### THE OLD MOTHER.

HOW THE CHILDREN OF THE PERIOD NEG LECT HER IN HER CLD AGE.

"Going north, madam?"

"No ma'am."
"Going south, then ?"
"I don't know, ma'am."
"Why, there are only two ways to go."
"I didn't know. I was never on the res. I'm waiting for the train to go to "John? There is no town called John.

Where is it."

"Oh! John's my son. He's out in Kansas on a claim."

"I'm goirg right to Kansas myself.

You intend to visit?"

The stranger waited till she recovered

"I went to Martha'z—went with a pain in my heart I never felt before. I was willing to do snything so as not to be a burden. But that wasn't it. I found they were ashamed of my bent old body and my withered face—ashamed of my rough, wrinkled hands—made so toiling for

The tears came thick and fast now. The

At last they told me I must live at a "At last they told me I must live at a boarding house, and they'd keep me there. I couldn't say anything back. My heart was too full of pain. I wrote to John what they were going to do. He wrote right back, a long, kind letter for me to come right to him. I always had a home while he had a roof, he said. To come right there and stay as long as I lived. That his mother should never go out to strangers. So I'm going to John.

when the name that other for the the syst that watched over them through a many a weary night are closed forever; when the little old body, bent with the burner of them is not says where

dens it bore for them, is put away where it can never shame them—"

The sgent drew his hands quickly before his eyes, and went out as if to look for the train. The stranger's jeweled fingers stroked the gray locks, while the tears of sorrow and the tears of sympathy fell together. The weary heart was unburdened. Soothed by a touch of sympathy the troubled soul yielded to the longing for rest, and she fell askeep. The agent went noiselessly about his duties that he might not wake her. As the fair stranger watched she her. As the fair stranger watched she saw a smile on the care worn face. The lips moved. She bent down to hear.

"I'm doing it for Mary and Martha. They'll take care of me some time." She was dreaming of the days in the little cottage—of the fond hopes which inspired her, long before she learned, with a broken heart, that some day she would turn, homeless in the world, to go to John.—Lu B Cake, in the Current.

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## ENTERING UPON THEIWORLD.

Catholic Columbian.

When young people grow up to a marriageable age and determine to live in the world it seems bright to them. Their prospects are visionary. It is hard for persons grown old in worldly experience to view things as they are. Every one has expectations. These are nearly always at the top round of the ladder. Expectations are seldom realized. Those of our youth are folly to the aged and those of the aged are puerile to the youth. Expectations, hence, are nearly always unequal for the occasions to which the subject destines them in anticipation. The cause of this is an incorrect view of life and its duties. We begin as infants with the extraordinary and make it seem ordinary. We throw God out of our thoughts and destiny is forgotten.

The stranger waited till she recovered her voice to go or.

"I had only the cottage and my willing hands. I toiled early and late all the years till John could help me. Then we kept the girls at school, John and me. They were married not lorg ago. Married rich as the world goer. John sold the cottage, and sent me to the city to live with them and he went West to begin for himself. He said we had provided for the girls and they would provided for the girls and they would provide for me now."

Where Gcd is first, he is thought of first. In the morning, then, God is thanked for having preserved them from the evils the work of the day and its trials. This is an acknowledgment of G.d's supreme domination over them and their entire domination over them and their entire domination over them and their household. God desires to be with the sons of men, but he wishes them to ask that they may receive and that their iov may be madefull. Thus Where God is first, he is thought of vided for the girls and they would provide for me now."

Her voice choked with emotion. The stranger waited in silence.
"I went to them in the city. I went to Mary's first. She lived in a great house with servents to wait on her; a house many times larger than the little cottage—but I soon found there wasn't room enough for me."

The tears stood in the lines on her cheeks. The ticket agent came outsoftly, stirred the fire, and went lack. After a panse she continued:
"I went to Martha'z—went with a pain in my heart I never felt before. I was

notice and distinguish persons and things about them, God and His service is the first love placed in their hearts. Now let us ask does such a family never suffer any contradiction? Life is fu'l of them from the cradle to the grave each hour brings its own. No one may be free from them. The family that has God's grace to help them suffer the ills of life and overcome its temptations. There are things to be endured and things to be overcome, and this is life. Trials and temptations come in this world, heaven is our home and God is our Father. Night and morning prayers are family devotions, and without them God has no place in the family. God is love and love alone can bind the family together. S. S. M.

## A Slave's Revenge.

One day the planter wished to purchase twenty more slaves. He therefore went to the market with his faithful Peter, and to the market with his fastiful Peter, and told him to choose those that he thought would make the best workmen. To the great surprise of his master, Peter choose dens it bore for them, is put away where amongst others a decrepit old man. The planter would not consent to purchase him, and he would have been left on the hands of the dealer had not the latter offered to "throw bim in" for nothing if twenty others were purchased. This offer was finally accepted.

On the plantation Peter took the greatest care of the old man. He lodged In a word, he was as careful of him as a good son could be of a beloved father. The master was surprised at Peter's conduct towards his fellow-slave, and wished to know the reason for it.

"Is he your father?" he asked. "No, master: he is not my father."
"Perhaps he is an older brother?" "No, master: he is not."
"Is he your uncle then, or some relative?

It cannot be possible that you should care so much for a total stranger."

"He is not altogether a stranger to me, master, though not a relative. He is my enemy; it is he that sold me to the white men, on the coast of Africa. But I must men, on the coast of Africa. But I must not hate him for that. The priest taught me: "If thy enemy be hungry, give him to eat; if he thirst, give him to drink." I try to follow this law of our Master in heaven."-The Sodalist.

## A Fine Fellow

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# THE DYING-OUT PUBITANS.

Church Progress.

A wail both long and loud has gone forth from the old Puritanic landmarks of Massachusetts, bewailing the degeneracy of the Puritan stock, and its place being filled by thrifty commical Celtic people.

To one accustomed to read much of the stuff published in praise of Puritanism in the old Bay State, it would seem America owes much of her greatness and her discovery to Puritanism, while the real actors in the discovery and civilization were passed over in silence. But truth, crushed to earth, will again revive, and only now, the superior race soming to the front,

"Oh! John's my son. He's out in Kansas on a claim."

"I'm goirg right to Kansas myself. You intend to visit?"

"No, ma'am."

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The evasive tone, the look of pain in the furrowed face, were noticed by the titylish ledy as the gray head bowed upon the toil marked hand. She wanted to hear her story; to help her.

"Excuse me—John in trouble?"

"No, no—I'm in trouble?"

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"The train does not come for some time. Here, rest your head upon my cloak."

"You are kind. If my own were so I shouldn't be in trouble to-night."

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"You are kind. If my own were so I shouldn't be in trouble?" And to tell it to strangers, but my old heart is teo full to keep it back. When I was left a widow with the three children, I thought it was more than I could bear; but it wasn't so bad as this—"

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Their puny frames are no longer capa-ble of enduring the toils of farm labor, and the consequence is they flock to the factories, where they drag out a precarious living and become, in reality, a de-pendent branch of society, instead of a controlling one as they formerly occupied. Added to their diminished vital force, the adoption of absurd and injurious modes of living by both sexes has alarmingly effected the natural increase of the anci-

ent ratives.

Nothing except an infusion of new blood, will preserve the utter decay of the former race, which is silently taking place, but with it is infused new and more liberal ideas, by intermarriage with the Celts. The powerful influence already wielded by Irishmen in official circles is an indication that Puritanic stock is left in the shade. The strange mutation of fortune, by the irrepressible law of population and progress, is driving the Puritanic element to the wall, while the Celtic nature is boldly and numerously asserting its supremacy. The rising generation, imbued with the broadest charity and toleration for their neighbors, willing to accord to others the rights they claim for themselves, a principle which Puritanism in Massachusetts, in the whole course of its existence never admitted and on account of which their decay, when their mark is done in each of the most of the progression of the most of the progression of the progression of the most of the progression of th ent patives. count of which their decay, when their work is done, is not to be lamented by a country and State, whose history is so intimately interwoven with the success of American institutions.

# CATHOLIC PRESS.

.Catholic Columbian.

Hardly a week passes that we do not hear of converts abandoning the innum erable Protestant denominations to join ived. That his mother should never go out to strangers. So I'm going to John. He's got only his rough hands and his great warm heart—but there's room for his old mother—God bless him—"

The stranger brushed a tear from her fair cheek and waited the conclusion.

"Some day when I am gone where I'll as his master, a wealthy planter, found him faithful, he showed great confidence Martha will think of it all. Some day when the hands that toiled for them are folded and still; when the eyes that

him in his own cabin, and shared his meals with him; when it was cold, he brought him to the fire; and when it was hot, he let him sit under the shade of the trees. The fire that the care of Ste. Anne with him; when it was hot, he let him sit under the shade of the trees. The fire that the was indeed miraculous. Several persons who knew Miss Labrie for a long time bore that the care of the fact that the was ill for deed miraculous. Several persons who knew Miss Labrie for a long time bore testimony to the fact that she was ill for many years, suffering from nausea, vomit-ing, indigestion, and general debility, constantly growing worse, until she became unable to move without help, and that she now erjoys good health. Added to this is the certificate of the doctor who this is the certificate of the doctor who attended her for six years, and who testifics to his own apprehensions of a fatal issue to the pilgrimage which the invalid longed to make, and which was so happily rewarded. Miss Labrie herself related that after six years of suffering, in return of her confidence in La Bonne Sainte of her confidence in La Bonne Sainte Anne, she was now once more in the enjoyment of perfect health and strength. In proof of this she referred to the lact that when she reached home on the evening of the 15th of July she schually ran up the stairs, down which she had had to be carried in the morning; that she had is ce walked out almost daily to church, since walked out almost daily to church, market, or to visit her friends; that she market, or to visit her friends; that she market, or to patients presenting themselves to each of patients presenting themselves to have the morning that she had had to be carried in the morning; that she had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in the morning that had had to be carried in t In proof of this she reterred to the fact that when she reached home on the evening of the 15th of July she remaily ran up the stairs, down which she had had to be carried in the morning; that she had since walked out almost daily to church, market, or to visit her friends; that she had been on a second pilgrimage to Ste.

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Irish, part'a'ly assisted by Canadians. If the Anglo Saxons don't soon mend their ways, they will shortly become as scarce as the red men.

Milwaukee Citizen.

Of the 900 delegates to the recent Irish Lesgue Convention at Chicago, 660 had speeches in petto. It was a trysting place for orators. Never before was so much eloquence confined within a single hall. But the six hundred had no sdcquate opportunity to volley and thunder. Only a imited percentage won the attention of he chair. The Chicago Tribune says: "Eloquence has long since gone from Parliament; eloquence has gone from Congress; but eloquence still exists in Irish convention. This is no idle gibe. For ready, brilliant, off hand speakers, an Irish convention excels any other gathering of men who speak the English language."

### WHY WE SHOULD STRIVE TO ASSIST AT MASS DAILY.

It is strange and wonderful that Catho lies are not more earnest in attending mass on week days. It is true there is no obligation, but we should be disposed to do more than we are compelled to, by the laws of the Church, to secure our salvation. The remittance of the temporal debts due to sin requires on our part much prayer and works of super-grayation, while debts due to sin requires on our part much prayer and works of supererogation, while in the flesh and there is certainly no time or place in which we can accomplish for ourselves so much benefit, as the time of Mass. There, as it were, Christ pours forth His graces in abundance, and pities the sinner's fallen condition. By an attentive hearing of Mass, the bonds of sin are broken, and the sinner is led to abandon evil ways, the just are strengthened to avoid and overcome temptation, while by every Mass that is offered, the world in general is benefitted, but more especially

general is benefitted, but more especially the devout attendants.

The grand spirit manifested by our people, the sacrifices they make and the suffering many of them endure to attend Mass on Sunday, are evidences of the deep-seated faith that binds Catholics to the Sacrifice of the Altar, yet a more practical display of this faith, in attending Mass on week days would greatly redound to our own benefit, and serve as an example to those not of our faith, that could not be seen without being appre ciated. How many of our Catholic ness men in towns could attend Mass every morning, by a little exertion, if they tried. What peace of mind and conthey tried. What peace of mind and consolation, such a preparation for the day's
work would bring; how many-evils of
the day may not be averted by our prayers
said at Mass in the morning; how many
occasions of sin may not be removed, none
can tell but God, who sees the secrets of
our hearts and who verily knows the
attack that are made upon us by the
enemy of our souls. The man who perseveres in prayer secures his salvation,
and at no time of the Church's history was
prayer so necessary for Christians as now. prayer so necessary for Christians as now The world seems to be fast descending into The world seems to be fast descending into the mire of immorality. The devil that tempts us to this sin is making great havoc in America; neither youth nor old age is free from its blighting influence. The total disregard of the sacred rights of the married state has opened the flood gates of vice, and naught except a stern opposition of Christians will ever bring back the proper observance of the sixth commandment, and throw around the marriage yows the mantle of purity, the marriage vows the mantle of purity, which in all ages and in every country, have distinguished the married life of Catholics. Any person who attends Mass and prays daily, cannot persevere in this

Church of their forefathers has been made public through other channels. Converts are coming over all the time in every dicese of the United States, and no commotion is made by us in consequence. If, therefore, among the Protestants who read the Columbian there are any who are persuaded that they ought to become Catholics, yet are deterred by a dread of notoriety, they can rest assured that no publicity will be given to their reception, if they apply for admission, and that they will be welcomed to the hospitalities of their Father's House as if they had never been away in far counties.

The investigations made by some of the Protestant journals of Montreal have gone far to prove that the cure of Miss Hermine Labrie, at the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, on the 15th of July, was indeed miraculous. Several persons who knew Miss Labrie for a loug time bore testimpy to the fact that she was ill for many years, suffering from nausea, vomitof our salvation, as reasonable observe in the affairs of life.

# Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, and Hay

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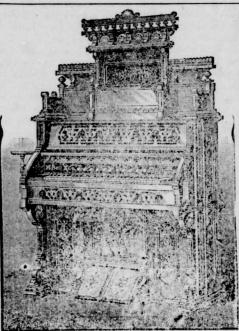
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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. "A certain man went kown from Jerusa-em to Jericho, and fell among robbers."— 5t, Luue's Gospel, chap, x., v. 3).

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St. Luse's Gospel, chap. x., v. 33.

This man described in to day's Gospel, my brethren, is a type of mankind. Suppose any one who had determined to climb a mountain, and had made all his preparations were to say, after he had gone for a few hundred feet, 'Oh, this is too hard work, I will go back." Do you not think his neighbors would laugh at him? Yes. "Surely," they would say, "here is one who has no energy; he never will amount to much!" So it is with the world. The man who surely mounts to the pinnacle of fame, or wealth, or honor to which he aspires is cal'ed great and has the respect and admiration of the world. Success is the measure of the world's estimation of man's efforts in this age, and he who does not succeed must, so far as this world is concerned, go to the wall. If this is so in the world, how much more in the Christian? He who is constantly climbing the ladder of well-doing, or he who falls back

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The very first thirg we notice in the parable in to day's Gospel about this man is that he had turned his back on Jerusa-

is that he had turned his back on J. rusalem and was going down. It is evident that one must go either up or down on the road to heaven; one cannot stand still.

But notice, my brethren, the consequences of this backward journey, as he went further and further away; at last he fell among robbers. So it will be in the Christian life if men do not keep their minds constantly sat on heaven day. the Christian life if men do not keep their minds constantly set on heaven and its attainment. They will begin committing little venial sins deliberately, going down, down, and before they know where they are mortal sin has taken them. They have fallen into the hands of that robber chief, Satan, and be has despoiled them of their treasure and has left them in the hone that they may die before help. in the hope that they may die before help There is but one way to avoid this fate,

There is but one way to avoid this fate, and that is by keeping one's self free from sin. By preserving ever a high standard of right and sticking to it. Don't get started on the downward track, for it is too easy to go on it and the end is disastrous if you are not stopped. By the aid of prayer, with the help of the Sacraments, and all the other assistances which the Church provides and suggests climb to the top of the mountain of perfection and reach heaven as your everlasting reward. Never turn your back on heaven to go down hill, lest when accounts are squared up at the last day your lot may fall with the unsuccessful ones.

# A WORD TO ALTAR BOYS.

We have great admiration for the zeal and perseverance of our altar boys; a zeal and perseverance which brings so many of them, morning after morning, at early hours, to serve at Holy Mass. If, therefore, we have aught to say of them, in the way of criticism, it is for the purpose merely of suggesting faults, in order that they may be remedied.

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In spreading the Communion Cloth, for the faithful about to receive, some of our young friends show too much haste, rushing to the railing, while yet reciting the Confiteor, and jerking swiftly, even the cloth into its place. This is violently, the cloth into its place. unseemly, occurring, as it does, during one of the most solemn parts of the Mass -the priest's Communion. So, it is entirely unnecessary, for there is always plenty of time to do all that is needed, at this stage, quietly and with becoming

So, we have something to suggest wit So, we have something to suggest with regard to the ringing of bells, during the progress of the Mass. Some churches use mounted gongs, rather large; and when it comes to sounding them, many of our young friends strike these loud-sounding instruments with all their force. The result is a series of jarring clangs, by no means musical, but on the contrary trying to ears and nerves; and not in keeping with the solemn stages of the Mass, at which the bells are to be sounded.

The same with hand-bells; many altar hove, at the Elevation, Communion, etc.,

boys, at the Elevation, Communion, etc., clatter them with as much rapidity and force, as they possibly can. Thus sounded, these bells remind one of the boarding. house call to meals; or, of the clamor, on a larger scale, of bells in country towns, when the people are summoned in haste to put out a fire.

Our churches are not so large as to re-

quire that gongs and hand bells should be so vigorously sounded, in order to be heard throughout. The hushed and adoring congregations, in most of them, can hear the slightest tinkle; and soft, subdued sounds are more in keeping with solemnity of place, and with the sacred character of Sablime Rites of our Catholic Altars. We trust that those of our readers who

are altar-boys, and who have not hereto-fore thought of these things as now pre-sented, will, for the future, amend these little shortcomings .- Holy Family.

## MANNA STILL GATHERED.

Rev. Luigi Sartori writes from Upper Falls Post Office, Baltimore County, Md., as follows: "Travelling in the East last year, from Arabia to Palestine, I mit a good Armenian Catholic priest coming from Mesopotamia. Among various articles of diet he brought with him in his journey to Constantinople there were about five younds of manna incased in a leather beg. At his meals he partook of that food as we do of cakes. He posi-tively maintained that such food falls from tively maintained that such food falls from
heaven as white powder two or three
times a year, and is collected from the
leaves of trees and from the surface of
flat stones. The food, when protected by
leather, will keep for five or six years. I
send you a piece of this manna for curiosity. I eat of this food, and it contains
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