

CONDOLLENCE.

The Editor Northwest Review.

Dear Sir and Bro.—Would you kindly insert the enclosed resolution in the next issue of the Review.

RESOLUTION.

At the last meeting of Branch 163, C.M.B.A., it was moved and seconded, that the Branch tender to the parents and wife of our late brother Joseph Klunkhammer, their sympathy for the loss they have sustained in the death of a dear son and husband, and we pray God will give them grace to bear their trials.

And be it further resolved, that the sum of \$10 be voted for Masses and that the charter be draped for 3 months, also that copies of the resolution be sent the Northwest Review and Canadian for publication.

Yours fraternally,
J. MARKINSKI,
Rev. Sec. 163.

PLEASE HAVE PITY ON THE POOR LITTLE KING.

Western Watchman, Aug. 20.
For over a month the eyes of the whole world have been fixed on Rome and the Pope. People have been thinking of nothing else. Nothing else has been talked or written about. People ask themselves the question, and the oftener they ask the more difficult do they find a satisfactory answer: How is it that the papacy that we thought at an end thirty years ago is become of a sudden such a mighty and portentous fact? The surprise is as great and general among Catholics as among Protestants. The death of Leo was an event that over shadowed every other death since that of Napoleon Bonaparte. He was a great Pope; but not the greatest. He was a good churchman; but there have been many equally good. He was a scholar, a poet and a statesman; but in all these lines he walked in goodly company, with many behind him and many before him. Still, the fact stares us in the face that since Peter planted his apostolic throne in Rome no death has occurred in the papacy that awoke such widespread attention and produced such general and genuine regret. The eldest brother in the great Christian family is gone, and the world is in grief. One of the best symbolical cuts that appeared in the daily press was that of a Chicago paper which represented the globe encircled by a mourning band, gathered at one point in a bow and hanging in graceful pendants. It was a plain, simple truth; the world was in mourning for Leo.

If we would understand the cause of this deep and widespread influence we must remember that the past quarter of a century has been a period of universal stock-taking. There have been no great lights in the world and men have not been distracted by new theories of life and government. Neither giants nor giant-killers have stalked athwart the nineteenth century. The time has been given over to study and introspection. The theories of a hundred years ago have been weighed in the balance and all found wanting. The promises of science have not been kept. The world finds itself at the beginning of the twentieth century very much in the same place she occupied at the beginning of the nineteenth. Everywhere the Church is being vindicated and where she is not declared alone right she is pronounced not absolutely wrong. Doubt of the wisdom of the religious revolution of the sixteenth century is general and respect for the Church whose overthrow it sought has become the sign-manual of gentility and intelligence.

But perhaps there is another reason. Rome has been the capital of the Italian Kingdom. From a worldly point of view the Eternal City has made tremendous advances. It is now one of the great cities of the world. It is full of bustle and life, and athrill with the magic of camp and court. Money from every village and hamlet in the peninsula flows into her coffers. She is the mecca of youthful ambition and the shelter of captains of armies and the captains of industry, who would spend their otium cum dignitate in the shadow of the

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