

CURED BY WATER OF LOURDES.

Every Evidence That the Age of Miracles has not Passed.

In this age of unbelief there are certain persons who would be ready to question anything that seemed to be due to supernatural agencies, and yet there is every evidence that the day of miracles has not passed.

The following letters, written to Father Granger, editor of the little magazine, Our Lady of Lourdes, give an account of the wonderful cures.

Cape May Point, N. J., April 12, 1893. Rev. A. Granger, C. S. C., Notre Dame, Ind. Rev. dear Sir:—I hasten to write you with joyful heart. Our Lady of Lourdes has been unutterably kind to us.

Our dear, dear girl is perfectly well—raised—raised—raised from a helpless cripple to the full use of her limbs! We have really been so overjoyed and so excited that I have not been able to write sooner and give you a particular account of it.

Each night, she and I used the little book of a novena which you sent me (then an invalid) twenty years ago. She was neither better nor worse during that time; and, although she tried often, she was unable to rise from her rolling chair or to pull herself upon her feet by taking hold of the bedstead.

"Sunday night came—the 19th. I read the prayer with her, made the Sign of the Cross on her back with the water over the weak place (extending from her waist nearly to her shoulder-blades) and gave her the rest of the water to drink. She lay down and slept quietly all night. All day Monday she was very weak and ill—worse than usual. She did not speak of the novena; but, patient and cheerful as ever, she seemed to have resigned herself entirely to the will of God.

"Her father being absent, we wrote him a full account of it, and made preparations for her to go out—a thing she has not needed a suitable dress for during two years and one week. This morning she drove with me to Cape May City to the church at a very early hour, and made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Sisters, walking from place to place through the streets exactly as she would have done when in health. Oh, such happiness as this poor covers! The whole world seems new! We expect her father to-day. It will not be long until she is a Catholic—a child of Our Blessed Mother, the dove of the Virgin of Lourdes—the Immaculate Conception! In the meantime, Father, she sends you an offering for a Mass of Thanksgiving. She will not forget you and Our Lady's honor at Notre Dame in the future. It will be the delight of the most generous and grateful heart I ever knew to make offerings to our dear Lady."

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PARING HERSELF.

I feared to question her or to speak hastily on deep matters, lest I might influence her too much.

But our Lord was taking care of His own. Father Degan received her into the Church on Saturday morning, April 22. She was cured on Monday, April 10. So she has indeed fulfilled her vow.

She hopes, with Father Degan's approval, to make her First Communion on Corpus Christi.

Miss Apsley has been greatly distressed by a garbed and 'manufactured' account of her case sent to a Philadelphia paper (the Times) by some person unknown, which speaks of her as a Presbyterian, cured by the Faith Cure, and rejoicing with her fellow-members of a Philadelphia church in the result of their public prayers.

The whole thing is wide of the mark, except in her name and the fact that she is cured. She will write you herself in a few days. She wishes to be enrolled by you in the Confraternity, and already wears the badge and the medal you sent her.

I am sorry to have detained you by so long a letter. It is a time of great joy to me, and I cannot help sharing it. Faithfully yours in Our Lord, SARA TRAINER SMITH, E. de M."

A story of this kind can scarcely be questioned, especially as the young lady is willing to give any information upon the subject that may be desired.

Care of the Poor. In the current number of The Catholic World we find an instructive comparison of the manner in which the poor are cared for in Catholic Austria, on the one hand, and Protestant England, on the other.

The writer compares the poor-law system of both countries in respect of the provision made for poor orphans and for the education of the aged poor; and finds that while the poor-law system of England has been conceived in a niggardly, harsh and even cruel spirit, that of Austria is a model of discriminating generosity and Christian philanthropy.

Consider, for instance, the contrast between the English and Austrian systems in the treatment of the aged poor. In England, it is the deliberately adopted policy to drive the aged poor into the work-house, to make the arrangements there as disagreeable as possible, to separate husband and wife, and to brand the pauper with every mark of shame and disgrace.

In Austria, on the contrary, the law recognizes that at sixty every man has the right to claim from his native town or commune a pension equal to one-third of the average daily wage he had received during his working years.

LORD GEORGE AND THE A. P. A.

Nearly one hundred years ago, or to be exact, on the first of November, 1793, there died in Newgate Prison a man, half knave, half lunatic, and wholly mischievous, whose rabid bigotry had been the cause of riot, arson and piteous spilling of blood in the streets of London.

Three hundred lives, and property to the value of three quarters of a million, were the price paid by the people of England's capital for the luxury of Lord George Gordon's anti-Catholic crusade. The noble Lord himself lived to be excommunicated by the Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, to abjure the religion in whose name he had incited bloodshed and murder, and to die at the age of forty-three, a wretched associate of the lowest criminals and professing himself a convert to the Jewish faith!

The greatest of English novelists, Mr. Charles Dickens, English and Protestant to the backbone, says in his preface to 'Barnaby Rudge': "It is unnecessary to say that those shameful tumpts, while they reflect indelible disgrace upon the time in which they occurred, and all who had act or part in them, teach a good lesson. That what we falsely call a religious cry is easily raised by men who have no religion, and who in their daily practice set at naught the commonest principles of right and wrong; that it is begotten of intolerance and persecution; that it is senseless, besotted, inveterate, and unmerciful; all history teaches us. But perhaps we do not know it in our hearts too well to profit by even so humble an example as the 'No-Popery' riots of Seventeen Hundred and Eighty."

He was right. The lesson of Lord George Gordon and his Great Protestant Party—the G. P. A. of the time—is wholly lost on the wretches who have revived the evil spirit in a new land and age under the title of the "A. P. A."

The brightest ray of comfort for believers in free institutions comes from the fact that the cause of intolerance falls into lower and lower hands with each succeeding generation. Thus, in New England, once the stronghold of Puritan persecution, later the home of Know-nothingism, and within a few years the apparent nursery of a new dispensation of bigotry, it is all but impossible to find a native-born American of any social standing who pays the slightest heed to the No-Popery cry.

One daily paper in Boston which tried for two or three years to eke out an existence as an organ of intolerance, has just taken ownership and policy, rather than submit its stockholders to the kind of martyrdom which they least court, that of the pocket-book.

It is only in some of the Western States of our Union, and in China, that one can find anything like a concerted system of assailing the Church of Jesus Christ by the elsewhere discredited weapons of slander and forgery. The method is the same in both quarters. The Chinese "literati," so-called, scatter as assassins and fanatics to kill the hated foreigner and destroy his mission. The leaflets of the A. P. A., accusing Catholics of plotting to overthrow the republic, might be liberal translations from the similar placards and pamphlets circulated on the Yangtze-kiang. Both are as sincere and as disinterested as the indictment framed by the wolf against the lamb whom he accused of muddying the water.

Is it not easy, in law-abiding Catholic New England, to take seriously the awful threats of exterminating Papists so freely indulged? But it is quite easy, in any part of our free country, to understand that such threats are as idle as they are malignant. What Lord George Gordon and his scum could not accomplish in bigoted England a hundred years ago, no handful of Opera bouffe conspirators dare attempt in enlightened America to-day.

We have a civilized Government, which tolerates nearly everything save intolerance. The most formidable sectarian conspiracy against it, that of the Mormons, who were infinitely more dangerous, because infinitely more honest than the A. P. A., went to pieces, like a mud wall before a piece, when its reasonable schemes approached the danger-point. The A. P. A. will not start a new rebellion. But its members will conspire in the old-time, dishonored way of dark-lantern societies. And they will be found out. There may be honor among thieves, but there is none among knaves of that stripe. The politician, Protestant, Catholic or Pagan, who plays upon religious prejudices for partisan ends, is sure to come to grief. If he be a knave, he will repent his knavery when it is too late. If he be a fool—but there is no late in wasing warnings on such; for hath it not been said: "Heaven itself wars in vain against a fool?"—Jas. Jeffrey Roche, Editor the Pilot, in Western Watchman.

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"EVANGELIZATION" OF THE FRENCH-CANADIANS.

The New York Independent thinks that "special interest attaches to the work of the French Evangelization Society in Canada."

"The priests and Bishops," it says, "are making strenuous efforts to control the movement which is spreading. The general effect of the work has been increased by the changing attitude on the part of the Roman Catholic people toward the highest authorities in their own Church."

Now if the generally sagacious editors of the Independent would get rid of most stories of this sort before publishing them. For this is a most ancient tale, told by interested Protestant missionaries of every Catholic country in which they have carried their bread and butter from the confining folk who had sent them abroad.

Besides, if the Independent will only consider the matter calmly and without prejudice, it cannot fail to perceive the absurdity of all this talk about "evangelizing" Catholics, bringing the Gospel to Catholics, who of all calling themselves Christians are the only ones who have continued to maintain and revere the Gospel in its entirety.

Such a cant, for it is mere cant, is not only absurd, but it is also insolent. In the present case it is also inconsistent. For we are constantly informed and pretend to find hope of Protestantizing—not evangelizing—the French-Canadian in the supposed fact of their "changing attitude" toward "the highest authorities" of the Church that the annexation of Canada would be "dangerous" because of the staunch Catholic feelings and belief of the same French Canadians.

Even conceding the "thirty-six mission fields" that the Presbyterians are said to have opened in French Canada within the year, the Independent should remember that opening a field and getting a good crop are two very different things. There was a time years ago when the opening of Protestant "mission-fields" in Ireland was a cause for many demands on "Evangelical" English purses, but the English who used to contribute for tract-distributors and psalm singers among the "benighted Irish Romanists" have apparently grown less liberal than formerly, for the "mission-fields" of these people in Erin are now mostly tilled for potatoes.

If New England "Evangelicals" have any money to spend for missionary purposes they will be wiser and more legitimate expenses incurred in introducing sound notions of elementary Christian morality in the many dark and non-Catholic spots in the United States—in New England itself, for instance.—N. Y. Catholic Review.

THE HAUNTED HEART.

A Memory of the Past Necessary to the Purity of the Soul.

"Though the past haunt me as a spirit, I do not ask to forget."—Mrs. Hemans. While every man is justified in trying to be fully as happy as possible the fact still remains that it is impossible to escape the unhappiness of any world.

It was intended that man should be unhappy. Sorrow is a part of the mission of life, and it is just as necessarily the companion of happiness as light is the companion of darkness. There is a very pretty little story told of Laughter and Tears. These two creations of the All-Wise met one day in a pleasant lane where the sunshine and the shadows made a delightful harmony, while the air was filled with the fragrance of the sweet clover fields and the many flowers that bloomed along the road.

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ALONE WITH HIS ACHING HEART

deem forgetfulness a blessing, and yet he is blessed, even by the presence of his sorrow. Like a spirit the past haunts him. Grim regret stalks before him like a phantom.

His world is full of the forms and faces that are ever before him, but it is from this remembrance that he turns with renewed courage to meet the future.

To some souls, however, forgetfulness would indeed be a blessing. It is when man is without God and is compelled to face the sorrows of the past alone that life appears as a burden. Prayer is the only remedy for an aching heart. He who can say, "I know that my Redeemer lives" can find strength in his sorrow; and although the past, with its great mistakes and greater sins, may haunt him, and regret may make "pleasure" seem but a meaningless word, he still knows that there is a refuge to which he can turn and that peace comes with prayer.

To such a soul the words of Mrs. Hemans have a meaning that is full and deep. It is the man that is unacquainted with these blessings to whom they seem a travesty on truth.

AGAIN THE JEJUNES.

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, of Cleveland diocese, and presently travelling through the Holy Land, thus describes the House of the Jesuits—those dreadful enemies of education!—"Our party went ashore at 8 o'clock, and we heard Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Floag, in the Capuchin Church. We had hoped to reach Nazareth for the Feast of the Annunciation, but owing to the storm we were disappointed. The Capuchins invited us to take breakfast in the monastery. The Jesuits. A low Mass was in progress when we entered. The church was crowded with worshippers, the men on one side, the women on the other. The ushers escorted us to seats within the railing of the sanctuary. The students attended this Mass in a boy, and they sang at intervals. They were dressed in uniform suits, varying according to grade, and they presented a fine appearance. There are two hundred boarders and three hundred day scholars, among them being Jews and Mohammedans as well as Christians. The college building and monastery are stone, very large, and they contain all modern improvements. There is an excellent medical department attached to the college, where some of the best doctors in Syria are trained. But what surprised me more than anything else was the printing office. They have the most complete printing office I ever saw. They even manufacture their own type, and they print and bind pamphlets and books in all the Oriental and European languages. They showed us an Arabic Bible, artistically illuminated and bound in every part of the work, from the casting of the type to the binding, being done by themselves. The Jesuits of Beirut deserve the greatest praise for the great work they are doing for religion in Syria. May God bless their efforts to re-Christianize this benighted Mohammedan land! After the grace of God, nothing but education will open the eyes of those unfortunate people."

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