



ST. JOHN LATERAN'S, ROME.

After the singing of the hymn, at 11.25 the Pope rose from his throne and proceeded to the sacred door, where the golden banner was presented to him. On small tables were prepared twelve silver trays, with linen, and a silver basin with Holy Water. The Pope struck one blow on the silver cross on the door and pronounced the words: *Aperite mihi, portae justitie*. The Sistine Choir replied in the words of the anthem, and the Pope then struck the door a second and a third time, breaking the cross at the third blow, whereupon the door was forced open by the attendants. The moriar had previously been loosened, and the door was removed on a special chariot. The choir began to sing the Psalm *Jubilate Deo omnis terra*, and the sacred penitentiaries, with linen from the silver trays and Holy Water in the silver basin, washed the floor and dried it. The Pope then stepped forward being the first to pass through alone. The bells of St. Peter's began ringing the opening of the Jubilee Year. The bells of all other churches in Rome began and continued ringing for half-an-hour.

The Pope carried a lighted taper in one hand and a crozier in the other, and on entering the sacred basilica he intoned the "Te Deum." He was followed by the choir

and the procession of cardinals, bishops, and the faithful. The Pope proceeded to the Chapel of the Holy Sacrament, where he remained for some minutes kneeling in prayer, and then from the throne near the altar made a short address to the confraternities and archconfraternities on guard, explaining the significance of the Holy Year. The Pontiff then went to the tomb of St. Peter's, where he pronounced a blessing on those present and the whole Catholic world, and at 1.30 the ceremony was concluded and his Holiness retired to his apartments, again imparting his blessing to the faithful present.

A similar service was performed at three other basilicas of Rome, in presence also of large gatherings. The whole quarter of the Borgo was draped in red and the Papal colors, and the ceremony was the occasion of great demonstrations and rejoicings. Several important groups of pilgrims have already arrived, and each week it is anticipated that larger and larger groups will come to Rome, filling all the hotels and hostels. Special committees have undertaken to compile lists of rooms available in Rome, and delegations of pilgrims from more than fifty nations are expected.

The Late Father Marlow SOLEMN REQUIEM AT WELLINGTON.

On the morning of January 24, in the presence of the Most Reverend Metropolitan, Archbishop Redwood, S.M., D.D., his Coadjutor, Archbishop O'Shea, S.M., D.D., and 58 priests, Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of Rev. Father Francis Marlow, of Dunedin, killed a few days previously in a motor accident. The ceremony took place in St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, Wellington. Rev. Father Connolly, of Kilbirnie, was celebrant; Rev. Father O'Donnell, of St. Joseph's, deacon; Rev. Father Klimeck, of Upper Hunt, sub-deacon. Father Cullen, of St. Joseph's, performed the duties of M.C. The music of the Mass was beautifully sung by the priests of the archdiocese. Mr. W. McLaughlin was at the organ.

Modern physicians and psychologists denounce fear as the source of untold evils and as the greatest human weakness. This denunciation is too sweeping and lacks discernment. There is a fear which imparts great moral strength and which, by the highest authority has been declared to be the beginning of wisdom. It would be well for our generation if it possessed more of this fear.

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