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Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Eleventh and K Streets

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Office Hours of Cathedral Clergy: 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Sick calls should be sent in before 10 a. m. if possible. Urgent sick calls are attended at any hour.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop attended the meeting of the Children of Mary at St. Joseph's Academy, on Sunday. His presence and interest were very much appreciated by the members.

Miss Norton, the daughter of Mr. Thos. Norton of this city, who left last week for the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, arrived there safe and well, and has entered upon her preliminary religious course.

One of the oldest priests in the world was called to his reward recently in Cologne, Germany, of which city he was a native—Father Henry J. Schmitz. He was ninety-four years of age, and was ordained sixty-three years ago.

The hearts of the people are the only legitimate foundations of empire.—Chinese.

There are two ways of being meek. One is to be meek with an absolute loss of self-respect, and the other to be meek with dignity, reserve and womanliness. Meekness is a virtue, but it is a virtue that requires very careful handling. Too much meekness is ridiculous, and inclined to hypocrisy. If you are upright in mind and clean in thought, meekness only requires to be demonstrated once in a while, and when it is required it can be shown with undiminished dignity.

The anniversary of St. Patrick was observed in Rome by Americans and Irishmen together. There was a memorial service by the Irish Franciscans in their historical church, at which Archbishop Seton of Newark, N. J., officiated, and after which Dr. Robert Condon of Lacrosse, Wis., preached a brilliant sermon.

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The Passiontide

With Passion Sunday, 5th April, the more solemn part of Lent begins. The Sunday preceding Palm Sunday marks annually that portion of the ecclesiastical year especially devoted to honoring our Savior's passion. From that time to Easter, according to an ancient custom, the images and crucifixes in the churches are covered. When our Lord preached His own Divinity in the temple by proclaiming His eternal existence, the Jews, according to the Gospel read on that Sunday, "took up stones to cast at Him." But "Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple."

From that incident arises the custom of veiling the statuary of the Church. It has besides a symbolical meaning—it is a public manifestation of grief for the persecuted Savior.

Palm Sunday is April 12th. It recalls the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem as recorded by St. Matthew in chapters 21, 26 and 27. According to the rite of the Church, olive and palm branches are blessed and distributed before Mass. During the procession which follows the choir sings "Hosannahs to the Son of David," as the Hebrews did on the actual day of Christ's royal entry to the city of His ancestors.

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

April 16th is Holy Thursday. On this day the oils used in the administration of the Sacraments of the Church are consecrated by the Bishop. The Mass and processions on that day all commemorate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper. The day is set aside for devotion to the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the altar.

April 17th is Good Friday and the liturgy commemorates the chief events around the crucifixion.

Mass of the Presanctified is offered on that morning according to a rite peculiar to that day. In the evening the "Way of the Cross" is gone through, followed by a sermon on the Sacred Passion.

April 18th is Holy Saturday. On this day the water used in the administration of baptism is solemnly blessed and the Resurrection of Christ celebrated by anticipation.

Easter Sunday is, this year, April 19th. It commemorates the greatest proof of the Divinity of our Lord and our own immortality—the Resurrection of Christ from the Dead. The event is fittingly celebrated at the Cathedral annually and the order of services will be announced later.

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**APRIL 10TH.—FEAST OF SEVEN
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The prophesy of Simon addressed to Mary, "A sword will pierce thine own soul," was, according to St. John, literally fulfilled when she stood beneath the cross where her Divine Son hung.

In memory of the principal sorrows of her life which culminated in that event, this Feast of the Seven Dolores was instituted in 1423 in the Provincial Council of Cologne. It is now celebrated throughout the Church. In sublime language the noted hymn, "Stabat Mater," expresses also Mary's sorrows at the foot of the cross.

The beautiful Pieta placed in the Cathedral through the generous zeal of an anonymous benefactor was solemnly blessed on Sunday last by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, before the last Mass. Attention has already been called to the artistic merits of the fine piece of sacred statuary.

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The members of Grace Institute No. 17, Y. L. I., announce they will give a card party at Serra Hall on Tuesday evening, April 28th.

An elaborate program is being arranged and the party promises to be one of the most important post-Lenten affairs. The following committee has charge of the arrangements: The Misses Marie Haggerty, Susie Ward, Etta Burke, Rose Gaffney and Lucy M. Genis, Mrs. DeCosta, Mrs. Lynch, Misses M. Krater, M. Kennedy, M. Sheeren, K. O'Leary and Mrs. J. Morley.

The new wing to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital has already got a good start. The foundation, which is a solid concrete one, is already completed, and the carpenters are to begin work on the superstructure immediately. The contract calls for the building to be given up to the Sisters on July 26, 1908.

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ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE INSTITUTE.

On the evening of February 25th, the members of Grace Institute, No. 17, Y. L. L., celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of the organization of their Institute. There was a large gathering of members at the meeting. Several visiting members from St. Francis' Institute of this city and St. John's Institute of Napa, were also present.

The affair was termed a "China Party," each member presenting the Institute with a china cup, saucer and plate. The hall was prettily decorated with cut flowers, and after the regular business of the meeting had been disposed of, the following program was enjoyed: Piano solo, Miss Etta Burke; recitation, Miss Edith Gilmore; vocal solo, Miss Rose Gaffney; piano solo, Miss May Shuren.

Several very amusing games were played and the prizes won by Miss E. Gilmore, Miss Margaret McMorry and Mrs. B. Rothwell.

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Refreshments were served and it was near midnight when the last good nights were said, and the evening, long to be remembered by those present, brought to a close.

The committee in charge of the affair were Mrs. M. J. Desmond, chairman, Misses M. Fleming, M. Mullenney, M. Farrell, Mrs. Rothwell and Mrs. Hanford.

It was on the evening of February 25, 1889, about thirty young women gathered at "Smith's Hall" on Seventh street and No. 17, Young Ladies' Institute was organized by Mrs. D. F. Ragan of San Francisco, who was at that

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time Grand President of the Y. L. I. It was later given the name of Grace Institute, No. 17, and has steadily grown in membership and finance till now it is considered one of the foremost Institutes in the Order.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.

The Dramatic Club (boarders) of St. Joseph's Academy entertained their teachers on the evening of St. Patrick's Day by a very clever and entertaining program, in the Academy Hall, the Sisters afterward providing an ice cream party for the young people, in their Recreation Hall, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Cecilian Club, Class B, will give

a musical recital in the Academy Hall on Saturday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening, April 1st, the pupils will enjoy one of Wm. Baxter Perry's Lecture Recitals.

HIBERNIAN BALL.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was a grand success, both in point of attendance and enjoyment afforded the lovers of dancing, who crowded Turner Hall to its full capacity on the night of March 17th.

The jig dancing, which was conducted in the supper hall, was greatly enjoyed by the older patrons of St. Patrick's Ball, who never miss the occasion of reviving recollection of their old-time favorite jig and reel dancing.

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The New Anglo-Roman Society

By Monsignor Capel

(From The Catholic Herald)

The latest and most remarkable movement in the religious world to heal the unhappy division of Christians, is an organized society established within the past month of a number of Episcopal clergy and laymen well known for their piety, zeal and learning under the presidency of Father Paul James Francis, Superior of the Episcopalian Friary, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., and editor of the Monthly Lamp. Its avowed purpose is to advocate "Corporate Re-union with the Apostolic See, and to stand completely and uncompromisingly for the entire Catholic Faith as defined by the Holy See."

Some seventy years ago a band of earnest Episcopalian published at the University of Oxford a series of Tracts for the Times. These turned the researches of scholars to the study of the Fathers of the earliest days of the Church with the result of reintroducing of Catholic doctrines, worship and devout practices to which Anglicans were strangers. The movement grew and is growing apace and spreading rapidly. How advanced is their teaching may be gathered from the report presented to the Parliament now in session by the Royal Commission on Ritualism which has been investigating for the past three years. Among the specially grave and significant practices the Commission declare these:

1. The interpolation of the prayers and ceremonies belonging to the Canon of the Mass.

2. The use of the words "Behold the Lamb of God," accompanied by the exhibition of a consecrated wafer or bread.

3. Reservation of the Sacrament under conditions which lead to its adoration.

4. Mass of the Præ-sanctified.

5. Corpus Christi processions with the Sacrament.

6. Benediction with the Sacrament.

7. Celebration of the Holy Euchar-

ist with the intent that there shall be no communicant except the celebrant.

8. Hymns, prayers and devotions involving invocation of or confession to the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Saints.

9. The observance of the festivals of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Sacred Heart.

10. The veneration of images and roods.

"These practices," says the report, "are clearly inconsistent with and subversive of the teaching of the Church of England as declared by the Articles and set forth in the Prayer Book."

We desire to express our opinion that these practices should receive no toleration, and that if episcopal directions for their prevention or repression are not complied with, the Bishops should take or permit coercive disciplinary action in the Church Courts for that purpose." An ever increasing stream of individuals both of the clergy and the laity holding these doctrines have entered and are entering the Catholic Church. Such individual conversions were not contemplated by the prime movers; corporate reunion with Rome is their purpose, and right zealously are they laboring for this under their present able leader, Lord Halifax.

This advanced High Church teaching has taken a firm foothold among Episcopalian in the United States. And as Americans constitutionally move more rapidly than the English, and are not trammelled as their co-religionists in Great Britain by being a State Church, there is a more rapid development of the movement, as is well instanced by action of Father Paul and his followers in the new pro-Roman Society. For ten years he was "rector of a Church at Kingston, N. Y., and served for several seasons as a missionary in the wilds of the West. His reading and study led him to the conclusion that the only way Christendom could again be united would be through the recognition in some form

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of the Primacy of the Pope," so records the New York Herald.

To carry out his purpose he bound himself by the vows of the Franciscan Fathers, dressed in their habit, and formed a Fraternity called the Order of the Atonement. Seven years ago he began the publication of *The Lamp* devoted to the cause of corporate reunion. It has made wonderful progress. "Father Paul" found an ardent fellow worker in Rev. Spencer Jones, M. A., Rector of an English Church, a sound scholar and a zealous pastor. Combined they in the last year published "The Prince of the Apostles: A Study. The main purpose of this Book is to accentuate the *de jure* divine character of the Roman Primacy and that therefore it must be reckoned with as the divinely ordained center of unity." The book is written by Anglicans for Anglicans not only to uphold the Primacy of the Pope, but also to remove false ideas about Infallibility, the Immaculate Conception and other doctrines, as well as to give a true account of how England was severed from Rome after a union of

about a thousand years. The archives of the Record Office in London, accessible to the general public, has made the task easier.

The new Pro-Roman Society hopes that sooner or later Rome will admit Anglican Orders to be valid, allow the Liturgy to be in English, and permit them to be a Uniate. In the next issue of *The Herald* there shall be put before your readers a summary of the opinions of Catholic and Protestant Bishops on this new movement.

LENTEN SERVICES at the CATHEDRAL

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REGULATIONS FOR LENT.

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Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on the 4th day of March.

1. All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days of obligation.

2. All persons under 21 years or over 60 years of age, those who are engaged in hard labor, the sick and convalescent, and those who can not fast without injury to their health, are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

3. All bound to keep the fast shall make but one full meal a day, except on Sundays.

4. The meal permitted on fast days should be taken about noon.

5. A collation is permitted in the evening.

6. When the principal meal can not conveniently be taken about noon, the order may be inverted, so that the collation may be taken about noon and the dinner in the evening.

7. General usage has made it lawful to take in the morning a cup of coffee, tea or chocolate, with a small piece of bread.

8. Necessity and custom have authorized the use of lard instead of but-

ter, in the preparation of all permitted foods.

9. By dispensation, the use of flesh meats is permitted at all meals on Sundays and once a day at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of Ember Saturday and the last Saturday of Lent.

10. Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting may partake of flesh meat at all meals on days when the use of meat is permitted at the principal meal.

11. Flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal during Lent, even on Sundays.

12. The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is permitted every day in Lent.

13. By virtue of an indult granted by the Holy See, March 15, 1895, workmen and their families are allowed the use of flesh meat once a day on all the fast and abstinence days throughout the year, with the exception of all Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week, and the Vigil of Christmas. Those who are exempt from the obligation of fasting are permitted to use meat more than once a day on all days, except those before mentioned, namely, Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the

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Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week, and the Vigil of Christmas. Those who avail themselves of this indulgence are not permitted to use flesh meat and fish at the same meal, and are earnestly exhorted to perform some other act of mortification, such as abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

14. The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday, inclusive, during which time all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily.

15. To afford the faithful opportunities of gaining the graces of the Lenten season, it is hereby ordered that, in addition to the usual Sunday devotions, Lenten exercises be held on two evenings of each week in all the Churches of the Diocese to which are attached resident pastors. On one of the evenings an instruction is to be given, on the other, the Stations of the Cross; and permission is hereby given for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on both evenings.

16. The faithful are reminded that besides the obligation of fasting imposed by the Church, the Season of Lent should be in a very special manner a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of abstention from amuse-

ments, which, not sinful in themselves, are permitted during other portions of the year, and of generous almsgiving to the poor.

17. To comply with the Decree of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, a collection will be taken up on the First Sunday of Lent at all the Masses, and at Vespers for the Missions among the Indians and Negroes.

The Annual Collections are:

For Orphans: First Sunday of Advent.

For Propagation of Faith for Indian and Negro Missions: First Sunday of Lent.

For Holy Father: Pentecost Sunday.

For Catholic University: Rosary Sunday, First October.

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al study of this collection. Much effective missionary work could be accomplished among sincere seekers after truth, outside of the fold, through the medium of this library. Devout non-Catholics, ordinarily, have a keen appreciation of such literature when it is placed before them by Catholic friends. The library was established about a year and a half ago by the efforts of the Angels' Sodality. Since then more than four hundred dollars' worth of these pamphlets have been distributed. Double that quantity could have been circulated during the same period by the exercise of a little more Catholic zeal for the enlightenment of those without. This is a matter deserving the attention of all Catholics, not alone of the parish, but of the entire city.

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The religious celebration of the festival at the Cathedral consisted of a High Mass at 9:00 o'clock. The at-

tendance was large, the great church being filled. The panegyric of the Saint was delivered by Father Hayes and was an able effort.

The charter for Junipero Serra Council 14, which will be formed by the consolidation of the two local councils of the order, is now being engrossed. After 22 years of active and useful life these two branches will be merged, making one great and strong organization with a membership of 300. The formal act of wedlock will be celebrated after Easter, and will be the occasion of a grand function attended by many local notabilities and the grand officers of the Pacific Jurisdiction.

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