# Catholic Record. Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen."-(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname.)-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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## Our Mother's Month.

Oh : winds of May, that wend your way Across the flowering meadows, Where all the day, in merry play. The sunbeams chose the shadows : sing soft and sweet, for it were meet, However they may vary. That all your lays should hynn the praise This month of Mother Mary.

This month of May, whose bright array Makes all earth's helds elysian, Where ye each day new charms display Toour enraptured vision : Biom brighter still, for it were ill Biom brighter still, for it were ill of praise to her whom all aver of praise to her whom all aver This month, Our Mother Mary.

This month, Our addited of istars of May, sweet flowers astray, That deck the upper arches, The while her way, at close of day, The chaste Diana marches; The chaste Diana marches; The chaste Diana marches; The chaste Diana marches; The tributary. That ye be tributary. This month of Mother Mary. -W. D. Kelly.

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### Buffalo Union and Times.

Our Rochester correspondent this week touches pertinently the senseless custom of societies ostentatiously and often vulgarly overloading the house of death with floral emblems. The ustom of the Rochester societies of Masses said is sensible, thoughtful and Catholic.

Baltimore Mirror.

The Catholic Church provides beautiful observances appropriate to every season of the year. Following the penitential period of Lent comes lovely May, the month dedicated to the ed Virgin, when the altar is decorated with flowers and the faithful come together to beseech the interces-sion of the Mother of God and sing her praises. The May devotions are among the most attractive of the services of the Church. What is more touching than to see the faithful gather in the bright sunshiny afternoons of the month, especially the children, before the altar of Mary, with its lovely and fragrant flowers, freshly gathered, and the lights, and the litany and implore her ers? The simplicity of those sing prayers? evening rites-so natural and spontane ous, and, like everything else con nected with Catholic worship, so full of meaning and efficacy - is perfectly typical of all that is pure, innocen and good.

### Catholic Citizen

The Jew of to-day is hardly the man that lived in Palestine in the time of The Shylock in his nature has been bred therein by centuries of persecution. He has been made hard, rapacious and commercially unscrupuby maltreatment. The Christian must blame himself-not the Jew. It is the law of retribution. If there are disagreeable traits in the Irish we must remember the awful ordeal of oppression to which they have heen sub ected. Edmund Burke spoke of the penal laws of the eighteenth century s the most diabolical machinary even devised by the perverted ingenuity of man for the degradation of his fellow-Whatever of low cunning, short sighted intrigue, bad temper and lack of self-control may appear in the Irishman, is the infliction of the English op-Yet the Irish character. though bruised, has not been warped. As an individual no man better combines the elements of popularity with adding insult to injury for the descendants of an element that has wrought injury to another race to point the finger of reproach at that race's defects. A colored man said at a recent meeting:

that the chief instrument in working out his conversion had been his own prayer "for knowledge of God's will and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." After an examination, extending through many years, of the claims of the Catholic Church, he became con-vinced that it was the only true one, and manfully made sacrifices to become one of its members. After such a step taken in November it is naturally a little surprising to learn in April that Mr. Spalding has forsworn Catholicity and returned to the Episcopalian fold. We have as yet seen no statement of his reasons for this retrogressive action ; and can conceive of none potent enough satis-

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was forcibly illustrated in Dublin Bankruptcy Court, recently, when an individual named Thomas J. A. Wall,

explain why he did not pay his credit-dr. that he was "gentleman by th birth (!) and did nothing except shoot !" These agreeable divertise-prising the sum of his obligatione — but especied by draw down upon themselves an abundance draw down upon themselves an abundance by draw down upon themselves an abundance by draw down upon themselves an abundance draw down upon themselves an abundance by draw down upon themselves an abundance by draw down upon themselves an abundance by draw down upon themselves an abundance draw draw down upon themselves an abundance down draw them the abundance draw down upon themselves an a prising the sum of his obligations and duties to himself and society at large — but especially to himself. A to the financial aspect of the face, he stated that "his wife had paid his debts on a former occasion, and he expected that she would have done so again!" but, for some unexplained reason, the lady had not realized his agreeable anticipation; and the trusting creditors of the "gentleman by birth" were left la-menting. And this fellow — one of those whom Sallust has aptly called the *fruges consumere nati*—the devourers of the fruits which the labors of others of the fruits which the labors of others system created by English feudalism, as one of the "better class," and above the honest working masses, upon whom he lives, while "genteelly" robbing them ! It is almost time that an end was put to such a state of soeigue, Every has a bee-hive, the an end was put to such a state of society. Even in, a bee-hive, the

learn in April that Mr. Spalding has forsworn Catholicity and returned to the Episcopalian fold. We have a treatment of his reasons yet seem no statement of his reasons for this retrogressive action; and can conceive of none potent enough satis-factorily to account for it at least of the supposition that Mr. Spalding is intellectually sound. Since November has he has certainly learned, concern-ing the Church and her doctrines. After realing the Gaspel His Grace the Archistapprecised as serenon of which the has great only series that precede his important step. We are aware that conversion to the Church for that conversion to the Church for enough and the content of the series and the series of the consecution that conversion to the Church for enough and to the plough." These more is a coll life various complications that are not easily man great but surely no such consider." The sum of the set Sinday, under this part and to the plough." The such and to the plough." Mrs. Mary A. Livermore loctured at the part consecution and the set sinday. The such as the structure of the set of the consecution of the satisfies a constant of the set Sinday. Under the partonage of the W C. T. U., on "Queen Elizabeth form a Protest standpoint." If her audience had come expecting an unqualified have been saddly disappointed : for Mrs. Livermore loctured and meanest, character : in fact, some and the argue and by showing that according the hear of Socies rank finitely mean standpoint." Mrs. Livermore loctured and the serve is usele-and a discover and and the server and standpoint." If her audience had cone expecting an unqualified have been saddly disappointed : for Mrs. Livermore loctured the hear of a principle, but simply. The work is a server and a discover and the server hear and the hear of the regression of the server hear and the server hear and the server hear and the server hear and the sadd have an the the content and the server of Mrs. Livermore loctured the hear of a principle, but simply the hear and the server hea

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"They say we are lascivious ; why should we not be when our marital rights were ig-mored and invaded for centuries ? They say we steal; why should we not when we ourselves have been stolen? They say we lie; why should not when for two hundred and forty years our word was not taken on oath ? They say we shirk; why should we not when for generations our only incentive to labor was the lash of the overseer ?"

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The force of this argument is more apparent because it is only within the present generation that this injustice was overthrown. But heredity carrie down through the ages the testimony of cruelty perpetrated in the past cen-turies, and this testimony we fear, will be branded into the character of children yet unborn. London Universe

society. Even in a bee-hive, the drones have their uses in the economy A Mr. Baxter who has been lecturing in Memorial Hall is a perfect Proof nature ; but they sometimes become testant—that is, he cannot reason, and he looks upon assertion as something too numerous and burdensome ; and, then the workers turn them out. better than proof. We speak of him, of course, only when he is engaged with questions in connection with the Church of God. We do not doubt for a moment that in all others he is as sharp and shrewd as any one else Let any one put this to the test by offering him 111d. in change for a It is only when these men shilling. get mingled up with their heresy in matters that concern religion that they lose mental power and stand drivelling. never seemed to occur for a moment to Mr. Baxter that when he said :

Ave Maria.

We noted in these columns a few months ago the conversion to the true faith of the Rev. James Field Spalding, rector of an Episcopalian church in Cambridge, Mass. In his farewell statement to his congregation he several points, among emphasized others, that he had not been hasty or careless in his investigation of Catholic truth ; that no inducements had been held out to him ; that there had been no attempt at proselytizing ; and l

blessed among women, and fairest of God's creatures.
And who is this rare woman, to whom along the great prerogative of being at the same time both virgin and mother? What sake manner of life, and by what miraculas intervention came she so sinless into.
This works in the same quiet manner in the ways are unlike man's. He does all the ways are unlike man's. He does all the works in the same quiet manner in the other site of the same the great provide the same the great provide the maters. No mysterious voice, and for creatures. No mysterious voice, and God fearing care she grows up four the faith of trumpets, proclaim her arrival. She is the daughter of a poor, God serving the fact of the same quiet manner in the same quiet manner in the same quiet manner is ster, or from other children is the same propriate and later the same she be disting the words are always appropriate and later the ster, when she learns to speak the words are always appropriate and later the ster, or from other the ster words are always appropriate and later the ster of the dear parents. The develote do her dear parents. And so she passes as being great aptness, and the the deart her mother, Anna, her eyes, and thuk that her mother. Anna, her eyes, and thuk that her mother, Anna, her eyes, and thuk that her mother when the ther ster of the ster of the treaser. To them it is simply a well favored children is the favored children is the favored of the ster children; but want of the when cher and reare the other showed by the Divine Hand. Her radian the apport is the ravest and carees the end enderses being ever the favored children is the ster of the ster of the ster of the work and the ster of the ster of

y and prerogative ; but it is a dignity erogative well befitting her who is the r of Gol. such, really and indeed and without is Mary. To her neighbors she is still ntle and beautiful wife of the carpen-ith the additional blessing of mother-pon her ; but to us and to the angels ven she is a sacred vessel of singular on, the Mother of their Craator and the sublimest of God's creatures, the oblessed among women, standing as the Godhead in the triume relation of her of the Father, Mother of the Son, pouse of the Hely (Bost. To them and her greatness transcends all power of i: God is above her, all that is not God instrument, handmaid of the Lord, gib whom He hath designed to carry is designs.

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through whom He hath designed to carry out His designs. Of this character is the dignity and of this greatness are the prerogatives of her who is honored throughout the whole Catholic world in an especial manner during the month of May. Need any rational person be surprised that she receives honor and venera-tion so far above all other creatures ? By the fact that through her the Godhead, in the Divine Person of the Word, assumes the human nature, she is brought as near to God as is possible for finite creature. Now, con-sider what God is: consider His holiness, His charity, His justice, His wisdom, and His omnipotence in each and all of these attributes. Virtue flowed from the very garments of Jesus when He walked among men. Think, then, of the grace and wirtue flowing from His Sacred Person beneath the touch of His spotless Mother, whom He loved with a love boundless as His Divinity. Who ean fathom the oceans of graces and merits that passed over her soul with every beat of best pubse, from the abundant source of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Living as she did in such intimate relations with the Divinity, does sho not deserve to be honored as the creature the most holy and perfect ever fashioned by the Divine Hand ? Need men wonder that where the Son has been adored the Mother has been venerated ? And becanse Mary deserves to be so

And because Mary deserves to be so honored has she ever been an object of vener-ation. "Henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed." (St. Luke, i., 48.) All mations, all tribes and peoples have called Mary Blessed. The Angel Gabriel called her Blessed. The Church in her earliest liturgies took up this key-note as recorded in the holy Gospels, and continued to hymn her praise; and to that praise all peoples, with heart and soul, have unceasingly echoed back a grand chorus of Amens.-Brother Azarias in Catholic Columbian. And because Mary deserves to be

The operation known as the " Plantation of Ulster," carried out in the reign of King James I., more than two centuries ago, explains why and how there is in Ireland to-day a section of the population who are un-Irish and anti-Irish and who do not want to have These

Ireland ruled by the Irish. people reside mostly in four or five ounties of the Province of Ulster. They are of English or Scotch descent, and of course Protestants. Their an-cestors got a footing in Ulster by coniscation of the lands of the Catholic native Irish, as will be seen from the facts given below.

Up to the reign of Queen Elizabeth all Ireland was substantially - in possession of the native Irish Catholics. Elizabeth tried to force Protestantism on the people, but of course failed. The Ulster patriot chiefs, O'Neill and O'Donnell, defeated her ablest generals and sweps from Ulster every vestige of British authority. But the brave chieftains were defeated in their turn, and, as the conquerors with all conquests could not make the Irish Protestant, they resolved upon

plan of rooting them out of their lands and putting English and Scotch Protestants in their places. This scheme was partially accomplished in Ulster in the reign of James I. Darcy McGee, in his history of Ireland, tells

the story as follows : "FORFEITED TO THE CROWN." "The whole of Ulster was sur-

veyed in a cursory manner by a staff,

Such were the men and such the methods by whom and by which was established in Ulster the alien colony whose descendants are the Orange faction of to-day.

The Very Rev. J. C. Feehan, O. C. C. Prior of the Carmelite Monastery and rector of St. Cæeilia's Church at Englewood, New Jersey, is about to Father take a much needed rest. Feehan is well remembered by many in Ontario, where he formerly gave very successful missions. He is also held in affectionate remembrance by his old parishioners of Niagara Falls Ont. Impaired health has followed a too constant attention to his many duties, and the reverend gentleman hopes to find recuperation in a trans-Atlantic voyage. Father Feehan sails from New York on May 4th per steamship "Germanic" of the White Star Line. He will be absent about a year, most of which time will be spent in Kilkenny, his native town. The reverend Father's absence will be much regretted. He carries with him the wishes and prayers of all for a speedy convalescence and a safe journey

The Primary (or Class III) examination begins on Monday, July 11, and continues until July 14, inclusive : the Junior Leaving (or Class II) examination also begins on July 11, and (terminates on the 20th, and the Senior Leaving (First C) examination begins July 20 and ends August 1. Intending candidatos should notify the city or county Inspector, who will give them the necessary forms of application, which should be filled up and returned to him not later than the 24th of May.

Non-Professional Examinations, July 1892.

In robes immaculate, the perfumed earth Now wakes to gjory, e'en as woke the sheen Transcendent biazing o'er our sinful dearth, When Mary rose, of heaven the chosen Gueen, Lady of Angels, Flower of flower supreme, From realms ethereal hend those gracious eyes : Our altars now with votive offerings teen ; Behold their bloom, accept the sacrifice. From pole to pole, with canticle and choir, Thy children now, sweet Mother, hymn thy praise:

Each virtue thine recount, revere, admire-Each virtue thine recount, revere, admire-Lilies whose lustre mocks meridian blaze. O Lady, list i-nor scorn, while all rejoice, The failering tribute of this meanest voice. The failering tribute of this meanest voice. -E. E. M. K. in Ave Maria.

The Eve of May.