

among the admirable qualities of the Irish people "is that moral purity which is one of the glories of the Catholic Church in Ireland." And the "Times" of November 16, 1872, reports that virulent enemy of Irish Catholics, James Anthony Froude, as having said in the course of his fifth lecture in New York: "In the last hundred years, at least, impurity has been almost unknown in Ireland. This absence of vulgar crime and this exceptional delicacy and modesty of character were due to their everlasting honor, to the influence of the Catholic clergy."

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THE DANDELION.

With locks of gold today;
Tomorrow, silver gray;
Then blossom-bald. Behold,
O man, thy fortune, told!
—Father Tabb.

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LONG LIVE THE POPE!

The Church Progress is right in saying that there is no subject which should command the prayers of the Catholic world more generously just now than the continued life of the greatest man of the age—our venerable Supreme Pontiff. Standing in the shadow of his ninety-second year, he is pre-eminently incomparably the peer of all living mortals. Spanning a century of existence as the rainbow spans the heavens—colossal in his mentality, childlike in his humility. Pure as the untainted snow on the mountain peaks—as far above men as God is above angels—the only light in the Christian heaven is Leo XIII. Let every Catholic knee that bends beg God to grant him the years of Peter. Let the Catholic world unite in this petition. And if granted, what homage the world will do him—if granted the year 1903 will mark the meeting of God's great monarchs in a manner indescribable. Let us, therefore, pray for the day.

Speaking of that pious and zealous priest of Baltimore, the Rev. Edmund Didier, the worthy chaplain of the Carmelite Sisters, the Pittsburg Observer remarks that Father Didier is one of the most prominent priests in his native city, was for many years the zealous pastor of St. Vincent's Church, clearing off a large debt by his untiring exertions, besides putting many improvements on the church, without calling upon the congregation for contributions. Out of his own means he has established two homes for young women and St. Ann's Home for Aged Women, besides making numerous gifts to charitable institutions.

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There is nothing remaining to be asked or answered after perusing "The Rosary—The Crown of Mary," just compiled by a Dominican Father and printed by the Benzigers. The book sells for a dime.

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Some one has asked us a question concerning the "Crozier" indulgences, which can only be imparted to beads by the Canons of the Holy Cross. This is a special privilege given to these religious by the Holy See—as the Brown Scapular is a privilege of the Carmelites. Five hundred days' indulgence is granted for each individual Crozier bead. Now, it is a generally misunderstood notion that this is the greatest of all indulgences attached to rosaries,—we are speaking on the authority of a Dominican Father. Members of the Rosary Confraternity can gain five years and as many quarantines (2025 days) for each time they pronounce devoutly the Name of Jesus in the "Hail Mary" while reciting the Rosary. This alone (without considering the many other indulgences) is almost four times as great as the Crozier indulgence.

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