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school bells are quiet. On Thursday also the pope attends at St. Peter's for the ceremonial washing of 12 bishops. The pope is dressed very plainly in white with a small white biretta and a red cape. He divests himself of his cape before the ceremonial and at this time presents each of the bishops with a towel and a few flowers, a gold medal being afterwards sent to them by an official of the Vatican.

Ceremonial of the Supper.

After this there is the ceremonial celebration of the Supper, in which the 12 bishops hand plates to the pope who pours out wine and water for them to drink. On this day the altars are all stripped and there is set up in the nave of St. Peter's the great penitentiary where a cardinal sits to give absolution to those who wish to be forgiven of sins which are beyond the sphere of ordinary confession.

In the streets on the evening of Thursday the shops of sausage-makers, candle-makers, and pork-dealers are decorated and illuminated to a most fantastic way. The most prominent object in each is a statue of the Virgin and Child enshrined amidst candles and flowers.

On Good Friday the air of gloom is pervaded in the churches. The pope is robed in red but he wither- out his ring nor gives his blessing. The altars are stripped and all decorations possible are stripped from the altars. Yet notwithstanding the peculiar solemnity of the religious services of the day the shops, public offices and places of business, also the palazzos, where pictures are shown remain open as usual—the only indication of the religious character of the day outside of the churches being the matelous of the church bells. This disregard of Good Friday is Rome particularly strikes the Protestant visitors who come from countries where the day is observed reverently and quietly.

Rejoicings Are Loud.

On Saturday evening on the reading of a particular passage in the Gospels the bells of St. Peter's are rung, the guns of St. Angelo are fired and in the basis of the city immediately break forth. At St. Peter's there is the blessing of the paschal fire and the paschal candle is lighted.

As might be expected Easter Sunday is celebrated in Rome with elaborate ceremonies. The pope himself officiating at high mass at St. Peter's with the most gorgeous ritual. The magnificent basilica is decorated and myriads of lights blaze from the altars and round the tomb of St. Peter. Seated in his official chair and robed in vestments which shimmer with gold and precious stones and wearing on his head a magnificent tiara the pope enters the crowded church. Beside him sit borne two large fans of ostrich feathers and over him is a richly embroidered canopy. After officiating, the pope leaves the church to appear a few moments later surrounded by high officials of the church in the central balcony from where he extends his blessing. In the evening the dome and the entire church are a blaze of candles and artificial lights.

"Alive Unto God."

Not the future state of the soul, but the present condition is the vital thing. Men are hidden and to be content

The Pomona College Glee Club was entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Benner on Griffith Avenue following the concert at the Congregational church Wednesday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Benner are both graduates of Pomona.

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Miss Ellen Cassenbury was the hostess to several former normal school friends at her home here last Saturday evening.

E. L. Hogg was in Los Angeles this week looking over the great tracts of land which his firm is about to sell for the Miller & Lux estates.

Mrs. J. H. Turner and her husband, Turner, have returned to their former home from a visit to Southern California.

Father O'Neil plans to leave on Monday for New York from where he will sail for Ireland for a visit of six months.



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