A Gem from Lope de Vega. Lord, what am I, that with unceasing care Thou didst seek after me-that Thou didst

rait, with unhealthy dews, before my gate, d pass the gloomy nights of winter theref range delusion-that I did not greet y blessed approach, and O, to heaven

Thy blessed approach, and 0, to neaven how lost, If my ingratitude's unkindly frost Has chilled the bleeding wounds upon Thy How oft my guardian angel gently cried:--Soul, from thy casement look without and

see **Bow** He persists to knock and wait for thee." And O, how often to that voice of sorrow:--"To-morrow we will open," I replied, And when the morrow came, I answered still--"To-morrow."

FATHER BURKE ON THE DOMINI-CANS.

On Sunday the corner-stone was blessed and laid of a convent for the Dominican fathers in Newry. The community has been established there in humble tempor-ary quarters for the past ten years. Their foundation was one of the tokens of the resurrection of hope and spirit which dur-ing the present generation has put a new soul into the Catholics of the north. Their ten years in Newry have not been idle soul into the Catholies of the north. Their ten years in Newry have not been idle ones. A magnificent Gothic church has sprung up under their hands-one which is in design and opulence worthy of the vigorous young town, whose expanding streets and factories spread out under-neath it. The church was dedicated in 1876. Having toiled for the glory of God's dwelling-place, the fathers have at last bethought them of a permanent shel-ter for their own heads. They have been seconded with all their hearts by the gen-erous people, in whose affections they have struck deep roots. The design con-templetes a three-story convent, partaking the Gothic characteristics of the adjacent church, with which it will harmonize also in material and in general treatment. church, with which it will harmonize also in material and in general treatment. The ceremonial of placing the corner-stone was signalized by the co-operation of the prince of Dominicans, the Very Rev. T. N. Burke. A special train ran from Belfast to convey those lattending the ceremony. The beautiful church was filled, and the affectionate generosity of the contract generosity of

filled, and the affectionate generosity of the congregatiou was even more remark-able than their numbers. The Very Rev. T. N. Burke, O. P., went into the pulpitafter the first Gospel, and delivered a magnificent discourse upon the mission of the religious orders, with special reference to the history of the Order of St. Dominic. He founded his discourse upon the Eniste and Gospel his discourse upon the Epistle and Gospel of the day, in which our Saviour declared the test of the true shepherd to be that he should be prepared to die for his flock. He vouchsafed Himself to tulfil the test He vouchsafed Himself to fulfil the test of death which He laid down, for they took Him and scourged Him, they tore the flesh from His sacred bones, and they crowned His Divine head with "cruel thorns, they rent His sacred hands and feet, they fastened them with spikes and nails to the cross, and for three hours he hung "a sign between the meadows and the stars," until at length His sacred heart broke from excess of agony, and He died for those whom He loved. Having pointed out that the character of the Christian, and in a special manner of the true Christian priest, was to be ready to follow this Divine example, and having dwelt upon the terrible digni y and the awful office of the Christian priesthood through whose hands through whose hands THE BLOOD OF CALVARY STILL POURS

ABOUND THE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR, the preacher said the priesthood of Christ of necessity means sacrifice, and, if necessary, death. That priesthood is divided into two great classes or orders of men, both created in the Church for the same

dren of St. Dominic and St. Francis went forth and penetrated to the Tartar deserts, and confronted them in the pride of their military triumples, and some of them gained their martyr's crown from the con-queror's own royal hand, and shed their red blood at his feet.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOMINICANS GAVE UP THEIR LIVES for the faith in China alone, besides those for the faith in China alone, besides those who, in their thousands, perished on the steppes of frozen Tartary, or laid down to die or thirst in the deserts of China. Here at home during the reign of Queen Eliza-beth there were 600 Dominicans in Ire-land when she began to reign, and at the end of the ten years 150 haggard and famished men came steating out of every hiding-place in the land to count the 450 martyrs who were praising Jesus Christ in heaven and pleading for the Irish people. What wonder that no power in earth or hell could root their faith out of the bearts of the Irish people when they had such an army of martyrs to plead for them in the Church triumphant ! With such like deeds, had not the Dominicans a claim upon their love and upon their charity ?

deeds, had not the Dominicans a claim upon their love and upon their charity ? Yes, concluded the preacher; your fathers refused us not; neither will you. You will not be false to the traditions that they held most sacred through their lives; neither shall we be false to ours. The rppeal was responded to by the magnificent offering of nearly £400 from the conversation.

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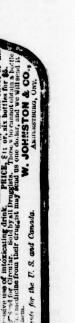
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both created in the Church for the same high and holy purpose, but in a different manner. There is the great primitive order of the clergy who have the care of souls—who are the pastors of the people —who are canonically and officially bur-RICHMOND ST., LONDON. who are canonically and officially bur-dened with the responsibility for their people's salvation. But in this day's Gospel our Lord not only said, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me," but He said, "I have other sheep who are not of this fold, and I must go to them and gather them in also." Besides the pastoral office there is in the Church the glorious apostolic office. There is the obligation to go forth and proclaim in every land, to every people and in every tongue, that there must be but one fold and one truth re-presented by the one governor on this earth, the Vicar of Jesus Christ. There-fore side by side with the great body of the parochial ciergy there have ever ex-isted in the Church of God, it might be said from the very dawn of her history, BURNS AND Largest Exclusively Clothing & Furnishing said from the very dawn of her history, another class represented by the religious orders—men who were not bound by parochial duties nor tied down by paro-chial obligations—men who by their yow House in the Province. child oblightions—likel who by their took of poverty cast away from them all the cares and solicitudes of this world, and by their vow of obedience are bound under pain of eternal death to be ready every moment of their lives, at the beck of their superiors, to face death in whatever form it may present itself for the propagation of the Word of God. To-day this second order of the clergy is represented in Newry by the children of St. Dominic. Newry by the children of our behavior Invited hither some years ago by that ven-erable bishop whom their own Order pro-duced—seconded, as he generously and nobly was, by the loving co-operation of his faithful clergy, the pastors of the people's souls-THE DOMINICANS CAME AMONG THEM, and the large generosity, the great faith and charity of the people enabled them to build for their God this sumptnous temple. Having thus taken thought of the tabernacle of their God, they to-day asked the people to come around them and witness the consecration of the foundaasked the people to come around them and witness the consecration of the founda-tion-stone of the convent in which they and their spiritual descendants will flive perhaps for ages to come. The preacher reminded them in touching terms that the names of the Dominicans were not unfamiliar in their bistory, and that their title deeds were with the blood of their martyrs. They belonged to an Order that pre-emmently might be called the Order of Martyrs. When their Holy Father founded the order, 600 years ago, it began with suffering and death. Three great sources of martyrdom were ready for it when it sprang up, and boldly the Dominicans stepped into these three out-posts of wickedness and infidelity, and shed their blood there for their God. He recalled the heresies of the Albigenses, and the victorious inroads of the Tartars under Zenglis Khan and Timour. Year

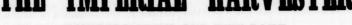
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