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She wrote them, she said, in honor of
Santa Claus. She thought it much more
to praise Santa than to write a "letter"
asking for presents.

Christmas time has come again
The jolliest time of the year,
When we will have our games and toys
And think of the joys.

Today we will celebrate
The birthday of our king;
And we will have a jolly time
When we hear the bells ring.

On this day our Saviour
In a manger laid,
And the presents which he got
Were well made.

Many presents had he,
But he had no Christmas tree,
Many present of gold and all
Wasn't he the happiest of all?
—Bessie Evans.

PERSONAL.

Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara was in Carbondale yesterday.

Hon. S. S. Jones, of Carbondale, was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Hugh Jennings, of Ansonia, were in the city last evening.

Miss Bessie Potts, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George L. Yost, of Adams avenue.

Miss Anna M. MacMahon, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Mae L. Simpson, of Quincy avenue.

Frank Dietrick, of Wilkes-Barre, has been appointed district deputy grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons for the eleventh district of Pennsylvania.

The Misses Reap, Grace O'Malley, Alice Donnelly and Alice Maloney, of Pittston, were among the out-of-town people who attended the Crawford lecture last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, of Lackawanna avenue, entertained the following friends Monday night in honor of the tenth anniversary of their marriage: Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Nellen, Miss Regan, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Brockton, Wilkes-Barre; Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Feltus, Mr. and Mrs. Lansford and daughter, Miss Flax, Miss Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Capland, Mr. Green and Mr. Scott, Scranton; Mrs. Josephson, of Pittston, and Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, of Carbondale.

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MARION CRAWFORD TELLS OF LEO XIII
A Most Interesting Description of the Pope's Personality.

EVERY DAY LIFE IN THE VATICAN.
Vivid Picture of the Great Priest, Scholar and Statesman and Entertaining Account of the Pontiff's History, Characteristics and Surroundings.—The Infallibility of the Pope and the Matter of "Assent and Obedience" Touched Upon.

The largest, most representative and cultured audience that has attended a lecture of the St. Thomas college course was that which last night heard of Marion Crawford's description of Leo XIII. in the Vatican. It was a lecture that deserved such an audience—in fact, no audience could be too good for it. Those who heard it agreed that it was one of the grandest literary treatises that could be wished for.

Mr. Crawford was introduced with little speeches, and it is safe to say that if the lecturer had not already been an intimate terms of acquaintance with every one of his hearers, he would have been so by Father MacGoldrick's presentation.

Mr. Crawford is a tall, handsome man of athletic build, with hair slightly tinged with gray. His nose is sharp and aquiline, his eyes expressive and alerting and his countenance all in all of a very pleasing cast. To hear him one would surely think him to be a Briton to the manner born, rather than an American, who has spent a goodly portion of his life in Rome. He says "Francis" as only an Englishman or affected Bostonian can say it, but with him there was no affectation. It was natural and musical.

An outline of Mr. Crawford's very interesting lecture can convey no adequate idea of the vigorous manner of his presentation. It gives his subject matter, however, and by clothing this with the direct, exact and beautiful language of Mr. Crawford's books one can gain an idea of what his audience enjoyed.

SUBJECT NOT AN EASY ONE.
The subject, the lecturer said, was not an easy one. It is one that Catholics approach with the greatest delicacy and respect, and members of other religions with a certain amount of distrust. "I am going to try to place before you," Mr. Crawford said, "the personality of Leo XIII." The lecturer first gave a brief sketch of Europe at the time of Leo's accession to the papacy, and then for contrast told briefly the character of Pius IX., his predecessor.

Pius IX. was described by Mr. Crawford as a man too good for the age in which he lived and too weak for any age. An account of every one of his political acts begins "The Pope hesitates." He was the kindest and best of men himself, but his right hand man, Cardinal Antonelli, was neither kind nor gentle. Although a cardinal, Antonelli was not a priest. He was unscrupulous, a fighter and a schemer, and might be justly compared to Calvo or Bismarck.

An interesting bit of the lecture was Mr. Crawford's description of Antonelli's crude manner of living and his shabby lodgings in Rome, which the lecturer visited a few hours after the cardinal's death.

Speaking of Victor Emanuel, the lecturer said he was a fine old king and a gallant man, and he would not have broken his vow by taking Rome if circumstances had not forced him to it. When the king was dying he asked the Pope's blessing.

That same year, 1878, Pius IX. died and Leo XIII. was elected pope. He was then 68 years of age. He was born in Conca, near Perugia, in Umbria, Southern Italy, in 1810 and now, although nearly 90 years of age, he is as apparently strong and active physically and mentally as he was ten or fifteen years ago.

LIKE LIVING ALABASTER.
He bears a striking resemblance to his father and mother. It is from the latter that he inherits his peculiar firm set jaw and characteristic mouth, with his thin lips, which seem ever bent on smiling. Another striking characteristic is his complexion. His face seems as if made out of live alabaster. He possesses the tall, sinewy, broad-shouldered frame of the southern mountaineer; his features are aquiline and his eyes marvelously bright. His every movement is quick, and when walking he travels at a very rapid pace for one of his years.

Physically he bears a strong resemblance to Mr. Gladstone and President Lincoln. All three men had great physical strength in their youth and all capable of profound study. In Lincoln the real and material were uppermost; in Gladstone, the intellectual was the striking feature; in Leo, the spiritual was the most pronounced.

Leo's early life was spent in the open air. He was fond of exercise and outdoor sports, and at an early age inherited a large store of good common sense.

First he was a priest, then a nuncio at Brussels, and next Archbishop of Perugia, where he lived for a long time. As an instance of the liberality of Leo's views, Mr. Crawford told of how he opened his house at Perugia to the government officers at a time when there was a bitter dispute between the government and the Vatican.

Leo approaches as nearly as any one the well-balanced character. He is a great statesman, a ripe scholar and the soul of piety. He has a rare, healthy sobriety of judgment and is simple and straightforward, but not without a requisite noble ecstacy. He is extraordinarily skilled in writing Latin and Italian verse. He does not speak English. Mr. Crawford stated parenthetically, without maintaining that the Pope is the greatest man of the age, that the most even-tempered of great men and has most stubbornly same disposition.

HIS GREAT ACTIVITY.
A most remarkable characteristic of Leo is his great activity. Although 88 years of age, he is constantly occupied. He sleeps but four or five hours, and not infrequently is found asleep in his chair, where he had been working all night without having gone to bed.

After rising in the morning he celebrates a low mass and attends another, which is generally celebrated by his chaplain. This concluded, he breakfasts on coffee and milk. Goat's milk is his preference, he having acquired a liking for it in his mountainous days. A herd of goats is kept to supply his needs.

After breakfast he receives until 10 o'clock, when he takes a cup of broth. He works until 2 p. m. and then dines.

His physician says that Leo does not eat as much in a week as an ordinary man would at a meal.

He takes a nap in the afternoon and then goes out for a walk with one of his chamberlains. He descends from his apartments in an elevator and is borne to his carriage in a sedan chair. Two Noble Guards ride around with him. His drive is confined to the Vatican gardens.

Leo is very fond of improvements and is constantly adding to the richness and beauty of the Vatican grounds and buildings. When he orders something to be done he supervises the work himself. Most of his time is spent in the beautiful little palace which he himself has built. There he receives his visitors.

In the summer time he does not return to his palace until half an hour after sunset. He is then in the company of Ave Maria. He holds evening services, prayers being said by the chaplain. Later, he has a frugal supper, and then is left to himself.

HIS FAVORITE POETS.
Virgil and Dante are his favorite poets. He has a wonderful memory and can quote whole passages of either. On one occasion he recited from memory to the great astonishment of some of the Franciscan friars, who were his callers, the whole eleventh canto of Dante's "Paradiso." He is a great reader of the daily press, but unlike other sovereigns his reading is not out of curiosity. He himself picks out what he wants to read. He writes a great deal. His encyclicals are political events in Europe. They are first published in Latin in the organ of the Vatican.

When he succeeded to the papal throne he was opposed by nearly all of Europe. Despite this, he has made a brilliant success of his reign and has become one of the most important factors in the affairs of Europe.

After referring to the Pope's temporal sovereignty, which the lecturer regarded as a reasonable right, because the Pontiff should not be a subject, and unless he is a sovereign he must be a subject—he touched upon the question of assent and obedience in matters not connected with faith. The "infallibility of the Pope" was also generally misunderstood, Mr. Crawford said, and that he is infallible in political or like utterances is absurd. Infallibility related only to the Pope's utterances on matters of faith and then only when spoken ex cathedra, that is, in council. The idea that American Catholics could allow political dictatorship by the Pope to take root in their minds is also an utter absurdity.

The Italian is by nature, according to common reports—and it is possibly true—a born conspirator. The Catholic church with its wonderfully unique centralization of power, and world-wide ramifications, is unquestionably the greatest known agent for carrying out some great conspiracy. Yet, who has ever heard of any attempt at the execution of such a plot? American Catholics could allow political dictatorship by the Pope to take root in their minds is also an utter absurdity.

The idea of the American Catholics for instance being swayed in their politics by the dictates of their spiritual master is not to be entertained for a moment by thinking people. If Catholics were bound to obey Leo in matters of politics, it would logically be taken that power of dictator would be inherent in the papacy. Imagine again the church expecting American Catholics to heed the political behests of Alexander VI or the politically insignificant Pius IX.

In closing, Mr. Crawford said that Leo has done more to strengthen the church than all the popes who have lived in the last two hundred years.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET.
Following the lecture there was a public reception, which permitted Mr. Crawford's Scranton admirers to meet him personally. The presentations were made on the stage, the audience passing in from the right and left being presented, returning by the left exit and out by the lower corridor.

On the stage with Mr. Crawford were Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara, Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban, Judge P. R. Smith, Judge W. W. Gurnea, Hon. John E. Barry, Richard O'Brien, Rev. J. A. Moffitt, Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick, Rev. J. A. Moffitt, B. J. Neville and Dr. John Burnett. The ladies who assisted were Mrs. John Burnett, Mrs. R. J. Neville, Mrs. F. W. Gurnea, Mrs. Miss Gunster, Mrs. P. R. Smith, Mrs. R. O'Brien and the Misses Hoban.

An informal dinner was tendered Mr. Crawford at the Jermyn, following the reception. It occurred in one of the private dining rooms on the second floor, the table being arranged as follows:

APPRECIATIVE STUDENTS.
They remembered the Faculty of the Scranton Business College.

When the Scranton Business College closed for the holidays the students of both sessions evidenced their appreciation of the work done by their instructors by making them beautiful and costly presents as follows:

The night students gave to Professor Fick a handsome jardiner and a magnificent fern; to Professor Whitmore a beautiful parlor lamp; to Professor McCawley a silk umbrella, and to Miss Ruth Tierney a purse. The day students gave Professors Buck and Whitmore each a mahogany parlor chair; Professor Yoder a silk umbrella, and Professor McCawley a clock.

MARRIED.
JOHNSON-PARFREY—At the residence of the bride's parents, 721 Adams avenue, Dec. 25, 1897, by Rev. C. D. Moore, Mr. Clarence C. Johnson and Miss Sarah E. Parfrey.

TAYLOR-HILL—At the home of the bride's father, on Dec. 27, 1897, by Rev. T. M. Furey, Mr. Alfred Taylor and Miss Lily Hill, both of Old Forge.

DIED.
MORRIS—In West Scranton, Dec. 27, 1897, Mrs. B. Elizabeth Morris, 28 years of age, at her residence, 517 Hampton street. Funeral services, Thursday morning at St. Patrick's church. Interment at the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

MOCK—In Scranton, Dec. 27, 1897, after ten weeks' illness, Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mock, aged 2 years. Funeral services at the same place, corner Stone and Birch street, Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment at Elmwood. Remains will leave Scranton via Erie and Wyoming road at 2 1/2 p. m.

TAGUE—In Lemon, Wyoming county, Dec. 27, 1897, Mrs. John Tague, about 51 years of age. Funeral services, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church. Interment at Stark's cemetery.

CHIEF JUSTICES OF PENNSYLVANIA
Hampton L. Carson of the Philadelphia Bar Spoke About Them.

VERY INTERESTING DISCOURSE.
Mr. Carson Dwelt Upon the Prominent Characteristics of the Men Who Have Left Their Impress on the Legal History of This Commonwealth—Afterwards There Was an Informal Reception and a Collation—Vote of Thanks Tendered.

The purpose of the meeting of the members of the Lackawanna county bar, held last evening in the elegant room in the court house, which has been recently fitted up for the use of the Superior court, was threefold in character, and as successful in each particular as even the most enthusiastic promoters of the event could desire.

The meeting was primarily for the purpose of being entertained and instructed by an address on the "Characteristics of the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania," delivered by Hampton L. Carson, a member of the Philadelphia bar, and to enable the younger members of this bar to meet and commune with the older members and thereby cement the bonds of friendship. Incidentally the necessity of increasing the membership, reserve fund and supply of books in the Law Library association was dwelt upon and the response was generous and surprising.

Hither the Law Library has been dependent on the generosity of the older members of the bar, many of whom have private law libraries of respectable proportions, while the benefits have been derived largely by the younger members, as to have the unlimited license has been given. While enjoying, the younger members of the bar did not abuse this privilege, and being appreciative they responded promptly to the call made upon them.

HAVE A SPECIAL ACT.
The Luzerne County Law library is supported by the fines and forfeited recognizances collected, under a special act of assembly, which could not be duplicated now for the reason that it would be unconstitutional and a general act might be equally difficult to obtain, therefore the library must be sustained and increased by the subscriptions of the members.

But the address was the event of the evening and was delightfully entertaining and instructive, showing careful research and containing much valuable information that is inaccessible to the average lawyer, though he be quite familiar with many of the opinions handed down by the chief justices of the state. It was with regret that the audience witnessed the close of the address, which was rather abrupt, owing to the lateness of the hour.

Mr. Carson prefaced his remarks by quoting the words of Almer Thomas, one of the early historians of Philadelphia, who wrote ten years after the treaty of Penn, as follows: "Of doctors and lawyers I shall say nothing, for the village is peaceable and healthy; long may it flourish free from the pestilence of the one and the abominable locusts of the other; the nobility forsooth have license to make mischief. Nevertheless," he said, "when Penn came he found county courts in existence and he very wisely left them alone and in addition established several other courts, as he had the nobility grant and most power ever given by a sovereign to a subject."

FIRST CHIEF JUSTICE.
Penn appointed his cousin, William Crispin, as the first chief justice, but Judge W. Nicholas Moore was the first chief justice. As a doctor he was the leading bleeder of his time, and it is a popular superstition that "bleeding" has passed from the medical to the legal profession. He was a hard, violent, head-strong man, who was angered by the assembly and later ousted by Penn's first chief justice, the first trained lawyer, the others being laymen. High tributes were paid to the legal ability of Roger Mompesson and David Lloyd and to Isaac Norris, who framed the inscription on the Liberty Bell, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof."

William Allen was dwelt upon at considerable length. He was the first American interested in establishing the Northwestern Passage. Being wealthy he assisted Benjamin Franklin to found the University of Pennsylvania. Being a patron of the arts he enabled Benjamin West to acquire the education and skill with which he astonished the European artists. To his public spiritedness we owe the site of the state house. To his son-in-law Andrew Hamilton was the term "it would take a Philadelphia lawyer" first applied, he having been sent for from New York, where he emulated and maintained a principle in regard to the libel law, which fifty years later was adopted and elucidated upon by Lord Erskine and Fox.

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID.
A high tribute was paid to Chief Justice Chew, who was a fellow student of Blackstone. Chief Justice Thomas Stone was one of the most prodigious personalities in the history of the state. He was one of the most potential revolutionary forces in the continental congress, and it was through him that

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Delaware signed the Declaration of Independence.

He defied the Democratic party when governor, and appointed William Tligham, to whom we owe our equity jurisprudence, and who should be included in any group of six of the greatest American Judges. In conclusion, Mr. Carson said:

"The lives of the chief justices carefully studied, will enlarge the bounds of knowledge, and will be useful in the argument of cases, for the law is not an abstract but a living thing, and the principles of law, like a stream of water, take taste and lincture from the soil through which they flow; and there could be no more fitting task to the devout worshipper at the shrine of equity jurisprudence than to study the lives of the great, the pure, and the able chief justices of Pennsylvania."

At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker. Afterwards the members of the bar and their distinguished guest enjoyed a collation in the room in the rear of the Superior court room.

SOOGS GOODS WERE DISTRAINED.
Now Mrs. Soogs Says That Some of Them Disappeared.

While Nelson Soogs is digging up the frozen fields of Klondike his wife is having sufficient trouble right here at home. Yesterday she was plaintiff in a case before Alderman W. S. Millar, W. Gibson Jones, the real estate man, was defendant. The story is thus:

Several months ago when the fever was at its height Mr. Soogs got together all the spare cash he had and wanted his way to the gold fields of the circling sun. He is still there. He left behind him his wife in one of Mr. Jones' houses.

But, it appears, Mr. Soogs forgot to leave the wherewith to pay Mr. Jones for the rent of that house. So when Mrs. Soogs decided to go a little closer to her husband—Binghamton—and she packed her household goods preparatory to departing, there was an objection on the part of Mr. Jones.

The goods got as far as the railway station where a paper issued from an auctioneer's office arrested their flight until such time as the rent was paid. Here Special Officer Cole figures in. He served the paper but he didn't know just what to do with the goods.

At the suggestion of Mr. Jones the sooger household furniture was stored in one of the Jones empty stores in Temple court. When Mrs. Soogs sought to recover them she found, so she avers, that part of the goods were missing.

So she had a warrant issued for Mr. Jones' arrest, claiming damages in the sum of \$300. Alderman Millar reserved his decision until today. The defense claims that under the law Constable Cole is, personally, liable for the loss of the goods if there is any.

Mrs. Soogs was not present at the hearing. Her case was taken care of by Attorney Wodeham. Attorney James H. Terry represented Mr. Jones.

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