

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED is VIRGIN

(Catholic Union and Times.) Sing loud, sing strong, each Christian heart; Sing grand, the glories of thy

Queen, For at her death earth had no part, Since angels bore her hence unseen. Bore her away to heaven above, Whence Jesus long before had gone; And there she reigns in endless love With Father, Son and Holy one.

On earth she watched o'er all man-

kind Her Son had freely died to save; And now enthroned she keeps in mind Each one of us, from king to slave; And helps us fight the fight of life And triumph 'gainst what stops our

way; O'er sin and death, whate'er the strife, She is our help, our strength, our

stay. But those she helps with double aid

Who on her power always call, And saints they were, who often said: 'Her faithful children cannot fall.' To her e'er be our fervent love, Our hope in her will not be vain; She'll bring us safe to God above, And share with us her endless rein.

Rejoice, rejoice each faithful soul; Look up to her, enthroned on high, And "Watch and Pray," you'll gain

the goal; Heaven awaits you when you die. She followed in the wake of Christ, And keeps for all the gates aside; With God she is enthroned in light, Loved daughter, mother, spotless

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

It is true there are times of trial and days of darkness, when the best of us are apt to mistrust the providence of God over us, and are tempted to lose heart and hope altogether, but if we are seeking first the kingdom of heaven we shall understand that it is God who gives and it is God who takes away; and that He gives and takes away for our soul's sake, that we see of much more value in His sight than the birds of the air. We shall put our trust in His providence and suffer not the wants of the body, the things of sense and time and the trials of this life to fill our souls with bitterness; we shall be trustful in the hour of need, patient in the hour of disappointment, tranquil in the hour of trial, and when the hour of deliverance shall come we shall count as nothing the anxiety and sorrows through which we have passed, for "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be

> BISHOP CASEY AND HIS INDIANS.

At the dedication of a church rewith an Indian maiden presiding at the organ, Bishop Casey officiated hours, and of making Sunday resorts ace. and a number of distinguished priests less and less decent, are such as to me that there is but one God. When and laymen were present. The most create just alarm among all thinkunique feature probably was the ing citizens. It was under this condress in Malicite, the language of the and noble stand which you have tak-Indians. This tribute from his red en."-Sacred Heart Review. children was beautifully mounted on birch bark, decorated in the upper corner with the pipe of peace and a tomakawk. In the lower corner was placed a bow and arrow. The whole was tied with crimson ribbon elaborbeaded. Mr. Soloman, who read the address, wore the chieftain's dress and headgear and was accompanied by his six-year-old son. After the reading the Indian boy presented to the Bishop a pair white kid slippers handsomely beaded, the work of the squaws of the

The concluding paragraph of the address is an evidence of the faith of these poor Indians and their devo-tion to their spiritual head, Bishop

We, simple children of the forest, although the smallest in numbers of all your flock, are, like our faith, one in heart and voice in bidding our great White Father welcome to his own again and thanking Manitou for keeping him from all dangers of storms at sea and on land, from the strange wild people who do not know and love him as we do."

REVIVAL OF FAITH IN PORTO

Following is an extract from a letter of the Right Rev. James H. Blenk, Bishop of Porto Rico:

"The last parish I visited on the round just finished was Adjuntas. has a benevolent expression, consid-Its mountain climate is bracing and evable personal dignity, and there is its spring water is delicious. During bout him an atmosphere of unworlding my five days' stay there I recuperated marvelously. At present unmistakable. If any real curiosity I am as strong and healthy as I have exists as to why I went to see him, ever been.

"In the seven parishes that I visit-ed since May 4 to July 1, I adminised since May 4 to July 1, I adminis-tered the sacrament of confirmation look on the face of the peasant boy to 19,461 persons; over 600 marriages were performed, or rather revalidated; it was impossible to keep an account of the confessions and commun-

"Now I have eight first-class Capuchin missionaries. These, together was unable to discover the "secret with the Lazarists, will start on a of the power of Rome over so many prolonged campaign after we get minds through with the retreat of the clergy, which will take place during the felt-my friends and myself-the glasecond half of July. I have no doubt mor, the majesty, the almost supthat with God's help the results will

as gratifying as heretofore. "The sectarian missionaries are sending to the United States glori- would be the case. The ecclesiastics ous accounts of their success. would not do for them to tell the truth about their ignominious failsal lies and it will not be long before their duped financial supporters will get to know the naked truth."

upon selfishness and brings forth the fruit of spiritual indifference. In truth, it is as much a state of soul as a sin or a series of sins. Hence it

heartily detested by all good Christians. They endeavor to prac- and the inanimate depths of the matice the virtue of thankfulness at ev- terial world; in the dim rays of earth ery turn. They are careful to give and the beams of those celestial at least a quarter of an hour thanks- lights, which gem the high firmament giving after Communion; they not on- and light the angels to their evenly make novenas for favors, but no- ing orisons. Thousands of invisible table they say at least one mouth- melodies through the depths of space; ful of prayers, in gratitude for the millions of arch-angels touch their meals; they thank God for the af- harmonies through the vast halls of flictions he sends as well as for His the temples of the living God, up to favors, for He is the same God to the throne of the dread eternal One. their loving hearts in storm or sun- -Rev. A. L. Leininger. shine; in a word, one of the channels of the love of God in their lives THE GENERAL OF THE JESUITS is a deep sentiment of gratitude for His favors. I am inclined to believe that this virtue is a mark of predestination to eternal life .- Paulist Ser- says: "He might have been seen al-

SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY.

down on the piazza with their books and rosaries long before starting time, and have leisure to note the carriages whirling by before the tally-ho or mountain team draws up, and their co-religionists already seated make room for them. If the morning be fine the drive is delightful, the horses swinging along till the pure, wrote with his right." fragrant air rushing by fills the lungs with the balm of clover blooms and trailing hedge flowers. The little church, generally on a hill, is the gathering place for worshippers from all the villages with a ten-mile radius; all sorts of teams are tied to fences and trees, and, if there be time to spare, the drivers gather in groups to discuss the news of the week. At the sound of the bell all troop in and take seats in creaking pews that cards during divine service. A sersmell of varnish; the vestry opens, geant led the soldiers to the English the altar, and then the Catholic away from home feels that he is again among his own people. The drive back is even more enjoyable, and the but this soldier had neither Bible nor event having taken place.

BISHOP LUDDEN AND SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Ludden of Syracuse, N.Y. has ruled that henceforth in his diocese persons who meet death by ac- no place for them. cident while on Sunday excursions, etc., and who through their own fault have not attended to their constable took Richard a prisoner religious duties before going on such and brought him before the Magisexcursions, will not be buried with trate the rites of the Church. For this stand the Bishop has received from you brought the soldier here for?" Andrew D. White-a man who has no special love for things Catholic-a letter of warm commendation.

"I have for some time past watched with ever-increasing regret," says Dr. White, "the tendencies in our you severely." large cities, and, indeed, to some exin our country districts, to erican life, as regards the first day of er Book. I have nothing but cently at Kingsclear, New Brunswick, appointing every sort of game and tention."

GLAD HE WENT TO ROME.

K. J. Campbell, minister of the London City Temple, discussing Catholicity, gives some particulars of his visit to the Pope:

"I have for years past," he writes, 'made a point of availing myself of such opportunities of studying Romanism from within as might come my way. I have friends among the priesthood and the laity in England and out of it, and have taken careful note of much that they have told me. In the early part of the present year I visited Rome itself, where I was received with great kindness, and allowed to see a good deal of Catholic life in the Eternal City. My visit to the Pope, about which so much fuss was made by some extreme Protestants in this country, was neither the most instructive, nor the most

interesting, of my experiences there. 'Nothing could have exceeded the courtesy shown to me by these ecclesiastics, from Cardinal Merry del Val downwards, to whom I took letters of introduction from my friends n the Diocese of Westminster. Perhaps some Protestants would say this courtesy was all of a piece with the present designs of Rome upon En-land. I cannot flatter my own importance by thinking so. The Pope liness and simple goodness which is the only sensible answer is because the opportunity was courteously afwho had risen to be head of Catholic

Christendom." On the general question of Catholicism, he admits that, in spite of all his efforts at Rome to look on things from a Catholic point of view, he

"And yet," he continues, "we all ernaturalness of Rome. We were not disappointed, as we had been repeatedly assured before leaving England with whom I was brought into contact were men of high culture, fine character, and true spirituality. God will not bless their colos-es and it will not be long be-any feeling of unreality or mental getting at the secret of the power of Rome over minds like that of John

tain and the thundering of the foaming cataract; in the rippling of the mountain rill and the majestic voice of the storm-touched sea. There is music in the glad warblings of the joyous songsters of the grove neath, and in the mutterings of the pealing thunders above; in the solitary dell and on the veiled mountain's cloudtops, where human footsteps have never left an echo; in the deepest cells of the passion-stirred heart venas in thanks for them; when at harps are pouring forth their united mouthfuls of each of their heaven-strung lyres and send celestial

Of Father Martin, the general of the Jesuits, a Roman correspondent most every afternoon this week (until yesterday, when he left home) taking his usual afternoon walk with Father Chandler, and wearing, Sunday is a great day. As the crematory lady said: "The Catholics always go to church." They are cealed the pitiful absence of the right arm removed by the surgeons a couple of months ago. Father Martin seems to be in good health, and not only does he say Mass every morning in a private chapel, assisted by one of the Jesuit Fathers, but he has already learned to write almost as well with his left hand as he ever

The Religious Card Player

(Although the following sketch is old it is worth repeating.)

A private soldier, by the name Richard Lee, was taken before the Magistrates of Glasgow for playing the priest and his attendant comes on Church, and when the minister had read the prayers he took the text. Those who had Bibles took them out; passes quietly, the one great Common Prayer Book, and, pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them out before him. He first looked at one card and then at another. sergeant of the company saw him, and said:

"Richard, put up the cards; this is

"Never mind that," said Richard. When the services were over the

"Well," said the bailie, "what have "For playing cards in the church." "Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"

Much, sir, I hope." "Very good; if not, I will punish

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. ward a complete paganizing of Am- have neither Bible nor Common Praythe week. The extremes to which pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy our communities have gone of late in Your Worship on the purity of my in-Then, spreading the cards amusement through the morning before the bailie, he began with the "When I see the ace it reminds Father and Son. When I see the presentation to the Bishop of an adviction that I observed the very bold three, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When I see the four, it reminds me of the four Evangelists that preached-Matthew, Mark. Luke Joha.. When I see the five, it reminds me of the five wise In a recent number of the "Young virgins that trimmed their lamps. Man," of London, England, the Kev. There were ten, but five were wise, and five were foolish and were shut out. When I see the six it reminds me that in s x days the Lord made heaven and earth. When I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work He had made, and hallowed it. When I see the eight, i reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz., Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives. When I see the nine, it re minds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour. There were nine out of ten that never returned thanks. When I see the ten it re minds me of the Ten Commandments which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone. When I see the king it reminds me of the great King of Heaven, which is God Almighty When I see the queen, it reminds me of the queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. The king sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbows, the boys the wrists; so King Solomon told by that

'Well," said the magistrate, "you have described every card in the pack except one. What is that?"

"The knave," said the bailie.
"I will give Your Honor a cription of that, too, if you will not be angry.

"I will not," said the bailie, " it you do not term me to be the knave. "The greatest knave I know of is the constable that brought me here. "I do not know," said the bailie, "if he is the greatest knave, "but I

know he is the greatest fool." When I count how many spots there are in a pack of cards, I find three hundred and sixty-five-as many days as there are in a year. When I the number of cards in a pack count I find fifty-two-the number of weeks in a year. I find there are twelve picture-cards in a pack, representing the number of months in a year, and, on counting the tricks, I find thirteen-the number of weeks in a quarter. So, you see, a pack of cards serves me for a Rible, an almanae, and a Common Prayer Book.

Be There a Will Wisdom Points the sin of our lives is ingratitude to God. It is like the very germs in, or the poison in the air, or the venom in blood of fallen man. It is a sin which is rooted in pride, feeds upon selfishness and brings forth the fruit of spiritual indifference. In truth, it is as much a state of soul and the rooted in the starlit grove, or sleeps upon the starlit grove as the sleep that the dislikes sending for the doctor, which means bottles of drugs ne tor, which means bottle

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