

joy that floated the length of the pier, but Yvonne had never before wept so much as now. As the big vessel approached, all along the bulwarks and in the shrouds could be seen the silhouettes of men who gesticulated and waved their hats and caps, and the wind, which was blowing from the ocean, brought with it snatches of joyous song repeated in chorus by all the crew.

With breaking heart Yvonne Ronzic steadied herself against the parapet, while tears fell in great drops from the poor eyes already so tired, so red, and her lips trembled with convulsive sobs. She seemed to realise that all was over with her forever, that she alone was unhappy, that no one understood or shared in her grief any longer.

The Desiree is in port and as the tide is high, she moors up alongside the pier. The cries the calls increase, names are shouted from the boat to the pier, from the pier to the boat. The little port is intoxicated with joy. Yvonne tries not to hear. Yvonne puts her trembling fingers to her ears, struggling to shut out this noise of merry-making that is maddening to her. Yvonne is weak and fainting and wishes to die.

Two arms seize her from behind; two voices are sounding in her ears. They are doubtless those of the compassionate women who live near her, and who, wishing to console her, are willing to carry her, if necessary, to see this spectacle that is like a knife thrust in her breast. No, no, she does not wish it, she resists; she will stay where she is, there always, there she will die. Those sorrowful yet cherished memories keep her there, hold her fast to the spot. By force they have turned her around. They are calling her name with a tenderness that is irresistible:

"Yvonne! Yvonne! Mother!"

"Alain! Jean Marie! Living!"

Oh, that cry, that suffocation! It seems to her now that her poor heart must break, that it cannot contain all this sweetness filling it so suddenly. She weeps. She is powerless to check the tears that fall so fast from her smiling eyes, which are so shining with a new and triumphant light.

Saved! Yes, they are there. Amidst kisses and caresses they relate the incredible tale of their wreck; how they clung for hours

regime. The epistle was full of facts strongly put in the interest of the Church.

The eighth centenary of the first crusade, which was preached by the Blessed Urban II. in the ancient sea of Olermont, France, will be celebrated from the 16th of May to the 20th. Leo XIII. has sent a brief to the Bishop praising him for inaugurating the ceremony.

It is not generally known that the novelist, John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs Craigie) became a convert to the Catholic Church a few years ago. Her parents are still Nonconformists and are regular attendants at Dr Parker's City Temple.

On the occasion of the centenary of St Anthony of Padua, who was a native of Portugal, an international Catholic congress will be held at Lisbon. Addresses will be delivered in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and French. Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, U.S.A., has just finished a retreat to Protestants in a town of his diocese in which there is not one Catholic. The people heard him gladly. Catholic missionaries to Protestants is a novelty, but it may prove the planting time for a new harvest of conversions.

In recording with approval the action of the clergy of Philadelphia in erecting a monument to the late Mr G. D. Wolff, editor of the *Catholic Standard*, a Catholic contemporary, says: "Better even than granite over graves would be encouragement and support during life, so that the traveller from New Zealand may not say, of every one who devotes himself to Catholic religious journalism: 'He asked for bread and they gave him a stone.'"

A telegram from Ottawa says the Dominion Cabinet has come to a decision on the Manitoba schools question, in accordance with what it believes to be the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, declaring it to be necessary that a provincial law shall be passed restoring the rights and privileges enjoyed by the Catholic minority prior to the Act of 1890. In the event of a provincial Legislature failing to carry out this remedial order, the Dominion Parliament is vested with power to legislate on the subject.

The Archbishop of Edinburgh in a pastoral letter calls attention to a pious association of prayer for the conversion of Scotland, called the League of St Andrew, established under the direction of the

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to the oars in the black night; how they were driven farther and farther out to sea, and how they were rescued at last by a ship bound for America, and how after the gratitude for their escape came the grief at being unable to make known their safety to the mother at home.

So the weeks went by until the Desiree was met and the captain gladly agreed to bring them home again.

Guided by the instinct of a wife and mother Yvonne had been right in not despairing, in hoping in spite of everything.

She was borne back to her nest in Paimpol, together with the father and son whom all believed lost.

This first shipwreck has made a man of Alain Ronzic, and he will be one of those courageous and devoted Breton mariners—the pride and the hope of France.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From contemporaries.)

CARDINAL RICHARD, Archbishop of Paris, will share the gifts received by him on the occasion of his jubilee with the poor of the French capital.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites has before it at present no less than two hundred and ten causes of Beatification.

Cesare Cantu, the well-known Italian historian, has passed away in his ninetieth year. He received the Papal Benediction on his death-bed.

Under the Pope's direction, Cardinal Rampolla has addressed a letter to Prince Alois Liechtenstein, chief of the Austrian anti-Semites, to the effect that his Holiness cannot approve of class and racial hatreds. It is rumoured that the Pope will recall the Nuncio in Vienna, who favours the anti-Semites.

By the wish of the Pope, Cardinal Langenieux will found in Paris a review entitled *L'Oriente*, having for its object the promotion of reunion between the Eastern and Western Churches.

Mgr. Satolli, Papal Delegate to the United States, in a recent letter on Pope Leo XIII, said that the continuous growth of the Pontiff's moral influence was one of the most striking features of his

Benedictine Fathers of Fort Augustus, and asks the clergy to strongly recommend this apostolate which has received the approbation of the Scottish Hierarchy and the special blessing of the Holy Father.

Despite the boasting of Americans as to the religious liberty which prevails in the States, things are sometimes witnessed there which are strangely inconsistent with our notions of fair play. For instance all the Catholic Indian schools have been struck out from the Indian Appropriation Bill as it passed the United States Senate, but two Protestant schools that asked for specific amounts have been kept in it.

A religious, Sister Marie Marc, thirty years of age, was buried a few days since at Vernon in the presence of most of the military and civil population of the town. Sister Marie Marc was in Martinique in 1890, at the time of the great fire at Bort de France, and her zeal in saving the patients who were in the burning hospital was such that at last she had to be forcibly held back. A year later the terrible cyclone occurred and again the self-abnegation and courage of Sister Marie Marc knew no limit. But her exertions brought on a fever and she had to be sent back to France. She continued in ill-health until her death a few days since. She was the daughter of a very poor family, and belonged to the Community of St Paul de Chartres.

A notable Catholic has passed away in the person of Mr J. J. Heath Saint, Recorder of Leicester, whose death took place at his London residence, Lexham Gardens, Kensington, aged 67. Mr Saint, who was a convert to the Church, was the only son of the late Rev J. J. Saint, of Groombridge Place, near Tunbridge Wells, and was born on January 27th, 1828. After being educated at Eton he graduated B.A. in 1850 at Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the Bar in 1854, joining the Midland Circuit. Sixteen years later he was appointed Recorder of Newark, which post he held until 1884, when the Recordership of Leicester was presented to him. Mr Saint was married to a daughter of Mr A. Lynch French, of St Kitts, West Indies.

THE Bishop of Orvieto announces in his Lenten Pastoral that a Eucharistic Congress will be held in that city in 1896.

The thirteenth Congress of the Catholics of Italy will be held in Turin from the 9th to the 13th of next September.

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