

Church in the person of its visible head. The representatives of France, the 'fille ainee de l'Eglise,' had the honor of being received first, the audience being of a most cordial character. Baron Nisard, the Envoy-Extraordinary, presented the Holy Father with two magnificent Gobelin, the gift of President Loubet, the subjects depicted being the 'Vocation of the Blessed Joan of Arc marching towards the Loire.' The Holy Father, in accepting the gift and the congratulatory address which accompanied it, pronounced an eloquent speech, reaffirming the ties of indelible loyalty which bind France to the Holy See. The German and Bavarian Envoys next had the honor of being received by the Sovereign Pontiff, and on Saturday the special missions sent by Great Britain, Russia, Saxony, Belgium, and Montenegro were admitted into the Papal presence. Numerous pilgrimages from every part of Italy and from abroad continue to arrive in Rome, and the Pope granted numerous audiences every day. The congratulatory telegrams addressed to the Pope have been so numerous that the number of employees at the Telegraph Office in Rome has had to be considerably increased.

### The British Mission.

Shortly before noon on Saturday, March 8 (writes a Rome correspondent), the Holy Father received in formal audience the Earl of Denbigh and the other members of the British Special Mission. The delegates passed through the Court of San Damaso, where the Papal Guard was in attendance, and went up to the Clementine Chamber, escorted by the Swiss Guards. The members of the Mission were then conducted to the Throne room, where the Pope was seated on the Throne, surrounded by his court. The Earl of Denbigh, in presenting the letter of King Edward, delivered a short address, expressing his best wishes on the occasion of the Jubilee. The Pope, in reply, said that he was much touched by the despatch of the Mission, and expressed his thanks to King Edward for having sent it. He also referred to the death of the lamented Queen Victoria. After the speeches, which were delivered in French, the Earl of Denbigh presented the other members of the Mission. The Holy Father then invited the Special Envoy to follow him into his private apartments, and there conversed with him for a little while. At the close of the audience, which was of a very cordial character, the delegates paid a visit to Cardinal Rampolla, the Pontifical Secretary of State. The Pope, who was in excellent health, also received the Countess of Denbigh in private audience.

### SPAIN.

At an ordination held in the private oratory attached to the archiepiscopal palace, Valladolid, on the 22nd February, the following students were raised to the subdiaconate by his Grace the Archbishop of Valladolid, Don Jose Maria Cos:—Scots College—Rev. Francis O'Brien, of the archdiocese of St. Andrews, and Edinburgh; Rev. James Clark, Rev. Denis Scannell, Rev. Patrick Cush, Rev. Patrick J. Diamond, and the Rev. Daniel Colvin, all of the archdiocese of Glasgow. English College—Rev. Patrick Barrett, of the diocese of Plymouth; Rev. William Watts and Rev. Joseph Bannon, of the diocese of Salford; Rev. Walter Weston, of the diocese of Birmingham; Rev. Thomas Walker, of the diocese of Northampton; Rev. Cecil Paget, of the diocese of Shrewsbury; and Rev. Michael Haggerty, of the diocese of Newport.

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## The Morals of Animals.

It may be questioned whether animals have any conception of morals as we understand the term. But in a general sense it would certainly seem that they have. In the social sense there is no doubt as to the answer. To take a well-known instance, the ant family have evolved a most complicated social system which apparently works to perfection, and that is more than can be said of any human system. In order, cleanliness, care of offspring, provision for future wants, and military discipline, no civilised society can compare with theirs. They are slave-holders, it is true, but they treat their slaves with every kindness and consideration, and the warrior ants defend them in time of danger. Another excellent example is furnished by the beaver. During summer it leads a solitary life, but at the approach of winter communities are formed, building operations commence, stores laid up as soon as the dwellings are completed, and every individual of the community recognises clearly that the interest of the family and the colony come first. In their family life, they, in common with many other animals, offer an example which might well be copied, not only by savage, but also by civilised communities.

### Clyde's Lion.

'S'posing,' said little Clyde, 'that a great big, big lion should get after me when I was out in the woods, 'n I clum'd up a tree, and—' and threw a club down and hit him on the mouth! I bet he'd run away pretty fast then, wouldn't he?'

'Oh, I'm afraid not,' Clyde's papa answered. 'You wouldn't be able to throw the club hard enough 'to hurt a lion very much.'

'Well, you know, I might break off a great—great—awful big limb and let it fall right down on the lion's back. I guess that would make him get out of there pretty fast, wouldn't it?'

'It might, but how could you break off a big limb like that? Why, you couldn't break off a branch even as thick as one of my fingers.'

'Well, but I might stay up there till I would grow big and strong, you see. And then I bet I could do it!'

'No, you wouldn't be able to do it even then. I couldn't break off a limb that would be heavy enough to hurt a lion if it fell on him.'

'Couldn't I even if I got to be as big as a giant?'

'I don't know—hardly.'

'Well, giants can master lions, can't they?'

'Not when the lions have a fair show or happen to be angry.'

Clyde thought the matter over for a moment and then resumed:

'Would the lion be sitting under the tree with his mouth wide open all this time waiting for me to fall into it?'

'Very likely.'

'And could he swallow me with just one gulp?'

'He might make two or three mouthfuls of you, unless he happened to be an extra large lion.'

'Yes, but I'd wait up there for a whole year till he got so hungry he'd have to go away somewhere else or get starved.'

'And don't you suppose that you would get pretty hungry and perhaps starve yourself if you stayed up the tree a whole year?'

'Well, but you see they might be a lot of blackberry bushes grow up around the tree, 'n I could eat the blackberries.'

'Oh! You might get sleepy, too. That would be dangerous. If you ever closed your eyes and got to nodding—down you would go.'

It looked for a moment as if this might end the argument, but little Clyde was not to be caught napping by any ordinary old lion in that way, and after a brief consideration of the matter said:

'Yes, but you see before I clum'd up that tree some other little boy might have been out there flying his kite and the string might have got fast on the limbs and broke, so I could take it and tie myself to the tree, and then I wouldn't fall when I went to sleep.'

His papa had to admit then that Clyde would be too much for the lion; the light was put out and in about sixty-three seconds a little boy was fast asleep, while a little boy's papa was being scolded by a little boy's mamma for permitting 'a child to go to bed with his head full of such horrible trash.'

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