

## NEED HELP

Cardinal Gibbons' Strong Appeal at Opening of Catholic Federation Convention.

Union Is the Law of Life, of Strength, Growth and Development.

American Republic Owes Its Prosperity to the Union of States.

## SHOULD STIR CATHOLIC LAITY

Cardinal Gibbons, who delivered the opening address Sunday evening at the opening of the Catholic Federation convention, dwelt upon the importance of unity and spoke in part as follows:

"Union is the law of life, of strength and growth and of development. Disunion is the law of weakness and disintegration. The American republic owes its material and political prosperity to the union and co-operation of the several States. If those States were disunited and exerting their forces in opposite directions, like the present republic of Mexico, we would never have attained the prosperity that has marked our career. For four years, during the civil war, we were disunited; and the result was shedding of fratricidal blood, with imminent danger of the dissolution of the nation. The same principle can be justly applied to the influence of union of religious and moral forces in the development of Christianity. An enlightened and zealous laity is the glory of the Christian church. The most luminous periods of the church's history have been epochs conspicuous for laymen who have vindicated the cause of Christianity by their eloquence and their writings, as well as by the sanctity of their lives. The golden age of Christendom gave birth to a long line of learned and intrepid apologists of the gospel. Among them I might mention Justin Martyr, Minutius Felix, Athanasius, Ambrose and Lactantius, who is styled the Christian Cicero. Among the notable defenders of the Catholic religion in the Nineteenth century I mention Chateaubriand, Montalembert, the Count de Maistre and Frederic Ozanam in France; Gorres, Windhorst, Mallinckrodt in Germany; Donoso Cortes in Spain; Sir Kenelm Digby, Allies, William G. Ward and Frederic Lucas in England; the peerless O'Connell in Ireland; Brownson and many other lights in the United States.

"When the laity are united with the Bishop and the clergy in the cause of religion and humanity, then there is no such word as fail. We are bound to succeed, for God is with us, and if God is with us who can be against us? If where two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ, He declares that He is with them, surely His influence is paramount and irresistible when the voice of the Bishop and clergy is re-echoed by the multitude of earnest workers assembled before me today. Then indeed we form a triple cord which can not be broken. We establish a triple alliance far more formidable and enduring than the Triple Alliance of earthly potentates, for this is an alliance only of flesh and blood, but ours is a confederation cemented by the divine virtues of faith, hope and charity. And why, my brethren, should you not co-operate with us? Are we not all, clergy and laity, children of the same heavenly Father? Are we not all brothers and sisters of the same Jesus Christ? Has He not as much care for you as He has for me? Are we not all sanctified by the same sacraments? There are diversities of graces," says the apostle, "but the same Spirit." There are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord. There are diversities of operations, but the same God who worketh all in all. We are all in the same bark of Peter, tossed about by the same storms and sharing the same anchor. Your interests are our interests. We are all steering our course toward the same eternal shores. We are all heirs prospective of the same heavenly kingdom. There is not one reward for the priest and another for the laity. There is not one kind of crown for the Pope and another for the peasant. The tiara of the Pope and the Bishop's mitre will not shine more brightly than the widow's hood in the kingdom of heaven unless they are adorned with the jewels of righteousness. The Apostle St. Paul pays the following beautiful tribute to the Christians of Thessalonica: "You became followers of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in much tribulation with joy of the Holy Ghost, so that you were made a pattern to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia—and in every place your faith which is toward God is gone forth."

"Brethren of the laity, we of the clergy need your help. We learn from the history of the primitive church what valuable aid the early Christians rendered to the Apostles in the propagation of the Gospel, and if the Apostles with all their piety, zeal and grace, fresh from the inspiring presence of their Master, could not have accomplished what they did without the assistance of the laity, how can we who have not the measure of their gifts, how can we hope to spread the light of truth

without your hearty concurrence? How then are you to co-operate with us? In the first place, by the open and manly profession of your faith, by being always ready to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason for that hope which is in you. Whither you will accord to those who differ from you the right to expressing their religious opinions, you must claim for yourself the same privilege. You will ask for nothing more. You will be content with nothing less. And surely if there is anything in this world of which you ought to be justly proud it is this: That you are members of the religion of Christ. In the days of Rome's imperial splendor, the highest title a man could claim in the empire was that of Roman citizen. When St. Paul was threatened with being scourged, he indignantly protested against such an ignominious punishment on the ground that he was a Roman citizen. The Roman was proud of the republic because it was venerable in years, because of the vast extent of its territory, because of the wisdom of its statesmen and of the valor of its soldiers. If the Roman was proud of being a citizen of Rome, how much should you glory in being citizens of the Republic of the Church. Do you seek for antiquity of origin? Nearly 2,000 years have rolled over her head, and she is today fresh and vigorous as when she issued from the Cenacle of Jerusalem. Time writes no wrinkles on her heavenly brow.

"Do you seek for wide expanse of territory? Her spiritual dominion extends over the surface of the globe. And where will you find wisdom comparable to that of her saints, a wisdom which is born not of man, but of God? Where will you find a heroism so sublime as that of her martyrs? There is a heroism not aroused by the sound of martial music or by the clash of arms on the battlefield, or by a lust for fame, or by the emulation of comrades, but by a heroism inspired by a love for God and their fellow-beings. Above all, you can co-operate with us by the rectitude of your private lives and the influence of your good example: 'Having your conversation good among the Gentiles, that whereas they speak of you as evil-doers, considering you by your good example they may glorify God in the day of visitation.' Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, who is in heaven."

## A. O. H. PICNIC.

The County Board, A. O. H., with representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary, met in Bertrand Hall Thursday evening and heard reports of the picnic to be given under the auspices of both bodies at Phoenix Hill Park on Tuesday, August 26. Judging from the flattering reports received it promises to be one of the most successful of its kind in years, and the advance sale of tickets being unusually good on account of the rivalry between the different divisions and the ladies, the latter of course being the favorites at this kind of game. Through the kindness of the management of the Crown, Portland and Western picture shows advertising sides have been exhibited announcing the picnic and are expected to bring good returns. Thomas W. Tarry, for Division 1, reported that everything was in readiness for the liquid refreshment end, while John H. Hennessy, of Division 4; James Welsh, of Division 2, and Sergeant John Maloney, of Division 3, reported that their workers would have all arrangements completed for the dancing hall, wheels and the park sale of tickets. Miss Mary Corcoran stated that the ladies will have plenty of volunteer workers on hand for the occasion. Prof. Collins' orchestra will furnish the dancing music and quadrilles and breakdances on the programme. An invitation committee, composed of County President W. J. Connelly, Thomas W. Tarry, James Welsh, John Maloney and John J. Barry, will personally invite all the ladies of each county officials, many of whom have already promised to be present.

## JOINS ANGELIC HOSTS.

St. Charles parish at the West End are in deep mourning over the death of one of their most beloved women, Miss Catherine Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Yates, 617 South Twenty-eighth street. Miss Yates was born in this city eighteen years ago, and since leaving school her personal charm and vivacious manner won for her the highest place offered by people of her acquaintance. Yet in her popularity not for an instant did she neglect her God or her home. For the past five months Miss Yates had been a patient sufferer from tuberculosis, requiring throughout the tender care of her devoted parents and sisters, who had hoped against hope, and still, earnest Catholics that they are, went through it all entirely submissive to the will of God. Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Misses Louise and Madeline Yates. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from St. Charles church, conducted by Rev. Father Raffo, who paid fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased and pointed to her life as one young woman should emulate. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends and neighbors.

## SACRED HEART RETREAT.

Rev. Father Hyacinth, C. P., for the past year stationed at the Holy Cross Retreat at Cincinnati, has been transferred to this city. He will become vice master of novices at the Sacred Heart Retreat on the Newburg road.

## REDMOND

Declares Home Rule Is Assured Without Another General Election.

Liberals and Tories Prepared to Fight Until Close of Session.

Belfast Protestant's Condemn Carson's Campaign and Its Effects.

## RELYING ON BASE COLUMNIES

It is characteristic of the stern and persistent ferocity of party passions prevailing at this moment in British politics, cables Hon. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., from the House of Commons, that although the Parliamentary session gives abundant signs of fatigue and there is a universal desire to get away on the holidays, no large number of either party yet has been able to do so on both sides a fight to the death. Both parties are equally well organized, both are equally vigilant and both are equally well served by a united band of loyal, energetic and devoted followers. It is also significant of the ferocity of party passion that the Tory newspapers continue the campaign of personal attack which was believed finished with the end of the Marconi debate. The latest form of this calumny was a ridiculous report that the Cabinet Ministers were among the clients of a disreputable woman who kept a disorderly house, and one Tory paper demands in big type the appointment of a commission of inquiry and the publication of all names found on a list discovered by the police in the disorderly house. Home Secretary McKenna exploded these ridiculous rumors, but they probably will be continued.

A second remarkable symptom is the refusal of an indemnity bill to Sir Stewart Samuel, who unwittingly voted in the House of Commons and incurred heavy fines when his firm had a silver contract with the Government. The whole transaction proved to be perfectly innocent. In the debate in the House of Commons Sir Stewart resigned his seat and was re-elected. Such indemnity for an innocent mistake never before was refused. Finally the Tories revealed their determination to keep the Marconi scandal alive by a big attendance and animated debate yesterday. But in spite of all this the Liberals remain strong and in high spirits, the Irish party was even more jubilant, and at a private dinner given him by his admiring colleagues last Thursday night John Redmond reiterated his emphatic certainty that home rule now is assured and without another general election.

Carson's campaign in Ulster, although attended in some places by large bands of Orangemen, begins to bore the English public, and even the Tory newspapers now relegate his dreary speeches, which are all exactly the same, to obscure quarters of their columns. Carson's desperate friends in the House of Commons and he himself suggest arrest and prosecution in the hope of giving a badly wanted fillip to the campaign by making him a martyr. Chief Secretary Birrell remains obstinately determined to give Carson no such advertisement. Meantime everything in Ulster is being carefully watched, every move is known to the Government, and the members of the Irish party continue to receive private assurances from leading Protestant business men of Belfast. They condemn and dread Carson's campaign and its effects on their prosperous business.

The revival of Lloyd-George's spirits, activities and prestige also add considerably to the strength of the Government and his freedom now to start a big land campaign in the autumn excites daily a growing curiosity and hope. The chief risk of the Liberals during the next few months is that if Sir Rufus Isaacs accepts the Chief Justiceship his seat in Reading is almost certain to go to the Tories, and in the present excited state of political feeling even the loss of one by-election tells unobscuredly. But on the other hand everybody now knows that Asquith will go straight to the end with his programme and will not leave office until home rule has passed into law. Apart from his own personal determination any abandonment of his task would be visited with enraged disapproval by all Liberals, who are even more determined, if possible, than he that the Parliament act shall be used to the utmost and that Ireland shall get its long delayed rights.

## PASSIONIST MONASTERY.

The new monastery of the Passionist Fathers at St. Paul, Kan., is fast nearing completion and it is expected that the date for its consecration will be set by the Right Rev. Bishop Hennessy of Wichita, in whose diocese the monastery is located, in the very near future. The new monastery is one of the finest of the Passionist monasteries and is intended to afford accommodation for a large community. The work has been under the immediate direction of the Very Rev. Father Jeromus, the Provincial of the Passionists in the West, and the building is monastic in all its appointments. At the consecration a large number of priests and prelates will assist.

## DEMOCRATS

Coming Into Their Own With the Appointment of Postmaster Schmitt.

Feature of Postmaster Woods' Term Disregard of Civil Service.

Louisville Herald Still Using Pflanz For Progressive Catspaw.

## KALTENBACHER AS A HUMORIST

Democrats are rejoicing over the fact that Dick Schmitt will take office next Wednesday as Postmaster, succeeding Robert E. Woods, under whose administration the Progressive and Republican office-holders were very active, the main fight on the local Democracy and big campaign funds being raised in the Post-office in spite of the fact that all were supposed to be under civil service regulations, instances being proven where Postoffice employees circulated petitions, and served at elections as officers, inspectors, challengers, etc. There can be no denial of the fact that Postmaster Woods and his favorites in office entirely disregarded civil service rules, and had become arrogant through long continuance in office, and were always ready to use the entire service under their control to punish those who attempted to criticize their management or disagreed with them in either religion or politics. As an instance of office-holding conceit, consider how Postmaster Woods and Assistant Postmaster Morey occupied prominent positions on the stage last year at an anti-Catholic demonstration in Scottish Rite Cathedral and also allowed the distribution of admission tickets in the Postoffice, utterly ignoring the rights of their fellow Catholic citizens, of whom they were just as much public servants as their A. P. A. associates. Postmaster Woods, in his foreword resignation, says that he did not tell how his brother-in-law, James C. Stone, has made \$63,200 by obtaining the mail wagon contract, this same Stone being a candidate for Alderman on the Bull Moose ticket and State Treasurer of that party.

Judge Muir Weisinger's manly card issued this week announcing his hearty support for his successful opponent, Sam Greene, and the entire ticket won him many friends, and with other unsuccessful ones promising their assistance the prospects for the success of the straight Democratic ticket in November appears very bright. These acts of harmony are in marked contrast to the action of Jailer Pflanz, who is still allowing himself to be used as a tool by the Herald in its attempt to bolster up the fast declining Bull Moose prospects. His whole conduct is utterly at variance with the advice of the men who supported and worked for him in the primary, these real friends advising him to give up what everyone realizes is a hopeless contest. As an act of gratitude, if nothing else, Mr. Pflanz should retract his steps before he has lost his entire following of friends and pledge his support to the Democratic party, which has so often honored him in the past. This is the same view and is the opinion of friends of both Messrs. Pflanz and Post.

The Democrats have an opportunity to possibly gain another member of the Legislature, due to the fact that the Republicans have a negro for nominee in the Fifth district, which is the Tenth ward, and if the Republicans and Progressives divide votes there is a splendid opportunity to elect, and would make an able Representative. Speaking of the Legislature, "Billy" Kaltenbacher, of the Louisville Times, is acquiring a reputation as a humorist, his latest being that Hon. Adam Spahn will be a candidate for Speaker of the lower house.

## FESTIVAL AND SUPPER.

From present indications the lawn festival and supper to be served on St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital grounds on Wednesday, August 27, will be the banner charity event of the season. Friends of the good Sisters are doing some earnest work and promise a treat that will surprise and please all who attend. There will be a number of novel attractions and many beautiful prizes left over from last June to be awarded. Mother Huberta and the Sisters hope to meet all their friends on this occasion.

## K. OF C. OUTING.

Louisville Council, Knights of Columbus, will give its annual outing for the members and their families at Fern Grove next Thursday, and two boats have been chartered to carry the large crowd that is expected to attend. Thomas W. Tarry, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, has arranged a programme of athletic events for the outing and that will furnish amusement throughout the day.

## SECULARISM

Discussed by Archbishop Ireland at Great Public Meeting in Milwaukee.

Defends Church and Says It Is Not Ambitious For Political Power.

Places Blame For Decay Prevailing in Morals and Religion.

## THE SALVATION OF AMERICA

Before 200 church dignitaries and 8,000 laymen Archbishop Ireland delivered his address at Milwaukee on "Americanism and Catholicism." The vast audience sitting in the auditorium paid close attention as he spoke of the patriotism of the American Catholics and at the same time condemned those who accuse the Catholics of lack of patriotism. Archbishop Ireland declared that "the evil today in America is the decay of religion, and, in necessary consequence, the decay of morals. In both instances the cause of the decay is the enforced secularism of the State schools. Others than Catholics, heedful observers and intelligent thinkers, admit the evil, admit the cause and give the alarm. I trust the awakening common sense and patriotism of the American people to discover the remedy. Meanwhile, in telling the evil and the cause, my right hand on my conscience, I rank myself among truest and most loyal Americans.

"Now, in America, some do say that the Pope of Rome is ambitious of temporal rule over America, of planting here 'the yellow and white' priests and Bishops are active agents in his yearnings; that Catholics dream of the day when his command in civil and political matters will sway the White House and the Capitol; that to this intent, associations are being formed, and that the insane are ever with us, and all the insane are not put into safekeeping.

"The partition of jurisdiction into the spiritual and the temporal is a vital principle of Catholicism; no less is it a vital principle of Americanism. Catholicism and Americanism are in complete agreement. In America the Government is the Republic—the government of the people, by the people and for the people. With you, fellow Catholics, with you, fellow Americans, I salute the republic. I thank God that the people of America are capable of possessing a government of this form, the republic—it is the fullest recognition of human dignity and human rights, the fullest grant of personal freedom, that due regard for the rights of others and the welfare of the social organism may allow.

"After it to an empire or a monarchy! Never, so long as our lips may praise it, or our hands wield a sword in its defense. Permit the barbarous onslaughts of lawlessness and anarchy to undermine its foundations or loosen the cement binding together its walls! Never so long as it still throbs within our bosoms. They know us little who accuse us of coveting civil and political power that we may dim the splendor of the fairest flower in the garden of Americanism. Our combats, if combats there be, are never against the liberties of America, but in defense of them; never against America but against such of its sons whose souls they yet have blinded in 'full response to its teachings and inspirations.

"Now and then, even in otherwise intelligent quarters, a charge, if not of anti-Catholicism, at least of un-Americanism, is laid to the door of the Catholic church. The charge must seem most singular, so soon as we at all advert to the essential characteristics of a religious creed, professing to be of divine origin. Yet the charge is made. Substantially it is this: The Catholic church in its faith and morals does not bear the stamp—'Made in America.' It is un-American to go across the Atlantic or the Pacific for aught that America uses or needs—even for its religion. Now the head of the Catholic church is the Bishop of Rome, a foreigner; its general councils composed of the majority, Europeans, Asiatics, Africans—legislate in faith and morals for America. Why not a Pope strictly American? Why not a curia, as those of other religious bodies, exclusively made up of Americans? Yes—the Catholic church is extra-American, in the sense that it is supra-national, begotten for all nations, not for America alone; its supreme pontiff is extra-American, the head of the next meeting and treat the members for their loyal support in his campaign.

Speaking of secular schools, Archbishop Ireland said: "Not against State schools as such do I raise objections, but as to the method in which they work—methods that, whatever the theory be, do, in fact, consecrate secularism as the religion of America and daily are thither driving America with the flood-tide of Niagara. Somehow I claim secular knowledge must be imparted to the child so as not to imperil its faith in God and in Christ. Prove to me, I say, that this contention does not fit into the Constitution of the United States, that in making it I have not in mind the welfare, the salvation of America, prove this before you call the contention un-American if not anti-American."

## HONORED MGR. BONZANO.

The past week at Cliff Haven will long hold a memorable place in the annals of the Catholic Summer School. It was marked by the celebrations in honor of the visit of His Excellency Most Rev. John H. Bonzano, D. D., Apostolate Delegate and the religious ceremonies of Lady day. Each year at this beautiful home of Catholic education near Lake Champlain religious ceremonies, rivalling in their impressiveness the wonderful ecclesiastical pageants of the Middle Ages, are held. These ceremonies recall the ancient days of the church's greatness, when faith in all the full, rich fever of Catholic enthusiasm fired the hearts of the Christian people and inspired within them noble religious ideals. This year's ceremony was perhaps the most impressive ever held at the Summer School. For it was presided over by the Apostolate Delegate, assisted by many of the prominent figures in the American hierarchy. The services in honor of Our Lady began with a Pontifical Mass. In the afternoon a procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin marched around the beautiful grounds. In the line of march were more than one thousand persons, who sang hymns in honor of Our Lady as they walked with slow and reverent steps toward her shrine near the lake. The great procession was a beautiful sight to behold. It was led by a cross bearer, who was followed by hundreds of ladies and little girls clad in blue and white dresses, the colors so long associated with the Immaculate Conception. Following the ladies were scores of men and boys and behind these marched the altar boys in their black cassocks and white surplices, and the vested clergy. The Papal Delegate, bearing aloft the Blessed Sacrament, brought up the rear of the procession, which was a triumph of religious impressiveness and beautiful display. The procession marched to the small shrine of Our Lady which is situated at a natural grotto among the rocky cliffs near the lakeside. Here beneath the sunlit skies benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was conferred upon the kneeling hundreds, and the help and protection of Our Lady—the Lake Immaculate upon the Catholic Summer School. After benediction a sermon was preached in the open air by the Very Rev. John P. Chidwick, D. D.

## BERNARD STEHLIN.

A widely known and highly respected citizen was called to receive the reward of an upright life Saturday evening, when Bernard Stehlin passed away at the family home, 1519 Edenside avenue. The name of Ben Stehlin has been associated with Louisville business and political life for years. He was born here, and his first undertaking was the bakery business, in which he was successful for thirty years at Jackson and Breckinridge streets. Ben Stehlin as a man of fine physique good to look upon, with a charm of manner that won him a host of friends. He was likewise known for his fair-mindedness and his hatred of anything that bore the stamp of bigotry or oppression. He served two terms as member of the School Board and was a real friend to the teachers and pupils. His widow, Mrs. Miss Amelia Schwab, two daughters, Louise and Eugenia Stehlin; one son, Bernhard Stehlin; two brothers, George Stehlin, of Frankfort, and John Stehlin, of Louisville, and three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Stehlin, Mrs. Harry Shea and Mrs. Vinson Brunck, survive him. The funeral was held at the home of the bereaved family and the large attendance attested the sympathy felt for the bereaved family and relatives.

## INTERESTED IN PICNIC.

At the meeting of Division 4, A. O. H., Monday evening, L. J. Meany, of the Picnic Committee, reported that there was an unusually large sale of tickets for the picnic to be given under the auspices of the County Board and Ladies' Auxiliary at Phoenix Hill Park on Tuesday, August 26, the members making returns daily and securing more tickets to dispose of. Michael Welsh, the old war horse of the division, was present, having just recovered from an accident, and was warmly greeted. Councilman M. J. McDermott, who received one of the highest votes in the recent primary, promised to be the host at the picnic meeting and treat the members for their loyal support in his campaign.

## Y. M. I.

With their representative men attending the Atlantic Jurisdictional Grand Council convention at Pittsburgh this week, and all awaiting the outcome of its deliberations, there was little of public interest at the super-national—a foreigner on no part of the earth's surface, everywhere at home, as the spiritual father of all tribes and of all peoples who seek divine truth from a universal God and a universal Saviour.

## SLANDER

Cast Upon Emperor Constantine Refuted by Protestant Historian.

Menace Fails to Quote Authority For the Lies It Repeats.

Malignous Accusations Arising From Celebration of Constantinian Jubilee.

## DISQUALIFIED BY ITS BLUNDER

Grave aspersions and malicious accusations have been cast upon the memory of the Emperor Constantine in the anti-Catholic press of Europe, and some of our rabidly polemical sheets have copied them without taking the trouble to invent new defamations. The celebration in the Catholic church of the Constantinian jubilee prompted these accusations which have long been refuted or explained by historians, Catholic and non-Catholic. The Menace, which skews out a living by feeding lies to a hungry mob of bigots, repeats an old slander of Constantine. We shall even quote its authority, and that a Protestant historian, in disproving this silly though malicious accusation. Says the Menace in a recent issue:

"That 'most holy Catholic Christian Emperor and Pope, Constantine,' 'drowned his Fausta in a bath of boiling water; beheaded his own son, Crispus, the same year he presided over the Council of Nice, 325; murdered the two husbands of his sister, Constantia,' etc., etc. Now to begin with, the Menace should know that the Emperor Constantine never was Pope. This blunder of the Menace alone should disqualify it utterly with all thinking men. No sane person and, certainly no editor who poses as a spiritual leader of men, should make such blunders. Moreover, Constantine did not, and could not, preside over the Council of Nice, the Presidency being reserved to the ecclesiastical authority. But let that pass. We have said that among the authorities refuting the first big Menace lie we preferred Protestant authority, and so we shall quote Prof. V. Schultze, a Protestant historian, member of the faculty of the Prussian University of Greifswald, in cooperation of our contention. In a book recently published (Leipzig, 1912, p. 212) on Ancient Christian cities and districts he writes as follows:

"In the beginning of 337 Constantine wedded Flavia Maxima Fausta, the young daughter of Augustus Maximianus, a sister of Maxentius, who later lost his life in the battle at the Milvian bridge. The Princess, who was Judge from coins made at that time was not a great beauty but nevertheless very amiable, was greatly devoted to her husband and children; her picture is shown on some coins pressing her little sons Constantine and Constantius to her bosom, while the sitting Venus with the inscription 'Venus Felix' on the reverse of a coin made by the Emperor, is a public profession of the conjugal happiness of the royal couple. In 326, however, the Emperor realized beyond a doubt that he had been deceived, that his marital happiness was ruined. Proof was furnished him of the adulterous intercourse between his twenty-two year old son Crispus and the latter's stepmother, the Empress, who was then thirty-five years of age. Deeply wronged by this disgrace brought upon his family honor, and grieved by his own laws and the teachings of the Old Testament, he followed the path of relentless prosecution of this crime. Crispus was summoned before a court in far off Pola in July of the same year, was found guilty and decapitated; the guilty Empress is said to have been killed in an overheated bath. It is probably more correct to assume, since the warm blood of her Syrian mother Eutrophia rolled in her veins, that she voluntarily paid the penalty of her crime in this manner. One can readily see why these terrible occurrences were covered with a veil and how the most exaggerated reports could arise. But the occurrence itself was too horrible that it could be entirely forgotten by posterity. Posterity was prone to look upon Constantine, who served justice so sternly and inexorably, as little less than a criminal, who must recognize in him an heroic example of submission to divine and human law."

It was not a Catholic, but a Protestant, historian that wrote this. And it was not written decades or centuries ago, but a few months ago, in 1913, with a knowledge of the most recent historical investigations. In the light of such evidence, the fables of the bigoted grafters at Aurora, who commit themselves issue for issue, should be discarded by all sane Americans, regardless of their religious affiliations.

## BACK AT HOME.

Frank Driscoll, Jr., who two weeks ago underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Infirmary, was able Sunday to be removed to his home on Hamilton avenue. His friends will be interested to know that he is steadily improving and his complete recovery is now