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CHARACTER.

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THE "JOHN BROWN SONG."

A writer in the Boston Transcript says the Second Battalion of Infantry (Boston Light Infantry), Major Ralph W. Newton, were ordered to Fort Warren in April, 1861, and were the first troops to garrison the fort.

WHY CONTINUE

Saying that fate is against you. Fining fault with the weather. Anticipating evils in the future. Pretending not being your real self.

Writing letters when the blood is hot, which you may regret later.

Thinking that all the good chances and opportunities are gone by. Thinking of yourself to the exclusion of everything and everyone else.

Enthusiasm, like beauty, is a divine gift, and yet it can be cultivated. To the admiration of the wise man, then, "With all thy getting, get understanding."

POURING TEA.

There is more to be learned about pouring out hot tea and coffee than most ladies are willing to believe. If those decoctions are made at the table, which is by far the best way, they require experience, judgment, and exactness.

RECIPES.

Sliced Buttered Carrots.—Boil the carrots in salted water, with the cover off, until tender; when done slice and peel very thin.

Potato Soup.—Wash, pare and boil three potatoes in salted water until done. Put one pint of milk, one stalk of celery and one slice of onion in a double boiler.

Oyster Pie.—Make a rich paste with two cups of flour, one-half of a tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of salt and one-quarter of a cup of ice water.

Scalloped Onions.—Peel one dozen onions of moderate size and boil in salted water until tender, changing the water two or three times, according to the delicacy of flavor desired.

Laked Chocolate Custard.—Put three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate in a saucepan and set over hot water until it melts.

HOUSEWIFE SUGGESTIONS.

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If the sink pipe is clogged remove the strainer and insert the hose into it and turn the water on full force.

Vatican Edition of Plain-Song Book.

We have just received direct from the publisher, L. Schwann, Dusseldorf, Germany, three volumes in Gregorian Notation of the Vatican Edition containing complete text with a particular index.

A Temperance Primer

Bishop Canevin, of Pittsburg, is the author of a new temperance primer, says the Catholic News, which will likely be adopted as a text-book for the parochial schools of his diocese.

New Bishop Honored

Halifax, Dec. 2.—A large number of people of the diocese of Antigonish bade farewell to-day to Very Rev. Dr. McDonald, Bishop-elect of Victoria, B.C., who leaves Antigonish to-morrow for Rome.

Church Not in Politics

In a recent sermon Rt. Rev. Monsignor Fox, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Trenton, N.J., in the course of his sermon, spoke on Socialism, and said:

"The Catholic Church is not in politics and does not try to influence her members' things purely political. But when a party invades the domain of morals, it is her duty, as the teacher of truth and morality, to expose its dangerous and false teachings."

"Political dishonesty, the conflict between labor and capital and the hardships of the poor are not the result of any defect in our government. The real cause of all the social and political evils in our country is an overpowered greed for money."

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

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We can promise all who have remembered the Missions a Happy, Holy Christmas. God's work is the work of Canadian Extension...

Nobody can possibly enter into the holy spirit of Christmas and realize what it portends without going back to the rude, bare, cold Crib of Bethlehem and there firing his heart with a new and ardent love for the Divine Babe...

Here is a letter from St. George, Manitoba, which may awaken a response in some generous Christian heart:

The sad and lamentable state of the poor missions of St. George inspires a duty sacred in conscience of appealing to the generosity and the pity of my brethren and superiors to help construct a chapel.

Small as it may be, it will be received with the greatest joy in the thought of the good that will result from it.

I will gladly accept Mass stipends which I will apply willingly to this pressing need.

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With the urgent petitions for help which Canadian Extension is receiving by every mail, it is clearly manifest that this Society has not come too soon into the field.

That will in which God is not a beneficiary is not a Christian will. Remember the Mission work—that closest to the Divine Heart—in yours.

ELOQUENCE OF POPE PIUS X.

The passing Jubilee of His Holiness, Pope Pius X., brings many things to view not previously in the limelight.

This was forcibly made manifest in a recent reception granted to a body of French pilgrims, who encouraged by the warm words of His Holiness must have felt recompensed for any and all sacrifice made by them for the Church in France...

After giving due praise to all, bishops, priests and people, who amidst stress and persecution, were affording such testimony of their loyalty to the Holy See, as was evidenced by the pilgrimage itself, His Holiness concluded: "You will not have sumptuous palaces, therefore, but you will have a place to lay your head; you will not have commodious and spacious seminaries, but you will have a place for the education of your clerics; you will not have religious and devoted nuns, but the faithful will fill the places of their apostolate; you will not have your fixed revenues but you will not be left without the means for carrying on public worship.

It is words such as these, says the Boston Pilot, commenting on the above, words burning with the charity of Christ and with the spirit of the gospel of Him whose throne was a cross, that fire the hearts of men and send them forth into the world to become apostles and martyrs of the faith.

ADVENT READING.

During the season of preparation for Christmas on which we have entered the Church avails herself of the services of two of the great figures of the Old Testament—Isaiah and the Baptist.

The importance the Church attaches to both is well evidenced by the Advent Liturgy. The voice of the Baptist is heard in the Gospels of this time appealing to us now as he did to the Jews of old "to do penance for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Ye heavens, drop down dew from above, and let the clouds rain the Just; let the earth open and bud forth the Redeemer.

We propose therefore to direct the attention of our readers during the Advent time to the pages of Isaiah. We will first call their attention to the graphic power with which he paints the need of a Redeemer both on the part of the Jews and Gentiles.

Such is the startling picture of the condition of the Jewish people in his time given by the sublimest of their prophetic writers. Corruption in public and luxury in private life had eaten away all soundness in the nation.

REV. PROFESSOR PIZZANTI'S REPORT.

Rev. Pietro Pizzanti, Professor, Archbishop's Seminary, Vercelli, Italy, who was sent by His Holiness, Pope Pius X., and the civil authority, to study the conditions of his countrymen in Canada last summer, has made a report on the matter which is of the highest interest and importance both from a national and religious

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point of view. The Report deals in detail with the Toronto colony, its friends and prospects. We shall take pleasure in reproducing it or as much of it as is of interest to our readers, in the near future.

RETURN OF APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO CANADA.

Friday last saw the return to Ottawa via New York of His Excellency Most Reverend Donatus Sbarretti, D.D., Archbishop of Ephesus and Delegate Apostolic to Canada.



From his lawful sovereign by a Catholic prelate at the head of rebellious barons? Do they know further that the Magna Charta was but the confirmation of ancient statutes and laws?

nowned Eucharistic Meeting at London, and in the elaborate ceremonies connected with the Pontifical Jubilee in Rome; he has visited the paternal roof at Monte Franco, in his beloved Italy, and cheered and comforted the declining years of his venerable father; he has had many opportunities, in ordinary course, to forward the interests of the Church and Country he so faithfully represents, and now he will, no doubt, take up his momentous work here with renewed zest and vigor.

Safe Arrival

Letters have been received from Mr. G. P. Magann, telling of the safe arrival of himself and Mrs. Magann in Paris, France.

SUBJECT OF THE HOUR

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Christmas Hymn

BY REV. J. B. DOLLARD.

Hear the angel's gladdening song! Gloria! Gloria! Juda's hills re-echo long; Gloria in Excelsis.

Go ye down to Bethlehem town, Gloria! Gloria! David's place of best renown, Gloria in Excelsis!

Be your childlike faith undimmed Gloria! Gloria! This is whom the Prophets hymned! Gloria in Excelsis!

This is He upraised shall die Gloria! Gloria! While His lightnings limn the sky! Gloria in Excelsis.

Let us enter unafraid, Gloria! Gloria! Lo! the saint and stainless maid! Gloria in Excelsis!

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Many years have passed away since this Grace, the Archbishop of Toronto, was a student at St. Michael's, and yet it has made no change in his affection for his Alma Mater.

His Grace has lost no time as regards active commencement of his important work. One of the first things accomplished has been the establishment of a society to provide nurses for the sick poor, which was very much needed.

He has lately returned from the Catholic Church Extension Congress, held in the city of Chicago, being President of the Canadian branch. We all wish our good and energetic pastor success in this and every other good work.

Mr. Kelly may easily be ranked among the most able and successful barristers of Toronto. He is, besides, very popular with the citizens, especially with Catholics, to whom he has lent his assistance whenever the occasion required.

The Dramatic Society met on Thursday afternoon. There was a brief discussion of the constitution, which was finally adopted, after the clause concerning the nomination of officers had been struck out.

Mr. Ferguson, the chairman, congratulated the members on their success, and pointed out the necessity of using our best efforts whenever called upon to take part in the programme.

The Literary Society met last Friday evening and had a very enjoyable meeting. The essays were Messrs. Kelly and Clancy. Mr. Kelly chose for his subject "Charles Dickens," Mr. Clancy, "The Missionary Life of Father Bechoeu."

THE WHITE LADY

The night of November 1st in the year 1871, was wild and stormy. A little group of bright-faced children were gathered round the fire in a large room in Ardnacree. This was an old-fashioned, rambling house in County Tipperary, Ireland.

Through the pines and firs on the avenue the wind shrieked and moaned, now in a piteous wail, again in shrieks of despair. Truly it was a night when evil spirits might fitly walk the earth, but above all was it a night for ghost stories.

No one dared to be the first to enter its room. Moira and Larry (a boy of seven) looked at Annie, who braver than the rest, declared she would go for mother.

graduates of St. Michael's, who are at present pursuing their Theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

Rev. Father Hayden, Drayton, Ont., visited the students last week. Bishop Lillis of Leavenworth, Kansas, paid a short visit to the college on Thursday.

The first hockey practice took place in Mutual street rink on Wednesday afternoon. Among those who were out were: Dissette, Laflamme, Mulligan, Kirby, Foy, Webster, Leroux, Sibley, O'Hara.

The boys who saw it say that Whiting's three-hundred-yard run for a touch-down, in the mim's football game will go down in the annals of the house as the feature of the season. T. P. D.

The unusually fine weather of the last week, permitted a revival of Rugby. Our sturdy Midgets have the unique distinction of playing the final game of the splendid Rugby campaign of '08. On Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Exhibition Park, they displayed their grit by running up a score of 23-2 against Parkdale's IV. team.

The basket ball enthusiasts are drilling hard to get in shape for the ensuing games. A league made up of the different classes has been formed. The hockey season is almost upon us once more, and judging from the enthusiastic tenor of the local fans it is exceedingly welcome.

The outlook for the present year is exceptionally bright. These will be an intermediate O.H.A. team as well as a junior team, to bring home honors to the light and dark blue. The Catholic League champions were warmly congratulated on their success of last year.

Remembering those fearful flames consuming, Into perfect whiteness the slightest stain, Let not the one we loved the best and dearest, With anguished soul now plead our aid in vain.

Unfortunately he was not a Catholic. This was his one drawback. He made all the necessary promises and everything was arranged so that the marriage could take place before his regiment left for India.

To-morrow would see her leave her old home, and her old friends. That night in her sleep the White Lady came again. This time she thanked her for her prayers and told her that God would henceforth allow her to watch over her little friend.

Strangely comforted, Annie left the dear old home she loved so well - left her mother's grave and the grey-haired father who stood watching his favorite child till a turn in the avenue bore her out of sight.

Bombay was safely reached; and then there was the long hot journey to the hill station north of the Punjab, where Captain Travers' regiment was stationed. There life went on as at all India stations, and Annie was surrounded by dangers many and serious.

After two years the regiment was ordered down to M. This was in October, and Annie rejoiced. She would now be able to keep the vigil of All Souls in true Irish fashion. This she did, and when praying after Holy Communion next morning, a picture in a side chapel attracted her attention and she went closer to get a better view.

That night he had a dream; his dead mother came to him and told him she had suffered in Purgatory for thirteen years, but that, thanks to the prayers of his wife, she had been that day released. She bade him seek the one true Church into whose fold she had been received two years before her death.

With much interest the old priest listened, and was not a little surprised when the Captain asked him to help him to seek the One True Faith. That day a course of instruction began, and on Christmas Day, the day when Angels first sang the grand Gloria with its message of peace, Harold Travers was received into the Fold of Christ.

Forget Me Not

"Forget me not"—thus pleads the dear departed; The friends whose loving care we used to know, Those friends whose heartstrings around our own entwining, Made us so happy in the long ago.

They are the friends whom now we miss so sadly, The friends of youth, the friends of childhood's years, Whose sympathetic hearts to ours respond, Who shared our joys and sorrows, hopes and fears.

Alas! too short was all our keen regretting, Though purgatorial flames may be their lot, And in pathetic accents they are calling "Oh, you, at least, my friends forget me not."

"Forget me not when at God's holy altar Is offered up the daily Sacrifice, Forget me not when on your heart reposing, Your clement Saviour does your soul rejoice."

"You have the power to change my miseries Into sweet Alleluia of delight, And send me sooner from this dreary prison Into my loving Saviour's mansion bright."

"Forget me not," 'Tis Jesus now pleading; "For what you do for them you do for me, They are My friends whom Justice is detaining, And yours the privilege to set them free."

"My child, refuse not then my Heart Divine, But haste to rescue now thy friends and Mine." —Rosa O'Reilly, Nov. 20, 1908. Woodslee, Ont.

Some time ago a writer in Harper's Weekly said, in commenting on the impression made upon certain men in regard to the Catholic Church—men not born within her fold,—that these men are of the opinion that "if the Church did not already exist, it would be necessary to invent her."

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terbury" (ibid.), reveals him as a dramatist unequalled in his century, except Sir Henry Taylor, Browning, and his father, the elder de Vere. His memorial sonnets are characterized by strong and deep thought, and his odes show a descriptive power, and a spontaneous lyric charm and grace.

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In and Around Toronto

ST. LEO'S DONATION.
In the account of contributions given last week to Sunnyside Orphanage, the Holy Family parish was credited with \$172.24. The amount should have been Holy Family \$116.24, and St. Leo's, Mimico, \$56.19.

AT ST. HELEN'S.
On Sunday evening at St. Helen's a procession was held in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the acolytes, Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, and officiating priest, taking part. Rev. Father Walsh preached on the Immaculate Conception.

REV. DR. BURKE ADDRESSED UNION.
Rev. Dr. Burke, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, was entertained by the Canadian Catholic Union, Toronto, on Monday last, and made an interesting address on the New Missionary Movement.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED.
The concert committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held their first meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Arthur Sturt; Sec. Secretary, M. J. Kennedy; Fin. Secretary, P. W. Falvey; Treasurer, John Travers. Tenders from singers, declamationists, etc., will be received until Dec. 30th, 1908, and may be forwarded to Nicholas J. Kennedy, 59 Elecker St., Toronto.

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A BRILLIANT LECTURE.
The lecture on the Vatican delivered by Rev. J. R. Teely, Ph.D., before the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association and their friends, in St. Patrick's Hall, on Thursday evening, was beyond doubt one of the most scholarly and brilliant heard in Toronto in a long time. A vote of thanks on the part of the Association was moved by Mr. H. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. O'Hearn. The supplementary programme was ably contributed by the Misses Mamie McDonald, Genevieve K'Inley, Maud Landy, Angela T. Breen, Mabel O'Brien and Messrs. Malachi Finnigan, F. Ungaro and S. Cacciari.

CEREMONY AT ST. MARY'S.
A beautiful ceremony of reception into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin was held at St. Mary's on Sunday evening, when thirty postulants received membership. The candidates garbed in white and carrying lilies, proceeded to the altar rails, where their flowers were received by two tiny maidens, and by them handed to one of the seniors who, after crowning the statue of the Blessed Virgin, laid the masses lilies at her feet. The ceremony of reception took place after Vespers, the Very Rev. Vicar-General officiating. A very devotional sermon on the Blessed Virgin was delivered by Rev. Father McCaffrey.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
The annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took place in St. John's Chapel on Sunday afternoon, His Grace Archbishop McEvay presiding and Mr. J. J. Seitz, in the chair. Others present were Rev. Fathers Rohleder, Whelan, Kernahan, O'Malley and Walsh of Toronto Junction. The presidents of fourteen city conferences were present and reported no extraordinary calls up to the present. A fair balance was also reported in each treasury. Mr. M. O'Connor spoke for the Children's Aid and Mr. Miller for the Bureau of Information. His Grace made a happy and telling address in which he declared that the St. Vincent de Paul Society was the one Society of the Church and the one that would always have his hearty co-operation. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Archbishop O'Connor, and Archbishop McEvay was formally and cordially welcomed. The meeting was a most enthusiastic and successful one.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.
The following report of the Grand Jury regarding one of our institutions cannot but be most gratifying to all readers of the Catholic Register, for it gives the highest mode of praise to the Sacred Heart Orphanage, a friend to which is found in every reader of our paper. The report is as follows: We are pleased to report that this Orphanage is in every way first class, and we would like to make special mention of the fine training the children receive in the school. This orphanage has a separate isolation department, which is the finest we found in all our visits, and it would be well if the management of many of the other homes and hospitals would adopt measures for isolation.

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RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.
At the regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's Sanctuary Society, held in the new school on Dec. 6th, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, since the previous meeting of this society, it has pleased Almighty God to call to the other life the beloved mother of our fellow-member and president, Joseph Bauer, the members of the Society are hereby reminded of a two-fold duty of charity. They are invited to implore our Heavenly Father to comfort our bereaved associate and family; and to pray that God may grant eternal rest to the soul of the deceased.

Be it resolved that besides the Holy Mass which has been offered, another will be offered for the repose of her soul, at which the members of the Society will assist. By special arrangement with the Very Rev. J. P. McCann, V.G., this Mass will be said on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7.30 a.m.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased and another to the Catholic Register for publication.
EDW. GERVIN, Pres. pro tem. WM. AYERS, Secy. Treas.

LONDON'S CATHOLICITY
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Catholic Lancashire, where one achieved the distinction of being elected to the Mayoralty of Hyde, and this gentleman, Alderman Luke Kenny, attended High Mass in full state, accompanied by two bands and innumerable contingents of Oddfellows, Buffaloes, Foresters and other societies of the town to such an extent that the beautiful Church of St. Paul found it difficult to accommodate all the visitors. Stafford also has a Catholic Mayor in the person of Dr. Taylor.

Books are always delightful possessions, and particularly at this season of the year when the town begins to deck itself out for the coming festivities of Christmas, one is attracted to beautiful books. Among the innumerable exhibits of the Franco-British Exhibition which escaped notice amidst the embarrass of riches of beauty there presented to the astonished eye, was the book section, and now that the White City is closed and deserted, these treasures of the binder's art have been removed to the offices of the Times Book Club, who for the disappointed French exhibitors no less than for their own advantage are holding a most interesting exhibition at their west end premises. The books are not alone confined to modern specimens, classics, or works of our own day, they go back into the centuries and there beside some charming edition of Keats or Shelly rests a wonderful "Book of Hours," marvelously illuminated with a brilliancy and delicacy long since dead with the monkish hand that wrought it, but a speaking monument of the faith that inspired to perfection in the finest sprig of leaf adorning the dimmest corner of the page. Exquisite, too, are the specimens of vellum binding to be seen on these copies of the Little Office of Our Lady, or a Breviary in which the experienced eye of the bibliophile may catch some trace of Celtic workmanship testifying to the Irish Monk from whose skilled hands it came. These items alone make the exhibition well worth a visit while for sheer beauty and for rarity of work many of the later volumes cannot be surpassed.

The Catholics of Slough are very proud of their Rector, Rev. Father Clemente, an Italian Priest, who has for some years carried on a great and self-sacrificing work amongst them, during which time he has surmounted many difficulties. He recently returned from his native country where he had acted as representative at the Italian Colonial Congress. Before the end of his visit the Holy Father presented him with a gold medal inscribed "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," while he received the honor of Knighthood and another decoration from the King of Italy, and had an enthusiastic welcome at his native place—Bari—where the inhabitants turned out in thousands to welcome the good priest who drove through the streets in the Mayor's state coach, and afterwards celebrated Mass on an altar erected in the porch of the Church, that the townspeople who could never be accommodated within the sacred edifice might be present at the Holy Sacrifice, the open spaces and the adjoining streets being crowded with kneeling worshippers.

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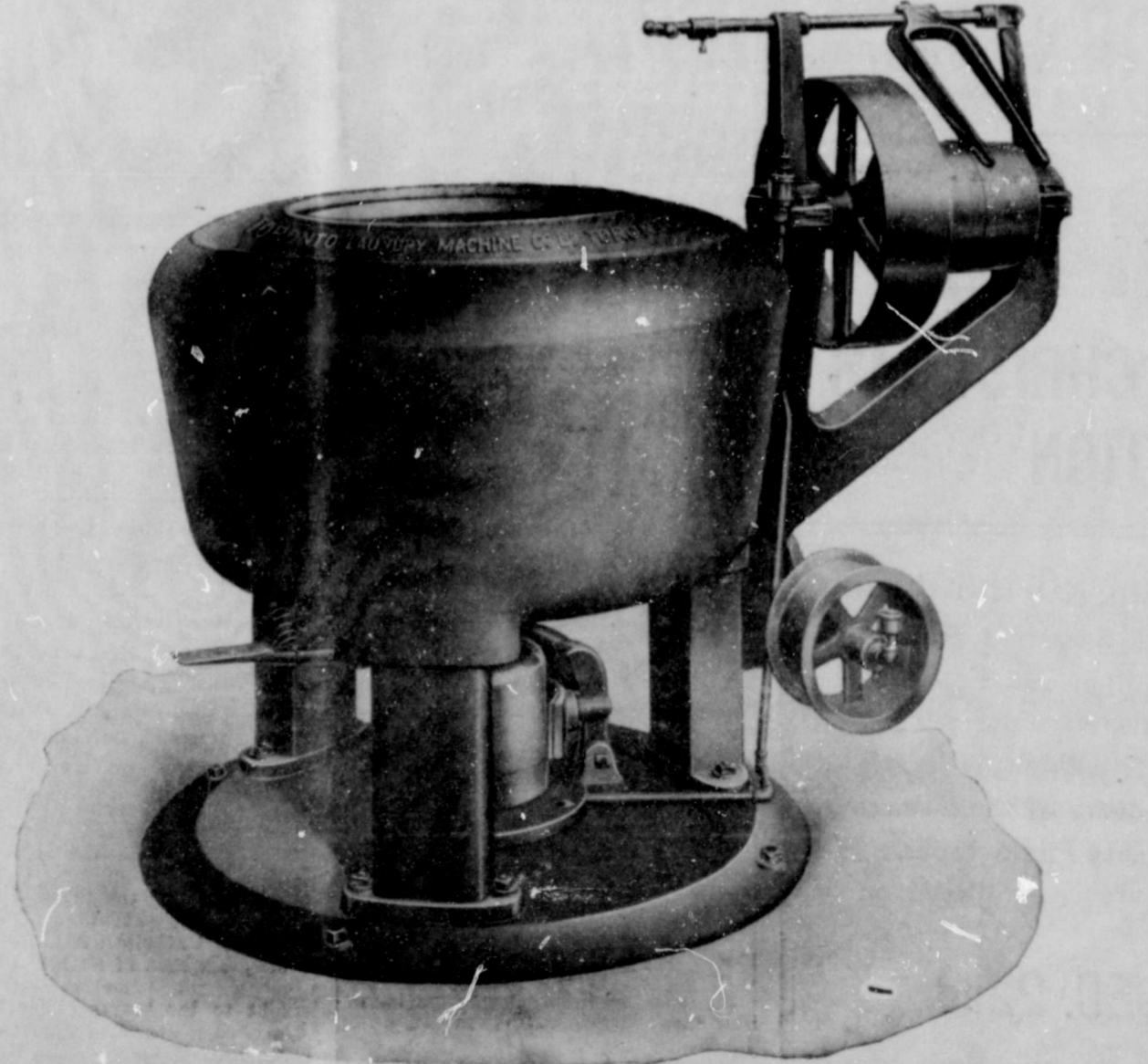
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"Pshaw!" as the official pointed silently to the closed doors. "When is the next train to Roseport?"

"Holiday special in fifteen minutes—second section of the four-fifteen; we always have to send one out the day before Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the track now."

Everybody else seemed as happy; it was a jolly, jostling, hurrying, eager, burdened crowd, with baskets and bundles and children galore.

The holiday special was a long train, and Wesley Hastings had no difficulty in finding an empty seat. He settled himself next the window, watching indifferently the crowd that rapidly filled the car and the other crowd streaming over the tracks.

"This seat engaged, sir?" he attempted to persuade the unwieldy portmanteau to conceal itself under the seat occupied by Hastings.

"Beastly things!" he said cheerfully, giving up the vain attempt that had colored his rosy cheeks cardinal.

The big grip brought his knees up to a most uncomfortable angle, but he wiped his red face and laughed. "Who cares? To-morrow's Christmas and I'm going home."

"No wonder you look glum then. Of all days I want to spend Christmas at home. Thought I'd miss it this time; I was so far out. They are not expecting me. I tell you, there'll be a fine hullabaloo when daddy comes prancing in."

He chattered on, quite unabashed by the brief monosyllables that replied to him; and finally unfolded a newspaper which he ran over rather hastily, humming to himself the while. From the moment when the little man entered the car, bumping his huge grip before him and whacking the brakeman on the back as the latter bent over the stove, Hastings had hoped to be spared the present infliction.

Nevertheless he accepted it with less disinclination than he expected, for in his bumping progress down the aisle, with the big grip held in front of him like a battering ram, the little man had shown several instances of something better than mere jollity.

It was the photograph of a sweet-faced young woman and three pretty children. "A fine picture," Hastings forced himself to say. "He looked at

it with sudden new interest. "Why, surely the younger ones are twins!" "Yes, sir," nodded the proud father. "Fifteen months old last Friday."

"These are as fine a pair of boys as you ever saw," declared the twins' father, "and mind you, I've not seen them for five weeks."

"Five years!" ejaculated the little man; "five years? Where! what are you made of?"

"Without directly replying, Hastings drew a small photograph from an inside pocket and laid it by the side of the large one. "My wife," he said gloomily.

"George!" said the commercial traveller again; "she's a stunner; she really is. Do the children look like her?"

"The boy did," said Hastings, gazing at the picture. "The girl, they said, favored me. I haven't seen them for five years."

"Well, go to them, man—go to them to-night. George! if it was me, I'd—I'd fly."

"Suppose she had forbidden you to come?" "She—who—your wife? Then she had a good reason. She's a good woman, I can see that. A little high and mighty, maybe, but a grand, good woman. When did she forbid you—five years ago? And you took her at her word? When they were your children as well as hers? George!"

"A mother's right is the strongest. Good women can be most terribly hard," said Hastings, and did not know that his own face grew like iron.

The little man looked up at it, pursed his mouth as if to whistle, clasped his hands about one fat knee and joggled thoughtfully back and forth.

"They're an awfully trying time of it with most of us men," he said, the boisterous voice grown very gentle. "George! when I think what my wife has had to put up with and overlook in me—and I'm not the worst of the lot by any means. No, I'm judging you by myself when I say that it's dollars to doughnuts you deserved all she gave you, and more, too."

"She was obstinate and unreasonable," argued Hastings. "You've got a mule chin of your own, my son."

"And unforgiving?" "I sent her money several times, and she sent it back each time." "Money! O George!"

"What would you do?" demanded Hastings, turning suddenly upon him, "if your wife told you that she wished you would go to the end of the world and stay there, and leave her and her children forever alone?"

The little man chuckled. "I should probably go down street and loaf for an hour or two—I quit smoking when the boys came. But I tell you right now, son, if that woman," pointing to the picture still in his companion's hand, "was my wife, you couldn't keep me away from her for five years, unless you hurried me."

For the first time all the twinkle left his round face; it was as grave as Hastings' own. "I'm no preacher nor pattern man, mind you, just a plain 'C.T.' but when a man and woman take each other before God for better or worse, until death do them part, I tell you it means something to me."

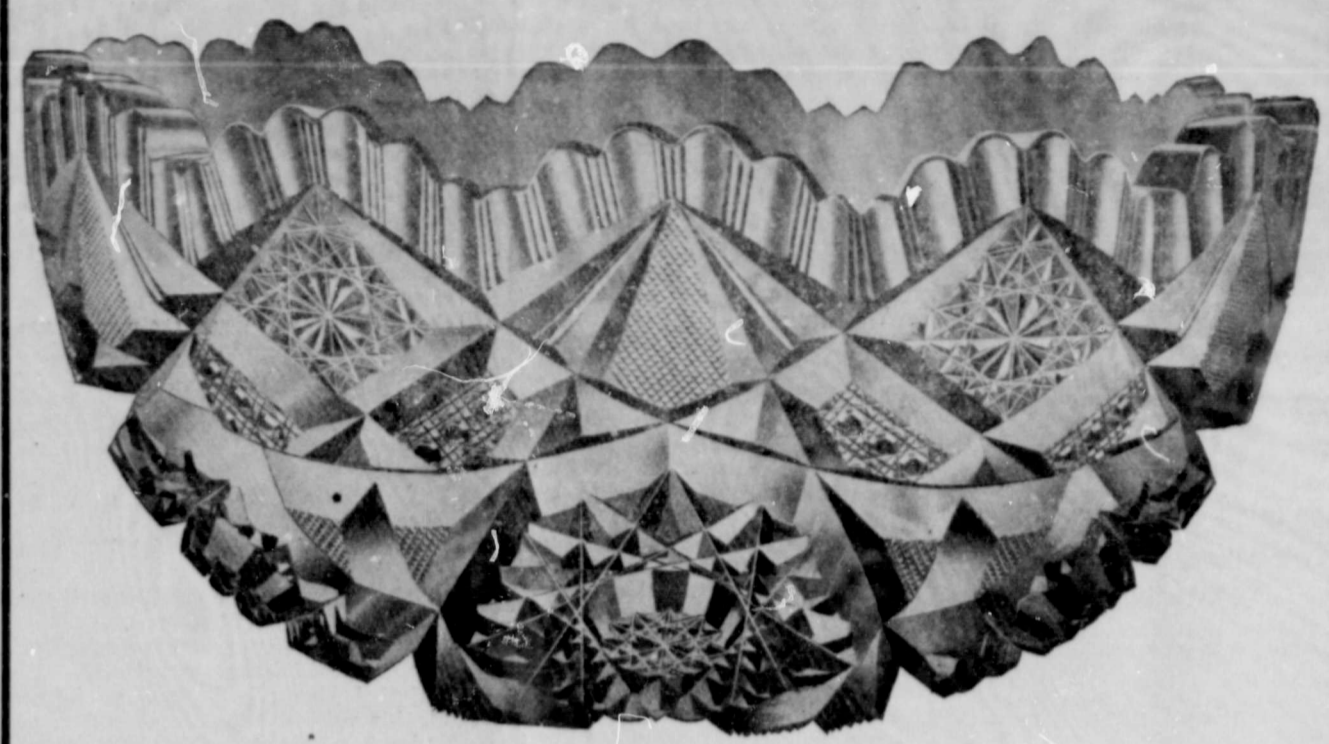
He hummed a few seconds, and then burst out: "It's hard on the children too—awfully hard! What did you quarrel about?"

Hastings was silent. What had begun that last dreadful altercation when so many cruel things were said on both sides? "She was self-willed and extravagant—a spoiled child."

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will begin then and there. Here's Grayling, I'm going out for some coffee and a sandwich. Will you come?"

"No, thank you," said Hastings. He watched the little drummer go jauntily down the aisle, carrying a tin pail that the lame man had asked him to have filled with coffee.

"Good little chap," thought Hastings, "but he doesn't know all." He turned his face toward the darkness outside. If the drummer had known would his judgment have been any different? No, for the "all" meant the provoking things Marian had said or done, and the little man could be trusted to find excuses for every one of them.

Hastings sat up suddenly. This stranger who had never seen her, could find excuses for his wife, and he, her husband, her pledged defender, had done nothing but accuse and blame. And the babies—the babies that he had left in their helplessness—his babies!

His companion re-entered the car, distributing sandwiches and coffee right and left as he passed down the aisle. "Hello! looking up your route?" he said, for Hastings was hurriedly turning over the leaves of a guide-book. "Why, what's happened? You don't look like the same man."

"I hope I'm not," said Hastings. "The truth is," he glanced up, smiling, "you've been aiming pretty straight and the shots have told. I shall change cars here at the junction and go straight to my wife—if she will receive me."

"She will," said the little "C.T." man, working his arm like a pump handle. "Bless you! On your life, she will. To-morrow's Christmas."

Grandmother and Mamma Hastings were busy in the kitchen and did not like to be disturbed, so grandpa, who said he needed two nurses because of his rheumatism, kept Wesley and Helen with him.

The twins played games in which differences arose. "Helen wants everything her way, grandpa," Joseph complained, "and mamma says it's not good for her to have it."

"But Helen is a girl, and boys must always take care of girls," argued grandpa, and sighed. The door of the kitchen opened for a moment, and both small noses sniffed eagerly.

"Doesn't it smell good?" asked Helen in ecstasy. "But we haven't any cutter-up!"

"Any what?" asked puzzled grandpa. "Why, somebody that cuts the turkey to pieces on the table, and asks you what piece you want. You know grandpa cuts it up out in the kitchen 'cause your hand's lame, but at Uncle Ronald's and Aunt Jane's and 'most every place they put it whole on the table."

"And Helen always asks for the best piece," declared Joseph. "I don't either," cried Helen, stamping her tiny foot.

"Children, hush," said grandpa sternly, and sighed again. Joseph looked quickly at him. The children were twins, but the boy was the larger and seemed more mature.

"If you want it, you may have it for all me; we won't quarrel," he said, anxious to see grandpa smile, and the smile came.

While they were at breakfast a messenger from a hotel in a near-by town had ridden to say that a gentleman stopping with them had just come from Alaska and brought news of a very dear friend of grandpa's. He regretted disturbing them at such a time, but he would call upon them, if convenient, about eleven, as he might be obliged to take the afternoon train north.

Grandma's face had all lighted up when she heard the message, but mamma had risen up and left the table. Then tears came to grandma's eyes, and she said, "She will not forget."

"Hush—she cannot," grandpa answered, sighing, and he sat much of the time after that with his eyes on the clock, and often forgot all about the games he started. Joseph thought he might be tired, and coaxed Helen to the window. Presently he said: "The man is coming, grandpa."

Helen ran to carry the news to the kitchen. Grandpa got up, trembling so that he dropped his cane, and grandpa hurried to pick it up. Then he put his arm about her and held her still, while mamma went to open the door.

Did it suddenly dawn upon her who the stranger might be, that she stopped half way down the hall and stood rigid? The man opened the door without knocking, and went straight to her. Joseph followed him, clinging to her skirts and crying, "Who is it, mamma—who is it?"

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“TO RESTORE ALL THINGS TO CHRIST.”

(By Rev. W. F. Ellis, in the Monitor)
On the 20th of July, 1903, the sad message was issued from the Vatican, to be announced to the world, that Leo XIII. had passed away. We know the gloom that message carried with it all over the Christian World. The Church donned her robe of mourning; her child wept, knowing they suffered a great loss, even to a degree they believed irreparable. The usual ten days of silence passed, a silence preserved by the Church. No mention during those days is made of a successor except by the news-thirsty, Easlerous press. The call having been issued for the Cardinals to assemble in conclave, on the 31st, some sixty-two entered to elect a successor to Leo XIII.—successor to him who literally conquered the world, for a French writer, summing up his life, said: “If Leo XIII. did not recover Rome he reconquered the world.” The same writer, referring to the death of the Pontiff, said: “His death reminds me of the setting of the sun after a long summer’s day, when he sinks to rest in a halo of glory.”

With what a weight of responsibility did those sixty-two pillars of the Church enter the conclave. From a mood of sadness the people became filled with anxiety. Prophets, interviewers, editors, etc., foretold who the new Pontiff should be—but there is a saying, verified in every election—that he who enters into the conclave a Pope comes out a Cardinal. The people must wait. There is no communication whatever between the conclave and the outer world until an election is reached. Four days passed before an election took place. On the morning of the fourth of August the conclave was brightened by the joyful tidings, “Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, is the new Pontiff—to be known as Pius X.”

“Giving our belief to that proverb, ‘The child is father of the man,’ let us go back to the childhood days of the Pontiff.”

On the 2nd of June, 1835, in the Venetian town of Riese, Giuseppe Sarto first beheld the light of day. Could human eye have foreseen the future from that memorable 2nd of June, Riese would have been on the map. Journalists would have lent their columns to speak on the Venetian babe. But no. No trumpets heralded his coming to this world. Giuseppe was a babe born to poverty and the world noticed him not. His parents were poor peasants, bringing in by their joint exertions not more than a few dollars of income each week, but if poor in the goods of this world, they were rich in the goods of Heaven. The father and mother of the future Pope are painted for us as models of virtue. The epitaph written by our Holy Father, while yet a Cardinal, on the death of the mother whom he loved, tells us a great deal. “To Margaret Sarto . . . an exemplary woman, a virtuous wife, an incomparable mother . . . an edifying death crowned a whole life of labor and sacrifice.”

Joseph grew up a dutiful son to his good parents, and to their great delight he at an early age showed forth his love for the priesthood; many times before those he loved he expressed the wish that one day he might become a priest.

How glad were those Christian parents to behold the inclination of their son! and how they strove to cherish that vocation!

The young Sarto began his studies at an early age; and his college days were not all smooth. He suffered and had to make great sacrifice on account of the poverty of his parents, walking miles to school morning after morning, without a shoe to his feet. He never lost courage. Early in his college career his father died, and now the mother had to provide support for eight children. Has Joseph the eldest to leave school and help his mother? “No,” she said, “if God has called him to Himself, He must have him.” A generous friend saw a golden opportunity to stretch forth his hand in charity, so young Joseph was enabled to continue his studies. During his college days he was noted as a student possessing sanctity to a wonderful degree. He was a student in all that word implies. At Mantua and at the University of Padua, he showed that he possessed the brightest intellect. In 1858, at the early age of twenty-two years and ten months, he was ordained to the priesthood and returned to his native town of Riese to offer up his first Mass. What a happiness for his dear mother to see the son for whom she

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had worked so hard ascend the altar to offer up the Sacrifice of the Spotless Lamb. This was the first of the many happinesses brought to that dear mother's heart. She lived to see her son Cardinal and Patriarch of Venice.

His ministry was one of work, love of the poor always characterizing it. Of his services as an assistant, which extended over the space of nine years, we have only to hear the testimony of the pastor under whom he served: “They have sent me as an assistant a young priest whom they have charged me with forming to the parochial ministry, but the more I observe him the more I find in him such an ensemble of qualities, so much zeal, maturity, fact, that I could rather myself, even at my age, learn something at his school—I am convinced that this young priest will mount the steps of the ecclesiastical hierarchy—the episcopal mitre of a surety is destined for him. And then? And then? Chi sa—Who knows?”

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To know Pius X., one must visit Venice and speak with the Venetians. With them his name is almost sacred. Hear them tell of his work amongst them. They love him—he is a member of every family in Venice.

A more pathetic scene than that when Cardinal Sarto was leaving Venice! Thousands followed in their gondolas to the railway depot to bid him farewell. They had a presentiment that it was their last word to him. They cried to him, as the train left the station to say a last word to them. His words were these: “Living or dead, I will never forget my beloved Venice.”

I can well recall to my mind his entrance to Rome, on coming to the conclave. As he rode along the streets the Romans pointed to him, and said, “there rides Cardinal Sarto, the handsomest of the Cardinals.” His appearance was striking, staid, with a pure, loving soul beaming through his countenance. He entered into the conclave with no pre-

sentiment as to what would be the result of the election, no one dreaming less than he that he should exchange the red robe for the white silk cassock. In his pocket he carried a ticket to bear him back to Venice.

The conclave began on August 1st and on August 2nd the first ballot was taken, when Cardinal Sarto received three votes out of a possible sixty-one. His name was now before the Cardinals. At each ballot his votes increased. He, seeing the possibility of his election, besought permission to address the Sacred College. This permission was granted. With tears he begged again and again that his name be no longer considered among the eligibles; his emotion became so violent that for a time he lost consciousness. Of his two hundred and sixty-one predecessors not one, with one exception, was so unwilling to accept the burden of the Keys. The voting went on, and on the count of August 4th Cardinal Sarto was the selection of fifty Cardinals, thereby receiving more than the necessary vote to place him in the Chair of Peter.

When asked would he accept the office, he said, “God’s will be done.” And as to what title he answered that of “Pius X.” The title of “Pius” what memories it carries with it! Take the history of the Popes bearing the title of “Pius” and you have an epitome of the history of the Papacy from the second to the twentieth century.

What a scene in the Piazza of St. Peter's when the election of the new Pontiff was made known! There were thousands of people there from all the cities of the earth, waiting in dead silence for the announcement from the loggia of St. Peter's. Never will I forget the scene when that announcement was made! The Camerlengo came forth in front of that majestic dome, his voice betrayed excitement—but yet the silence was so dread that that voice reached the four winds of the earth. He said: “We have a Pope! Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, has been elected and takes the title of Pius X.” The silence was of the past, and like a thunderbolt shot forth from that vast multitude a cry of joy, “Dio Sia Benedetto Abbiamo Un Papa Del Popolo.” The world rejoiced because the present was to the mind a closer link to the times of the Apostles. As a writer expressed it, “The great series of Pontiffs began with the Galilean fisherman—to-day it culminates with an Italian contadino.”

A few minutes after the election and St. Peter's was crowded, for soon the new Pontiff was to impart his blessing to his children.

When he appeared robed in pure white, what a change was evident. There now appeared a responsibility upon that brow. One would think twenty winters had passed since we last saw him. What wonder! Twenty centuries had passed through his mind, leaving their impressions, — from the days when Peter the fisherman stood before the Caesars and claimed Rome as his, to the hour when Leo XIII. slept in death. Did not all his predecessors walk before his mind, those great chiefs that tell us of the Institution claiming them? Did he not know the history of the Popes was an unfinished volume, its future pages to dwell on the life of Pius X.?

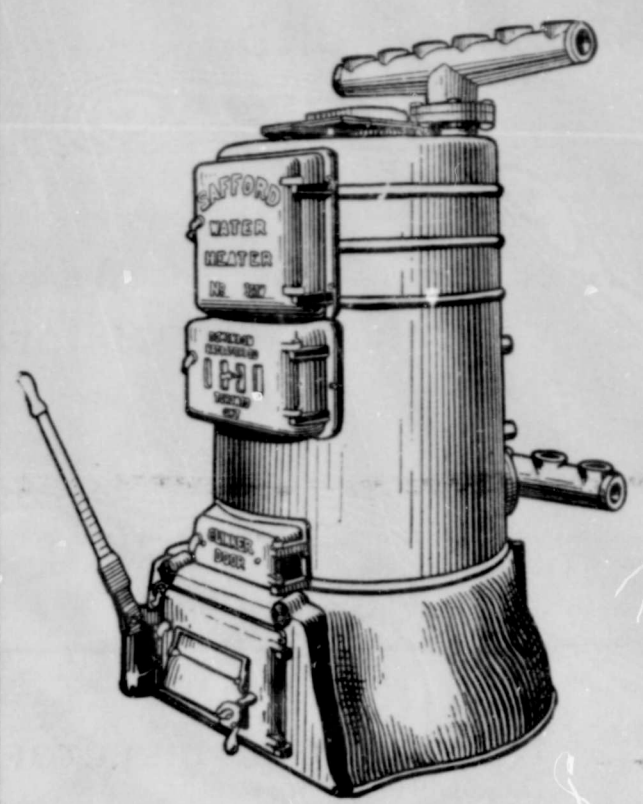
The age offered no consolation. The Roman question was undecided; France was up in arms. Labor and capital waged an universal war. No wonder he felt the burden the Keys carried with them.

Five years have passed, and the world must give judgment and say that the reign of Pius X. has been more than successful, that the last link added to the golden chain promises to outlast the others in splendor.

Pius X. has been tried and found not wanting. France has risen up in arms and directed against Rome, yet she has been overthrown and her weapons of the evil one could furnish her, but Pius stands unmoved, sorrowing no doubt, but firm to duty. No concession will he make and he has no fears. He has seen the barque

of St. Peter in troubled waters, but never shipwrecked. He has seen his predecessors stand as he stands, and victory was theirs,—Leo before an Attila,—Gregory before Henry,—Pius VII. before Napoleon, and Pius IX. before Bismarck. Rome always conquered, re-establishing the Divine promise, “Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

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