

## ENCYCLICAL LETTER.

OF HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII., BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE POPE.

To the Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and Other Ordinaries in Peace and Communion with the Apostolic See.

## ON THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Venerable Brethren, Greeting and the Apostolic Benediction.

Whenever the occasion has arisen for stimulating amongst the Christian people and increasing love and devotion towards the great Mother of God, We have availed ourselves of it with extraordinary pleasure and joy, feeling that We were dealing with a subject which is not only most excellent in itself, and in many ways most productive of good, but which also harmonises, most happily with the deepest feelings of Our heart. For this sacred devotion to Mary, which We drank in almost with Our mother's milk, increased with increasing years and became more lively and more firmly planted in Our soul; since it appeared more evident to Our mind how worthy of love and honour she was whom God first loved and prized and so prized that, raised higher than others as she was, and adorned with the most glorious endowments, He chose her from all the world to be His mother. The various and manifest proofs of her goodness and kindness, to Us, which We recall with the most profound gratitude, and not without tears, have greatly fostered Our devotion and ardently inflamed it. For

## ON THE MANY AND DIFFERENT DANGEROUS OCCASIONS

which have arisen, We have always had recourse to her, have always looked up to her with eager and wistful eyes; and having laid before her (*in sinu ejus*) all Our hopes and fears, Our joys and troubles, have assiduously besought her to favour Us as a tender mother at all times, and have begged the boon of being to her a most devoted son. When, accordingly, by the secret counsel of God's providence it happened that We were placed in this Chair of Blessed Peter—that is to say, chosen as the representative of Christ to govern His Church, then disquieted by the mighty burden of the office, and distrusting Our own strength, We endeavoured to pray for Divine aid with increased fervour, relying on the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin. And We are pleased to confess that, as results have proved, not only throughout all Our life, but especially in discharging the apostolic office Our hope has never been without the gratification of fruit and comfort. Therefore the same hope impels Us now more powerfully to beg, under her auspices and through her intercession, for more and greater favours which may serve to further the salvation of the Christian people and the glory of the Church. It is, then, right and opportune, venerable brethren, that We should address to all the children of the Church certain exhortations which will be renewed through your words, so that

## THEY MAY STRIVE TO OBSERVE THE COMING OCTOBER,

dedicated by the Rosary to our Lady and august Queen, with the more lively piety which Our growing necessities demand. The many and various methods of depravity by which the wickedness of the age treacherously endeavours to weaken and destroy in human souls the Christian faith, and the observance of the divine law, which nourishes that faith and renders it fruitful, is already too well known; and now the field of the Lord is almost everywhere the wilderness, as if through the breath of a horrid pestilence, through ignorance of the faith, errors, and vices. The thought of this is made more bitter by the fact that those who can and ought to do so place no limits and impose no penalties on such arrogant wickedness and evil—nay, rather the spirit by which this state of things is created very

## OFTEN APPEARS TO BE PROMOTED BY THEIR INDOLENCE OF PATRONAGE.

Hence it is, when such is the case, that We have to deplore the establishment of schools for the training of the mind and the study of the arts in which the name of God is not mentioned or is vituperated; We have to deplore the license—daily growing bolder of laying every-

thing whatsoever before the populace by means of publication, of raising every sort of cry offensive to God and the Church; nor is it less to be deplored that amongst many Catholics there is a remission of duty and an apathy, which if not equivalent to an open abandonment of the faith, tend to terminate in it, since the practices of life are nowise consonant with the faith. To him who considers this confusion and destruction of the highest interests it will not certainly be a source of wonder

## THAT NATIONS ARE GROANING BENEATH THE WEIGHT

of divine punishment, and are kept in a state of alarm through the fear of greater calamities. Now, to appease the offended majesty of God, and to bring about the cure which is needed by those who are so sadly suffering, nothing could be more effective than pious and persevering prayer, provided it be combined with Christian zeal and attention to duty; in both respects our desires can be realized in the fullest measure through devotion to the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin. From the date of its origin, which is sufficiently known, its powerful efficacy has been praised, and We ourselves have more than once commemorated the remarkable results attributable to it. At the time when the sect of the Albigenses, which pretended to be in favor of the integrity of faith and morals, but which was in reality a most mischievous disturber and corruptor,

## BROUGHT RUIN TO MANY PEOPLE,

the Church fought against it and against wicked factions, not with worldly resources and arms, but principally by having recourse to the power of the most holy Rosary, which the Mother of God entrusted to St. Dominic for the purpose of defence; and so splendidly victorious over all, she provided for the safety of her children by a glorious issue, both on that occasion and on others which occurred afterwards. Wherefore, in the condition of affairs of which We complain, which is lamentable for religion and most pernicious for the State, all should, with equal devotion, together implore the Mother of God, so that, experiencing the same power of the Rosary, We may rejoice in the fulfilment of Our desires. For when We have recourse in prayer to Mary We appeal to the Mother of Mercy, so well disposed towards Us that whatever be Our need, especially if We are earnestly desirous of eternal salvation, she is ever ready, even of her own accord, to render Us the necessary succor and more, and she gives liberally from the treasury of that grace which was so copiously bestowed upon her by God from the beginning, since she was worthy to be the Mother of God. By that abundance of grace which is made most renowned by

THE MANY WHO HAVE VOICED HER PRAISES, she far excels all orders of men, being above all others nearest to Christ. For it is a great thing in any saint when he has as much grace as suffices for the salvation of many; but if we had as much grace as would suffice for the salvation of all men in the world, this would be the greatest; and this is in Christ and in the Blessed Virgin (St. Th. ap. VIII. *super salut. angelicam*). When, therefore, we address her in the words of the angelic salutation as full of grace, and rightly weave that repeated praise into decades, we do that which is acceptable and desirable almost beyond expression, for so often do we, as it were, recall her exalted dignity and the redemption of the human race accomplished by God through her; and here also is commemorated the divine and perpetual tie by which she is united with the joys and sorrows of Christ—

## HIS OPPROBRIUMS AND HIS TRIUMPHS IN RULING MEN

and aiding them to attain eternal life. But if it graciously pleased Christ to bear in His own person such a likeness to us and to call and prove Himself the Son of Man, and therefore Our brother, in order that His mercy towards Us might be more evident, it behoved Him in all things to be made like unto His brethren that He might become merciful (Heb. ii. 17); so from the fact of Mary being chosen as the Mother of this Our Brother the singular privilege was conferred upon her above all mothers of pouring forth her mercy to us. Moreover, if we are indebted to Christ for communicating to us in some measure the right which belongs to Him of calling and having God as our Father, in like manner we owe to Him the right, most lovingly communicated, of calling and having Mary as our Mother. And since

nature itself has made the name of mother most sweet, and has, as it were, established it as the exemplar of tender and thoughtful love,

## TONGUE CANNOT FULLY TELL,

but the minds of pious Christians truly conceive how great is the flame of benevolent and active charity that burns in the breast of Mary—of her who is to us a mother not humanly speaking, but of Christ. She knows well, and keeps in view all our affairs—the safeguards we need in life, the dangers which are impending publicly and privately; the difficulties by which we are beset, especially how hard is the struggle with most bitter enemies for the salvation of the soul; in these and other trials of life she can do far more for us, and she ardently desires to afford solace, strength, and aid of every kind to her beloved children. Therefore let us approach Mary, beseeching her by those maternal ties by which she is united to Jesus and also to us; let us most religiously invoke her present aid by that mode of prayer which she herself has pointed out and regards as specially acceptable; then we can justly rest under our most propitious Mother with secure and joyful minds. But, in addition to the recommendation which the Rosary derives from the prayers of which it is composed, there is added the facility which it presents to insinuate and inculcate into the soul the principal points of the Christian faith; and this is its most eminent merit. And, in fact,

## IT IS, ABOVE ALL, BY FAITH THAT MAN GOES DIRECTLY AND SAFELY TO GOD,

and that he learns to revere in heart and soul the infinite majesty of the One God, His empire over all things, His sovereign power, His wisdom, and His providence: For he that cometh to God must believe that He exists, and is a Rewarder of them that seek Him (Hebrews xi. 6). But as the Eternal Son of God has taken our humanity, and as He always shows Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, it is necessary that our faith should also embrace the high mysteries of the August Trinity of divine persons, and of the only Son of God made man. And this is life everlasting: that they may know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent (John xvii. 3). God has certainly granted us a great gift when He has granted to us this holy faith, by the benefit of which we not only raise ourselves above human events as associated with the Divine Nature, but we have also a special title to eternal rewards, and this is why our hope is sustained and confirmed by the thought that it will be given to us one day to see God Himself, not dimly but in full light, and to enjoy Him eternally as our supreme Good. But the Christian is distracted by so many material cares, and he is so easily led away, that without the aid of frequent warnings he would soon unlearn the most important and necessary truths, and for the same reason his faith would begin to languish and even to perish altogether.

(To be concluded next week).

## CHANGE IS WELCOME.

GENTLEMEN.—For twenty years I have suffered from rheumatism, dyspepsia, poor appetite, etc., and received no benefit from the many medicines I tried, but after taking five bottles of B. B. B. I can eat heartily of any food and am strong and smart. It is a grand medicine and has made a wonderful change in my health. Mrs. W. H. LEE, Harley, Ont.

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## RICH PLUM PUDDING.

This delicious confection is nicely calculated to produce dyspepsia, heartburn, bilious troubles and headache. Burdock Blood Bitters is equally well calculated to cure these troubles and has proved its power in hundreds of cases. B. B. B. regulates and purifies the entire system.

About the only difference between the girls who gets her education at home and the one who goes away to school is that the home-made girl says "Rats and the other one raises her eye-brows."—*Atchison Globe.*

## WORSE AND WEAKER.

GENTLEMEN.—I suffered for three days very severely from summer complaint and could not get relief but kept getting worse and worse till the pain was almost unbearable and I became very weak. Some friends advised Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and after I had taken the first dose I found much relief and it did not fail to cure me. I do not intend to be without this valuable medicine if I can help it. Wm. T. GLENN, Whitford Ont.

Edward Emmons, the ossified man, is dead. He died hard.—*Boston News.*

## C. M. B. A.

## THE GRAND PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS.

The List Not Yet Completed for Quebec, But Will be Published When the Appointments are Made.

The following is the list of Grand and District Deputies of the C. M. B. A. appointed by Grand President Fraser up to date. The list of appointments for Quebec is not yet completed:—

## GRAND DEPUTIES.

Dr. John A. McCabe, Ottawa, Ont., for the Province of Ontario.

D. J. O'Connor, Stratford, Ont., for the Province of Ontario, west and inclusive of the Counties of Durham, Victoria and Simcoe.

R. J. Dowdall, barrister, Almonte, Ont., for the Province of Ontario east and north of the Counties of Durham, Victoria and Simcoe.

P. J. O'Keefe, St. John N. B., for the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

John K. Barret, L.L.D., Winnipeg, Man., for the Province of Manitoba, and British Columbia.

Hon. Justice Rouleau, Calgary, N. W. T., for the North West Territories.

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES—ONTARIO.

Stormont and Glenora—Thomas Cummings, Cornwall.

Dundas—Thos. McDonald, Morrisburg.

Grenville—P. C. Murlock, Prescott.

Leeds—S. J. Geash, Brckville.

Frontenac, Lennox and Addington—J. J. Behan, Kingston.

Hastings—W. J. Pateron, Belleville.

Northumberland—J. J. Swift, Cobourg.

Durham and Victoria—P. J. Hurley, Lindsay.

Ontario—A. A. Post, Pickering.

York and City of Toronto—H. H. Lehane, Toronto.

Halton—John Kerwin, Dundas.

Wentworth and City of Hamilton—John Ronan, Hamilton.

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Kent—J. L. Murantette, Chatham.

Essex—John Duga, Tecumseh, and Joseph DeGurse, Windsor.

Lambton—James O'Leary, Port Lambton.

Middlesex—Thomas Coffey, London.

Huron—John McQuade, Seaford.

Bruce—A. P. McArthur, Carlsruhe.

Grey—Victor Lang, Neustadt.

Simcoe—R. A. Lynch, Orillia.

Perth—Wm. Quiller, Stratford.

Waterloo—John Noll, St. Agathe.

Oxford—James Omskey, Ingersoll.

Brant—Thomas O'Neill, Paris.

Wellington—Thos. P. Coffey, Guelph.

Peel and Dufferin—P. J. Woods, Brampton.

Muskoka, Parry Sound and Haliburton—Dennis Burns, Parry Sound.

Nipissing, Parry Sound and Algoma—Patrick McCool, North Bay.

Peterborough—Thomas J. Doris, Peterborough.

Monck—Rev. E. E. Crinlon, Dunnville.

Renfrew—Dr. Gallagher, Renfrew.

Lanark—T. W. McDermott, Almonte.

Carleton, Russell and Prescott, and City and County of Ottawa—J. A. Doyon and J. P. McCarthy of Ottawa.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Rev. E. F. Murphy, Halifax, for County and City of Halifax.

Rev. D. J. McIntosh, North Sidney, C. B., for the diocese of Antigonish.

J. C. O'Mullin, Halifax, for the counties of Halifax, Hants, Kings and Lunenburg.

G. V. Cooke, Amherst, for counties of Colchester and Cumberland.

F. J. A. Comer, for counties of Digby, Annapolis, Yarmouth, Shelbourne and Queens.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Jon L. Carleton, Barrister, St. John, for City of St. John, and counties of St. John, Kings, Queens, York, Victoria, Sunbury and Charlotte.

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Hon. Judge Laury, Dorchester, for Albert County.

Lucien J. Belliveau, M. D., for Kent County.

J. Morrissey, Newcastle, for counties of Restigouche and Northumberland.

James J. Power, Bathurst, for county of Gloucester.

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