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Hark! the bells are chiming
From Bruges' olden towers,
Their majestic rhyming
Show sublimest powers,
As their soft thunders of sweet sounds
sonorous Seem echoing from the listening heavens o'er us.

Stately, solemn marches,
Mighty melodies,
Float amid the arches
Of cloud canopies;
Or in bithe, ringing cantatas of mirth
Resound for miles along the charmed earth.

Soft, entrancing measures, Like a seraph's voice, Tell us of the pleasures, Where the blest rejoice; Until we almost fancy angels hold The master-key of all those tongues of gold.

The heart swells with emotion,
As the grand music rolls
In a harmonious ocean,
Drowning in rapture, souls.
And in unuterable aplendor soars,
Until at length it dies among the stars. Lowe, Que. E. C. M.

FARM AND LIVE STOCK NOTES.

In killing, don't be brutal. Pigs are very sensitive to cold. Scrub the water trough sometimes. Ice-cold water is unfit for animals.

The quieter bees can now be kept the

better.
Sheep need dry, well-ventilated winter quarters.

If there is spare time, put the gates and fences in order.

Pine saw dust in nest boxes is said to

Pine saw-dust in nest boxes is said to keep lice from fowls.

Banking up against the building is sure to keep out a deal of cold.

Rock salt, in lumps, so placed that it can be licked at pleasure, suits sheep.

It is said that England pays her enormous interest on the national debt, annually by her turning crop.

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Farms on the sea coast, where seaweeds are cast up, can be enriched with these and good tillage alone.

Lice are not apt to trouble cows and calves that are carded daily, a treatment that is also heneficial in many other ways

that is also beneficial in many other ways.

Smutty corn should not be fed in a raw, dry state. It has been known, when thus fed, to cause violent inflammatory and other diseases in the animals consum-

and other diseases in the animals consuming it. The ears affected by this fungoid growth should be kept by themselves at nusking time, and then be used as pig feed, first boiling them and pouring off the water in which they were cooked.

Eggs in Winter.—To secure these, there must first be a warm, dry, well-ventilated stable. Warm food will also aid matters. Boiled potatoes mashed with corn meal or wheat middlings and fed hot will promote winter laying. Meat scraps are also needed. Water should be supplied twice a day, in a per-

always be kept warm, otherwise it will perish. The food which is consumed is the direct source of animal heat, through the carbon which is taken into the blood.

The cas during the process of digestion. If the blood does not find sustenance enough from the food consumed, it will obtain it from the fat and flesh stored in the body, and thus make the animal poor. There is, so to speak, an ever-consuming fire in the animal system. If the surrounding atmosphere is cold and carries off heat rapidly, more food is needed, or else greater draughts upon the animal fat and flesh must follow. The agency of shelter therefore comes in to save animal fuel. By the help of comfortable stables, blankets or anything that will prevent a waste of animal heat, less food will be required to keep the besst in good condition; there and thus make the animal poor. There to keep the best in good condition; there will be no cause for drawing on the stored fat, and the feed will count more in adding to the weight of flesh or increasing the milk flow, or other natural products of the animal. The manure also from an animal that is commanure also from an animal that is com-fortably sheltered is much more valuable in fertilizing properties during the whole season than that from an animal that is pinched by cold. Where not now provided, no one improvement can be made where an animal is kept, that will pay as well on its cost as that of making warm, tight stables and pens for winter protec-tion. Buildings that are full of cracks between the boards can soon be much improved by the help of battens, or sid-ing on the inside with a lining of straw, kept in place by slats on the inside. The satisfaction the owner of animals feels, in knowing that these are in comfortable quarters during severe weather, is worth a good deal, if he is a fair-minded man.

Orchard and Garden.

Cut cions before hard freezing. Clean the trees of bark scales. Moisture hastens decay in fruit. Table roots are best if kept in sand. In England apples are dried whole. Forcing tomatoes in winter is on the

The claim is strongly put forth that moles can be poisoned with castor-oil beans, by dropping some of these along

Horseradish should be dug before the ground freezes, and packed in earth in the cellar. The small roots should be saved

head, that will admit of a circulation of sun, light and air.

Flowers and the Lawn. Protect pansy beds lightly. Geraniums suffer if crowded. The least frost kills cinerarias. Carnations will not bear heavy water-

ing.
One species of canna roots serve as food in the tropics.
In winter, morning is the best time to water pot plants.
Large growing trees should not be used in small yards.
Give oranges and lemons only enough water to keep them fresh for the next four months.

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One of the best methods for protecting delicate roses or other shrubs is to bend them over and cover with soil.

The hardiness of the English or evergreen ivy in America is not so much a question of the thermometer as to keep them from the sun in the winter. They do best on the north side, which is also the coldest side of the building.

A change of soil in whole or part is as essential to complete success in growing flowers in beds as in pot culture, although not needed so often. Now is a good time to carry out improvements of such charto carry out improvements of such char-

Chrysanthemums after flowering,-As soon as the blossom is gone, cut down the plants to near the soil. The pots may then be stored for the winter in the cellar, as neither much light or heat is needed for them during this season. Give them little water occasionally. In March or April they may be brought to the light, dividing them, or propagating from cut-

Manuring Trees.—If you wish to hurry Manuring Trees.—If you wish to hurry up the growth of an evergreen or other tree, wonders may be done by applying a surface dressing of rich manure, over the space covered by the top at this season. Life is too short to wait fifteen years for shade when, by manuring, the same end may be accomplished in five.

THE PARISH PRIEST.

DUTIES OF CATHOLICS IN THEIR CONGRE-GATIONS.

In all the avocations of life, there is In all the avocations of life, there is none in which is displayed the self-sacrifice that is exhibited in the Catholic priesthood. In no other position in life is displayed the devotion to duty so forcibly; in no other position is required the same abandonment of everything the world holds as most dear—parents, friends, and relatives—all are abandoned for Christ's sake and may's religious for Christ's sake and man's religious welfare. The poor priest's life, although it may seem to some as one of ease and affluence, is one of indefatigable labor, and frequently there are borne hardships and penury which are known only to God, and can by Him only be rewarded.

Meat scraps are also needed. Water should be supplied twice a day, in a perfectly clean vessel or trough.

Ventilation.—The hen, sheep and other animal pens should be provided with means for drawing off the vitiated air of their apartments. The same thing is essential to a perfect root-cellar. One or more wooden boxes, four to six inches by ten inches across, may be made to extend from the ceiling, against the outer wall, to the roof, and there connecting with narrow openings directly under the projection of the roof. A slide placed crosswise with each box at the lower end may serve to regulate the passage of air.

The Economy of Shelter.—Nature requires that the body of an animal shall always be kept warm, otherwise it will perish. The food which is consumed is to a people who do not remunerate him

> The case is different in Catholic congreations. The priest having none to support but himself, is supposed to live on the air, or on very little, and furthermore, many priests too willingly work and labor, and appear outwardly contented and hap-py, whether their people do their duty toward them or not; so that one half of the congregation who pay their share to-wards his support, must conclude that all do the same, when the contrary is the fact.
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> The writer has known instances where the priest lived on two hundred a year, when some of the congregation expected that he was getting his regular salary of

seven hundred dollars, and not until se vere poverty caused an investigation, did the people at large know of the fact that only a few of the congregation did their duty. If all priests would only demand their salary as the first item of expense in the congregation, and on not receiving it, report to their respective Bishops, who would remove them to other scenes of la-bor, there would be a general waking up of congregations, and priests would soon be recognized as needing the little allowed them by the statutes of the Bishops of the

diocese.

We are aware that in many congregations the trustee system is not in vogue, and even where it is that the pew rent returns do not meet the priest's salary, but rather than be continually collecting how many priests spend the greater portion of what they get in church expenses?

The church and school attached now, thank God, in almost every congregation, must be preserved in order, and they cost money to keep them so from year to year. Catholic people frequently suppose that the church and school can be run for almost nothing. Let any priest in the country give a chance to a critic or grumbler to meet the expenses of a congregation and school with what income is received, and school with what income is received, and we are badly mistaken if the grumble bler does not resign his office quickly; more especially if, like the priest, he has to square accounts from his own processed the obligations of justice, and from the precepts of the Church, the necessity of contributing to the "support of their pastors." Those who do recognize the obligation, often fulfill it poorly according to their means.

We never yet knew of any Catholic person that impoverished himself by his contribution to the support of his pastor and church, or in the least inconvenienced himself. We have known instances where, when the pastor thought a little donation

the cellar. The small roots should be saved to use as sets next spring.

Pruning.—Winter is the season preferred by many for orchard pruning. For inducing a strong growth near the place of cutting, we are satisfied that this is the best time. Pruning should be so conducted from year to year as never to require large branches to be removed. All severe pruning at any season of the year is a direct blow struck at the vitality of the tree. In any case where large branches must be cut away, it should be done near the main part, leaving the surface of the cut smooth and coating it afterwards with thick paint or liquid grafting wax to keep out moisture. A chief aim in pruning should be to keep a well-balanced open

offices in the land; and his night and day labor deserves much higher remuneration than what is accorded to him. The common letter carrier gets more salary. Considering his life labors only to be rewarded hereafter, he spends his time in administering to the wants of those over whom he is placed by his Bishop, caring for nothing, seeking for nothing more than a livelihood, and of this he is often deprived, at least one suitable to his calling.

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We fully acknowledge the fact that the We fully acknowledge the fact that the burdens of the congregation are unevenly borne, that according to their abilities, some people fall short of what they should do, while others do more than their share. On this point we can hardly suggest a remedy. Every congregation experiences the same trouble, since the backsliders have not the honor, the justice, the Catholic spirit to do their duty; yet they no coner.

have not the honor, the justice, the Catholic spirit to do their duty; yet they no sooner get sick than they send for the priest, and expect him to attend them, though knowing that they do not deserve it from their past conduct. Some Bishops entirely prohibit priests from attending their sick calls. As churches are for all, and they intrude themselves without bearing their portion of expense, their moral sense of justice is so clouded that nothing short of an earthquake would awaken them. They an earthquake would awaken them. They have no right in church, they have no right to the pastor's labor, they have no right to expect the rewards of dutiful, faithful Catholics. Such members are an evil in the Church; they beget a feeling of opposition to pastors and to church dues, and are an evil in church circles.

God alone will justly reward or punish them for their lives. them for their lives.

If parents who quarrel and stay away from church on account of a little financial squabble, which at the most amounts to only a few dollars a year, realized the death-blow they give the faith of their children by such an example, they would not be so prone to array themselves against Church laws, and all that is necessary for the welfare of the congregation. cessary for the welfare of the congregation.
Every slight imaginary offence of the priest in striving to maintain himself and the church he governs, should not be a justifying cause to stay away from Mass on Sundays. God will require a rigor-ous account for this neglect, more especially when such neglect or obstinacy on the part of the parent, weakens the faith of the children, whose religious practices now-a-days depend so much on the exam-ple of parents.—Church Progress.

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