

Daily Life of His Holiness Leo XIII.

Marrion Wilcox contributes an article to Harper's Weekly on "The Daily Life of Pope Leo XIII., in which she says: Summer and winter the Pope is awake at six o'clock in the morning, and rather before than after the hour; and he may have, in token of a sleepless night, a piece of Italian or Latin poetry to dictate to one of the secretaries before Mass. Or maybe there is some more practicable affair that has kept him awake while he outlined the essential points in an argument, the letter of instructions (in an appeal), a letter of the notes, which are afterwards scrupulously developed. This immense capacity for literary work is only one manifestation of the uncommon vigor derived from his early training. Mr. Crawford has called attention to the fact that not only were the conditions at Carpineto only favorable to health, but that "as a boy he was excessively fond of birding, the only form of sport afforded by that part of Italy."

In addition to the four or five hours of sleep at night, he allows himself a nap after dinner (in a little room containing only an old lounge and an easy chair), but otherwise he has occupations from morning till night. To begin the day he says early Mass, ordinarily in the chapel in his private apartments, but on Sundays and feast days in a room that is large enough to accommodate the visitors who have received permission to be present. Dressed in a cassock of pure white, a circle of snow-white hair showing beneath the white skull-cap, or beretta, the Pope is seen holding a silver aspersory, sprinkling holy water on the assembled worshippers; and so much in harmony with his surroundings is this figure that Rev. Bernard O'Reilly is led to say, "It is as if one of Fra Angelico's glorified saints had walked out of the canvas, or come down from the fresco on the wall, and shone on us." Immediately after saying Mass himself he hears a second one, said by a private chaplain. The second Mass of thanksgiving, being finished, an armchair is brought and placed on the Epistle side, and the Pope is seated. All present go forward in turn, to kneel at his feet, kiss his hand, and receive communion. Then a frugal breakfast follows of coffee and a bit of bread and goat's milk.

At ten o'clock the Secretary of State is in consultation with the Holy Father, and this conference lasts until about eleven; but on Tuesdays and Fridays the Under-Secretary of State with the Pope, while the diplomatic corps assembles in the apartments of the Secretary of State; and there is also the duty of receiving ambassadors and distinguished Italians and foreigners. The congregations of cardinals report regularly, and we barely intimate the importance of the subject-matter thus reported when we state that all things connected with the administration of a Church numbering perhaps two hundred millions are divided among these standing committees. In some cases the sessions are actually held in the Pope's presence, and even when that additional tax upon his attention and strength is avoided, it still remains true, as the author last quoted asserts, that his "solicitude extends to every diocese and mission on the surface of the globe." And besides these many other congregations and commissions charged with special work must satisfy Leo's demands for the utmost regularity, punctuality, and exactness in his reports. The Cardinal Vicar has his audience every Saturday evening to report on affairs of the diocese of Rome, when every detail is gone into most carefully. The progress of the various schools, primary and secondary and of the higher institutions of learning, the condition of the confraternities, and the parochial work in all the churches are to the Pope, as Bishop of

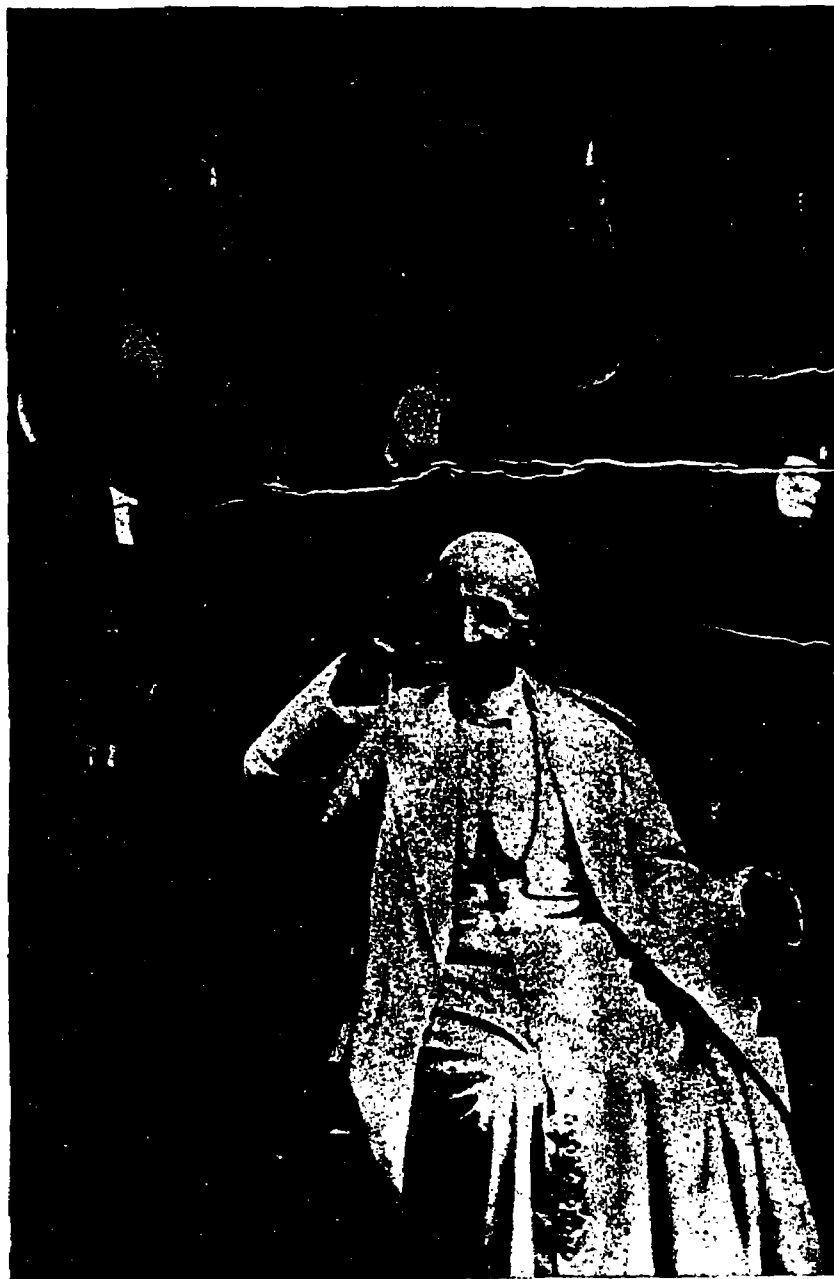
Rome, matters of such interest that he insists upon examining and judging for himself, even when these departments are confided to his ablest lieutenants.

If we were to speak at greater length of the congregations and commissions devoted to the studies in which Leo XIII. has always especially excelled, the enumeration would seem needlessly precise. In a single sentence, then, let us convey a sense of activity in the discharge of the duties that form a series "as uninterrupted as the circulation of the blood." After having received ambassadors, archbishops, bishops, pilgrims, deputations, and addresses from Catholic unions and committees and congresses, the quiet hours of the night are reached; but then, in the time that others give to sleep, Leo's encyclicals, his consisto-

knows a great part of both by heart. He reads the newspapers, of course, but to save time the most important and interesting passages are marked. He particularly likes to see and talk with men of letters.

Of late years the services in St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel have not been conducted by the Pope, who nevertheless makes a concession in favor of the many foreigners who visit Rome during Holy Week, and celebrates Mass in the Sala Ducale.

Magnificent staircases of marble lead to the Pope's apartments, and before coming into his presence one must pass through eight anterooms, where soldiers of the Swiss Guard with their mediaeval halberds and the courtly Maestro di Camera may perhaps divide the visitor's attention with the matchless objects of art and of historical interest accumulated in this building, that was designed to stand forever. Reigning sovereigns and persons of distinction are received in the grand throne-room, beyond which the princes' suites are not admitted, though the Pope may retire with his special guest to the small private throne-room.



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BESTOWING THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING.

rial all-courts, his addresses to pilgrims, deputations, and societies, his most important bulls or constitutions, are written or corrected.

Between breakfast and dinner the Pope takes a cup of broth, and he dines about an hour after noon. When the weather is fine enough to permit of walking or driving in the gardens, two Noble Guards and a corps of fifty monsignori ride beside the carriage doors. Mr. Crawford gives many interesting details in this connection. During the great heat of summer, after Mass the Holy Father goes into the gardens and spends the whole day there, receiving as he would in the Vatican, dining and resting in the fresh air. In the evening he attends at a recitation of the rosary, or evening prayers, by his private chaplain; then retires to his room, where he reads and writes. A light supper is brought to him about ten o'clock. Virgil and Dante are his favorite poets, and he

It is understood that strict economy is observed in the management of the Vatican.

The rare and rare qualities suited to the varied and exacting duties of his position has been well summarized by one of our authorities, who says: "The head of the Catholic Church today must be a modern man, statesman, and administrator as well as Holy Father—and he is all four in the august person of Leo XIII.; he must be able to cope with the difficulties as well as with heresies; he must lead his men as well as guide his flock; he must be the Church's steward as well as her consecrated arch-bishop; he must be the reformer of manners as well as the preserver of faith; he must be the understander of men's venial mistakes as well as the censor of their moral sins."

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in Harper's Weekly, from a large number taken by Mr. W. Kennedy Laurie Dickson, for the mutoscope and biograph, who gives an interesting account of his experiences at the Vatican.

"I was granted five separate sittings," Mr. Dickson says. "Two scenes were taken in the upper Loggia of the Vatican. A carefully planned picture of His Holiness driving through the gardens of the Vatican (April 20) was the next achievement. Several weeks later I was invited to the Vatican gardens, on which occasion His Holiness recognized the biograph, and asked if it were not the same apparatus and I the same gentleman he had seen in the Loggia early in the summer. On receiving an affirmative reply, he laughed and said, 'Oh, then we must do something for him!' That evening the camera was placed opposite the door of the garden villa, and the Holy Father kindly lent himself to the requirements of the biograph. A valuable series of views was obtained, in connection with which Leo XIII. showed a kindly and intelligent interest. He asked me how long I would remain in Rome. I replied that that depended upon his Holiness. 'I am altogether at your disposal,' he answered, 'and am charmed to assist you by every means in my power.' When I arose to go he detained me, entering with extreme cordiality into my description of the manner in which the mutoscopes would be placed and their important use in bringing his Holiness before that large number of people who were debarred from a pilgrimage to Rome, and the reception of the Pontifical blessing.

"When, a little later, I submitted to Leo XIII. the mutoscope containing the living reproduction of himself, he betrayed the most gleeful interest, exclaiming frequently, 'Oh, see me blessing!' Then to Monsignor della Volpa, 'Why, how splendid you look!'

"At the close of the interview I said, 'Holy Father, will you not complete the sum of my indebtedness by giving me one more sitting in the garden by the Summer Villa?' He laughed and shook his head. 'Have you not enough?' 'No,' I answered; 'but give me to-morrow morning, and I will promise to be content.' His Holiness was silent a minute, and then said: 'Well, then, I agree, but not for to-morrow morning. To-morrow afternoon at six o'clock.'

"Next day, punctually at the hour agreed, the superb carriage was seen winding its way along the avenue. The guards fell into position, and Monsignor della Volpa and Count Pecci—the one gleaming in robes of scarlet and purple, the other stately in blue and gold—advanced to meet His Holiness. Roar, roar, went the great machine, all fell on their knees, and the Pontiff walked to the stone bench beside the gate. After a brief interval, during which he conversed easily with his immediate attendants, his Holiness rose to complete the programme agreed upon, and began to cross the intervening space to the throne; but here an unavoidable contretemps occurred. My assistant had been so hurried that he had not time to replace another film, so I was forced to beg his Holiness to return to the bench while this was being done—a request with which he cheerfully complied. I then threaded the machine in breathless haste, pivoting it in the direction of the throne, after which I invited his Holiness to pass into the picture, which he did, scattering smiles and benedictions, and interchanging remarks with his nephew and the maggiordomo, and finally taking his seat right royally upon the crimson throne. Before leaving, the Pontiff gave me a special blessing, and laughingly demanded if I were at last satisfied."

MISS EMMA SMITH RECEIVES THE HOLY HABIT.

Miss Emma Smith daughter of Mrs. W. Smith, 418 St. Dominique St., received the Holy Habit on the feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Philadelphia.

His Grace Archbishop Ryan officiated at the ceremony. Miss Smith took the name in religion of Sister St. James Alcyon. Mrs. Smith and her daughter, Miss Eliza Smith were present at the ceremony.

Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., in a recent lecture on "The Making and Unmaking of Men," said, that if he were asked to put his finger on the great want in the character of men to-day, he would say unhesitatingly that it was want of backbone, a failing of which they had many instances in political and social life. To do the right because it was right, and regardless of consequences, never failed to bring its reward.

One of the suggestions made by the American Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mr. N. B. Scott, in connection with the proposed changes in the War Taxes is, to provide that when a person entitled to a legacy or beneficial interest in such property is an alien or has resided outside of the United States for a period of five years, the tax or duty upon the share of such person shall be at the rate of \$5 for each and every \$100 of the clear value thereof, without regard to any degree of consanguinity that may exist.

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Men's Heavy Wool Mitts, 3c a pair.
Men's Leather Mitts, 1 finger, 2c a pair.
Men's Leather Mitts, two lined, 2c.
Men's Wool Mitts, leather palm, 3c.
Men's Very Heavy Mitts, heavy leather backs and palms, woolen lining, 5c.
Men's Calfskin Mitts, very strong and very suitable for motormen and brakemen as there is no seam in the quick.
Boys' Wool Mitts, 1 1/2c to 4c.
Boys' Wool Mitts, leather palm, 3c.

Men's Unlined Sheepskin Gloves, 2 1/2c.
Men's Muleskin Gloves, 3c.
Men's Muleskin Gloves, double palm, 4c.
Men's Heavy Muleskin Gloves, got up specially for masons and builders, 6c.
Men's Heavy Leather Gloves, wool lined, 5c.
Men's Heavy Muleskin Gloves, wool lined, fastens on back with snap fastener, 8c.
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Men's Scotch Knit Aberdeen Home Spin Gloves, kid covered palm and fingers, \$1.50 to \$2.
Men's Scotch Wool Gloves, long wrist, specially suited for driving, \$1.25.
Men's Scotch Knit Gloves, kid palms, 1 dome, \$1.50.
Men's Kid Gloves, 1 or 2 dome, 2c, 2 1/2c, \$1.

Men's Dogskin Gloves, wool lined, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
Men's Cape Gloves, wool knit lining, \$1.25.
Men's Mocha Gloves, wool lined, \$1 to \$1.50.
Men's Reindeer Gloves, wool knit lining, \$2.
Men's Reindeer Gloves, lamb lined, \$2.50.
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Men's Unlined English Buck, \$1.50.
Men's Very Fine Gloves, in reindeer, silk lined, 1 dome, \$2 a pair.
Men's Unlined Buckskin Gloves, \$2.

Boys' Kid Gloves, wool lined, 2 dome, 7c to 1 1/2c.
Boys' Mocha Gloves, wool lined, 3c.
Boys' Reindeer Gloves, wool lined, 1 1/2c.
Boys' Kid and Mocha Mitts, 3c and 4c.
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Carpenter work 1,400.00
Steel Beams 795.00

\$14,335.00

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There is then the interior which it is estimated will cost \$22,000.00.

It will be seen therefore that it is important that all English-speaking Catholics should come to the aid of Rev. Father Quinlivan, the promoter of the undertaking. There is no more fitting time than the present season of Christmas to do so.

Application has already been made to the Legislature for the incorporation of the school, as may be seen by a reference to our advertising columns. As we have already said the erection of this Educational monument is not the work of any particular parish; and therefore all the parishioners in the various English-speaking districts in Montreal should give their mite towards such an important undertaking.

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