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Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen.—(Christian is my Name but Catholic my Surname).—St. Paclan, 4th Century.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1900.

C. W. STODDARD.

Charles Warren Stoddard died in California, the land he always loved. It was there he fashioned the pencil that gave us wondrous canvasses and there he found that the writer's trade is one of difficulty, and one, also, that is generally in the good graces of my Lady Poverty.

He will be missed by those who knew and loved him. He will be missed by the thousand who regarded him as great a stylist as was Stevenson.

WHAT THE POPE SAID.

Some of our secular contemporaries are "amazed" at the recent pronouncement of Pius X. concerning woman and her place in society. If, however, they read the words of the Pope they may possibly admit that an unrestrained imagination is responsible for this amazement.

A CLEAN CUT WORD.

The reply of the Holy Father to the address of the Bishop of Orleans, the day after the Beatification of Joan of Arc, is simple, direct, pulsating with the spirit that draws its strength from on high and its confidence from his faith in the mission and destiny of the Church.

SOWING THE WHIRLWIND.

A most deplorable, and unfortunately not uncommon sight, is the crowd of young people on the streets at night.

with cigarette-adorned faces ogling and tramping up and down as if they were in a treadmill, but it blurs the eyes to see the boys and girls taking a post-graduate course in the school of the pavement. One might as well put them in a pest house. The bloom of purity disappears. Reserve and dignity perish in contact with the familiarity of the streets.

NOTHING DOING.

We have received a lengthy communication about parochial doings, with a request to have it printed. It is a pretty bit of composition, but the gentleman who blue pencils our "copy" says that he has no room for it.

THE OLD STORY.

Rumor has it that we are to have another organization—an up-to-date society which will deal with present-day conditions and satisfy every want. We hope not, for we have societies and to spare. We have the society whose ideals are above reproach, and whose members content themselves with the playing of billiards and bridge-whist, thinking, we assume, that any other mode of amusement would fatigue them unduly.

A QUESTION.

Some ask whether it is advisable or not for every individual Catholic to take an active interest in the work of Catholic societies. As we ask whether it is allowable to a Catholic to feel indifferent about the advance of religion, the spread of the Church, the temporal and eternal welfare of his brethren: or whether he might not confine his interest in them to a mere sentimental sympathy without active co-operation.

PATIENCE ACCOMPLISHES MORE THAN PUSH.

Do not, I pray thee, withdraw thyself from the hand of thy heavenly physician; be calm, and murmur not; leave God to do as he will upon thy soul.

MEMBERSHIP IN A CATHOLIC SOCIETY.

Mere membership in a Catholic society does not give one a patent of active Catholicity. It does not imply that one is any better as a Catholic than the man who belongs to no organization save the one grand organization of the Church.

What are you doing? Are you true to the order, membership in which you boast? Are you true to the Church of which you claim your order is a strong supporting arm?

Do you support the St. Vincent de Paul, or any other kindred society? Do you support Catholic education? Do you subscribe for a Catholic paper?

Do you read and support Catholic literature? Can you stand up in your council and state the attitude of the Church on Socialism or on Divorce?

These are a few of the questions—each of them a test of practical, wide-awake, active Catholicity—propounded by the Bishop, and the Columbian, an organ of the Knights, from which we make the above quotation, admits that although to some they may not seem so all-important, "a very large proportion of our membership would have to answer many of the questions stated in the negative, and thereby confess that they fall below the standard even in the most tokens of knightliness."

It is matter for sincere congratulation, however, that though many individual members of our several Catholic societies may fail to live up to a high standard of intelligent efficiency, the societies as such are so wholeheartedly loyal to the Church, and so ready, not to say eager, to help in the many great works she is doing in our country to-day.

IN THE CITY OF CONFUSION.

Canon Henley Henson has sailed from Boston to England "to answer charges of heresy" as the daily press reports it, and with him our sympathy and our admiration. For how can we fail to admire a man who has succeeded in being accused of heresy by Anglicans while repudiating Rome "as definitely outside the range of reasonable and practical policy"?

olic Church alone episcopalianism finds its true logical development. It has been written, "a man's enemies are of his own household," and here we have a canon of the Anglican church betraying the weak spot in her armor. He has no concern for continuity. In his eyes an Anglican bishop holds the same place as a moderator in the Presbyterial Church, and his appeal is to the Lambeth Conference should begin by joining hands with Non-conformity.

While the Lambeth Conference dreams of reunion the House of Convocation have appointed committees to "Report on Prayer Book Revision." The truth is nobody really wants the Prayer Book revised. The main body of the people are indifferent, or hope that nothing great monument of Tudor English, Lord Halifax and his party dread any tampering with doctrine or ritual.

As was to be expected the Ritualists are very angry, and Mr. D. C. Lathbury, a supporter of Lord Halifax, explains that the "Ornaments Rubric" has now no sense at all. "It would be bad enough if the use of the vestments so intimately associated with the conflicts of the past forty years had been forbidden. It is worse to have them relegated to other antiquarian survivals to the region of ecclesiastical art."

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SIGNS OF WANING BIGOTRY.

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press has been calling on all good Protestants to prevent such processions in London, because on the morning of Low Sunday, in the almost entirely Catholic district of Hatton Garden, the Italian quarter, the priest took the Blessed Sacrament in procession to give Holy Communion at the houses of six poor people who were seriously ill.

This Kenit is the son and heir of a father of the same name, who started a small bookshop in Paternoster Row and made a specialty of the "Revelations of Maria Monk," and anti-Catholic tracts against the Mass and the confessional, the former blasphemous, the latter so indecent as to bring him within reach of the law.

This week John Kenit has addressed a long memorial to the Bishop of London pointing out that in many Protestant Churches in London the "adoration of the cross" was carried out on Roman lines on Good Friday; that in some of them the "Sacrament" is reserved; that in others sermons are preached and hymns are sung in honor of "the Virgin."

Low churches have been angered by the Anselm celebration at Canterbury Cathedral. Why, they ask, should a Protestant Archbishop honor the memory of a "Roman saint," whose action "riveted the chains of Rome on England for centuries."

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While on the Red Sea, April 15, en route to Mombasa, Theodore Roosevelt wrote a letter to Cardinal Satolli, in which he said: "I look forward to renewing our acquaintance a year hence, when I shall present my respects to the Holy Father, to whom I beg of you to give my warm personal regards."

A FRUITFUL APOSTOLATE.

Workers for the Apostolate of the Press, says Father McMillan, in the Catholic World, should be encouraged by the following letter from a Catholic writer to his brother in Edward of De La Salle, LaSalle, New York City. The writer, who is a teacher, says that where he is living at a mission all the people are converts. There are three hundred Catholics in the place.

The Miracle.

Unlovely things were and cold As Death itself, last fall— The bulls I planted in the mold Beside my garden wall. Yet here above each sodden hulk A bourgeoned blossom blows And fills with hyacinthine musk The little garden-close.

—T. A. DEAR, in Catholic Standard and Times.

Calvary's Enduring Kingdom.

Kings choose their soldiers from the strong and sound And hurl them forth to battle at command, Across the centuries, o'er sea and land, Age after age, the shouts of war resound. Yet at the end the whole wide world around, Each empty empire, once so proudly planned, Melts through Time's fingers like the dripping sand.

But once a King—despised, forsaken, crowned Only with thorns—chose in the face of loss Earth's poor, her weak, her outcast, And sent them forth to conquer in his name.

The world that crucified him, and proclaim His empire. Lo! pride's vanished thrones above, Behold the enduring banner of the Cross!

—PRISCILLA LORRAUD IN THE OUTLOOK

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Knights of Columbus will undertake to raise a half million endowment fund for the Catholic University of America.

According to the Rome correspondent of the Catholic Standard and Times there is a rumor there that Archbishop O'Connell of Boston is to receive a Cardinal's hat.

On the 12th April last there died at Watervliet, N. Y., Rev. Wm. F. Sheehan, and on the same day in Ireland, his sister, Sister Mary Teresa, died at the Mercy Convent, Killybegny. This is indeed a painfully sad coincidence.

The Right Rev. John Grimes, D. D., was consecrated Titular Bishop of Adana and Co-adjutor-Bishop of the diocese of Syracuse at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, N. Y., last Sunday.

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Dr. Eugene Wasdin of Charleston, S. C., a surgeon-major of the United States army, and formerly a Methodist, was received into the Catholic Church at St. James' on Thursday of last week by Rev. George P. Dogan. Dr. Wasdin is head of the government hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Madame Malva visited St. Joseph's Mount at Lilydale, Vic., last week, where she was received by the Mother Superior, who presented her with an exquisitely made pair of jubbels, draped with the Malva colors. The pupils of the convent sang a song of welcome in honor of the visitor, who was accompanied by Lord Richard Newell.

In Chicago on the 22nd of May two burglars attempted to rob Holy Angels' Church. Fathers Wm. Griffin and Timothy O'Shea heard the noise. They lost no time in proceeding to the Church and grappled with the criminals, both of whom were worsted in the contest. One of them was held until the police came; the other succeeded in making his escape.

Rev. C. I. Smith, formerly pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Charleston, S. C., has become a Catholic. The congregation of St. Paul's is normally a colored congregation. It is made up of freedmen, who earned their freedom before the war. Many of the congregation are so white in appearance that in the North they could hardly be distinguished from white people. They constitute a class apart in Charleston.

On Sunday, April 25, Cardinal Fischer's pastoral letter on the coming International Eucharistic Congress was read in every church and chapel of the vast Archdiocese of Cologne. After speaking of the origin, rapid development and mighty significance of the Eucharistic congresses, he cordially invites the whole Catholic world to come in person or in spirit to Cologne on August 4 and manifest their love for the Hidden God before all men.