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EDITORIALS.

HONOR AND GLORY to our beloved and learned Holy Pontiff Leo XIII!

THE JOURNAL lays its tribute of abundant admiration and deep affection at the feet of our gloriously reigning Pope Leo XIII.

THAT PROVIDENCE may long spare the world the very precious life of our Leo and make his years as full of happiness as of good works is our sincere wish and our constant prayer to Heaven.

LEO XIII has particularly endeared himself to students by manifesting a deep interest in the studies they pursue, by selecting and proposing to their minds the most approved, correct, and effective system of thought-culture, the philosophy of the great St. Thomas. For this really paternal interest in our intellectual welfare we cannot feel otherwise than sincerely grateful; wherefore on the occasion of his all-hailed Jubilee we do gladly wish the Teacher

of mankind all happiness and prosperity, and the consolation to see increase and become a power for good the intellectual movement to which he has given rise.

THE LITERARY and Debating society of St. Patrick lately celebrating the 12th anniversary of its foundation, was encouraged in the earnest pursuit of the noble aims of its members: the acquirement of a refined literary taste and ability to clothe their thoughts in the most proper style, connect them in the most effective order, and deliver them with the power of true eloquence. These young gentlemen, by their devotedness to their association and their readiness and constancy to labor to make it the instrument of their own improvement, show that they understand the excellency of intellectual attainments. They are certainly deserving of the applause and encouragement which appreciators of the mind's goods so freely bestow upon their efforts.

THE MEMBERS of St. Patrick's Society return thanks to the honorary members and Rev. guests who contributed to make their late fête a day which was in every way delightful for everybody, and one which may well be chronicled as the most enjoyable and most enjoyed in the calendar of college feasts.

AGAIN FR. LAMBERT steps into the arena of religious politics and gives us the most interesting tournament we have yet witnessed between himself and the high-created knight of infidelity, Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. "Tactics on Infidels," of which a notice appears in this issue, is a book which everybody should read, because it is full of everything which interests us all at this hour. It is full of science, full of wit, full of truth and close logic—a remarkable book which is destined to do a great deal of good.

JUBILEE OF POPE LEO XIII.

The time is rapidly approaching when the loving hands of Catholic peoples of every land shall place, at the feet of their venerated and supreme spiritual ruler, their rich and varied gifts; in commemoration of his fiftieth year of priesthood.

The joint offerings of the poor as well as individual presents of the wealthy; costly vestments and priceless gems, the products of the East, and those of the West; works of art, works of nature; the tribute of the poet and the laborious results of science—all will be gathered together and will manifest to the world the love and veneration of catholic hearts in every land, for the great, though imprisoned, Supreme Pontiff.

And not only are catholic peoples, and catholic princes hastening to present him with their gifts, but even Prussia's "Man of Iron," Bismark, England's Royal majesty, and the rulers of other lands, are eager to present their tokens of esteem. Some honor him for his learning; others look upon him as the politic leader of a constituency commanding respect alike for its talent, its energy and its numbers; but catholics glory in him as in one who, though strip of his possessions, imprisoned in his own city, and threatened on every side by foes whom the world esteems powerful, nevertheless, turns a calm and undaunted front to each impending danger; they hope in him and as one destined to bring to naught the prediction of would-be prophets and lead the church to new victories. Despoil the Pope of his territory, tear from his brow the royal diadem, said, but a few years ago, the friends of modern thought, and the world will rid itself of superstition and the "fishermen" of the Tiber will be without power and without successors.

France's "Man of Destiny," at whose frown modern Europe trembled, thought that he had deprived Pius VII of power when he seized upon the patrimony of the church and held its ruler captive.

He thought that a weak old man would not dare to resist his commands, when princes and kings far more powerful than he in temporal resources subserviently bowed their wills at the least manifestation of his pleasure; or if this prisoner refused to accede to his demands, and raised his voice in threats, that he, whose will was unacquainted with resistance and whose armies had never known defeat, might laugh at and despise his threats as so many vaporings of a feeble and tottering mind. But a "fiat" went forth from the halls of divine justice, soon entered into his councils, unheard of defeat and disaster with dogged mein pressed upon the footsteps of his soldiers: the sun of his glory was eclipsed at Waterloo, his iron will was forced to bear the fetters of a captive,

and his warlike and ambitious genius which would have all for its domain, must accept the barren rock of St. Helena for its dwelling place; and this too at the hands of his most relentless enemy. And the papacy, was its existence at an end? It rose from its seeming ruin with new strength, with greater glory and other pontiffs have sat in the chair of Peter. Again, but a few years ago, a king of the North, not a king nor an emperor, but the undisputed ruler of a great nation which his unprincipled genius has created, threw down the gauge of battle by trampling upon the religious rights of his catholic subjects. From petty and independent principalities he had built up a united and powerful empire; Austria's proud eagle had gone down on the field of battle before the standard of the young Prussian giant; he had humbled in the dust the power of that warlike nation, from whose capital civilized Europe took its manners, from whose throne was voiced the word announced which brought peace and prosperity or was a calamity to nations, which for its devotion to the papacy had earned the title "First Daughter of the Church"; rulers of kingdoms watched with anxiety his movements and waited upon his words with fear. Was not such a man before whose will outside nations trembled, to rule these immediately under his dominion in the manner which he willed? Certainly the papacy, dispoiled of territory, without armies and without friends would not dare to enter the lists with only spiritual arms, while other powers esteemed themselves happy not to feel the strength of his arm. Yet this was what happened:

"Leo came—the King anointed with a Star of Hope his sign,

And the Light of Heaven dawning showed Christ's promise still divine,

And the ancient devils fleeing, cried "O Pope the World is thine."

Leo came: states were not his; human resources were not his; but in him Bismark met his master. In Leo XIII he discovers a superior force with which he must account; and with a shrewdness and good sense characteristic of real genius, the German Chancellor realizes that the Papacy is a power which the mighty of this world must respect, and that it is safer to meet it as an ally than as an enemy. Nor did his victories cease here: for when dispute arose between Germany and Spain in regard to the possession of the Caroline Islands Leo is made the arbiter. He is made arbiter and the world applauds—that world which was so lately rejoicing at the downfall of the papacy, which was hoping and prophesying that it would never again arise from its fall, and which had for so long a time carped at and condemned that interference with affairs of state exercised by the papacy in "Catholic" Europe in the middle ages.

It applauds; for, in the papacy so moderate and con-

servative, the lovers of peace see the only way for the universal disarmament of the armed camps of Europe, and the restorative to society of that equilibrium which revolution caused it to lose.

To Leo the credit due for this restoration of the church, for this rapid and unlooked-for restoration of its prestige. The lustre of his virtues, the gentleness of his manners, the depth of his genius, the wisdom of his diplomacy command everyone and everywhere.

If the benefits of his reign were to stop here, if there were no other field for the exercise of his genius and the gaining of new victories, they of themselves would be amply sufficient to gain our admiration and gratitude. But there are other regions towards which the imprisoned pontiff directs his gaze and to which he calls the attention of the learned both within and without the pale of the church, and against which he is directing all the forces at his command. False philosophy is the enemy he now attacks.

It is an intellectual war; and his weapon is the old philosophy of St. Thomas. He warns the world that so-called advanced society is following false guides in her philosophical speculations, and that a return to the mediæval philosophy of the scholastics is imperatively necessary both for the best interests of religion and of true science, as also for the moral and even material welfare of human society.

What! return to the "dark ages" after the appearance of such luminaries as Bacon, Descartes, Locke, Kant, Fichte, Schelling, Cousin, Comte and Herbert Spencer? It is more than absurd, say our "advanced thinkers": It is an insult to our advanced and enlightened age; it is a declaration of war not only against modern philosophy, but against all modern culture.

We might as well be asked to cast aside gunpowder, dynamite and Krupp guns, and to go to war with javelins, spears and cross-bows. Yet absurd and repugnant to pride as it may seem, with this ancient weapon he takes up the wage of battle.

We consider philosophical speculation but a harmless pastime of idle book-worms; he might smile at the absurd vagaries of those who imagine they are progressing, whilst they seldom drift away even from ordinary commonsense. But they are not idle speculations; for, as says the Holy Father, "if anyone considers the state of public and private affairs, he will perceive that the fruitful cause, both of the evils which afflict us and of those which we fear, consists in this, that mischievous principles, which long ago came forth from the schools of philosophers, have penetrated into all ranks of society and have been generally accepted. For since it is in human nature to follow reason as a rule of conduct, if the intelligence goes wrong, the will is easily perverted; and thus it happens that the perversity of opinions, whose seat is in the intelligence, exerts its influence on

human conduct and corrupts it. On the contrary, if men's minds are sound and rest solidly on true principles, then indeed will be brought forth very many beneficial results for both public and private welfare."

What will be the effect of the Holy Father's turning the intellectual aspect of the church to the view of the age? As says a writer in the last issue of the "Catholic World" it will "cause sound philosophical studies to attract the intellect more than the so-called scientific investigations at present in vogue can do. It will make the experimentalism of natural science subservient to the ethical and metaphysical. The being and attributes of the Creator and Lord of all things, the immortality of man's soul, the freedom and responsibility of that soul for its conduct, the future reward and punishment of good and evil done in this life—these, rather than the study of the phenomena of the visible world shall hold first rank" And those races first, says the same writer, "whose dominant natural trait is rather the intellectual than the emotional, will be found moving to the front, and among them will ensue a powerful development of the study of philosophy and theology. Protestant nations also will feel the effect of this movement, and bring it face to face with Catholicity; for the root error of Protestantism is an intellectual error and must be fought with intellectual weapons; Protestantism makes the criterion of truth subjective: Catholic philosophy makes it objective, or, according to St. Thomas, it is the transposition of the object into the subject."

Lastly although directly the intellectual tone of Catholicity will not affect the elements of the political world, yet indirectly it will affect every thing.

This principally is the work to which he directs all his energies. Is he acting wisely? Is the time ripe for such a movement? Time alone will tell. At least no one is in a better position to judge of this than Leo XIII himself and every true Catholic spontaneously feels called to follow the direction of the Sovereign Pontiff.

O'B.

AT INGERSOLL AGAIN.

FATHER LAMBERT'S "TACTICS OF INFIDELS."

The monumental hypocrisy, meagre logic and rickety rhetorical shams of the "picturesque infidel" have all again been unceremoniously unveiled by the learned and witty Fr. Lambert, who is well known and endeared to all those who follow the progress of ideas in our country. In his "*Notes on Ingersoll*" Fr. Lambert had exposed the fallacies and absurdities of Ingersollism and invited a refutation of his arguments; whereupon Mr. Lacy, a disciple of Ingersoll, came to the rescue of his worthy good master, and Fr. Lambert was obliged to

write another book for the further enlightenment of the infidels and amusement of the rest of mankind. In reading this last and truly remarkable book, "*Tactics of Infidels*," one is at a loss which to admire most, the close reasoning of the logician, the learning of the theologian, the shrewd repartee of the polemic, or the refined wit of the Father. The book is remarkable because it has all these features, which assuredly make it not only an amusing companion, but a reliable instructor.

It is rather a pleasing peculiarity of this work, that it handles grave questions and clears them of their imputed objections, not in long abstruse philosophical or theological expositions, but in short, clear, close and pithy chapters. There is depth withal. No counterfeit logic, or facts, or texts are palmed off on the Fr. as genuine articles. He is wide awake; he makes and insists on distinctions and unweaves the "honor bright" convictions and sweeping assertions of the Ingersollians.

The Fr. moreover is aware that logic, science and truth are not the only arms with which to contend against Ingersoll, who, by the way uses truth and science and logic very sparingly. Ingersoll's fort lies rather in his humor, his sarcasm, his gaudy verbosity and his irreverent stultifying of the holiest and grandest thoughts and sacredest sentiments of mankind. He is only a scoffer, a logical buffoon par excellence. Men's irreflection, and that alone, makes Ingersoll popular. When they perceive that he has amused them at the expense of what they hold dearest—they can but hate and despise him. The Fr. brings out in many an able sally of wit and keen satire the inconsistencies of his opponents; and thus the prestige, the grand airs of the infidels are considerably simplified, and their "honor bright" vanishes pitifully and completely.

Such books are much needed to-day when the tide of infidelity is constantly swelling and threatens to become a public danger. Are we going to become a Godless people? No! we sincerely hope. The tendency to forget God, however, and to choose mammon every day increases. We are weighed down by our own steam and electricity, by all our material environments. Youth easily drifts into indifferentism, which is but a step from infidelity. There is need of an awakening, not of more earthly thought or of more material speculations, but of nobler thought, of more elevating convictions, which will be the safeguard of our national institutions and the safe way to our better destiny. A book then which places clearly before the common mind and sense of the people the absurdity and the awful, but logical consequences of infidelity, is a timely voice of warning and ought to be heeded by all.

We will examine some of Fr. Lambert's interesting pages and quote a few passages. The Infidels have the habit of making *their* incapacity to conceive or imagine the "how" of a thing the measure of its possibility

Says the Fr. "The fact that the *how* of an act or process is inconceivable, is no proof that it has not a *how*, or that it is impossible. The *how* process or genesis of thought is inconceivable but this inconceivability does not justify us in denying the fact of thought. You admit that volition is an unsolved problem. If unsolved its *how* is thus far at least inconceivable. Will you therefore deny the fact of volition? How an acorn becomes an oak is inconceivable, and yet we must recognize the fact. We cannot conceive how thought is transferred from the mind of the speaker to the mind of a thousand hearers, and yet it is a fact. Tell me not that the voice produces air waves and that these waves strike the sensitive organs of the ear, and thus conduct thought to the mind, for I shall immediately ask how an air wave can convey a thought or how a vibrating nerve can transmit it? No one thinks of denying these facts simply because he cannot conceive how they are effected. . . . Infidels have no "corner" on hows."

Lacy, Ingersoll's right bower, refuses to see the design of the creator in the universe; still he infers design from the conformation of animal's teeth, stomach, etc. and accuses God of cruelty to animals. The Father is not slow to perceive the position Lacy assumes and thus shows the dilemma which surrounds him: "Design can be seen in nature or it cannot. If it can, then Ingersoll's theory is wrong, and a designer exists. If design cannot be seen in nature your reasoning (or accusation) is all in vain. To agree with Ingersoll you must deny the existence of design and to convict God of being the designer of criminal suffering you must admit design. Strange as it may seem, you try to advocate both these two conflicting theories. . . . It is a good thing for a polemic to know on which side of a question he is, and to have sense enough to keep it."

Lacy and the infidels find fault with God's economy. — They cite Him before their tribunal and He is declared either too lenient or too strict. Lacy asks indignantly: "Why didn't God punish Solomon's treason with death?" The Fr. replies: "Had you read the whole chapter 11th. Kings I. you would probably have been satiated with the sufferings inflicted on the sinning monarch and not have grown indignant because God did not immediately take his life. It would appear that your maker is always wrong whether He punishes or pardons; if He does not kill the sinner He is partial, and if He kills him He is cruel. For the Supreme Being there is no escape from Lacy. It is a mystery how the All-wise Being could create an intelligence that can corner Him so easily, how He" could create a being so much wiser than Himself"

On the right to err or the inestimable privilege to think error, which Lacy claims as an indispensable element of progress, the Father says: "To err is human, it is a fact, a misfortune of human nature—not a right. Men

can look with indulgence on him who errs, but when he glories in his imbecility as a right, their indulgent spirit changes into one of contempt."

One who loves intellectual tobogganing, the constantly recurring *reductio ad absurdum* to which Father Lambert subjects the infidels, will prove exhilarating sport. We very much recommend "*Tactics of Infidels*" to our readers, being sure that it will be a source of high intellectual entertainment and of information for all. It is published by "Peter Paul and Brother," Buffalo, N. Y. and sold by Catholic booksellers generally.

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12TH. ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK'S

Literary and Debating Society.

Last Tuesday Dec. 13th. was decidedly a glorious fete for the Patricians and their friends. An article of the society's constitution requires the members to commemorate the foundation of the association and adoption of the constitution by approaching the sacraments in a body. Of this religious duty the members most edifyingly acquitted themselves at the community mass—at which there was music and an address by the Rev. Moderator, Fr. E. L. Rivard C. S. V. He spoke of the excellency of knowledge above other attainments; of its necessity now in all fields; of the grand ends it can achieve; of the great things expected of us and which we must fit ourselves to perform. "It is the professed aim of St. Patrick's association, said the Rev. speaker, to inspire you a deep and intelligent relish of what is beautiful and elevating in literature and oratory, and to make you cultivate these arts as the most powerful means of effecting good in your future careers"... After requesting the members piously to ask God in their present devotion this earnest and abiding love of science to be used for His honor and glory, mass was said and the morning exercises concluded.

After breakfast the members congregated in their reading room where fun was concocted for the morning. All the imaginable games, inside and outside, were made to contribute their never-failing store of amusement. The candy-pulling was by no means an uninteresting sport; nor was the masticating of said taffy less amusing. Dinner bell called time and gathered us in, some from the billiard room, some from the ball-alleys, and others from the reading room or a refreshing leisurely walk.

The afternoon was spent likewise, and in the immediate preparation of our appetites (by a good walk to the woods) for the oyster banquet which awaited us at 4.30 P. M. We had all returned at the appointed hour. At the tables, which were artistically and substantially

decorated, sat with the members, our welcome and distinguished guests, and honorary members. Among them were Rev. P. Menard, of Lake Linden, Mich., Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V., Rev. Dr. Chas. Peborde, Rev. G. Legris, Rev. J. B. Bernard C. S. V., Rev. J. Cregan C. S. V., Rev. A. D. Mainville C. S. V., Rev. L. A. Senecal C. S. V., Professors J. Finn, A. Granger, T. Lynch, J. Dore, J. Deveney, P. Sullivan, and E. Bourget. The spread was really a culinary triumph which we shall not essay to describe.

When things had proceeded far enough, Rev. E. L. Rivard C. S. V. arose and proposed the following "Toasts" which were answered by the Rev. gentlemen in this order: Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V. "The College and St. Patrick's Society;" Rev. P. Menard, "A College Feast;" Rev. Chas. Peborde D. D. "The work of Time;" Mr. T. Lynch, "St. Patrick;" Mr. A. Granger, "The Honorary Members;" Mr. J. Finn, "Leo XIII and St. Patrick's Society;" Rev. J. Cregan, C. S. V. "France and St. Patrick's Society;" Mr. J. P. Dore, "The Intellectual the Moral and the Physical."—Had I space I would gladly insert at full length these addresses which were all full of useful suggestions, thanks, congratulations, wit and rich thought. The society is especially desirous of returning thanks to our Rev. guest from Michigan who, beside the rich menu of ideas to which he treated us, also tendered a wide-hearted invitation to all the members to visit him in his interesting part of our vast country, and enjoy not only a pleasant portion of our vacation but also thereby to become acquainted with some of the marvelous inventions and machinery of our inventive age.... "No large cities or colleges to see in Lake Linden, said the Father, but hearts as large as your largest cities and fine colleges." Thanks, Rev. Fr., and may it be our good fortune some not too distant day to avail ourselves of the chance you offer us of meeting you again.

After all this bodily and intellectual repletion we adjourned once more to the reading room which, lit up and cozy, seemed the most inviting. The cigars were passed and a gay chat was commenced—stories, jokes, college jokes, and other laughable things were on the tapis and kept the glad boys in a constant exertion of their risibles. At 7.30 P. M. we were summoned to the music room which was *en fete*,—flags, inscriptions and other decorations floating all around.

This was the intellectual part of the day, and a seance was given by the members, which elicited the applause and hearty congratulations of the visitors. the programme was as follows:

Gipsy Baron.....	Orchestra.
Introductory.....	Rev E. L. Rivard C. S. V.
Vocal Solo—Old Sexton.....	Mr. Thos. Normoyle.
Essay—Spanish Inquisition.....	Mr. H. J. Legris.

Clarinet Solo.....Mr. A. J. Frazer.
 Declamation—Curfew.....Mr. W. Prendergast.
 Piano Solo—Si j'étais Roi.....Prof. E. Bourget.
 Essay—Elements of Eng. Language..Mr. M. Murray.
 Song.....Mr. J. Dore.
 Essay—Spaniards in Mexico.....Mr. P. Wilstach.
 Piano Solo.....Rev. G. Legris.
 Essay—Failures of our Government..Mr. T. Normoyle.
 Song.....Rev. E. L. Rivard C. S. V.
 Comic Reading.....Mr. J. Condon.
 Selection.....Orchestra

After a few remarks from Fr. Rivard, cigars and candy were again freely circulated and a chat enjoyed till near 10 o'clock. It was the common sentiment that we had had a royal good time, and agreed that as long as St. Patrick's society convenes "to fight shown battles with pen and tongue" this anniversary be kept sacred. May that be "ad multos annos."

VIDI—

LOCALS.

— Vacation!!!
 — Xmas is nigh!
 — *Gaudeamus igitur!*
 — Is Young sublime or not? is the question.
 — The JOURNAL wishes untold joy to all students, parents, editors friends, and readers.
 — The high-flown language of Mr. G. falls tenderly, yet sadly, on one's imagination.
 — Willie acted "Garde d'honneur." for Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V. a few days ago.
 — Our "Bud" is thinking about passing his vacation at the college.
 — Mr. Granger has inherited a berretta—a good advancement.
 — J. Palissarde's latest is an Ode.
 — Jos. Duffy once more greets us—this time from Colorado.
 — Do not forget to leave on the 22nd. inst. and to return on the 5th of Jan. 1883.
 — Rev. F. O'Reilly, of Gilman, Ill, visited the college last Monday.
 — Mrs. Senator Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerr of Kankakee, called to see the boys last week.
 — Well Jimmie, how do you like office paste?
 — The question is asked "Can the Cincinnati's beat the Louisville's?"
 — The "Dude" was allowed an extra week to get ready for the holidays.
 — From Dec. 22nd. to Jan. 5th.—Thanks.
 — Frank Baker has no equal in foot-ball.
 — Pitou B. is now numbered among the *devils*.

— Many are called but few are chosen—on the ball alley.

— Whisper it gently—Where did Me. get that pipe?

— Amer is unhappy—Joe left without giving him least warning.

— Cecil should be a nice writer by this time. He surely gets enough practice.

— Harry Parker will have to forfeit his claim to the championship of the turning poles if James Dorsey continues to improve the way he has been improving.

— Ask Sam about the merits of the word "struck" when used as an algebraic term!

— Stafford and Maloney are getting up a dictionary excluding all words beginning with "th." It deals mostly in the "de" and "dat" business.

— James Mc. is thinking about sleeping on the hand ball alley after this in order to have first choose in the morning.

— Fred Lesage is looked upon as the coming tragedian of the college.

— Coffey's brigade is sure to take the prize at the end of the year.

— The probabilities are that Prof. Scott will remain with us during the holidays.

— We hear that a no little argument passed between two of our leading literary knights in which a duly appointed critic was criticised by the knight he criticized.

— Our genial "Bud" will soon be singing his Christmas *carols*.

— Wm. O. is being much regarded in his notable ascent, especially by the book-keepers

— Hyler drew his check on the First National Bank of Bourbonnais for \$17.50 and no body didn't know it.

— Our musical Pedee is eager to know if the word fiddle comes from the latin *fidibus*.

— Wm. D. says it is nothing to wear a collar when you get used to it.

— Chas. H.—Behold, thou art immaculate—sin no more.

— Justin R. refers to some of Pedee's clarinet solos as having pleased the ears of Adam and Eve. Rather ancient airs.

— Maurice O' gives lessons on the Minims' hand-ball alley at every recess.

— Harry P. and Louis G. have entered a truce and no further hostilities will be carried on, at least during the holidays.

— A late unexpected frost blighted some or Bro-Conlan's pretty flowers.

— The Altar boys look well in their new attire and elegant badges.

— It doesn't at all look like sleigh-riding just now does it Mr. Carl.

— Peter Bissonnette and Philip Houde are considered as the best foot-ball players in the junior department, and a well contested game is to be looked for, and is generally played when they are on different sides.

— The JOURNAL gives thanks to Rev. Fr. Chouinard C. S. V. of Manteno, and Rev. Fr. Menard of Lake Linden, for their substantial gifts.

— The edifying exercises of the retreat conducted by Rev. Fr. Dazé were concluded at the parish church last Sunday by a beautiful illumination and a touching ceremony. After the closing sermon a choir of little girls in white garments and wearing crowns of flowers passed into the sanctuary, chanting a hymn to the Blessed Virgin before whose altar they deposited their crowns. The scene was as beautiful to behold as the singing was delightful to hear. People are agreed in pronouncing this retreat the most numerous and regularly attended that has taken place here for some years.

— The battalion formed its last dress-parade on the college campus yesterday.

— Rev. E. L. Rivard C. S. V. officiated in Rev. F. Crowe's place in Piper City last Sunday.

— The Eng. French conversation class is making rapid progress under the direction of Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V.

— Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V. gave the students vacation advices which it is sincerely hoped they will carry home with them and put in practice, if they have at heart really to please their parents and to be considered as thorough young gentlemen.

— We are pleased to hear that our former Prefect and genial Prof. Mr. Mercier is now ordained and exercising ministerial functions at Portland, Oregon. May heaven bless his new career.

SECOND ELOCUTIONARY RECITAL.

Mr. M. P. McSoreley, Prof. of the second elocution class, introduced his boys to the college audience last Monday Dec. 12th. In the course of his remarks he said that most of his actors were about to make their debut, and that he therefore hoped we would listen indulgently and overlook the possible hitches. The young orators deserve credit for the faultless way in which they had committed their lines and their able manner of "elocuting" them. The evening was very enjoyable and the listeners all say "encore." Following is the well deversified programme:

- Overture-Zethus College Band.
- Introduction Mr. McSorley.
- The dying Gladiator W. Shea.
- Der Baby L. Fosse

Roll on deep Ocean (Song) T. Normoyle.

TRIAL OF FING WING.

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| Characters { | Judge M. Conlon. |
| | District Attorney F. Moran. |
| | Counsel for defendant L. Drolet. |
| | Prisoner Fing Wing W. Bradley. |
| | Witnesses: Schneider W. Tynan. |
| | Kitty Maloney T. Dowling. |
| | Simon Simple E. Adams. |

Sam Lucas Quartette (Song) Glee Club.

Pat's Excelsior E. Colette.

Grand March (Piano) Prof. Bourget.

King Richard III H. Lingle.

Tivoli Galop (Piano) Prof. Bourget.

RUGGLESS & Co.

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| Characters { | M. Ruggless A. Kerr. |
| | H. Mitchell W. Shea. |
| | Ragged Tom M. O'Connor. |

ORDINATIONS.

Friday and Saturday, the 16th. and 17th. Inst., were days chosen by Archbishop Feehan of Chicago to confer Holy Orders on some of his subjects. On Friday the following gentlemen from St. Viateur's College were the happy recipients of Orders as follows: Rev. Stanislaus Nawroski, Sub-Deacon, was promoted to Deaconship, Mr. John Finn, Minor Orders, was promoted to Sub-Deaconship. The next day, Revs. Nawroski, Jennings, '84, and Rempe, Deacons, were ordained priests. Rev. Finn, Sub-deacon, was raised to Deaconship. Messrs. Bernard Flood and John Dore, from St. Viateur's, received Minor Orders. Mr. Patrick Sullivan, also from St. Viateur's, entered the clerical state by the ceremony of Tonsure. The above gentlemen have the JOURNAL's warmest congratulations and most sincere wishes of happiness.

SOCIETY DOINGS

ST. PATRICK'S.

Messrs. D. Ricou, and J. Kearney lately enlisted. The last regular meeting was held last Wednesday evening, at which it was agreed to introduce several needed improvements in the library, and reading-room. The Seasons were discussed in an able and amusing manner by the following young gentlemen, Messrs V. Lamarre, J. O'Connor, M. O'Beirn and M. Lennartz. Mr. C. H. Ball lectured and "The Only Source of Governmental Authority." The Rev. Moderator then addressed the society words of congratulation for the very satisfactory work of the season now ending. He attributed all success to the individual and earnest efforts of

each member; he enumerated some of the many ways in which we may in the future make our evenings still more interesting and profitable—if everybody as heretofore readily performs his task; and he concluded his remarks by wishing the society full enjoyment of the coming holidays, a Merry Christmas and a happy New-Year. A royal clap. Adjournment.

The Atlantic Monthly, Scribner's Magazine, The public Opinion, The American Magazine are among the new arrivals in the reading room.

DRAMATIC.

The Thespians received from Rev. C. Peborde D. D. an interesting historical drama, "King Alfred," which is admirably suited to college stage. They will probably prepare it for the occasion of Rev. Fr. Lajoie's visit at the end of January. The Thespians sincerely thank their friend the Rev. donor.

THE ST. VIATEUR'S ALTAR SODALITY.

Thursday last the Altar boys met and erected themselves into a regular society with a constitution and by-laws, and rules. They call themselves St. Viateur's Sodalists, and are under the spiritual direction of Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V. and the presidency of Rev. M. C. Conlan C. S. V.

The officers are as follows: W. Tynan, V. Presdt; M. Conlan, Secty; C. Quinlin, Master of Rules. Members number 18.

We return thanks to Rev. Fr. G. Legris for his substantial gift which will enable us to procure the handsome badges now being designed. Also our thanks to Rev. Fr. Rivard, C. S. V., for a much enjoyed treat to ye festive taffy.

ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

ESSAY READ BEFORE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY BY
MR. MURRAY.

As this subject is rather a dry, used-up, and at the same time deep one, I request your very particular attention to what I am about to say, if you have any desire to understand the analysis to which I will subject our language. I defy you to understand anything in the first ten pages I shall presently read—Let us proceed.

We may rightly call the English Language a verbal compound, for such it really is, a mixture of various elements, though a strong and in many ways an extraordinary mixture. If it were asked how this singular compound was effected, I would answer thus: take the old Hebrew for your mortar, put in the Celt or ancient

Briton; pour in it a strong solution of Anglo Saxon, which will have the effect of decomposing and almost completely neutralizing the Celt. Let drop in the latin of the ecclesiastics in small proportion. This mixes ill; but it's in now!—Now uncork your Norman French jug and make it contribute a strong current; the mixture shows signs of agitation; it fumes, boils and bubbles till it overflows the jar! A good deal of our Norman French element is thereby expelled, and after the excited liquid cools, you see gathering at the bottom a rich layer of clear, solid Anglo Saxon, studded here and there with crystallizations of Latin and Norman French. This is the English Language such as it was in its beginnings and first developments. Now this primary compound had a very wonderful property—it was magnetic—that is it had the power to attract and assimilate unto itself elements from any and all foreign languages; so much so that there is scarcely a language to day, living or dead, which has not been despoiled of some of its fairest jewels by this all-powerful magnetism of the English. The result of all these verbal plunderings is that the English Language, which is still individually and distinctly the English Language, is the richest and the most expressive of modern vehicles of thought. It may not possess the gait and vivacity of the French, or the smoothness and harmoniousness of the Italian or Spanish; yet it has the dignity and the abundance and power of its own native Albion. On it is impressed as on the tongues of other nations, the character of the people who speak it, i. e. the seriousness, moody thoughtfulness, the almost melancholy, of its Teutonic founders. This character is found by critics as still the most pronounced even in this advanced period.

In modern times the English language has had considerable accretion and has undergone considerable changes. However it is essentially the same as was handed to us by Grandfather Chaucer. The constant progress which English speaking populations are making in science, philosophy and politics, as well as in new discoveries and inventions cropping up on all sides, every day calls for new names of new things and scientific terms for new speculations.

Take railroading for instance: what a number of new appellations did not this invention necessitate! It is true that railroad men, brakemen especially, often use interjections of venerable ancientness. This cannot be denied. But take down in short-hand the ordinary confab of two railroad men and telegraph same to Chaucer or Sir John Mandeville, who was himself quite a traveller, and I'll warrant you neither one of them will understand more than the punctuation.

Now gentlemen it is a good and providential thing that the elements of the English language are cast-iron ones, and that they won't crack or break or melt no matter how they are chewed or trampled upon. How

many a German or Frenchman literally murders the language trying to learn it! How many boys, especially Chicago boys, are perpetually throwing away the precious *th's* of our Anglo Saxon and using up all the *d's* instead! and still the language lives! Is not this vitality wonderful. Even the Londoners themselves don't scruple dropping their *h's* and so much so that an American says the streets of London fairly teem with dropped *h's*. This must be very exhaustive on a language—but as I said before our language is vigorous and young.

Another good point in favor of the English language is wherever it is spoken it is the same—without at least any material difference. We have no dialects properly so called. But we have brogues and these are blessings for which we must be thankful to the English language. For what could we do without the brogues? how much of our innocent amusement would be lost? The French and the German, the Jewish, the Polish are treasures of fun; the Irish is a jewel.

Thus gentlemen I've shown you not very clearly some of the word elements which enter in the make-up of our language—all of which you know as well as I did, and as I see you are anxious I should cut this short or say something new I shall add only one more word,

Good Night.

ELOCUTIONARY RECITAL.

Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, the Faculty and students were agreeably entertained by the Professor and the young gentlemen of the First Elocution class. The event, as all happenings which disturb the sameness of college life, had been looked for with much anticipation, and this time the anticipation of the fun did not prove more pleasureable than the fun itself. Really we were highly entertained and owe many thanks to the speakers and their painstaking instructor for the able programme presented us. One interesting feature of the programme was its opening by Prof. Dore. His remarks were substantially as follows:—

Rev. Gentlemen, and students,

I was requested to introduce the subject on this occasion and here it is. I am not the subject, but I have the subject with me. I will exhibit it in the course of my remarks: so, if you want to catch a glimpse of it, be on the lookout—

The young gentlemen here who form my background have the intention giving you a display of their elocutionary abilities—and, if you are still here when I get through, they will no doubt do so; for they are even now only waiting for the floor—which, however I shall not soon yield them. I feel by looking at them, it would be hardly safe to let them at you, loaded as they are

with their fiery speeches, I think it's advisable to use some time to let them cool off—and to prepare you for the shock.

When in the course of college life, it becomes necessary for a whole community to be assailed by a little army of mad, frothy, sublime, funny & tamed declaimers one way well ask himself, what is it all about? What is it all about???

Gentlemen, go into the forums of any nations, visit the drawing rooms of society, stop in the hovel of the working-man, travel in a sleeping car, sleep in the college dormitory, or walk in the college ranks, and you'll everywhere discover the astonishing fact, viz: that men speak, and boys too (to say nothing of girls and women.)

Now when men put a great deal of vim, power you know, eye-power, voice-power, arm-power and soul-power in their language, they call it *elocution*. All these externals make spoken language very forcible. When for instance, as it often enough happens, a boy tries his new hatchet on his father's pet cherry tree, as George Washington did and confessed, or makes a rat-trap out of his sister's bustle, there generally happens a good deal of spontaneous domestic elocution. The injured parties do not speak—they *elocute!*

Children themselves practice elocution at a very tender age—but elocution is oftener in their case as poetry was in its beginning, that is, joined to music. Babies are often caught practicing it by themselves especially if left alone for a long time. Indeed there is scarcely a better way of amusing one's self than by elocution as you yourselves will have evidence of this evening.

It is time to come to the subject proper, and now that I see your intellectual cameras well settled I shall cast the picture—steady then!

El-o-cu-tion . . . is an art . . . which teaches us to express our spoken thoughts forcibly, agreeably, sublimely—It is a fine art! Elocution is the garb of oratory's fair form. An orator's words may be very well chosen, his sentiments of the loftiest kind, his whole discourse a masterpiece of composition, yet if he has not the additional advantage of an external grace, a correct and forcible delivery, much of the beauty, sense and spirit of his grand oration will be entirely lost. But if he once attain this powerful help—which Demosthenes struggled so hard and so long to master, then oh! what a conflagration of passionate enthusiasm can he not light up in the hearts of his hearers.

There is not one among you who has not felt and relished the refining, polishing, strengthening effect of good elocution upon oratory. You have all heard speakers whom you have called in your own private judgement, good, excellent, and poor. Much of the effect produced upon you by these comes from their *manner* of uttering their thoughts.

Now gentlemen, elocution is not confined to the lofty regions of forensic, sacred, or judicious eloquence; it forms a part and portion of our daily and hourly discourse. There is elocution that is a happy, engaging, clear and generally felicitous manner of speech, in our daily conversation. At least there ought to be—and if this accomplishment is wanting, our conversation is more or less tasteless. One feels when he comes in contact in a drawing room for instance with an expert recounter, or an intelligent conversationalist that there is a certain fascination about a person like that, which others have not. The refined tone which a proper elocutionary training gives even to our conversation is a sort of magnetism which never fails to draw and engage the attention of those about us.

But elocution or the external graces and powers of delivery are not only the indispensable requisites of the orator or of the society-goer, they have become the necessary appendage of school boys and girls and especially of course, of collegian education. Boys coming home from college are now generally expected to and in fact are often requested to entertain a party of friends with some fine reciting or reading. It is expected that his college training has eminently fitted him to acquit himself of such a task. Any how the collegian must take the floor. It would be disastrous indeed if he could occupy it in no more remarkable a manner than *with his feet*. If he is unequal to the occasion he will only blush, be awkward, forget everything, and finally take his seat mid a storm of significant applause. We have all seen this—or the like—and also we have seen young, and sometimes very young boys and little girls entertaining their parents' visitors for a whole evening with their fine declamations. And what a comfort it was for their parents to see their children so smart and intelligent. Now Gentlemen, we are soon to go hence, to enter either into the peaceful bosom of our families' hearts, to better joy or pride, or to enter some walk or other in life, and wherever we go—we must speak. Let us then learn while every chance offers itself the fine art of speaking well.

It is acquired by a little theory and a great deal of practice. If I were asked what is the first thing needed for the proper rendition of any piece—I would say—practice; and the second, practice; and the third, practice—It's all in practice!

The recitals therefore which we find proper to submit you to are one of these practices. The young gentlemen, pardon my saying so, are merely going to practice on you. They have not the conceit of imagining themselves perfect elocutionists, but they have the laudable ambition of perfecting the talent they have, hence their appearance this evening. Listen patiently, and applaud vigorously, and you will have done your share toward the charitable furtherance of an art which

ranks high among the refiners of human thought and the promoter of social enjoyment.

We give the programme in full:—

Overture, Marengo.....	Band
Introduction.....	Mr. J. P. Dore
Gaudentis.....	S. Saindon
B. utus & Cassius.....	Messrs. Condon & Lesage
Parrhassius.....	Mr. Denis Ricou
Green Mountain Justice.....	Mr. L. Grandchamp
Selection.....	Orchestra
Hamlet to Players.....	Mr. T. Normoyle
Senatorial Effort.....	D. McNamara
Gesler and Tell.....	Messrs. McGavieck and Carroll
Richelieu.....	Mr. Jules Rivard
Baron's Last Burquet.....	Wm. Prendergast
Casualties.....	Mr. John P. Dore
Remarks.....	Our Rev. Director

Fr. Marsile was as usual felicitous in his remarks which he resumed in "thanks" and "congratulation." He called oratory the ensemble of elocutionary graces and soulful sentiment, "*le son que rend une Ame,*" the sound which a soul gives forth. He encouraged the Professor and students in the laudable example they had given, which he said he hoped the other classes would not be slow to follow.

BAYONET POINTS.

The Armory is looking in splendid condition; thanks to Quartermaster Saindon and his able assistant, Parker.

The squad from the "Via ventuosa" indulge in half hour drills occasionally and excite the admiration of all by their ease and gracefulness.

The swordless officers must not complain. A complete outfit will be on hand for every body after the holidays.

The inspections prove a decided success. The neat appearance of the whole Battalion at the last one shows that the boys are on the lookout to be well "shined up" for those occasions.

The resignation of Sergt. Bernard and Private Maurice O'Connor will affect the "Pony" Company a great deal. Maurice without an exception was the best drilled cadet in the house.

Now boys brace up! The compliment paid you by Fr. Mahoney and his kindness in donating a medal to the best drilled cadet deserve gratitude; and by becoming well-disciplined and proficient in the manual you can show this.

During the Exhibition Drill given before our many visitors on Thanksgiving Day, a lack of attention was

noticed and the consequence was several "breaks" were made. On such occasions if you wish to make a good impression you must pay the strictest attention.

It is now *Sergt.* Olson of Co. A, and surely the company cannot but be pleased to see him in the line of file-closer. Outside of superiority in drilling, his conduct merited him the position.

The fine weather of last week allowed the Battalion to use the Campus once more. The platoon movements were executed in good style but the general marching was not as good as usual. The loss of out-door practice showed greatly. Be it said however that the Dress Parade on that day was the finest yet. Our Adjutant seems to wake up to his duty and now performs his office like a veteran.

PERSONALS.

The many friends of J. J. Libert '82 will be pleased to learn that he, who of old counseled adherence to the laws of discipline is now the benign Father Libert administering in the capacity of pastor to the spiritual wants of a *growing* flock at Lewiston, Ills.

James O'Connell '80, who made El Paso a household name with us, has, after the completion of Theological studies at St. Meinrad's, finally found it his pleasing task to enshrine himself in the hearts of the catholics at the Pro-cathedral, Alton. The Journal adds congratulations.

After mature deliberation and with a view to rendering others happy as well as himself, Alf. Reising '77 sold out in singledom and is now voyaging in matrimonial seas. His future residence will be Champaign. Health, wealth, benediction and an occasional call, Alf., say your quondam friends at Bourbonnais.

Willie O'Connell, whose pleasing smile of old threw perpetual sunshine round the college precincts has after some changes of life once more assumed the defensive versus shield of Achille, and is singing of Mantua with the Franciscans at Quincy.

Edmund Higgins of 85, one of Gilman's most enterprising and gentlemanly young men, who left nought but sweet memories after him at St. Viateur's, is holding down the ticker at *Monroe*, Ill.

Michael Shanaghy, a prosperous grocerman of Chicago, who left us in '82, talked to friends through telephone while in way to render. Thanks at Gilman recently.

We are pleased to hear that Rev. Thos. Deveney is now well and again on duty, having succeeded Rev. J. Libert in the curateship at Ivesdale, Ill.

Alderie Prairie of 82 now marches life's ways by two's. Married by Rev. F. X. Chouinard at Manteno last November, A. Prairie to Miss A. Courville. Long life and prosperity.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Gold Medal for Conduct and Politeness equally deserved by P. Granger, Thos. Whalen, Ed. Hartwell, J. Suerth, Frank Lyons, G. Ferguson, G. Donnelly, M. Murray, H. Legris, C. Ball, P. Wilstach—Drawn by J. McCambridge.

Distinguished—W. Cleary, T. Normoyle, C. Carroll, M. O'Byrne, J. Dorsey, H. Olson, W. Powers, M. Lenartz, and J. Condon.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Gold Medal for Conduct and Politeness equally deserved by L. Falley, L. Legris, A. Besse, F. Rowland, M. Fortin, Capt. J. Sampson, B. Frazer—Drawn by F. Dillon.

Distinguished—A. Marcotte, V. Cyrier, A. Grandpré, C. Roy, A. Kerr, J. Cox, W. McCarthy, J. O'Connor, W. Coffey, and S. A. Maher.

MINIM DEPARTMENT.

Gold Medal for Conduct and Politeness equally deserved by P. Moran, B. Elwes, R. Kerr, P. Frechette, L. Drolet, Capt. H. Lingle, Drawn by P. Moran.

Distinguished—M. Moran, J. McMahan, M. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, W. Delaney, A. Granger, A. McNamara, J. Laplante.

LATIN COURSE

Gold Medal awarded to P. Granger, 7 classes.

1st Silver Medal awarded to G. Donnelly, 5 classes.

2nd Silver Medal equally deserved by S. Saindon, McGavick, O'Callaghan, Laplante, 4 classes.

Distinguished—Ricou, Murray, Cyrier, Bisonette, McNamara, Frazer, Normoyle, Tierney, Lamarre, Falley, McCarthy, Lenartz, Condon, Legris, Lingle, Fortin.

COMMERCIAL COURSE

Gold Medal equally deserved by W. Tynan, Hartwell, B. O'Connor, 5 classes.

Silver Medal equally deserved by Alf. Lesage, Hartwell, Palissard, Carroll, M. O'Connor, 4 classes.

Distinguished—J. O'Connor, Conlan, Drolet, Elwes, Barry, 3 classes; Sexton, Bradley, Dorsey, Pendergast, Ricou, Knisley, Delaney, A. Granger, Gallet, Lawler, Legris, Collette.

GUILFOYLE COMPOSITION MEDAL.

equally deserved by L. Falley, G. Donnelly.

CONWAY MEDAL.

Deserved by Chas. Carroll.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Never before in the history of the Church can we behold such a triumph for the Papacy as the one which is taking place in these last days of 1887. Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and lay people, all vie with one another in their manifestations of love, veneration and respect for the August Captive of the Vatican, the Representative of Christ on earth. Whole dioceses, whole nations, rise to a man and proclaim their esteem for the See of Peter. Pilgrims come pouring into Rome from all countries, from all peoples, from all tribes and nationalities, and at the feet of Leo they make but one family and prove themselves the obedient children of one common father, the Pope. What a spectacle to behold around the venerable chair of Peter, united in one faith and creed, the beautiful children of Europe, shining with genius and intelligence; the swarthy sons of Asia, not less intelligent perhaps, but saddened by the thought of the many evils afflicting their country; the dark and abandoned descendants of Cham in Africa, looking imploringly to the Pope for the benefit of a civilization which their countrymen seem intent on refusing. Assuredly such a scene is one never to be forgotten. The children of Adam seem to return to a bond of friendship and love which would make of them but one family in Christ, such as will be in Heaven among the elect. In order to give an idea of the beautiful celebrations which will take place in Rome during the Pope's Jubilee, we give below the programme of the exercises as given by the *London Tablet*, also some of the presents to be made to his Holiness.

"The ceremonies at the celebration of the Holy Father's Sacerdotal Jubilee is now definitely settled. On the 1st. of January His Holiness will sing High Mass at the high altar of St. Peter's, the doors of the Basilica being closed, and those invited being admitted by tickets at the entrance by the sacristies. On that day or the previous day, he will receive in advance the Cardinals, Prelates of the Church, the great Roman nobles and distinguished personages, from abroad. On the 2nd. will be held the solemn "Academy" in the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso, which will be prepared for the occasion. On the 3rd he will receive the great Italian pilgrimage from all the dioceses of the peninsula. On the 4th. and 5th. he will receive deputations from the Catholics of all lands. On the 6th. he will open at the Vatican the great exhibition of the offerings made to him, many of which are of singular magnificence and interest. From the 6th. to Sunday, the 14th. he will give more collective audiences to the pilgrims, and on the 14th. he will celebrate in the Great Hall above the Portico of St Peter's the canonization of the seven Blessed Founders of the Servite Order, of Blessed Peter Claver, Blessed Alfonso Rodriguez, and Blessed

John Berchmans, all three of the Society of Jesus. In the same place on the succeeding Sundays, will be solemnised the Beatification of several Venerable servants of God among whom is the Venerable John Baptist de La-salle, the Founder of the Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Schools."

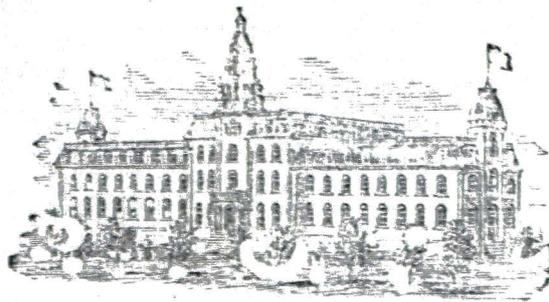
Among the thousands of presents to be offered to the Pope during his Jubilee, we notice a splendid tiara, a gift of the Parisians. "This tiara is a tissue of silver cloth, embroidered in silver and fine pearls. The three crowns which surround it are of gold and studded with diamonds, emeralds, sapphires and rubies, to the number of about six hundred. The small cross which surmounts it is set with a splendid diamond of the first water." The whole costs over \$20,000. We notice a silver statue, with a magnificent desk, presented by the Count of Paris. Also a casket containing a superb pectoral cross studded with diamonds and emeralds, the gift of the Duke of Nemours. A silver bell of exquisite workmanship by the Duc de Chartres. A fac-simile of the gold crown offered by Pius IX to Our Lady of Lourdes is presented by the artist who designed the crown itself M. Meller. A touching offering is that of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, a community which, from Paris to Sydney, devotes itself to the training of girls. This offering consists of fifty boxes, each containing all the requisites of a missionary. All the Bishops will present their Peter's Pence collections when admitted in the presence of his Holiness. Many countries have voted large sums of money as their own national offering. Etc, etc.

Many authors, artists and painters, will present their best efforts in their respective spheres of study and excellence. The Duke d'Alençon will come to Rome to present to the Pope the gifts offered by the Count and Countess de Paris and the other princes of the house of Orleans. There comes also 500 Hungarian pilgrims, with many bishops and priests from Bosnia, and Cardinal Sienor, Primate of Hungaria.

His Holiness has received in private audience a number of distinguished prelates from the East and from the continent. Among others he received the rector of the College of South America who presented him with a fac-simile in relief of the chapel in which St. Stanislaus Kotska died, and in which Leo XIII received sacerdotal orders in December 24, 1837, and in which he afterwards said his first mass on January 1, 1838. The Pope was greatly pleased with this offering.

A great deal has been said of late about a certain present which the king and queen of Italy would like make to the Pope on this occasion. The present would be offered as coming from the house of Savoy through Cardinal Alimonda, Archbishop of Turin. The matter is quite a delicate one under the present circumstances.

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