to the ?west Festival.

BOWERS OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Spectacles, Denntiful Music, Throngs of Participants and Sighiseers-Poor Churches Run Up Big Bills.

Easter is conceeded to be the most brilliant of the many church festivals celeeven Christmas in lavishness of musical

point of attendance. doxically, the more wealthy the congregation the less the money which is paid out by the treasurer. This is due to the genionable churches like St. Bartholomew's, New York, where the Vanderbilts worship, the foral decorations will represent several thousand dollars, but of this sum only the potted plants are paid for by the com- to the church. mittee in charge, and these are merely rented for the day. The flowers are sent church. Sometimes these memorials come though the music selected is of the lightest in the form of set pieces, such as pillows, order. harps and other funeral offerings, but so skillfully are they arranged by the dec- ployed, the old English music, notably that orators that the work, when completed, written by John Stainer, is selected as

How the Decoration is Done. Bermuda lilies, hyacinths, white asaleas, narcissus and lilles of the valley are the most popular flowers for decorative purposes, but even white roses and carnations | Why Enster Music is Disappointing. are not despised when the prices of all flowers soar skyward.

The work of decoration begins on Saturlay afternoon and is generally in the hands sisted or hindered, as the case may be, by Episcopal churches the committee consists what is known as the altar guild, while by the sisterhoods. The ceremony is acsho make the rounds of Catholic churches it this time have an opportunity to study the exquisite workmanship in the laces used in decorating the altars, which can sever be seen during the crush of Easter Sunday. The finest laces owned by a shurch are reserved for the Easter servces, and often the veils used to drape the laures on the various altars are worth a small fortune in themselves,

At the conclusion of the last service on Sunday the flowers are removed, and they are sorted for distribution by a committee. in churches where guilds are formed to ninister to the sick, these workers have trat right to the flowers, and the rest are listributed to the various hospitals. The saims and ferns rented by the florists are emoved on Monday unless the week folowing Easter is to be marked by a numper of church weddings, in which case araugements are frequently made for the lecorations to stand.

Decorations in These Cities, 200,000 will be spent in chancel decora- and beautiful of church festivals." ions in New York churches, \$150,000 in Thicago churches and a like sum in Phil-

This includes all sorts and conditions of congregations, from the mission chapel there an expenditure of \$25 or \$50 is made mly after most mature deliberation, to diffees like St. George's, where J. Pierpont dorgan will pass the silver plate for laster offerings, and where the chancel will se completely hidden by lilies and azaleas \$5 a plant, hyacinths at half the price nd cut flowers beside which the decoraions at a ball or dinner sink into financial

The Wealthy Church's Easy Task. The wealthier the church, the more simde does the choir master find the problem f arranging the Easter music. His singrs are kept up to the highest possible erfectly are his singers drilled for chorus vork that the introduction of additional oices would injure, not improve, the hurches are paid enough to make their

egular attendance an object. Students of singing make up the maplan except the actual musical num- irreverent.

Even here much latitude is denied him. ertain hymns and choruses are demanded and the magnificent choral, "The aterprising publisher when a member of and Mr. Wheeleck departs this afternoon to congregation who contributes her hun-

CHURCHES IN EASTER GARB dreds each year to the support of the choir sonds word that she would like "I know That My Redeemer Liveth" sung at the moraing service. The choir masters admit and what was placed on the market last year will not be heard in the churches next Sunday.

> a harpist or 'celleist, or both, throughout the year, and these may be augmented by Entrancing other stringed instruments for Easter, otherwise the choir remains as usual. Grand Opera Stars Sing Gratuitously.

On the other hand, the choir master who is compelled to economize and stint the year around is expected to make more or less of a splurge on Easter. He is allowed funds to secure a noted soloist or two, perin American cities, surpassing haps a harpist. It is in regard to the latprograms, extravagance of decoration and not enough harpists in the average city a failure. And that for several reasons. Millions of dollars are spent each year tival of music. They are engaged long in for Easter Hilles and alleluias, yet para- advance and are paid a much higher figure than the soloists. A satisfactory soloist can be secured for \$20, but higher prices are sometimes paid for "names." For ineral custom of making Easter Sunday the stance, if a good light opera company is occasion of memorials to the dead. In fash- playing at one of the theaters the tenor or basso may be secured for the Easter solos at a church. When a grand opera singer is heard his or her solo is an offering, without money and without price,

Where the choir master must reorganize his workers on a more elaborate scale for the Vanderbilts, in memory of those this one day, his task is arduous and intheir family who have died in the volves long and tedious rehearsals, even

In churches where boy choirs are emshows only an admirably massed chancel of , lending itself more easily to the choral style of the English church. If a choir master inclines to the work of American composers, he selects the Easter music written by Horatio Parker, Arthur Foote, or George W. Chadwick.

In speaking of Easter music a noted

choir master said: "The occasional churchgoer who imagines he is hearing especially fine music when he of professional decorators and florists, as- attends the Easter service is greatly mistaken. Frankly, I am always more discommittee of the church people. In the satisfied with our music on that day than on any other Sunday of the year. The great throng in the church, particularly the Catholic churches the work is done that restless tide of sightseers which comes and goes, distracts the singers, and the semplished with much reverence and those heavy air, which rests over the entire church, destroys the purity of tone. This comes partially from the large number of people in the body of the church and partly from the heavy odors of the flowers massed in the chancel. My choir is necessarily packed into the midst of this perfume, and I have known young women to faint under its powerful influence.

"Then, too, my singers work their hardest on this day, because we have an extra service, beginning a full choral service at 7 o'clock in the morning. Very often members of my choir living at a distance have a light breakfast before coming to the church, take a second breakfast after the first service, and even eat their midday meal at a nearby restaurant. By the close of the afternoon service they are exhausted "At churches which have only two serv-

ces the strain is lighter, but I must reiterate that the average choir is not heard at its best on this day. There is something in the air besides flowers, perhaps it is general excitement, which creeps into foriat who has stores in New York, the music and makes it less ecclesiastic Thicago and Philadelphia states that fully than it should be on this, the most solemn

Armies of Sightseers. Despite this frank admission of weakness in Easter music, the average sightseer will sally forth Easter Sunday with the unshaken expectation of hearing something quite out of the ordinary. There will be orge's, where J. Pierpont thousands of him struggling for entrance into the fashionable churches of every de

nomination. To protect parishioners against the Easter invaders, the former are admitted at a single entrance, where they file past men connected with the congregation who know its members by sight. The other entrances to the church remain closed to the general public until five or ten minutes before the service is to begin. After this regular parishioners must take their chances with the seething mob which is risking its Easter finery to gain an entandard for every service, and he makes trance, for then no pews are reserved. o special effort for Easter Sunday, except Other churches issue cards, which are disa an appropriate selection of music. So tributed not only to parishioners but to privileged individuals to whom the courtesy

is considered due. In the very large edifices in the larger seemble work. Chorus singers in wealthy cities, and especially in New York, only those well in the front hear the Easter sermon, for there is a perpetual stream of sightseers, coming and going. To the inority of these choirs and the standard dividual accustomed to life on the Eurof music demanded in a congregation of pean continent, this floating congregation realth is such that it could not be im- is quite a matter of course, but to the roved for special occasions. Moreover, American accustomed to the congregation's he soloists are also the best obtainable, remaining seated during the entire servthe choir master finds that he has little loe, the peripatetic throng seems distinctly

Change of Revenue Agents.

Internal Revenue Agent George H. a this day, including the triumphant Wheelock has been temporarily transferred ymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alle- to Lynchburg. Va., to take the place of the magnificent choral, "The Chorus," from Handel's Wheelock will be succeeded here by Reve-Messiah." It is a daring soloist who will need to sing a new aria pushed by some The latter arrived today to take charge

AN EDITOR'S **EXPERIENCE**

In the Treatment of Humors With Magical Effect by Cuticura

* A tumor came on my neck and in a day or two it was as large as half an erange. I was very much slarmed for fear it was maliguent. My friends tried to persuade me to consult my physician; but dreading that he would lasts on using the kaife, I would not consent to go. Instead, I got Cuticura Reselvent and Cuticura Cintment. I took the former according to direc-tions, and spread a thick layer of the Ointment on the swelling. On renewing it I would bathe my seck in very warm water and Cuticura Soap. In a few days the Cuticura Claiment had drawn the swelling to a head when it broke. Every moraing it was opened with a large sterifized needle, squeezed

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Mill on Spout for Decorations Appropriate that the new Easter music is ephemeral, Novel Astronomical Condition that is Set Ar Next Saturday.

Several of the fashionable churches have EASTER SUNDAY INVOLVED IN EVENT

Father Rigge of Creighton Observa tory Gives a Short Preliminary Description of an Interesting Exhibition.

Next Saturday evening there will be an ellpse of the moon. Compared with that good total eclipse which we saw on October ter that he has most trouble. There are 16 the present eclipse might be tabeoed as to supply the demand for this great fes- First, the present eclipse is not total, although it is so nearly total that 97 per cent of the moon's diameter is immersed in the earth's shadow. The sight would yet be worth the seeing were it not for the second reason, that the moon is well on her way out of the shadow before rising above the horizon of Omaha.

And here the third circumstance comes in to mar the impressiveness of the phenomenon, in that the moon rises a few minutes before the sun sets. The abundance of daylight at that time will therefore detract much from the moon's visibility.

On account of these adverse conditions very few people in the city will notice the eclipse at all. There is, however, another side to the story, and those of our readers who are astronomically inclined will find several points to interest them in the pres-

First, the appearance of the moon at the time of its rising will be a very unusual sight. If we look at the line of bluffs across the river at a point about 10 degrees to the south of east we shall see at about 6:51 p. m. a peculiar looking luminous finger pointing directly upward, and although moving obliquely upward toward the right, seeming to rise perpendicularly from behind the hills. This finger will rapidly curve away toward the right, and when completely above the horizon will present the appearance indicated in the drawing. A slight ac-quaintance with the phases of the moon will tell us that the moon must always appear bounded by a semicircle on one side

Moon rises..... 6:51 Bun sets..... 6:55 Moon leaves shadow 7:52

and by a semi-eclipse on the other. At the time of an cclipse, however, both bounding curves are parts of unequal circles, so that the moon's appearance is very much al-

Thirdly, as the moon rises next Saturday night four minutes before the sun sets, we shall have the very unique sight of both luminaries just above and as it were resting on the horizon, the one a full round red ball and the other a peculiar silvery truncated crescent, diametrically opposite. While the full outline of the moon's disk is often visible during an eclipse, as it was so well last October, it is most likely that this will not be the case in the coming eclipse on account of the

daylight. Fourthly, the moon to be eclipsed next Saturday is the Paschal moon, that it, the moon which this year determines the date of Easter. Without entering at present into the construction of the calendar, it will suffice for our purpose to remembe that Easter is celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring. There are, therefore, three conditions imposed upon the date of this feast; first, it must occur in spring; second, after the first full moon of spring, and third, on a Sunday. The first condition is an easy one in, practice, because the beginning of spring has been fixed upon the 31st of March, and the leap years have been so disposed that in the course of time this date shall never vary. The second condition, the date of the full moon, is a very difficult one in theory, but in practice it has been so much simplified that any person of average intelligence can, after a little study and by the observance of a few rules, find the date of the first full moon of spring, and by its means determine the date of Easter for any year whatever. As to the third condition, that of the Sunday, it is to be observed that Easter is never celebrated on the day of the full moon itself when that day happens to be a Sunday, but always on the Sunday following the full moon.

These three conditions, therefore, de termine the date of Easter and fix it upon the Sunday following the first full moon of spring. When this full moon falls upon the 21st of March itself, and the day following is Sunday, the 22nd of March is the earliest date of Easter. This happens rarely, only thirty times in sixty centuries. The last time was in 1818 and the next will not be until 2285.

When the full moon occurs on the 20th of March, that is on the day before the beginning of spring, we must wait until the 18th of April in order to have the first full moon of spring. When this day is a Sunday we must wait another week until the 25th of April, the latest possible date, in order to celebrate Easter. This latest date of Easter occurs forty-six times in 6,000 years. The last time was in 1886 and the next will be 1943.

WILLIAM F. RIGGE, S. J., Creighton University Observatory. RELIGIOUS.

Achbiehop William Henry Elder, the third oldest Catholic prelate in the world, cele-brated the 84th anniversary of his birth last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. William Burt, head of the American mission among Italians, has been knighted by King Victor Emmanuel in recognition of his successful effort for the education of Italian children. Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee is at St. Agnes' hospital in Fond du Lac for medical treatement and a much-needed rest from the duties of his office. His physician, Dr. F. S. Wiley, gives assurance that his sickness is not of a serious nature.

Rev. T. H. McMichael, paster of the First Presbyterian church of Cleveland, has been chosen president of Monmouth college. Monmouth, Ill., of which institution his father was president for nineteen years. He graduated from the institution in 1886. Information has been received from Rome that the installation of Mgr. O'Connell as president of the Catholic university of America, in succession to Bishop Consty, will not be held on April 23, as had been

The anniversary of the emancipation of 22,000,000 Russian peasants, liberated by Alexander 11 in 1861, is to be celebrated hereafter in the orthodox churches by elaborate thankegiving services instead of by a single requiem mass.

Alexander II in 1861, is to be celebrated by ear and more. The Syrian Erotestant college at Beirut, an American non-sectarian institution, has by a single requiem mass.

The Baptist temple, Brooglyn, has a remarkable chorus choir. For the past year and more, arts or archaeology. Twenty-eight of the entire chorus was over \$5 per cent. The chorus has an organization of its own. This chorus has done fine work for a number of years.

Over 1.500 railroad men, members of the Young Men's Christian association, are to hold a four days' conference at Topeka. Kan, in April. The railroad association at Topeka is spending \$30,000 for a new build-



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ng, \$20,000 of which was given by the Santa OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Fe railroad.

Rev. Charles A. Trotman, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, St. Louis, is also a practicing physician, having regular office hours during the week.

Leo XIII has great faith in Prof. Mazzoni, who has in his house a portrait of the pope, with this inscription: "Praectare viro, Gaetano Mazzoni, Medico Chirurgo, arte eximia, manu strenus, praeclate de Nobis merito, Leo XIII." he professor, it will be remembered, declared not long ago that the pope would easily reach his 199th year and more.

Ohio collects over \$4,000,000 in licenses from 10,735 saloons.

An epidemic of diphtheria in the schools of Passaic, N. J., is said to have resulted from the promiserous use of leadnessite. An epidemic of diphtheria in the schools of Passalc, N. J., is said to have resulted from the promiscuous use of leadpencils. It costs almost twice as much to send boxed goods from New York to San Fran-elsco by rail direct as it does via London, the Suez canal, Hong Kong and Yokohama by steamer. At the time of her marriage forty years ago Queen Alexandra received nineteen pianos as wedding presents. Every one of these elaborate instruments is still in perfect condition.

Farmers claim that the ore smelters of Butte. Mont., throw into the air five tons of sulphuric acid and half a ton of arsenic each, day, greatly to the damage of crops. Great Britain is this year providing for the construction of three great vessels of 18,000 tons displacement, or 1,000 tons more

than the large vessels congress has just

Steel rusts seven times as rapidly as iron.

The germ which causes tonstilitis is the staphylococcus.

Each year about 100 sea vessels are lost without record.

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For every 10,000 inhabitants of Germany 160 acres of potatoes are planted, as against 112 acres in Austria, 98 acres in France, 35 acres in the United States and 21 acres in Great Britain and Ireland.

The state of Washington has the most gigantic lumber resources in the world. One acre of Washington timber will furnish in its lumber as many carloads of freight as 130 years of wheat product from a Dakota farm.

Alps. Work was begun simultaneously at both ends, nearly ten miles part. Foot by foot the rock was blasted out under the guidance of men who relied primarily on instruments which they carried with a Dakota farm.

and Garfields, thirty Washingtons, thirty Monroes, thirty-one Lincolns and thirty-two Clevelands.

Precision in Engineering.

No more striking example of the precision required in engineering undertakings can be found than the boring of the famous St. Gothard tunnel through the Alps. Work was begun simultaneously at them as the work proceeded. When the

A German photographer, Kunwald, says Photography, when taking a picture of a woman of doubtful age, places sheets of celluioid between the negative and the printing paper, thus producing a very softening effect, which hides the discrepancies and the three was a difference of level of only four inches and that the true line had been swerved from only eight inches. Still more remarkable accuracy may be expected of the engineers who are now boring the Simplon tunnel through the