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THE CROSS.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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Weekly Calendar.

- October 15. Sunday XIX after Pent. Feast of the Purity of the B. V. Mary.
16. Monday. S. Bernard Abbit, Conf. and Doctor (from August 20.)
17. Tuesday. S. Hedwiges, Queen, Widow.
18. Wednesday. S. Luke, Evangelist.
19. Thursday. S. Peter of Alcantara, Conf.
20. Friday. S. John Cantium, Conf.
21. Saturday. S. Hilary, Pope & Conf. (from Sept. 10.)

The Month of October,

DEDICATED TO

THE HOLY ANGELS,

BY A SERIES OF PIOUS PRACTICES.

Some persons, devout to the holy Angels, dedicate to these holy Spirits a whole Month—that of October. They during that period perform the following practices—They commence the evening of St. Michael's Day, by the following offering:—

O! all ye holy Angels! who contemplate without ceasing the increased Beauty of the Divinity, in company with your ever glorious Queen—I, your unworthy servant, present and offer you all the practices of this Month, consecrated to you, not only as a means of obtaining

(here specify your request) but also as a reparation for my past ingratitude, and that of all men. Deign to accept it, O, amiable Spirits! in union with the love and devotion of such Saints as were devout to you—and obtain for me to spend this time so fervently, that it may be the commencement of that angelical life which I hope to live for ever.—Amen.

A Memorare to the Angels.

Remember, O, holy Angels! that Jesus, the eternal Truth, assures us you “rejoice more at the conversion of one sinner, than at the perseverance of many just.” Encouraged thereby, I, the last of creatures, humbly entreat you to receive me as your servant, and make me unto you a cause of true joy. Do not, O, blessed Spirits! reject my petition; but graciously hear and grant it.—Amen.

OCTOBER FIRST.

The Blessed Trinity creating the Angels.

Anticipate all time—penetrate the eternal years—and contemplate in wonder and amazement that eventful moment in which the Deity, coming forth from that inaccessible

light in which he dwelt, gave command to nothing, and created the Angels. Admirable Spirits! their perfections are like a profound sea, which cannot be fathomed. Beings incomprehensible—they announce in their celestial endowments the omnipotence, love, and wisdom of their Almighty Maker. They are incorruptible in their nature—illuminated with the most brilliant irradiations—endowed with wonderful science—clothed with divine purity—consumed with celestial love. Their power is amazing—their charms so ravishing, that, St. Bridget says, the appearance of one alone of them to mortal man would occasion immediate death. Their sanctity exceeds that of all the Saints since they have been replenished with the divine unction, and have never contracted actual stain. Their charity is exceeding great since they have received more of that sacred fire, which, according to St. John, is the essence of the Godhead, than all other creatures. This is saying much and yet it conveys but a faint idea of the perfection of these celestial Spirits. Let us, while we confess their greatness, bless the hand of Him who made them and commence this holy Month as they began their angelic course, saying.

Practice—The *Te Deum*.

Aspiration for the Day.—Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! the Heavens and the Earth are full of thy glory!—Glory be to the Fa-

ther! Glory be to the Son! Glory be to the Holy Ghost!

OCTOBER SECOND, OR ROSARY SUNDAY.*

The Angels, Servants and Subjects of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Scarcely was it announced to the heavenly Spirits, that a Queen was “born to them,” than they descend in myriads, and hover round her cradle with wonder and delight.—They guard her infant steps; they convey her to the temple; they unceasingly continue their celestial attentions, until, by means of the Incarnation, she becomes the temple of the Word, when their visits are so frequent, that her little cottage becomes a species of Paradise. At Bethlehem, in Egypt, and at the holy Sepulchre, they continue to wait on their blessed Queen, until, expiring under the wounds of holy love, they conduct her with celestial song through realms of light, and presenting her to the lamb, cast their crowns before her throne, vowing her eternal love, obedience and fidelity. If we love our blessed Mother, we cannot refuse to honour those by whom she is so much honoured.

Practice.—In honour of the blessed Virgin and the Angels, say three times the Anthem, *Ave Regina Cælorum*, &c.

* If Rosary Sunday be later than the Second Day of October, leave this for that Feast, and pass to the next.

Aspiration.—O, Mary! Mistress of the Angels and Queen of the holy Rosary, intercede for us!

OCTOBER THIRD.

Sacred to the Angels of the First Choir.

Though all the blessed Spirits are commonly styled Angels, it is to those of the First Choir that the appellation strictly belongs. These are they who are charged with the execution of the divine ordinances, and who are appointed the guardians of men. Humility is the virtue particularly ascribed to them—for, though the last in order among the Choirs, they see without desiring the more excellent endowments of their celestial companions. Let us, like them, love to occupy the lowest place, especially when placed therein by Divine Providence, and to behold with joy the preference given to others.

Practice.—Three acts of Humility, interior or exterior.

Asp.—“Who is like God!”

OCTOBER FOURTH.

The Archangels—Second Choir.

The Archangels are distinguished from the Angels by the greater importance of their functions. They are supposed to be the guardians of the Pope, of the Bishops, and of all invested with authority, in Church and State—and are remarkable for love and care of men. Let us imi-

tate them, doing our neighbour all the good we can, and invoking in his behalf these blessed Spirits.

Practice.—Two acts of Charity, with great affection.

Asp.—Holy Archangels! pray for us.

OCTOBER FIFTH.

The Principalities.

The Principalities, who form the Third Choir, are charged to watch over Empires, Provinces, Diocesses, Religious Communities, &c., and avert from them the effects of the divine wrath. They are also appointed to transmit to the angels of the last two Choirs the orders of the Most High. Purity of intention is the virtue ascribed to them, for in their high functions they never seek but the honour and interest of God alone. Let us imitate them. It is the intention which stamps the action with merit or demerit.

Practice.—In all you do and say, seek the greater glory of God.

Asp.—O, Holy Spirits! may we, like you, seek God, for God alone.

OCTOBER SIXTH.

The Powers—the Fourth Choir.

The Angels of this Choir have received from God unlimited sway over the wicked Spirits; they are endowed with great intelligence, so as to be able to discover their schemes and plans for our destru-

tion. Their power is so amazing, that one only of them would be able to destroy all the infernal host. It is well to invoke them in temptation; but, to merit their assistance, we must take care to avoid the occasions of sin.

Practice.—Resist the attacks of vice, or passion; frequently make acts of diffidence in self and confidence in God.

Asp.—Lord! send thy Angels to assist us.

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OCTOBER SEVENTH.

The Virtues—the Fifth Choir.

Energy and strength are attributed to the *Virtues*. They have dominion over the elements; all nature is subjected to their control. Hence they can raise or appease storms and tempests, emit vivid lightning, form burning thunder. We may profitably invoke them in unforeseen accidents, sickness, &c. We may also recur to them for that strength necessary to lead a penitential life, and root out the inclinations of depraved nature.

Practice.—Nine *Aves* in honour of the *Virtues*.

Asp.—Holy *Virtues*! strengthen and fortify us.

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OCTOBER EIGHTH.

The Dominations—the sixth choir.

Zeal for the divine glory distinguishes the dominations. They are

devoured by their concern for the interests of God—their principal office is to manifest his will. We, too, ought to be interested for all that involves the honour of his ever-adorable Being, as the conversion of sinners, the perfection of the just, the decoration of altars.—We should also beg of God to manifest his will to us by these blessed intelligences—and then take care to fulfil it scrupulously, as being the shortest way to perfection and sanctity.

Practice.—Give practical proof of your zeal for the glory of God; do something for his reign in souls.

Asp.—Holy Dominations! animate us with your zeal.

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OCTOBER NINTH.

The Thrones—the seventh choir.

The Scripture represents the almighty as seated on these blessed Spirits; hence they are called Angels of Peace—beings calm, tranquil, immovable. Address yourself to them for that peace of soul which is the fruit of a good conscience. Invoke them for such as are prone to hatred, passion, and impatience; and, after their example, be yourself meek, calm, and peaceful with all.

Practice.—In the morning dispose yourselves to great sweetness and patience—and every hour make acts thereof.

Asp.—O, Holy Thrones! obtain that “divine peace which surpasses all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”

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OCTOBER TENTH.

The Cherubim—the eighth choir.

These blessed Spirits are so many

sacred flambeaux, communicating the divine light to the other Choirs. They are employed continually in contemplating the beauty and other perfections of their great Creator, and will share with us their admirable lights, if we but ask them, and show ourselves in earnest, by the practice of recollection and prayer, the channel of the divine communications.

Practice.—Spend this day in great recollection ; be occupied with the consideration of the divine perfections ; endeavour to “know God, and him whom he has sent, Jesus Christ.”

Asp.—Ah ! blessed Cherubim !—teach us to pray.

OCTOBER ELEVENTH.

The Seraphim—the ninth choir.

The Seraphim holds the first place among the celestial Hierarchies. Their characteristic is great and ardent love. Intoxicated with that torrent of delights “which runs with a strong stream from” the throne of the Divinity, these blessed Spirits are always extasied—always in a species of rapture. We should often form acts of divine love, and beg of Jesus, the King of love, thro’ Mary, the Mother of holy love, and the blessed Seraphim, the Spirits of love, never to let this sacred fire be extinguished in our souls.

Practice.—Try to become a Seraph in love ; let this be your habitual disposition. “Love, and do what you will.”

Asp.—Ah ! blessed Seraphim ! make us love.

OCTOBER TWELFTH.

The Angels of the Ancient People of God.

Let us this day venerate the Angels who guarded the Ancient People of God. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, were often favoured with their visits.—It was one of these blessed Spirits who gave the law on Mount Sinai, and conducted the Israelites through the desert, in the pillar of a cloud. The Saints of those times were so convinced of their continual protection, that even when they gave no sensible proofs of their presence, they attributed to them the success of their affairs. “It is the Angel of the Lord,” said they, “who hath done this.”

Practice.—The “*Benedicite*,” in thanksgiving for the protection of the Angels.

Asp.—Holy Angels ! “leaders of the house of Israel,” intercede for us.

OCTOBER THIRTEENTH.

The Angels who adored Jesus at the moment of his Incarnation and Nativity.

Let us this day venerate the Angels who adored Jesus at the moment of his Incarnation, and when he appeared in the flesh. No sooner did he assume our nature, at Mary’s *fiat*, than her chamber is filled with troops innumerable of these blessed Spirits, all vying with each other in adoring the Son, and in greeting the Mother ; and on that ever blessed night, when he appeared wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, they again descend and rend the air with “Glory be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will !”

Practice.—The “*Gloria in excelsis*,” and hymn “*Alma Redemptoris*.”

Asp.—Glory be to God—honour to the Angels, and peace to men of good will!

OCTOBER FOURTEENTH.

Let us this day venerate the Angels who ministered to Jesus Christ after his fast in the desert. The time being come in which the Saviour of Men was to manifest himself to Israel, having prepared for his mission by “a fast of forty days, he was,” says the Evangelist, “afterwards hungry, and Angels came and ministered to him.” Happy—thrice happy Spirits! whom the Lord of Heaven and Earth—“he who gives food to the raven, when her young ones cry for meat—who opens his hand and fills every living creature,” permitted to minister to him in his necessities.—It rests with us to be sharers in their happiness, for Jesus is still on earth, in the persons of his poor, and what we do for them, he considers as done for himself.

Practice.—Give some alms in the spirit of these Angels.

Asp.—Holy Angels, ministering spirits to Jesus Christ, intercede for us.

OCTOBER FIFTEENTH.

Let us devote this day to the veneration of the Angels who appeared at the Sepulchre of Jesus. We may piously imagine, that, after the body of their deceased monarch was laid in the tomb, the holy Angels stood and guarded the sacred deposit, quite motionless at this his prodigious annihilation, until “the morning of the Sabbath, when the Mary’s, on coming to the door of the monument, found the stone

rolled away, and an Angel sitting thereon, whose countenance was as lightning, and his garments like snow.”—This conduct of the Angels should make us assiduous in visiting Jesus in his holy Sacrament, the tomb of his love. He is there night and day, suffering with infinite patience the irreverences of many, and the total forgetfulness of almost all.

Practice.—A visit to the Holy Sacrament, to beg a great devotion towards it, and the Angels.

Asp.—Ah! blessed Angels! teach us to honour Jesus in the Sacrament of his love

OCTOBER SIXTEENTH.

Let us this day honour the Angels who appeared at the Ascension. “The time being come in which Jesus was to pass out of the world, and ascend to his Father, he led his disciples to Olivet, and having given them his last instructions, he was taken up to heaven, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” And as they continued to look after him, two men stood by them clothed in white, who said, “You men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to Heaven? This Jesus, whom you have seen ascend there, will one day return.” It is not by a devotion merely speculative, as those Angels insinuated, we are to prepare for this coming. We must pray, act, suffer, lest we be found with our hands empty when the Lord will descend to judge us.

Practice.—Examine for five minutes if your devotion be in accordance with the Spirit of God—whether it shew itself by the subjection of the passions, or in mere external forms.

Asp.—O! blessed Spirits! render us adorers in spirit and truth.

OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH.

This day is dedicated to our good Angel.

Blessed for ever be that infinite Goodness, which, not content with all that it has done for us, has deputed an Angel for our guide—and woe be to us if insensible of the favour. It is indeed true that “God has given his Angels charge of us;” that they are always at our side; that they “bear us up in their hands,” and lose not sight of us day or night. Let us be grateful to these blessed Guardians, and as St. Bernard recommends, demonstrate respect for their presence, affection for their services, confidence in their guardianship. Let each of us often say of his Guardian Angel, with sincere regret for past indevotion—Too late have I loved you, O, good Angel!

Practice—The Litany of the Angel Guardian.

Asp.—O! blessed Angel! I love you and wish to love you more.

OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH.

The Angel of our Patron Saint.

Let us this day honour the Angel Guardian of our Patron, as this blessed intelligence has done so much for his or her sanctification. It is gratifying to them that we pay them our respects; they will not fail to acknowledge it.

Practice—Visit the Angel of your Patron, to thank him, and beg his intercession.

Asp.—Holy Angel of my Patron! I venerate you.

OCTOBER NINETEENTH.

The Angels of our Family, Relations, &c.

Honour the Angels of your Family and Relations; they often render services which you would not receive from your own Angels, perhaps because of some advantage which is derived from you to those of whom they have charge.

Practice—A Communion in honour of these Angels.

Asp.—Holy Angels! I revere you.

OCTOBER TWENTIETH.

The Angels of our Friends and Benefactors.

Pay particular respect to those holy Spirits who are entrusted with the guardianship of your Friends and Benefactors, knowing that the services which they render to you are often prompted by these blessed Angels. Your Confessor being your best Friend, his Angel deserves especial devotion.

Practice—Pay a visit in spirit to these Angels,

Asp.—Lord! charge thy Angels to keep us in all our ways!

OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST.

The Angels of our City and Kingdom.

That God has appointed certain Angels, to watch over and defend Kingdoms and Provinces, we are assured of in the Book of Genesis. Towns and Cities too have their respective Angels. We ought often and earnestly recommend these places to their guardian care, and beg, while we thank them for past protection, that they would arrest

by their prayers the torrent of vice and immorality, which so loudly demands vengeance.

Practice—Say the Office of the angels.

Asp.—In the sight of thy angels, O Lord! will I sanctify thy name.

OCTOBER TWENTY-SECOND.

The Angels of our Parish.

Invoke the angels of your Parish, that they may avert from it the wrath of the Most High, excited by the continual offences committed against him. Father le Fevre, first companion of St. Ignatius, used to invoke the angels of the different places in which he preached, that they might dispose the people to profit by his sermons, &c. &c.

Practice—Say the Litany of the angels, for the reign of God in your Parish.

Asp.—O, Holy angels! preserve us from all evil, especially that of sin.

OCTOBER TWENTY-THIRD.

The angels of Heretics and Infidels.

Spend this day in making reparation to the angels for the ill return made for all their cares by Heretics and Infidels. The first blaspheme against them, while those of the second class are in total ignorance of them.

Practice—Salute interiorly the angels of all whom you meet.

Asp.—May every creature praise the angels.

OCTOBER TWENTY-FOURTH.

The Angels of bad and ignorant Catholics.

That there are many who belong to the fold of Christ, unmindful of their duty to those holy angels, whom they know to be their guardians and protectors, and many more altogether ignorant of this consoling truth—is as undeniable as it is afflicting. Let us this day supply their deficiency by our homage and respects.

Practice—Assist at Mass in honour of these Angels.

Asp.—For all who despise or forget you, I love and venerate you Holy Angels.

OCTOBER TWENTY-FIFTH.

The Angels who visit and console the souls in Purgatory.

The charity of the Angels does not end with our existence here, if condemned after death to the purifying flames of Purgatory—they visit and console us in a manner which considerably diminishes the sense of suffering. They have often appeared to persons on earth, to incite them to relieve by prayers and good works, the souls detained in Purgatory.

Practice—Sacrifice something at meals in honour of the Angels.

Asp.—Holy Angels I thank you.

OCTOBER TWENTY-SIXTH.

St. Michael.

When Lucifer raised his rebellious head, and sought to be like to the Most High, Michael, the prince of the Seraphim, and the first of the Seven Spirits

who stand before the Throne," opposed his haughty pretensions and overthrew him in the contest. Saint Thomas supposes this blessed Spirit to be the breath of the Saviour, which will destroy antichrist. He is the patron of the Church—the protector of the dying—he, in fine, who on the last day will seize the trumpet, and with a *Surgite Mortui*, "Arise ye dead" will arraign all men before the Judge of the Living and the Dead. He is then entitled to singular love and veneration.

Practice—Nine *Gloria Patris*, in honor of St. Michael, as chief of the Nine Choirs.

Asp.—O, holy Michael the archangel! defend us in the combat, lest we perish in the Day of Judgment.

OCTOBER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

St. Gabriel.

This blessed Spirit was the ambassador of the Most High when about to operate the greatest of all his mysteries, the Incarnation of his Son; and he it was that revealed it to Daniel many ages before. He is supposed to have been the tutelary of the holy Family—the angel who invited the shepherds to the manger—who warned St. Joseph to flee into Egypt—and, in fine, he who consoled Jesus in his agony. His name, Gabriel signifies "power of God." His peculiar grace is to imprint in hearts the knowledge and love of Jesus and Mary. Let us be devout to him, and he will render us this service so desirable.

Practice—Say in honour of this blessed Angel seven times in his own words to the Blessed Virgin—Hail Mary! &c.

Asp.—O, "angel of the Lord!" extend the empire of Jesus and Mary.

OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT.

St. Raphael.

The name of this blessed angel, the third who assists before the Throne, means "cure of God." From having conducted Tobias in his journey to Ragges, he is invoked by travellers and voyagers. Let us who are strangers and pilgrims on earth, beg his guidance and protection to-day, and he will not fail to bestow it.

Practice—Say the 90th Psalm.

Asp.—O, Angel of God, illumine, defend and preserve us this day, and forever.

OCTOBER TWENTY-NINTH.

The Angels who favoured particular Saints.

Let us consecrate this day to those blessed Spirits who specially favoured some of the Saints; as the Angels who released St. Peer from his prison, and revealed to St. John the secrets of futurity; those who gave the monastic rule to St. Pachomius; who imprinted the holy Stigmas in the body of St. Francis who wounded the heart of St. Teresa; and those who gave the holy communion to St. Stanislas Kotska; who conversed with St. Rose, and conferred on St. Thomas the gift of perfect chastity. Thus we will please those great servants of God, and obtain their intercession.

Practice—Hymn of the Angels.

Asp.—O! all ye holy Saints and Angels! intercede for us.

OCTOBER THIRTIETH.

The Angels merit our Love because they assist us in Death.

We are born but to live—we live but to die—and our lot for eternity depends on the manner in which we breathe our last. We ought, then, to “make for ourselves friends,” for that critical moment, of the Holy Angels, by a true, sincere, persevering devotion to them. If we do, it is then indeed they will shew “how” they “loved us.

Practice—Beads of the Holy Angels, and Hymn and Prayer to the B. V. for a happy death.

Aspt.—O, holy Angels—Spirits of God! “pray for us, now and at the hour of our death—Amen.”

OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST.

The Angels merit our love, because they will contribute to our happiness in eternity.

When the figure of this world shall have passed away—when the earth and all that is in it shall have been burnt up, and the elements melted with heat—when, in fine, the Son of Man shall appear on a cloud to judge the living and the dead—the Angels, at his command, having separated the good from the bad, will encompass the former as a tower of defence against the evils which will cause the latter to exclaim—“Mountains fall upon us! hills cover us!” And when the final sentence seals man’s eternal doom, and that the Supreme Arbiter having locked, on their respective inmates, the gates of heaven and of hell, has flung the keys

into the ocean of eternity, these blessed Spirits will seat us down at the table of the Lamb, rejoicing that our sorrow is changed into joy, and that the days of our mourning are ended. Let us love these holy Angels, but let us love them perseveringly. Perseverance crowns the work. If they deserved our homage yesterday, they as well and better deserve it to-day.

Practice—Excite others to be devout to the Angels. Recite also the Litany of the Saints, favoured by the Angels.

Asp—Alleluia! Salvation to our God, that sits upon the throne; and may all his angels say, Amen.

CONCLUSION OF THE ANGELICAL
MONTH—FIRST OF NOVEMBER.*Feast of all Saints.*

O blessed Spirits! our guardians and intercessors—I, your unworthy servant grateful for the favours received by you during this holy month, come to present you my warmest thanks on this feast of your blessed companions in glory, and, as some mark of sorrow for past indecision, and of present love and respect I offer you the little crown made of the pious practices performed in your honour, in union with the perpetual love which your little association entertains for you. Deign to accept it, O holy angels! and obtain for us of God through Jesus, his Incarnate, and Mary, your august Queen, that persevering in the good resolutions wherewith he has inspired us, we may eternally contemplate with you that unfading beauty whom we bitterly regret having loved too late.

Memorare (as before),

THE LITTLE OFFICE OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

AT MATINS.

Ant. God hath given his Angels charge of thee, that they may keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

O Lord, open thou my lips.

And my tongue shall declare thy praise.

O God, incline unto mine aid,

O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

O Lord, permit us here to raise our voice,
And wait before thy throne our feeble praise:
And thank thee for those Angels whom thy
choice,

Hath lent our weakness to direct our ways,
And free us from the envious foes that lurk
To spoil the beauty of thy cherished work.

Ant. O Holy angels! our Guardians defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment.

V. In the sight of the angels I will sing to thee my God.

R. I will adore at thy holy temple, and confess to thy name.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable providence hast vouchsafed to appoint thy Holy angels to be our Guardians, grant to thy humble suppliants, to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns, &c. *Amen.*

AT PRIME.

Ant. God hath given his angels charge of thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. amen.

O God incline unto, &c.

O Lord make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

For Satan driven from the happy land,
Where once he shone in splendour, ill can brook
The kindly justice of the Almighty hand,
That gives to man the throne that he forsook,
And seeks to drgg into his own disgrace,
Poor mortals thus designed to fill his place.

Ant. O Holy angels! our Guardians, &c., as before.

V. In the sight of thy angels I will sing unto thee, my God.

R. I will adore at thy holy temple, and confess to thy name.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable providence, &c., as before.

AT TIERCE.

Ant. God hath given his angels, &c. as before.

O God, incline unto me, &c.

O Lord make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

Bright Spirit! whom a God supremely wise
Hath given to be the Guardian of this land,
Come arm'd with all thy power from the skies
And bear its children harmless in thy hand.
Safe from all evil that defiles the soul,
Safe from disunion's with'ring centreal.

Ant. O holy angels, &c. as before.

V. In the sight of thy angels, &c.

R. I will adore at the holy temple.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable providence, &c.

AT SEXT.

Ant. God hath given his angels, &c.

O God incline unto my aid.

O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

O Jesus! glory of the angelic choirs,
Light of their brightness, sweetness of their
bliss;
Thou who didst leave a world where nothing
tires,
To taste the pains and miseries of this;
Be these same pains endured to set us free,
The germ of endless happiness with thee.

Ant. O holy angels, &c.
V. In the sight of thy angels, &c.
R. I will adore at thy temple, &c.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable pro-
vidence, &c.

AT NONE.

Ant. God hath given his angels, &c.
R. Amen.
V. O God incline unto my aid.
R. O Lord make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

Angel of peace! come Michael to our aid,
Thou who didst once chase discord from the
sky;
Come calm these boisterous passions that have
made
Such havoc here as they have made on high;
Drive strife and rancour to their kindred gloom
To Hell, their fuing and eternal tomb.

Ant. O holy angels, &c.
V. In the sight of thy angels, &c.
R. I will adore at thy holy temple &c.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable pro-
vidence, &c.

AT VESPER.

Ant. O holy angels, &c.
O God incline unto my aid.
O Lord make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

Spirit of might! O Gabriel, display
Thy matchless power against our ancient foes;
Visit those sacred temples where we pray,
'Twas at thy potent word those temples rose;
Thou wert the herald of his future birth,
Whose worship raised these shrines through-
out the earth.

ant. O holy angels, &c.
V. In the sight of thy angels, &c.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable pro-
vidence, &c.

AT COMPLAIN.

ant. God had given his angels, &c.
V. Convert us, O God, our Saviour.
R. and avert thy anger from us.
O God incline unto my aid.
Glory be to the Father, &c. alleluia.

HYMN.

And Raphael! of the glorious seven who
stand
Before the throne of Him who lives and reigns;
Angel of Health! the Lord has fill'd thy hand
With balm from heaven to soothe or cure our
pains,
Heal or console the victim of disease,
And guide our steps when doubtful of our ways

ant. O Holy angels, &c.
V. In the sight of thy angels, &c.
R. I will adore at thy holy temple,
&c.

PRAYER.

O God, who with unspeakable pro-
vidence, &c.

COMMENDATION.

O Holy Guardian! at thy feet
This wreath of humble flowers I lay;
O that their odour were as sweet,
As he who gives desires it may.
Protect me at death's awful hour,
Receive my soul to thy embrace,
Rich with the wonders of thy power,
To thank, to praise thee, face to face. Amen.

HYMN TO THE ANGELS.

Jesus! the Father's ray and might,
Of faithful hearts the life and light;
Tributes of praise to thee we pay,
With the Angels who thy voice obey.

Millions of leaders sur'd with fight,
In close array thy battle fight;
Michael, the saving standard wield,
Displays the cross, and Satan yields.

Th' infernal dragon down from hills,
He hurls to Hell's infernal abyss;
And thunder's headlong from the sky
The rebel captain and his crew.

Let's follow then so brave a guide,
Against this hellish Prince of pride;
That crowns of glory we may gain,
And with the Lamb for ever reign.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Be endless glory, as before,
The world began so evermore. Amen.

LITANY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

Lord, have mercy on us!
Christ, have mercy on us!
Christ, have mercy on us!
Christ, hear us!
Christ, graciously hear us!
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us!
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us!
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us. (cry on us)
Holy Trinity, one only God, have mercy on us
St Michael Holy Dominations
St Gabriel Holy Virtues
St Raphael Holy Powers
Holy Seraphim Holy Principalities
Holy Cherubim Holy Archangels
Holy Thrones Holy Angels

Lity for us

Blessed Spirits who surround the Throne of
God, and incessantly sing to him, Holy! Holy!
Holy Lord God of Sabboth,
Who dissipate our darkness and illumine our
minds
Who announce to us divine things
Who have received from God the care of men
Who incessantly contemplate the beauty of his
countenance
Who rejoice at the conversion of a sinner
Who rescued Lot out of Sodom
Who ascended and descended by the ladder
of Jacob
Who gave the law of Moses on Sinai
Who announced joy to Man at the birth of Christ

Who ministered to Jesus after his fast of 40 days
Who appeared at his Sepulchre
Who spoke to the Disciples at his Ascension
Who will accompany him at his last coming
Who assist us at the hour of death
Who release from Purgatory the Souls detained
there
Who perform Miracles by the Divine Power
Who preside over States and Monarchies
Who have delivered the friends of God from
many dangers
Who consoled the Martyrs in their torments
Who specially protect Prelates and Princes
All ye celestial Orders and Hierarchies, pray
for us.
From all sin and danger, preserve us, O, holy
Angels!
From the Devil's malice, preserve us, O, holy
Angels!
From heresy and schism, preserve us, O, holy
Angels!
From eternal damnation, preserve us, O, holy
Angels!
From a sudden death, preserve us, O, holy
Angels!

Lamb of God! who takest away the sins of the
world, pardon us, O, Lord!
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the
world, hear us, O, Lord!
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us!
Lord hear my prayer!
And let my supplication come to thee!

PRAYER.

O, God! who with admirable order hast regu-
lated the functions of Angels and Men, grant
that those who always assist before your throne
in heaven may defend our lives here on earth—
through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who
livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

**LITANY OF THE ANGEL GUAR-
DIAN.**

Lord, have mercy on us!
Christ, have mercy on us!
Lord, have mercy on us!
Christ, hear us!
Christ, graciously hear us!
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us!
God the Son, Redeemer of Men, have mercy
on us!
God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of Souls, have
mercy on us!
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us!

Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven;
 Holy Angel, my Guardian,
 Holy Angel, my Protector in all dangers,
 Holy Angel, my Defence in all afflictions,
 Holy Angel, my most faithful Lover,
 Holy Angel, my Preceptor,
 Holy Angel, my Guide,
 Holy Angel, Witness of all my actions,
 Holy Angel, my helper in all my difficulties,
 Holy Angel, my Negotiator with God.
 Holy Angel, my Advocate,
 Holy Angel, lover of Chastity,
 Holy Angel, lover of Innocence,
 Holy Angel, most obedient to God,
 Holy Angel, Director of my Soul,
 Holy Angel, model of Purity,
 Holy Angel, model of Docility,
 Holy Angel, my Counsellor in doubt,
 Holy Angel, my Guardian through life,
 Holy Angel, my shield at the hour of Death,
 Lamb of God! who takest away the sins of the world, spare us. O, Lord!
 Lamb of God! who takest away the sins of the world, hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God! who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

PRAYER.

O, God! who with unspeakable Providence vouchsafest to send thy Angels to be our Guardians, mercifully grant, that we, thy suppliants, may be always defended by their protection and enjoy their eternal society—through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

From the London Tablet, Sept. 9.

NEW ZEALAND.—A letter from the Rev. J. P. O'Reilly, of Wellington, in port Nicholson, dated 2nd April, 1843, and addressed to the editor of the *Australasian Chronicle*, gives the following account of the state of the Church in New Zealand:—"I came here in the ship with Mr. Petre, on the application of the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, to take charge of what Catholics might be here. I was delighted to find some of my poor countrymen here from Erin's most distant shores, and it cheered me to let them see (if I could do nothing else) the state of the Church in their regard. They are in truth like the Jews, scattered everywhere; but not like that historic nation, to parcel out, in fragments, broken and disconnected, the gem of truth, but to offer it whole, and without flaw, in the vast bosom of the Catholic Church. The poor people have no chapel here as yet, nor have they means of providing

one. Up to the present we have been saying mass in a room adjoining a public-house, we are lately removed to an old store, on the beach. Might I ask it as a favour of you to announce your willingness to receive the subscriptions of any of our good neighbours of Sydney, who might, *without injury to their local charities*, confer a mite on us?" The editor of the *Australasian* observes;—"The writer belongs to the same religious order, with the good and great Father Mathew, and was one of his *first* and most active fellow-labourers in the cause of Temperance, in Kilkenny, Dublin, &c. He left a most comfortable mission in Ireland, to come and break the bread of life to his fellow-Catholics, who were entirely destitute of that blessing till his arrival at Port Nicholson." He then offers to receive subscriptions, and warmly urges on the Australians the duty of assisting the New Zealand mission.

WEST INDIES.

ST. LUCIA.—To the editor of the Tablet.—Sir—The consolatory progress which our holy religion has made of late in this island shall be my apology for the liberty I take in troubling you with the following brief observations on the subject of this interesting mission. A few years ago there were but two priests employed here: there are now eight active, zealous, and pious missionaries labouring in the sacred cause with extraordinary success. At the former period our five churches were tottering into ruin; they are now not only thoroughly repaired, but also handsomely fitted up and suitably provided with vestments and plate for the service of the altar. Four new beautiful churches in mason work have, besides, been since erected, and consecrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Smith, Bishop of Agna. Too much praise cannot be given to the emancipated negroes for the valuable labour which they have bestowed, and the comparatively large sums which they cheerfully contributed towards building these churches. His lordship, who arrived here on the 27th of May last, has made a thorough visitation of the island. His tour of the colony had the appearance of a triumphal procession. On approaching the parochial church of each district innumerable flags, with appropriate devices, were seen streaming from almost every eminence and house top in the vicinity of the sacred edifice. Thousands of people congregated on the beach to welcome his lordship, and accompany him to the church, preceded by such amateur music as each parish could furnish, amidst the roaring of cannon

(abandoned since the Carib war) fired by the lately emancipated negroes. The vast number of communicants who approached the holy table, to receive the blessed Eucharist from the hands of his lordship, spoke trumped tongued for the piety of the faithful and for the zeal of their revered clergy. The sacrament of confirmation was administered every where with great solemnity, and produced a singularly happy effect upon all, particularly on the labourers of the rural districts. His lordship celebrated Pontifical High Mass, with assistant priests, deacons, subdeacons, and master of ceremonies, dressed in splendid gold vestments; next followed an eloquent sermon by one of the gifted missionaries; appropriate hymns and cantiques were afterwards sung by amateurs; and the morning devotions were terminated by an impressive discourse, delivered by his lordship. In the evening, after vespers, a numerous and well regulated procession took place, amid the pealing of cannon and showers of musketry, which was concluded by the benediction of the blessed Sacraments. The number altogether confirmed amounted, as I have been informed, to about six hundred. As the great bulk of the population is composed of negroes, who are not yet sufficiently instructed in the principles of their religion, and as none but those who had made their first communion were presented for confirmation, it will not appear strange that a larger number did not receive this sacrament. There are at present about fifteen hundred young people of both sexes attending a regular course of instructions, imparted by the clergy three times a week, for the purpose of making their first communion before the close of the year. The population of the island before emancipation was far under twenty thousand souls: it amounts by the last official return to twenty-six thousand six hundred. Of this number there are scarcely three hundred Protestants of all religious denominations. The Bishop of Agua during his sojourn amongst us, collected considerable funds and made all necessary preparations for the erection of a new church: his lordship entered also into all the requisite arrangements with the clergy and laity, for the appointment of four additional missionaries in the island: we shall, therefore, have shortly, with the Divine blessing, ten parochial churches, with ten parish priests and two curates. The labourers of the colony appeared peculiarly delighted at the prospect of having resident clergymen in all the populous districts. Unmasked, they furnished their esteemed pastors with abundant stores and provisions to entertain the bishop and his suite during the visitation, besides such attendance and other services

as they required. His lordship, on his departure, on the 11th instant for the islands to the southward, expressed his unfeigned satisfaction at the happy progress of religion in the island, and his sincere gratitude for the hospitality and kindness shown him by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, our venerated clergy, and by some of the most respected families of the community. I have been informed, on undoubted authority, that his lordship the Bishop of Olympus was eminently successful in his visitation of the island of Grenada, in May last, when his lordship confirmed between eight and nine hundred persons, well instructed in the principles of our holy religion.—Dated St. Lucia, July 18, 1843.—*Correspondent.*

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