THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

Written For The Pilot. The Angel.

BY ROBERT D. JOYCE, AUTHOR OF "DEIRDRE AND " BLANID."

I saw an angel in the night, And my soui spake and stopped her flight,-O Spirit sheen? O heavenly Thing? What air is fanned by your bright wing?

What lovely zone beheld your birth Of shining sun, or star, or earth ? Where goest thou-to what radiant spher Or why with mortals linger here?

ANGEL. ANGEL In the light of the primal Morn, When the warfare of sin began, In Eden's bowers I was born To dwell with the soul of man; A spark of the splendor of God, I entered the darksome den Of the doubting soni, and I grew and grew Fairer and brighter the ages through, Till a light from my light filled the eyes of men.

And their hearts graw caim, and they saw the rod

Of Justice, of Doom, O'er their tribes and their nations wave

with the blossoms of Mercy abloom !

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And the blossoms of Merey abloom ! And the myriads called me Faith; I showed them God's marvels here, And the myriads called me Faith; I show the dragon of Fear, And I bridged the bourse of Death, I opened the soul's dull eyes, And showed her the things beyond;---I guided her feet o'er the narrow way That leads to the land of eternal day. O'er the desert of Doubt, o'er the lake of Despond, O'er the mountains of woe, theorem

Despond, O'er the mountains of woe, through the curses and sighs And the pangs of Despair, Till she saw in the fulness of Joy but the

skies Of her God-promised home shining there!

I walked on the Deluge wide, I guided the wandering Ark, I sat by the Saviour's side When the days were heavy and dark. I bide in the pensant's cot, As to temp'es and halls of kings; I hear the last breath that the Martyr draws On the cross and the wheel for his sacred cause.

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cause, I strengthen the soul 'gainst the thousand

stings Of the world and the flesh, till the earth

seems not, And her yearning eyes Look far away from this darksome spot, Where the Islands of heaven arise?

A golden glory round her shone That dazed mine eyes, and she was gone !--I said, 0 troubled soni of mine. Have faith in God, and Heaven is thine !

THE TWO BRIDES.

BY REV. BERNARD O'REILLY, L.D.

CHAPTER XXIV

LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

"Fond souther of my infant tear, Fond sharer of my infant tear, Fond sharer of my infant joy. Is not thy shade still lingering here? Am I not still ithy soul's employ?" The next morning brought to Coolidge's farmhouse Louis D'Arcy and his son, and with them, one would have thought, all the men of Fair Dell and its worker. the men of Fairy Dell and its neighborthe men of party ben and its neighbors hood; indeed, all the male population of the surrounding country. For the news of this foul murder had spread with the rapidity of lightning, and awakened in every breast a deep feeling of horror, in-dignation, and grief. All political differences gave way to the one overwhelm-ing sentiment of respect for a man who was the impersonation of all true noble ness, and of hatred of the lawless violence

that bore such fearful fruits as these. Over the meeting of Louis D'Arcy with his children, by the side of his murdered parent, we shall drop the veil. The calm and indomitable spirit of him who lay on the lowly couch of Former Coolidge, so majestic, so unfitterably beautiful in the sleep of death, seemed to have passed into the bosom of his son. Not one revengeful or resentful word escaped Louis D'Arcy's His dying parent's only words had

been words of forgiveness, a prayer that no blood should be shed in atonement of hisdeath. Besides, Louis D'Arcy knew how hamplass had h blameless had been the long life thus vio-lently cut short, and how well prepared for the dread account was the soul so suddenly called before its Maker. Although worshipping his father for his exalted virtues—for his perfect humility "No, my child," her father said. "A visit from the Count de Lebrija himself, especially-this see were he near at hand, would be a duty instead of an intrusion." "Oh, papa," she exclaimed, throwing her arms round his neck, "why should I encourage such an attachment, when I feel that I owe myself e tirely to you? on his daughters-of his dear Rose above While preparations were making for the removal of the corpse to Fairy Dell, and the crowd outside were discussing in low but earnest tones the measures to be taken ould be utter misery away from you now. And am I not to gather the indica-tions of the divine will from all these accirepress outrages, that were a disgrace to to repress outrages, that were a disgrace to their hitherto orderly and peaceful com-munity, the D'Arcy's, with Hiawassee and Jamie McDuffie, were left alone in the death-chamber. Jamie's wound was much slighter than had been at first supposed. The arm was not broken, the blood had been staunched, and the sturdy young fel-low would not hear of outling his post. lents that bind me more and more to ome. "You are weary and depressed, my love," replied Mr. D'Arcy. "The need of repose and solitude is now so imperious, that the thought of being taken away again from the home-nest is intolerable. There is plenty of time for rest and deliblow would not hear of quitting his post. Hiawassee said but little. Seated by eration. So you can read the letter, or as much of it as you chose, without feeling that the attraction from Mexico is beginside of him who had been to him from the infancy companion, friend, and almost brother, and who had been stricken down hing to pull you away from your father." by the bullet aimed at his own breast, the "Dear papa, don't you know that no Unerokee presented a most touching pic-ture of manly grief. He had shared all the earthly love could draw me away from you and from the spot where he reposes ?" "I do believe," he said, "that you need deep religious joys of Francis D'Arcy, as he had shared his perils, his labors, his home, and his unbounded confidence. He your father's heart at present just as much as he needs his little Rose to be the sun of sat now by his lifeless remains, praying his darkened home." And he kissed her tenderly. "The boys and I must now go silently but fervently that they might not ins directed "The boys and I must now go down to the factory," he continued, " for something must be done to prevent our people from being discouraged by the sisbe long separated. In his soul, too, all thought of revenge had died out beneath the mighty influence of the faith he professed so sincerely. In the farthest and darkest corner of pension of business here, and the inter-ruption of commerce between North and the room, Rose sat cares ing her little sis-ter, Mary, whom no entreaties could keep at home, when she learned of Rose's ar-South "Then I shall read the letter while you rival and of her grandfather's death. It was a blessed diversion to Rose's intoler-able grief to pour out on the child the pent-up mingled love and grief whose matting at times, seemed to break her are gone," she said. "and then attend to my household duties." my household duties." "And you can also read what Diego writes to me," added her father, placing a second letter in her hand. "So be not scool letter in her hand. "So be not fraid of that dreadful ghost, 'separation,' but listen kindly to poor Diego's account of himself." swelling, at times, seemed to break I heart. Poor Rose! the sight of her grau father, bleeding and unconscious, had seemed to freeze all the currents of life in soul and body. She had been a mute and tearless witness of his death, while all The letter to Rose ran thus: YAUTEPEC, MEXICO, May 3, 1862. "MISS ROSE, -- My dear and honored was lamentation, despair, and loud anger around her. And the whole remaining Lady "To your revered father I have given sat by the side of the insensible form so dear to her, without shedding a tear or uttering more than meaningless monosyllables. She had carcessed and soothed by her carcesses the loug girl of har younger sisters. And the physician who had been sam under tively reminds one of Andalasia, tain very serious fears for the much-tried girl sreason." "I have made it a point to be present". They are daily increasing in numbers, intelligence and power. They are a people made for heaven,—formed to her, younger sisters. And the physician who had been sam under tively reminds one of Andalasia, girl'sreason." "I have made it a point to be present". They are daily increases the long tive of the country with the exist of sugar-cane. My kineman, the "To your revered father I have given night, and during the long hours of the early morning, she had stood, or knelt, or sat by the side of the insensible form so

But no sooner had Louis D'Arey arrived from Fairy Dell with Gaston and Mary, than the latter darted into the house in quest of Rose; and Rose, at sight of her, uttered a loud cry and clasped her hysteri-cally in her arms, while the locked up tears gushed forth abundantly.

tears gushed forth abundantly. Mrs. Hutchinson and Lucy arrived just as the mournful cortege was about to set out for Fairy Dell. Their coming, by calling forth still more the afflicted girl's tears, relieved the too full heart. And country with an eye of love. Most of the districts in the Table Land, the velley of Mexico itself, and such districts as that from which I now write to you, have im-pressed themselves so favorablely on me, -a native of Andalusia,-that I believe Mrs. Hutchinson's true motherly tender-ness, together with Lucy's sisterly friend-ship, did much to temper the desolation of such a coming back to the dear old If ever son could be consoled by the outpouring of a people's grief around the bier of an honored parent, and by the unbought demonstrations of love, grati-tude, and reverence toward the dead, affairs as well as on American politics and social questions, he has taught me more in Louis D'Arcy must have felt such conso-lation. Were it not for the soleum silence, the uncovered heads, and the tearful eyes a few hours' conversation, than I could have learned by long study or by inter-

of hundreds in the crowd, one might have deemed the progress toward Fairy course with statesmen. These study the science of concealing the true condition of These study the Dell a triumphal pageant. Alas, no clergyman of Francis D'Arcy's own faith was near at hand in that calamithings in Church and State: he, on the con trary, lays bare to the eye of a child the causes of public discontent as well as the tous period to perform the sublime ser-vice of the Church before committing "the Patriarch of the Hills" to his last restingproper remedies for national disorders. "In this country-designed to be an "In this country—designed to be an earthly paradise-man's passions have marred, and still continue to mar, the bountiful purpose of the Creator. I do not wonder at the enthusiasm which led Cortes, with his little band of heroic solplace here below. But during the two days and nights that the body had to be exposed to the veneration of the people far and near, the little chapel near the ruins diers, to attempt and achieve the conquest of the Manor House was never empty of those to whom the dead had been the of such a glorious land, -most glo truest of friends, and who now repaid him in the way of all he prized most dearcially, as it must have been in his day And I now can admire still more the far-

ly,—in prayers for his eternal repose sent up in the same chapel he had built for sigh ted wisdom that prompted him-when he had become the undisputed master-to take such large and liberal measures promoting the religious interests of the natives, as well as the material prosperity In it they buried him, surrounded by promoting the

In it they buried hin, surrounded by thousands of sorrowing hearts. His life had been devoted, and his words and ex-ampleshad mightily contributed to spre.d-ing among them the seeds of true brother-be desited. His untimely death works of the country itself. "What a calamity it has been for America that the jealous, selfish and nar-row-minded pelicy of the kings of Spain and their immediate counselors served only to thwart the lofty policy of such men as Cortes and Columbus, and to subby charity. His untimely death, more than all the eloquence of such a life, now brought their souls together again. Over his grave they resolved that, come what might, they should not be divided by warstitute the domination of one race over another to the ruin of Christian brotherring factions. From that hour no more ring factions. From that hour no more midnight outrages disgraced the country and its people. Even when Confederates and Federals poured alternately up and down their valleys, no man of the country-folk worried his neighbor because that neighbor differed from him in his political leaning. On the mourners, too, fell that sweet and heating comfort which arises rose that hood and equality, which these great men contemplaced ! What a pity for Spain as well as for America, that the warfare and greatness of america, that the warrate-lantic empire should have been sacrificed by the government of Madrid to the false and fatal policy of metropolitan suprembeen sacrificed

acy ! "Had we been more Christian in our and healing comfort which arises from the deep conviction of the worth of him they mourned. The beatific vision that shed treatment of the native Indian popula-tions in the beginning, as well as of them and the native-born Spanish populations afterward, there has been no hatred of ts splendors on his soul just as the vale of his mortality was about to be withdrawn for him, became a blissful reality to their minds' eye,—dimly but surely discerned through the mists which try our faith. The spiritual world has most wondrous analogies with the world of sense; the the mother-country, no revolt ag inst cruel misrule and crying monopolies, no angry passions aroused against the Church and her possessions! But your revered grandfather can explain to you in detail what I here only indicate birder. tree wounded even to the heart will hasten to cover the wound with balm from its what I here only indicate briefly.

"You wished to see me in the mission which I undertook to Mexico, serving, to own vital substance, and over the place where the axe has lopped off the branch the best of my ability, the cause of religion as well as the interests of Spain. I nature will hasten to spread a covering that will preserve the trunk from the un-kind air, the cold wind, or the excessive have not been slow to perceive that the interests of Spain are in no wise connected with the present war, declared by the heat. Even the soil rent by the earth French Emperor (not by France herself, I am convinced) against this most unhappy or seared by the lava-stream, once destroying force has ceased, will soon be closed up by nature's loving agencies, and clothed anew with green grass and country.

Duke of Monteleone (the lineal descen-dant of Cortes) formerly possessed large estates in these valleys, and we also had an interest in them. So you see that I had a personal motive in coming here. "I have endewored, in my rapid jour-ney to Mexico, to study the aspect of the country with an eye of love. Most of the wished and designed them to be. "Here it is—were I a Mexican by birth or adoption—that I should endeavor

to labor, as your true knight, to restore to the priesthood of New Spain the magnifi-—a native of Andalusia,—that I believe God designed Mexico to be the paradise of America. Why it is not the most pros-perous, powerful, and happy country on this side of the Atlantic you may best learn from your honored grandfather, whose varied learning and extraordinary wisdom I cease not to admire since I left Ronda. For I find that on European affairs as well as on American politics and who adored their sacred profession in city and country, and the distinguished writer in city who vied in elegance and eloquence with those of the mother country, even when your great university schools were in their "If my mission, undertaken at the com-

and of my sovereign, could have succeed-ed in re-opening these and such like sources of national life, prosperity and greatness in what was formerly New Spain, then indeed should I have exulted in running the keightly career my dearest lady desired for me, and then should I have won her colors in a cause infinitely dear to my heart. "So you can guess from what I say and

what I leave unsaid that a blessing has come to me with the dear pledge you placed round my neck, with the sweet and holy influence of your priceless love. "In a few days I shall write more fully

of this beautiful region. At present the people are all excited—not to say sadly divided—by the French invasion. We Spaniards are a proud race, and for eight continuous centuries we fought and bled to rid Spain of the presence of foreigners In the beginning of the present century, when France poured her victorious armies into our country, the nation brooked but ill that England should assist her in repelling the invasion. It is the same proud feeling here. All true-hearted Mexicans resent the presence on their soil of a for-eign arm, called in, too, by some of their own bishops to protect or restore religious liberty. I now see that the Church is held responsible, and will surely be made to suffer for the imprudence of men who are

ot authorized to act in her name. "The French intervention, which they have succeeded in obtaining, is judged by their countrymen, by the truest Catholics

in the land, as it will be judged by posterity—C'est pis qu'un crime, c'est une faute: 'It is worse than a crime, it is a blunder.' "When shall it be given me to visit Fairy Dell? Has the dreadful war which in your country also has arrayed brother gainst brother, spared the peace and soli-ide of your sweet mountain home? I imagine I see it now, as my dearest Lady.

as Miss Genevieve and Miss Maud so often described its beauties to me. May I beg you to offer my profound respect to your ear and honored grandfather and father. with kindest remembrance to your brother ?

To you, who have already been the good angel of my life, and of whose love I must daily make myself more and more worthy, I can only heart all your own. "DIEGO DE LEBRIJA" worthy. I can only offer the devotion of a

her knight was now God's knight as well, a deep joy filled her heart. "From what I say and what I leave unsaid you can guess what a blessing has The girl knelt in the come to meolitude of her own private chamber, and nile the sweet tears fell freely and fast, thanked the Divine Lover of souls, and thanked the Divine Lover of souls, and besought Him to perfect His work in the brave young heart that had begun so earnestly to serve Him. Rose remembered, too, how Diego used

on her lap. To Genevieve her secret was no secret. But she did not wish to be questioned on this point even by Lucy. Besides, Lucy was no longer the pale, sickly, undergrown child Rose had left her two years before. She was now almost as tall as Genevieve, robust, with ruddy cheeks browned by constant exposure to the air, and the look of one satisfied with the world around her. The truth is that

the world around her. The truth is, that her unceasing activity in attending to all the great works bequeathed to her by Rose, had effected a complete revolution in Lucy. She gave herself with her whole heart to the good of others, and was dearly loved in return. This atmosphere of love it was which had so rapidly developed the pale, pining little flower of a girl into the fresh, bright, and lovely young lady who had thrown her arms round Rose's neck, and was overwhelming her with car-esses and endearing terms. "Oh, Rose !" she exclaimed at length,

"Do put away those long letters from Andalusia, and come back to your old Andalusia, and come back to your old friends. Come out into the sunshine with us. Maud has gone for Charles, and we shall take a stroll through the grounds. I think all the flowers will be the brighter for a smile from you. And you, dear, will get back a little of your color by tak-

"How you rattle away, Lucy !" Rose replied. "But I really cannot go inmediately. I have to give a few orders to the servants. So, if you will wait for me in the shrubbery, I shall be with you in a few minutes' time. TO BE CONTINUED.

THE HIDDEN LIFE OF MARY AT NAZARETH.

One of the things most to be admired in Mary, although contrary to the ideas we sometimes form of perfection, is the ordinary life which she led. We are usully inclined to measure sanctity by what is exterior, striking and extraordinary; we can hardly believe a man to be a saint unles he astonishes us by his solitary life, his fastings and his mortifications: while, at the same time, that which makes sanctity fixed and firm is concealed within the soul. The Blessed Virgin led an ordinary and

hidden life—a life with which she was well content, and which she preferred to all that was singular and extraordinary. After having received an embassy from Heaven and given birth to Jesus, we see her becoming a simple woman, dwelling in a poor hamlet. There was nothing re-markable in her exercises of devotion. Other women who visited her saw nothing is become and is because the same time is in her manner, in her conversation-in all her actions-she ever showed the same all her nations—she ever showed the same simplicity and modesty. Consider this august Queen of Heaven,

engaged in those occupations which appear to us most humble; either making garto us most memore; either making gar-ments for her Divine Son or preparing the modest family repast. At evening, when the women of Palestine were in the habit of going to the fountains for water the Placed Vision and the set out or more folly of the present Conservative Administration. Nothing approaching to their insane action has occurred within the memory of living men. The opinions which had expression at the Sligo meeting, so fas as we can gather their import, are the Bleesed Virgin used to set out upon the road which led to Cana. About two hundred paces from her house was an ex-cellent spring, the waters of which at the cellent spring, the waters of which at the present day suffice to satisfy the needs of the inhabitants of Nazareth. This spring bears the name of "Our Lady's Fountain." No one then noticed the angelic spouse of Joseph, as she issued forth from her humble home, carving upon her 2 owed home, heaven shed the soothing and healing fiftuences that enable the heart to of the policy, "and of the probable for what is called here heaven to the south of the ralliance with a foreign and healing fiftuences that enable the heart to the "Altro fuel of their alliance with a foreign and half infidel power. "Hite of their alliance with a foreign and half infidel power. "Miramon, who was described to us, at Madrid and Paris and Vienna and morning after the funeral. "Should you like to read it now?"
Builton or the allio conservatives—the general and vient, as the all-powerful chief of the nation, we were led to believe—is but very little of a general, and nothing trade upon it ?"
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Difference of the nation, we were led to believe—is the allocate a soul so gifted to allocate a soul so gifted admired her angelic sweetness; she would pass modestly, recognized only by a few friends, through the midst of laughing guthering, at which the women of the East enjoyed an hour of recreation to gether. Whilst the others, after having filled their pitchers, would stop to con-verse about the news of the day, Mary with the words full of grace that proceeded from the lips of her Son, she would forget the burden she carried the function of their states and the states of the people is not calculated to stem the tide of popular feeling. On the contrary it will only enrage the popular instinct. If the Government be really in earnest in this recent insane move they should arrest this recent insane move they should arrest she would forget the burden she carried upon her blessed head. How beautiful to see her thus in these humble labors !--the chief agitator. Mr. Parnell is the man to be pounced upon. But the Ministry are afraid and being afraid they demonwhat an example for women of every age. strate their weakness. We are not sorry for their action, as it has strengthened the We are not sorry The labor of Mary was assiduous and constant. It was not a labor of taste or hands of their political opponents im-mensely. To them condemnation of Messrs. Davitt, Daly, and Killen will not fancy, but one of necessity; a labor that was hard, obscure, humiliating, self-denying; in a word, her mode of life was that of the wife of a poor artisan. avail much, but the lever with which they have furnished their opponents is un-Origen relates that the pagans, who new not the value of humility, ridiculed mense. If they for a moment image that by such a paltry action they can over the first Christians, because they gloried awe Ireland they are much mistaken. Times have changed, and the manhood of in being the disciples of a Man born of a Ireland, supported by the manhood of England and Scotland, will not be tramplpoor woman-poor by choice-who gained a livelihood by her needle. There gamed a hychhood by her needle. There is, perhaps, no precept in regard to which men are more easily deceived, than the precept which obliges us to earn our bread by the sweat of our brow. If upon by the govening classes in England. THE RECENT CIRCULAR OF CARDImen are not bound by this precept, through the precept of living, there NAL MANNING. is still a necessity of a higher order, which imposes the obligation upon them; for we "The early and severe cold which has obliged to suffer the chastisement set in warns us to look for much suffering in this winter among the poor in London. Nevertheless we invite you to think first of otherwise a distance of the set of t inflicted upon us; we are obliged to obey the law of God; finally, we are obliged to imitate Jesus, Mary and Joseph, if we wish to be of the number of the elect. of others at a distance, who are always suf-fering severely, and who, as the winter draws on, will probably have to endure Let lowly works be performed with hu-mility, and under the eye of God, by want of food, fuel and clothing of a kind happily unknown to us. We have recivdwelling upon thoughts, and praying, from time to time, were it only by simple eleva-tions, of the heart, that the allotted tasks happily unknown to us. We have reciv-ed private letters from well-informed and responsible persons in Ireland, full of anx-iety for the next months. They describe may be sanctified; for that alone is of value before God which is done in conwhat is day by day before their eyes, and they assure us that in the West of Ireland such hunger, poverty and wapt as now are formity with His holy will. Thus acted valiant woman of the Scriptures. Her hand was industrious; habit gave it facility to work, and yet allow the mind to be seen have never been known since the fatal famine 1847. Fever has already shown itself, especially among the school children. The dioceses which are already suffering most are Ross, Kerry, Galway and Tu-m. It may be little that you can send, but you will be glad at least to show the sympathy and love of your hearts to-wards our suffering brothern in Iraland its freedom; and therefore it is said of her kands in holy Scripture, that they were active and also intelligent. Outwardly, her work is material; in its principles, its end, it is spiritual and supernatural, worthy of heaven, and as St. Paul says, s our suffering brethren in Ireland. We therefore affection ately and earnestly d suddenly, and Viva's voice startled tose from her dream. "Why Rosette, I have been searching ouse and garden for you! And here is ashamed, provided it be honest; and have been searching to survey of subject of the provided it be honest; and have too who is always afraid that emeri ously, as far as you are able, for then lief, and in thanksgiving to our Divine Master for all the biessing we enjoy. A start of all the made at all the Masses Decem-

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him. God loves the least act of obedience and submission to His will, minitely more than all the services that one may propose to render to Him through mere taste or inclination. Never look to the quality of what you do, but to the honor it pos of being agreeable to God.

THE CRIB OF BETHLEHEM.

The cradle of our Saviour—the identi-cal crib in which the Infant Jesus was laid —was for a time preserved in Bethlehem, and it is well known that St. Jerome, St. Paula, and others, had always entertained the greatest devotion for this sanctuary. the greatest devotion for this sanctuary. Subsequently the crib and a few pieces of rock from the cave at Bethlehem was brought to Rome. Some have asserted that the transfer was made in the year 352, but the learned Pope Benedict XIV. proved that it was not until the 7th cen-tury, at the time that the Saracens had taken possession of Jerusalem, in the year 653. St. Jerome, who was buried in Bethlehem, appeared three times to a pious monk there, telling him to carry the crib and his remains to Rome, which he accordingly did.

accordingly did. The Crib, considered one of the most precious relics of the city of Rome, is now kept in the magnificent Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, also known by the titles of Our Lady of the Snow and Our Lady of the Crib. To the right side of the main altar is a very beautiful and spacious chapel, built by Pope Sixtus V., in the year 1586, in honor of our Saviour's crib. In the centre, directly underneath the cupola, is a precious altar, where the Blessed Sacrament reposes. On both sides of the altar are two stairways of stone, leading to a little chapel called the Chapel of the Crib. Formerly the holy crib was kept here, but now only a few crib was kept here, but now only a few pieces of wood taken from it remain on the altar. The main part of the crib is preserved in another side-chapel, enclosed n a magnificent, silver-mounted, crystal in a maginizent, silver-mounted, crystal reliquary, surrounded by a gilt iron rail-ing. Every year, on christmas night, these relics used to be carried in solemn procession to the main altar of the church, where they remained during three days. for public veneration. Old and young, beggars and princes, may be seen during these days, like the shepherds and kings of old in Bethlehem, hastening to Santa Maria Maggiore to visit the holy Crib.

THE ARRESTS IN IRELAND.

This is what the Belfast Examiner (edited by Father Cahill), has to say on the recent arrests in Ireland: The Government have m de a very

grave mistake. They have arrested three rather impetuous men for impetuous language. The opinion of Europe—for planly to European public opinion are the Government appealing—will laugh with a smothered laugh at the egregious massa

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"Judge for me, dearest papa," she re-plied. "Is not our present grief too sacred to allow even such affections as this to intive majority—if, indeed, it can be called such—it is made up of fragments that can never be made to unite and to act together They, too, have their rival military and civil leaders, whom no sincere love either for their country or for its ous interests can induce to act in con-cert. The victories achieved on any point of the national teritory by one of their leaders are rendered useless by the revolt or defection of his rivals. Mirame triumphant a short time since; to-day, he can only look to the favor or active port of the invading French forces fo any power or position in his own country, h, at the present moment, he is fo bidden to enter. Senor Almonte and his

associate emissaries to Europe, now that the French flag is unfurled on Mexican soil, will be used as instruments by Napoleon and his generals, and broken of cast aside the moment they cease to be

docile to the hand of the master. I have discovered that I could either serve Spain nor Mexico, neither benefit the Mexican Church or the Mexi can people, by approving or abetting th ambitious or absurd projects of a Euro pean sovereign, who favors revolution in taly while repressing constitutional iberty in France, and and who promises fexican churchmen to see their rights re pected and their confiscated property re-tored, while he is in open league with Cavour and Mazzini to destroy, root and nch, the Church - establishment in Italy.

"As to the people themselves, I have seen in the respect paid by the Spanish race, both before and since the revolution, to the rights of the conquered populations an evidence of what their religion pur an evidence of what their religion pur-posed doing, and would certainly have accomplished, if the jealonsy of local gov-ernors and the cupidity of landed proprie-tors, speculators, and merchants had not always counteracted the deseign of priest.

and missionary. "In the United States you have driven out or destroyed the native races. Here they form the tumeuse majority. The cruel oppression under which they suffer-ed in the first age after the conquest, in spite of the protestations of Cortes and of

to listen, at Seville, to Newman's beauti-ful lines, which she had set to music of per own: and now she saw how wonderfully the prayer they breathed was fulfilled in Diego's case:

'Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom

gloom Lead Thou me on ! The night is dark, and I am far from home-Lead Thou me on ! Keep Thou my feet: I do not ask to see The distant scene,—one step enough for me.

"I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou Should'st lead me on Should's tend me on I loved to choose and see my path, but now Lead Thon me on ! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears. Pride ruled my will: remember not past years."

The words came back to her memory

with a fullness of meaning she had never perceived before. Sing she could not in her present grief. But there was music in her heart of hearts, and to it she sang them interiorly, forgetting all around her, till she came to the last lines:

"So long Thy power hath blest me.sure it still

Will lead me on, O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone ; And with the morn those angel faces smile Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile."

As the entranced girl went on, singing in the deep secret of her soul's sanctuary the pregnant words, and drinking in their the pregnant words, and drinking in their hidden melody, it was as if from near the Throne on high divine harmonies came down to her, and the "angel faces," so lately lost and so loved, were smiling on her. How long she might have remained thinking of the Light which had led her so surely onward, and of the future forward