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that shepherd who for so many centuries has guarded the flock of Jesus Christ, and where is that unity and integrity with which her Divine Founder endowed her? Imagine, if you can, a body without a head still continuing its usefulness, or a building still continuing to stand without its foundation and you can imagine what no reasonable man can conceive. Luther imagined it when he rent asunder the sacred garb of unity that girded the fair form of God's Holy Church, but he was obliged to make himself the head and foundation of his bereft.

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism, that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also. Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet weather. I suffered dreadfully from rheumatism but have been completely cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I am deeply grateful. Miss FRANCES SMITH, Prescott, Ont. "I had an attack of the grip which left me weak and helpless and suffering from rheumatism. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and this medicine has entirely cured me. I have no hesitation in saying it saved my life." M. J. McDONALD, Trenton, Ont.

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Where, my dear friends, shall we look for the successor of St. Peter? When Peter died and there laid down his office in that place we must look for him. But Peter had his See in Rome, and he died Bishop of Rome, and it was in Rome itself that he gave up his life and the primacy over the Church on earth, and therefore it is that the Bishop of Rome is his true and legitimate successor, for such is the natural law of succession. The See of Rome is St. Peter's See, and no other Church ever claimed to be such. Yes, St. Peter died at Rome. They laid him down upon a cross and, straining his time-worn limbs, they drove the sharp nails through his hands and through his feet, and with his head turned towards the earth from which he came, he passed to that Saviour whom he loved and served on earth. Simon, the son of John, died, but Peter lives forever. He lived in the persons of Linus, and of Clement. He lived in the persons of all the Holy Pontiffs who for more than nineteen centuries have given glory to the Church of God. He lives now in the person of Pius X., the 259th Pope to sit upon that throne, the Moses of our day whom God has appointed as a light for the teaching of the nations of the world and the glory of his people. Should you ask me then: who is that venerable man of the Vatican who smites with the rod of his infallible teaching, the spirit of error and dissension wherever found, I would answer: He is the successor of him whom Christ thus addressed after the glorious confession of His divinity: "Blessed art thou Simon, Ben-Jonah; because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in Heaven;" he is the successor of him to whom Christ solemnly declared: "And I will give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven;" he is the successor of him the Lord of whose love Christ having tried by the three-repeated question, "Lovest thou me," rewarded with the commission, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep."

"Oh, glorious old Church, the light-bearer of the world! Old Church built by the Saviour upon the indistinct rock, Peter! Thou hast seen Kingdoms rise and fall, Thou hast seen Monarchies change into Republics and Republics change into Empires. Thou hast seen the Goth and the Vandal, the Saxon and the Saracen invade the fairest portion of Europe, upsetting thrones and demolishing cities. All this thou hast seen while thy Pontiff, ever faithful to thy Divine commission guided thy destinies. To thee we must apply the words of Holy Scripture: "These things shall perish, but thou remainest and all of them shall grow old as a garment and as a vesture thou shalt change them and they shall be changed. But thou (Oh, glorious old Church of God), art always the same and thy years shall never fail." And even if the successor of St. Peter should be driven from the Vatican and banished from his house in the Eternal City, no matter if he withdraw to the uttermost limits of the earth, never more to behold the gold and crimson of the setting sun tint with a glorious radiance the seven hills of Rome, still we may exclaim with St. Ambrose: "Where Peter is there is the Church, there is the one upon whom Christ bestowed the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. St. Peter lives in his successor. There is the certainty of faith, the way of salvation."

Tribute to South Americans. In the New York Times of February 12, the Hon. John Barrett, the Director General of the Pan-American Union, who has passed many years in South America and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions there, paid a tribute to the proficiency of the university students in the South American Republics, and to the ideal home life of the people. He said in part, "I must now make a statement I am sorry to put forth, because it reflects upon the young men of this country; but in making it I am simply telling truth and doing justice to our neighbors. A contrast will explain just what I mean. Pick at random a hundred young men who have just been graduated from one of the great Latin-American universities, and then pick the same number at random from the graduates of any of the principal universities of the United States. Let them be examined competitively and tested by comparison, particularly in

regard to manner, clearness of speech, capability to write well, knowledge of language, of history, of literature, of the sciences, and in almost all the branches that are supposed to constitute the best part of the education of a graduate from a modern university, and the result will be so overwhelmingly in favor of the Latin-American student that such of us as may have done it will bow our heads in shame at even having criticized the educational methods of Latin-America. It is interesting, in this connection, to note that the majority of young Latin-Americans who come to the United States to study in our universities, as ours go to Europe to study in the English and the German universities, stand well in their classes and have a reputation for scholarship which reflects credit on their race. It may be excusable to point out, in a discussion of this kind, that in Lima, Peru, a university of high standing was in existence 100 years before John Harvard founded the great university which bears his name and is one of the prides of the United States. Speaking about home life in South America, Mr. Barrett said, "Yes, the Latin-American has many virtues. Take his home life. Rich or poor, he can be accused of anything but race suicide. The best families in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Mexico average two or three times the number of children characterizing the best families in the United States. This may be due to the prevailing religion and its teachings in this matter, or it may be due to race psychology, but the fact remains. "And how about divorce? "Divorce? Almost unknown. There, again, the prevailing religion possibly has much influence, but whatever may be the cause to which conditions may be due, it is the case that one hears rarely in the Latin-American republic of such cases of domestic infelicity as are reported constantly in the newspapers of the United States."

Latin-American Catholics.

The eighteen countries of Latin-America have a combined population of 67,796,072, according to the statistics compiled from the latest available sources by American Consul Frederick W. Gooding, of Montevideo. Brazil heads the list with 19,910,646. The countries of four million and over are Mexico 13,507,259; Argentina, 6,805,674; Peru, 4,500,000; Colombia, 4,000,000. Practically all the population of Latin America is Catholic. Exclusive of Mexico, North America has a population of 100,000,000, of whom 25,000,000 are Catholics. Add the West Indies with 5,000,000 more Catholics and we find that 97,000,000 of the 172,000,000 people of the Western Hemisphere are Catholics.

With Fairies in the Clouds.

Once upon a time there were two little girls, the elder of whom was eight years and the youngest one five. Mary, who was the elder, asked Agnes to go down to the lake with her. Agnes said she did not think her mother would want her to go. "Oh," said Mary, "we live by the lake, and it won't be far." "Well," said Agnes, "I guess I can go, but I can't stay very long." When they got to the lake they saw a big white boat, named "Swan," and it looked as though it had wings. "Oh," said Mary, "look at that big boat. Doesn't it look grand? And see all those little people in it that look like angels!" "Mary," said Agnes, "I wish I could go out with them." As Agnes was talking, one of the little women stepped out of the boat and came toward the children. "Hello, children," said the little woman, "would you like to go out in our boat with us?" "Oh," said the two children together, "we would like to very much."

Pope Pius Erects New Parish Yearly.

Of late years the growth of Rome furnishes a subject for comment. Vast districts outside the Aurelian walls have been built over; while beautiful gardens and shady lawns within the city have been dismantled and divided into building plots. Poetry and art lost much; but the Italian Government cares little for either in its vain efforts to transform Rome into a modern city. However, the population has now increased to about 600,000, about three what it was under Papal rule, and every city in Italy gained by the increase inasmuch as their bad elements have been dumped into Rome! It is true, indeed, that the offerings of Italy followed in the wake of Victor Emmanuel's army in 1870, as you will become well aware of on certain occasions. However, the sheep are mixed with the goats, and Pius X. has to shepherd both alike, since his elevation to the throne of Peter. His Holiness has erected on an average one parish annually to meet the requirements of the new order of things in the Eternal City. The latest new parish is that of S. S. Marcellino Pietro in the Via Merulana, a portion of which the Pope has detached from S. John Lateran's. The erection of this parish, as may be gathered from the Pontifical Bull which dates from 1906, was deferred four years ago; but, as restorations have since been carried on in the ancient church, its inauguration, at which the Cardinal Vicar of Rome will preside in a few days, had to be postponed.—Ex.

Work of the White Fathers.

The ransom of African slaves is only one of many great missionary works accomplished by the White Fathers of Quebec. In their monthly magazine, African missions, they give the following table of information: Twenty dollars free a young slave—boy or girl—and thus make possible a conversion; twenty dollars pay for maintaining a student in our native seminaries, for one year; fifteen dollars pay for maintaining a pupil in our native boarding schools, for one year; fifteen dollars pay a male Catechist for one year; ten dollars pay a female Catechist for one year; five dollars enable an adult Catechumen to spend his last six months at the mission before baptism; three dollars enable a child to spend his last six months at the mission before First Communion.

Among the Canadian Indians.

Dr. Rhymer, a Catholic physician who is devoting his life to the charitable exercise of his medical and surgical skill among the Indians of the Canadian Northwest, writes as follows from Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake. "The prayers and labors of the Oblate Fathers, under the direction of the zealous and indefatigable Bishop Breyhat, have wrought marvels among the aborigines of the vicariate of Mackenzie. When the Indians are really converted they are heroic in their piety, following in the footsteps of the Christians of the early ages of the Church. They assembled at Fort Resolution in large numbers to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. Many came long distances, journeying for two or three weeks, through the snow-covered wilderness, with almost no food save stale fish. The Indians arrived in hundreds at this mission on December 24 and I can truly state that they were cheerful and happy, for many came to call on me in my cabin. "They love the Bishop and appreciate his devotedness to them. At the Midnight Mass, all the adult Indians received Holy Communion, approaching the altar upon their knees, with bowed heads and repeating their prayers in an undertone. This simple testimony of faith and reverence is very impressive. Whenever I witness it I feel particularly happy and thankful that I live among such good and devout Catholics."

Mrs Carlyle on Father Matthew.

Mrs. Thomas Carlyle wrote to her husband, "You know I have always had the greatest reverence for that priest, and when I heard that he was in London and attainable to me, I felt that I must see him, shake him by the hand, and tell him that I loved him considerably. He made me sit down on the only chair for a moment, then took me by the hand as if I had been a little girl, and led me to the front of the platform to see him administer the pledge. Two hundred theatrical representations I ever saw melted into one, could not have given me such emotion as that scene did. There were faces of both men and women that will haunt me while I live; faces exhibiting such concentrated wretchedness making me would say, a last struggle with the powers of darkness. And in the face of Father Matthew, when one looked from them to him, the mercy of Heaven seemed to be laid bare. I could not speak for excitement all the way home." Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria

Then come with me, said the little woman.

She put them on the boat. Then it started, and the children seemed happy. "O Mary," said Agnes, "isn't this perfectly grand? But I think mamma will be worried about us." "But never mind, my dear," said one of the little women, "you are safe while you are with us. We are fairies and we can fly. We travel by water in our big boat." "Oh," said Mary, "I wish I was a fairy." All at once the children seemed to go away. "Oh," said Mary, "now we are flying." Then they went up still higher. Next they went through a dark place, and then it was light again. "Oh Mary," said Agnes, "we are above the clouds. Isn't this perfectly grand? But poor mamma will be worried about us." Then they saw beautiful things. Fairies were dancing and singing. Some were flying around their beautiful home. "O Mary," said Agnes, "wouldn't it be lovely to be a fairy and fly around?" Then everything stopped and the fairies got into the big boat and were on the water in fifteen minutes. When the children had gone, their mother, father and brother went to look for them. But could not find them. When the boat stopped the children saw it was the same place where they had got on the boat. Their mother saw the big boat come in, and the fairy who took the children on the boat took them to their mother, and she disappeared before the children could bid her good-bye or thank her. When they got home they told all about fairyland and how the fairies dance and sing and fly. "Oh, I wish I was a fairy," said Mary. "And so do I," said Agnes. When the children went to bed they dreamed that they were in fairyland.

Deaf-Mutes Sing.

About seventy deaf-mutes attended a mission that the Rev. Thomas A. Galvin, C. S. S. R., gave in the sign language at St. Joseph's Church, Newark. The mission opened on Sunday, Feb. 10, and closed on Sunday evening, Feb. 26. The congregation at the opening service, joined in what is known as the "sing hymn," and after the "singing" of the hymn by going through the signs in unison, instruction was given for the participation in the service, by means of the signs generally understood by deaf mutes. The service was brought to a close with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which was given in the sign language, and the hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

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