

CARDINAL VASZARY.

The French papers contain additional particulars of the recent attempted assassination of his Eminence Cardinal Vaszary, Prince Primate of Hungary and Archbishop of Gran. The prelate's assailant, Michael Csolics, had been eleven years in the service of Cardinal Simor as butler. During the vacancy in the Archiepiscopal See three hundred bottles of wine disappeared. Csolics, not having been able to account for them, was dismissed a year ago by the steward. Feigning innocence, after several attempts to get back, he resolved to be revenged and bought a large kitchen knife, which, well sharpened, he concealed in his pocket. It was with this he tried to assassinate the Cardinal who was standing up. The noise of the struggle with the secretary, Rev. Dr. Kohl, who threw himself between his Eminence and Csolics, attracted another young priest, Father Vargha, who was awaiting an audience in an adjoining room and who, being very vigorous, succeeded, not without difficulty, in wresting Dr. Kohl from the grasp of his adversary and seizing the terrible cutlass. When the two ecclesiastics gave Csolics into the custody of the servants who had meanwhile rushed forward, he turned towards the Cardinal and exclaimed: "It was for your Eminence it was intended." "You wanted then to assassinate the Prince Primate?" asked Father Vargha. "Yes," replied Csolics; "I wanted to kill the Prince Primate." It was only then Dr. Kohl saw that he himself was wounded. After taking a few steps, he fell from weakness, saying: "That man has wounded me." The courageous priest had received five stabs, two of which placed his life in danger Csolics told the officers of justice that his crime was premeditated, and that he was determined to renew the attempt. From various symptoms it was concluded that he was mentally deranged. The news created the greatest excitement in Austria and Hungary. The Emperor Francis Joseph hastened to telegraph his congratulations to the Cardinal. All the Ministers, a large number of the members of both Chambers, the civil and military authorities, and several people of prominence called early at the primatial palace to pay their respects and express their sympathy to Mgr. Vaszary. The Rev. Dr. Kohl is a religious of the Martinsberg Convent whom Monsignor Vaszary attached to his person after his elevation to the primacy. It was with the greatest regret he quitted his monastery. It needed all his affection for the Father Abbot, become a prince of the Church, to make him exchange his calm and happy life in the midst of his students and his books for an existence entirely devoted to occupations so little in accord with his tastes and habits. His condition, without being desperate, remains very serious. *Irish Catholic.*

The Floral Calendar of Saints.

There are (says the *Irish Catholic*) several ideas connected with flowers and feasts that are interesting for their age or their beauty. In some cases we find flowers dedicated to saints, or named for them. Thus the Christmas Rose as it is called, is dedicated to Saint Agnes, and the dead nettle to Saint Vincent. In February we find the custom of putting up sprigs of box, instead of Christmas greens, on Candlemas; and these sprigs are left up till Easter eve. The snowdrop, blossoming near this time, has been called the "Fair Maid of February," and there is an old tradition that crocuses blossom before the dawn of Saint Valentine's day; but our crocuses have learned better, and are brave to appear as they do in March.

The leek of Saint David's day, the first of March, are for ever associated,

for Saint David is the patron of Wales and every Welshman then wears a leek in his hat: "Nor scorn to wear the leek upon Saint Davy's day."

Who needs to be told about the shamrock and Saint Patrick? But fewer, perhaps, are aware that daffodils are called lent-lily, and that this has been contracted into lentil, which we sometimes find used in English books. Palm Sunday needs no explanation; but did you ever hear the anemone called the "pasqua flower," blossoming as it does at Easter?

In olden time the milk-wort was carried in procession during Rogation week, and was called Rogation flower and procession-flower. The Swiss have a custom of hanging wreaths of edelweisse, the lovely flower of the Alps, over the doors and windows on Ascension day, or sometimes the wreath was made of amaranth, emblem of immortality. On Saint George's day, April 23, blue coats were worn and hence the harebells, blooming then, were assigned to England's patron saint.

May has more floral traditions than could be chronicled. The rose is the flower of Whitsunday, blossoming as it does at that beautiful feast, while the box has been associated with Whitsunday for household decoration. In Hanover they gather lilies-of-the-valley on Whitsunday, and in Russia girls throw wreaths of flowers in the waters of the Neva at Whitsuntide, in memory of their friends.

The pure daisy is probably named for Saint Margaret of Cortona, its name being Marguerite or herb-Margaret, and the dear white flower is thus consecrated to the penitent sinner. Sweet-William was once Saint-William, called after one of the saints of that name, we do not know which; and the sunflower closes August, being nicknamed Saint Bartholomew's Star.

The Michaelmas daisies, those dainty, fine flowers, we all love when they bloom on the feast of Saint Michael in September. There is a golden star-lily called Saint Jerome's lily and the Passion-flower or Holy-Rood-flower is naturally the emblem of Holy Cross day.

There was formerly a custom of burning heath on All Saint's day, and the trumpet-flowered-wood sorrel has been called Saint Cecilia's flower, while the blossom known as love-in-a-mist was called Saint Catharine's flower because of a fancied resemblance to the spokes of the wheel upon which she was martyred.

Herb-Barbara, or Saint Barbara's cross, grew and was eaten at the time of her feast December 4; hence its name. And this brings us to Christmas, with its ivy and laurel and rosemary, its evergreens, holly and mistletoe, when all the woods are pressed into service to make church and home beautiful with the best of nature's gifts which the frost has spared. For, as the dear old carol says:

"Christ was born on Christmas day,
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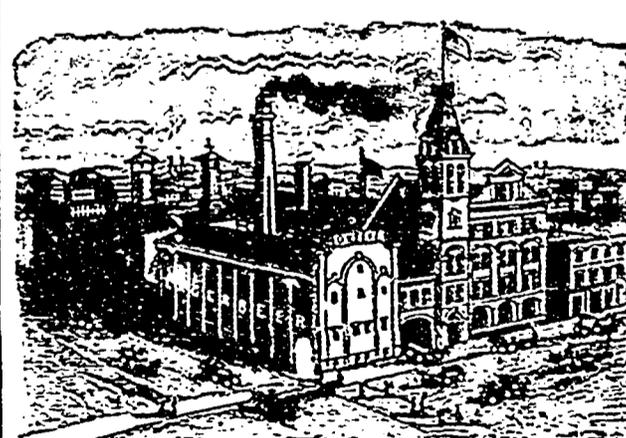
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