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...eral minutes nothing could be heard  
but the ring of steel.

"Touche," he cried, exultantly, as  
his sword drove home, and one of the  
peasants came back with a groan. The  
other came more fiercely to the attack,  
but was obliged to surrender after a  
hard struggle. Flushed with victory,  
the boy, leaving his two prisoners in  
the charge of a corporal, dashed on  
for the now retreating foe. His en-  
thusiasm carried him too far from his  
comrades, and in an instant he was sur-  
rounded by the enemy. Even then  
rough, peasant hearts were touched by  
his boyish face and youthful appear-  
ance.

"Cry 'vive la Roi!'" and we will see  
you free," one of the crowd shouted.  
Holding the reins of his plunging steed  
in one hand, and clashing his cockle-  
d in the other, he shouted in a firm,  
clear voice:

"Vive la Republique," and he  
pierced by a score of wounds. True,  
his colors in the face of death, and  
a boy of thirteen! His fame ran  
through France.

The Convention decreed that  
there should be placed in the Pantheon  
that a tablet be erected setting forth  
his brave deed and devoted patriotism,  
and that his mother should receive  
thousand livres.

AN EXCELLENT TRANSLATION  
"LEO'S LAST PRAYER."

Although the poem of Pope Leo X.  
recently printed as a new one, was  
evidently half a century ago, when His Holiness  
had scant expectation of his  
another jubilee, it is still a remem-  
berable work for extreme old age; and  
translation by the Rev. Wm. H. Ward,  
D. D., editor of the Independent,  
is well worth reproducing. It  
is as follows:

LEO'S LAST PRAYER

Leo, now sets thy soul; pale is thy dying ray  
Black night succeeds thy day.

No more thy shrunken veins;  
No more thy shrunken veins;  
Death casts her fatal rods; robed for the  
thy bones  
Lie under the cold stones.

But my freed soul escapes her chains, and  
in light  
To reach the realms of light.

That is the goal she seeks; thither her journey  
large  
Grant, Lord, my anxious prayers.

That, with the citizens of Heaven, God  
and light

May ever thrill my sight:  
That I may see thy face, Heaven's  
Has brought me home above.

To thee, saved through the tangles of  
our way  
Thy gift, my grateful lay.

Dr. Ward makes these comments:  
That the last petition of the Summa  
Vota should be addressed to the Virgin,  
rather than to her Ador-  
son, will seem strange to most  
readers; but we recall the words of  
Abbe Loisy, the latest defender  
Roman Church against Protest-  
and unbelief:

"Is it not true for the Catholic  
true in fact, that one comes to  
Jesus to God, through the Virgin  
Jesus? Is it not true that to re-  
the saints is to resort to Jesus;  
to resort to Jesus is to resort  
God that to resort to  
with a simple faith is  
one's self above himself, and  
reliance for one's self? Is it  
that by these means which de-  
and finds so vulgar and ridicu-  
wearing a scapular, and the  
gaining indulgences on the  
saints' merits for souls in purga-  
Catholic enters actually into  
union of saints—that is to  
communion with Jesus—that  
into communion with God?"

And this poet, sage and  
who inspired souls long ago,  
beatific vision of the face of God  
whom the Westminster Confes-  
clared to be that anti-Chris-  
man of sin, and son of perduc-  
placed himself in the Church  
Christ, and all that is called  
Wonderful was the ill-strated  
that waited so long before  
came.

WHEN IN DOUBT

WILL A MAN BE DAMNED IF  
TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH?

Very Rev. William Stang.

A man who belongs to a  
denomination inclined to ha-  
doubts as to whether his  
right or wrong. His reason  
the Catholic religion only can  
he is not sure that he is a  
right one. This man is obli-  
penalty of being damned if  
inquire into the grounds of  
he should read, consult, and  
other available means, at the  
that he asks for light and  
above. If he be a man of  
earnestness, he will  
clearly and facts that  
him to argue difficult  
notice, for instance, that  
lives, of great learning and  
ations, leave the various  
communities and join the  
Church, though they have  
of fondest affections, love  
living, renounce, and  
and incur the disrespect of  
the other hand, he has o-  
only leave the Catholic  
are proud and self-willed,  
disloyal, with the prospe-  
warmly received in the  
camp and generously  
enemies of the Church  
this man continues to  
and perplexed. He  
real effort to come into  
the religion which God  
suspects that the Catho-  
God's Church and all o-  
tions are human inven-  
has no desire to trouble  
religion, and he is dete-  
his chances when death  
suppose he does incur the  
find out more about the C-  
and he learns, to his gre-  
is that the monster de-  
by its enemies; he is c-  
the unity and solidity

Although the poem of Pope Leo XIII. recently printed as a new one, was written five years ago, when His Holiness evidently had scant expectation of seeing another jubilee, it is still a remarkable work for extreme old age; and the translation by the Rev. Wm. Haywood, D. D., editor of the Independent, is well worth reproducing. It is as follows:

LEO'S LAST PRAYER  
Leo, now sets thy last; pale is thy dying ray;  
Black night succeeds thy day.

Black night for thee; wasted thy frame; life  
Thou dost sustain.  
No more thy shrunken veins.

Death casts her fatal dart; robed for the grave  
thy bones  
Lie under the cold stones.

But my freed soul escapes her chains, and long  
in flight,  
To realms of light.

That is the goal she seeks; thither her journey  
fare;  
Grant, Lord, my anxious prayers.

That, with the citizens of Heaven, God's  
and thrill

May over thrill my sight:  
That I may see thy face, Heaven's Queen,  
Whom I adore;  
Has brought me home above.

To thee, saved through the tangles of a  
way  
I lift my grateful lay.

Dr. Ward makes these comments:  
That the last petition of the Supplicatory Vota should be addressed to the Holy Virgin, rather than to her Adoranda Son, will seem strange to most of our readers; but we recall the words of Abbe Loisy, the latest defender of Roman Church against Protestantism and unbelief:

"Is it not true for the Catholic, true in fact, that one comes through Jesus to God, through the saint Jesus? It is not true that to resort to saints is to resort to Jesus; to resort to Jesus is to resort to God that to resort to God with a simple faith is to resort to one's self above himself, and to religion for one's self. Is it not true that by these means which the Protestant finds so vulgar and ridiculous wearing a scapular, telling one's beads, indulgences on the merits of saints and for souls in purgatory, Catholics enter actually into the communion of saints—that is to say communion with Jesus — that is into communion with God?"

And this poet, sage and Christ who imprisoned soul long for the beatific vision of the face of God, whom the Westminster Confession declared to be "that anti-Christian of evil and son of perdition who excelleth himself in the Church as Christ, and all that is called Wonderful was the ill-starred poet that waited so long before he came."

WHEN IN DOUBT.

WILL A MAN BE DAMNED IF HE  
JOIN TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Very Rev. William Stang, D.

A man who belongs to a non-denomination before he has decided upon whether his religious beliefs are right or wrong. His reason to doubt is one religion only can be right. He is not sure that he is a member of the right one. This man is obliged to inquire into the grounds of his belief. He should read, consult, reflect, and use all other available means, at the same time that he asks for light and strength above. If he be a man of sincere earnestness, he will soon see the arguments and facts that lead him to clear away difficulties. He will notice, for instance, that men of lives, of great learning and noble actions, leave the various Protestant communities and join the Catholic Church, though they have the loss of fondest affections, and lose the living, remunerative and increasing respect of their fellow-men. In their hand, he has observed such only leave the Catholic Church as are proud and self-willed, who disloyal, with the prospect warmly received in the camp and generously treated by the enemies of the Church. In this man continues the same doubts and perplexities. He makes a real effort to know, and he respects the religion which God gave to the Catholic Church and all other religions are human inventions. He has no desire to trouble his religion, and he is determined to find out more about the Catholic Church and its teachings, to his great surprise he is not the monster described by his enemies; he is drawn to the unity and solidity of the

beauty of her rites; but he is not a  
soul to join her, because it would make  
a painful change in his life; it would  
break up delightful associations and  
important business relations; it would  
disturb the peace and comfort of many  
dear to him. Could God ask so great a  
sacrifice of him? He is determined to  
lead an honest life, to be kind and  
generous to the poor, and—to remain  
in the religion in which he was brought  
up. What more could he do? His  
wretched and deluded man, he con-  
siders the next world. He does not  
care for his own temporal interests; he  
cares little for God; he does what he  
likes and not what God desires him  
to do. Why should God give heaven to  
him who does not care for it, who does  
not take the trouble to inquire about  
the road that leads to it?

present comfort more than God. The  
religion of Christ should have been  
dearer to him than life itself. He will  
discover it when it is too late.

Trifle not with the grace of God.  
Open your soul to the rays of divine  
light. All things are vain and unprofit-  
able, if you have not the truth at which  
you must aim to win the prize. Be  
willing to sacrifice everything for the  
truth's sake. If you have done your  
duty, with the light of reason and with  
the light of the Holy Ghost, and if you  
have found the spouse of Christ, the  
Catholic Church, must embrace her  
religion and submit to her guidance or  
—perish forever.

### AFFECTION FOR THE AGED.

There is a sure thing about old  
age. We are sure that nothing is so  
lovely as the saintly old grandmother  
occupying her accustomed place in the  
chimney-corner. There is something  
that entrances while we watch the se-  
nile-haired patriarch on his fondles  
darling grandchild on his knee. The  
old are the salt of the earth. The treas-  
ure in the home, the familiar figures  
of community life. And more than the  
love of others, there is coming a time  
in our own individual history when we  
shall crave the caresses and love of  
friends. Old age is more keenly sen-  
sitive to neglect than at any other time.  
It is not intentional—no, we may ex-  
mit this neglect amid our devotion  
and attendance upon other mat-  
ters. We forget, however, that the in-  
creasing old age conceives of no au-  
thorities and knows of no reason why  
oldtime caress and fondling should  
be things of the past. It transmits  
everything into neglect. Age softens  
the heart and the soul pines for the  
touch of the hand that would stroke  
golden locks of the prattling child.  
Let's love them better than we do of a  
sentiment!

What would we do with  
these old saints? Amid these re-  
grets, we recall the lines of Eliza-  
beth Gould:

"Put your arms around me—  
There, like that;  
I want to feel your arms about me,  
And find me weeping  
Dear ones gone.  
Just a little before you  
At life's setting;  
For I'm old, alone, and tired  
And my long life's work is done."

### Thirty-five Converts.

As a result of a recent mission  
by Rev. Hubert Zilles, C. SS., of  
Saravata, at St. John's, thirty-five non-  
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Church.

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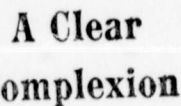
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