Pontiff's body left the Vatican for St. Lorenzo's where, at the last hour, the the law and the commentaries pub- Pope declared "he should be bunied losses by \$568,945. It is apparent CAN DO A LITTLE. Do that little among the poor," and not in the mausoleum prepared for him in St Mary Major's-it was set upon by a mob of Socialists and Italian offscourings. To throw the body into the Tiber was their awful design. The Government had promised to send a guard, but at the critical mo- great Charlemagne repose was openment its soldiers were conveniently absent, and it was left to the laity to beat off the rabble.

And the venerable bones were laid safely to rest in the Church of St. Lawrence (which stands upon the spot where the saint's martyrdom took place), beside the remains of St. Stephen the Protomartyr, and ers, the Deacon St. Lawrence, only

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few yards away from the ashes of the primitive Christians in the cata-

And then the Catholic world spoke From the north and south, from the east and west messages of condolence poured in upon Leo XIII. bewailing the outrage upon the memory of his saintly predecessor. And France America, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Bohemia, Belgium, parts of England and Scotland, Poland and Germany came forward and demanded permission to adorn the Pope King's tomb. The traveler from each of IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPthese countries may see to-day the arms of his diocese around that grave to testify the part it took in converting that part of this sixth century church into a fairy-like chapel, resplendent with delicate mo saics, beautiful frescoes, precious marbles-in short, all that worldly wealth could procure to show love for the memory of Pius IX. and indignation against his enemies.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

By order of the Kaiser, the sarcophagus in which the remains of the ed the other day for the purpose of examining some precious cloths and MSS. which it was known to cor tain. The draperies were found to be in excellent condition, notwithstanding their great age. ries of the Catholic Church we sent at the investigation. Charle-

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magne was a wonderful personage, considering the fact that his period is included in the "dark ages." He was the founder of schools and universities, as well as empires and kingdoms, and he was a loyal son of the Church as well as the mightiest of monarchs of his age.

A Struggling Infant Mission.

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HOPE. Not a great kind of enyou will say, good reader, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened. I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of North-ampton, will, in due course, become a great Mission. But outside help is, evidently, ne-

ary. Will it be forthcom I have noticed how willingly CLIENTS of ST. ANTHONY PADUA readily come to the assistend of last year assets totalled \$9,- a sympathetic and pitying eye upon outpost of the Catholic Faith in this cerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith will extend a helping hand to me? which is in your power, for God's sake, and with the other that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly. DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO

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brilliant examinations: FEAST OF PORTIN To-day being the feas sula, large crowds are t tage of the special gra that of obtaining a p gence for every visit ma Franciscan Church. Th granted between 2 o'clountil sunset to-day.

NEW BISHOP OF F News already publishe successor to the late O'Brien of Halifax is con Dr. E. J. McCarthy, re Mary's Halifax, received the Propaganda in Ron day informing him of ment as Archbishop.

LUBY'S HAIR RES

As a tonic for falling cleaning the scalp, and hair to its natural co excels Luby's Parisian Directions must be followed, when the u Th sidering the benefits to from its use, is small. at druggists. See advt.

ST. MICHAEL'S GARD

On Aug. 13 a garde more properly speaking, festivals, will open at S lasting four days, or un when a monster euchre place. They will be held the 28th of the ordin pastor, the Rev. Jo All those who can shoul duty to be present in or their appreciation of one zealous and hard working

of the Irish clergy in the To Those of Sedents tion.-Men who follow se cupations, which deprive fresh air and exercise, prone to disorders of the kidneys than those who outdoor lives. The form in Parmelee's Vegetable 1 storative without questic efficacious on the market easily procurable, easily expeditiously, and they ingly cheap considering

FEAST OF ST. JAMI

lence.

MAJOR. Sunday, feast of St. J Major, was the patron for Cathedral. Archbishop ficiated in full pontificals morning service, Bishop B the full body of canons The sermon was I the Rev. Abbe Piette, wh a hearty welcome to the the Champlain Guard, of Montreal.

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