bank, and I'm right sure you aldn't be companion to a man, on if he is a Catholic parson, who d a bad reputation. So I take ok what I've said, and my sons and me will go out to that automol

"Of course, my friend and I assured him we had paid no attention to his remarks. They were natural, considering the surprise, and we thanked him for the fine supper. I took out a 'greenback,' and would have offered it to him, only he shouled to me to

put it back in my pocket.

"He was only a viotim of bigotry—not his fault, and his heart was as nd as a nut.

"We got our coats, and hats, and all five went to the door. The rain had stopped, and the moon was shining. With the strong arms of the three men, and our own, we got the tree to one side, and pried up the machine." After it was on harder ground we found there was no damage done. Soon we started off. The farmer shook hands heartily with us, as did his sons, and as we sped we reached home late at hight, but safely. The days passed on, the good bishop came, and administered con-firmation. The great occasion was over, and things settled down into their usual routine. I remembered the storm and the farmer for a long time, but at last the memory of it all

in the next town, assisting the pastor at his Forty Hours. When it was over I said good bye, and was going down the steps of the rectory into the street. Just then, a slender, pretty young girl, dressed with taste, came up to me with a smiling face.

"'Are you not Father So and so?'
"'Why, yes,' I replied. 'I think you have the advantage of me. I do not remember ever having seen you be-. What is your name?'
'My name is Rachael Wilton,' she

"Still I was not able to place her. 'How do you know my name?' I said.

I was in a strange parish. 'Father,' she said, taking a little book out of her pocket, 'do you re-member being storm-bound one evening two years ago? It was a terri-ble storm, and you and your friend had to leave your automobile, and seek shelter in myfather's farmhouse. He gave you a stormy welcome, too, she said, smiling, 'but he did not mean it. You were wet through, and took off your coats to dry, and this little book fell out of your pocket. I found it after you had gone. Do you remember, now, and do you recognize he book ?

Indeed I did. I remembered the young girl who admitted us from the neart of the storm that evening, and I recognized the book, a small 'Imita-tion of Christ,' which was given me by a friend in the seminary. I prized it highly, and I had been greatly dis-tressed when I found I had lost it. I and no idea where it was. I reached

out for it eagerly.

"Of course I recognize it!" I said, opening the book, where sure enough my name was plainly written on the fly-leaf. No wonder she knew my

'And so you have had my book all this time.' I said, smiling. The girl flushed.

"Father, I began to read it, and it fascinated me. I always means to return it to you some day. I read it ago, an over and over again, and each time I right? that those doctrines were the doctrines of the true Church. This is why I came here to day—to see if I could find you and ask you to give me more information about the Catholic Church.'

ing on the steps of the rectory. 'Come in, my child,' I said, 'and I will introduce you to Father X—. He will do sick, and that you made a friendly all I could do for you, and more.'

We entered the rectory, and by good fortune, just met the pastor. He took us into his study. Then I told him of the night of the storm introduced Miss Wilton, and showed the little 'Imitation of Christ' as innocent cause of leading chosen soul to the faith of Christ. He was quite interested, and said he would do all in his power to instruct and help her.

'I might as well tell you, Father, that I have left home, ar I want to get a position here as a teacher. I have some money of my own, and a good enough editoation, and I think I can manage. When I told my father I was convinced that the Baptist Church was wanting, and that I was going to look into the Catholic Church, he raged, and fumed, and swore. Finally he ordered me out of the house, and told me never to darken the door again. You know what a temper he has, Father, she said to me. 'Well, it hasn't improved much. I made up my mind I would go and try to learn what Catholics believe. I am staying with a friend here, and mother knows all about it, but she can do nothing.

The boys are with father.' 'There was a little catch in her voice as she mentioned these details, and I saw that the pastor was deeply touched. She was in good hands. I touched. She was in good hands. I left her with him, presenting the book to her, although she wished to return it, and seemed distressed at my depriving myself of it—I told her it was a great pleasure to give her this little souvenir, and I would always be glad she had it. When I told her this she was satisfied. I left then, and the pastor promised to take care of her. This he did, for he took the trouble some weeks after to come up to see me and tall me of come up to see me and tell me of her progress.

"Without trouble she had "Without trouble she had secured a good position as teacher in the district school. She had come regularly for instructions, had been baptized, and had made her first Holy Communion. Her mother had come down to see her, and was surprised to find her so well and happy, and doing so nicely. She had secured a pleasant home with friends, and was quite independent. She was, in fact, a good Catholic, fervent and in earnest, and thanked God continually for His goodness in allowing that little book, the 'Imitation of Christ,' which came to her out of the heart of the storm; to be her guide into which came to her out of the heart of the storm; to be her guide into the true Fold. She never ceased praying for her dear ones, at home, all of whom, except her mother had disowned her.

"It was all true. Yet while Rachael went about her daily work

with the heroism born of true con version, and an enthusiasm that kep her gratitude to God glowing and fervent, when the day's toll was over fervent, when the day's toll was over there were hours of depression in her lonely room that tried her strength of soul to the utmost. How could she help missing the old happy hours at the homestead, the rough, tender love of that old father, the devotion of her two brothers, and the sense of security and protection from the cold indifference of the world? Do not all converts have such hours of pain? Rachael was not an exception, but God was with her. She prayed for strength, and it came. She prayed for those dear ones from whom she was exiled because she preferred her Lord, and with more and more love did she cause she preferred her Lord, and with more and more love did she plead with Heaven for the reason that she felt the super-abundance of light and peace flood her own heart. The years passed by. It seemed as if her prayer could not be heard. But the answer came, and again I was

the happy medium of winning their souls to God.

"One afternoon I was riding leisurely along the same old road where our automobile met with such a storm the day my friend and I had gone to secure the bishop for con-firmation. Strange to say, although it was fully four years before, the whole scene came vividly before me. The storm, the darkness, the rain, the old farm house, the abuse of the farmer, the good meal, the conver-sion of Rachael—and I began to think of her fervent prayers for the conversion of her family. Surely, thought, such prayers, and such sacrifice will have their reward. was passing the woods, beyond which I knew was the old house, when I saw a man, a farm-hand, a man I did not remember having seen before—running towards me, waving his hat as a signal for me to stop Of course, I did so. When he came up to me, although out of breath, he asked if I were not a priest.

"Certainly I am," I replied.
"'Are you Father So and So?"
"Yes, that is my name,' I answered.

Well, Father, for pity's sake will you come over to see Mr. Wilton; the old man is sick, has been in bed for two weeks. He is so restless and cross that the wife and sons are worn out with him. They got the Baptist minister to come and see him, but before he left the old man lost patience with him, and he left in a temper. He began to mention your name—said he wished he could get to see you. It seems you came here one stormy night long ago, and he treated you badly. Am I

I remember,' I said, smiling, He was only talking for his ancestors. He really had nothing against me. We parted the best of friends. Of course I'll go to see him. Can the horse go through these woods?

'I'll lead him,' said the man 'I'm mighty much obliged to you for coming, and I know the Missis will be, too. Just say you heard he was

It was only a few minutes when we found ourselves before the farm house. How well I remembered it ! Mrs. Wilton came to the door, look. ing worn and pale. But her face lighted up when she saw me.

"'You are welcome indeed, Sir,' she said. 'My husband is very poorly and besides he is so restless and wor ried-like. We don't know what to do for him. The doctor says he'd get well, if he'd stop fretting. You see,' she said in a whisper, 'he has never been the same since Rachael left us.' May I see him ?' I asked.

"'Yes, indeed. Why he's been wishing you would come along. It seems you took him so kindly the night of the storm, that he never forgot you. He said any other man would have knocked him down for the way he abused you. He's sorry

for it now.' "'Why, I never gave it a thought,' I laughed. 'I knew he never meant

it.' No, he didn't,' she said. 'He always had a temper, but it was over as quick as it came. Come up with me.'
"She led me to a pleasant room

where propped up on pillows, lay Amos Wilton, reading the paper. He certainly looked a sick man. But he threw down the paper, pulled off his glasses, and stretched out his hand

"The obedient wife obeyed orders, and then left the room.

"Amos continued. 'I don't know about being up and about. There's more the matter with my soul than with my body. Somehow, since I sent my daughter Rachael, out into the world, because she intended to worship God the way she felt bound, I haven't had an hour's peace. That girl has some of her old dad's make-up in her, and it occurs to me very often that if she didn't think she was right she would never have acted the way she did. And if it's right for right she would never have acted the way she did. And if it's right for her, why it's right for me, and that's all about it. I have been wanting right along to talk religion with some one that knew all about it, and they sent for the Reverend Jones, but he didn't get on to the tack I needed. So I let him know it. Then you came into my mind, and I kept a wishing and a wishing you'd come along, and here you are!"

"And I am delighted that the Lord sent me when you wanted me,' I said, heartily, 'and I think I can satisfy you in all your questions."

"And then this simple hearted, hot-tempered man began to ask about

"And then this simple hearted, hot-tempered man began to ask about the faith of Christ. He listened wonderingly to the plain, clear truths of religion. I sat with him a long time patiently answering all his objections. Finally I asked him if he would read the little book I draw out of my pocket, a small catechism, and I promised that I would come back soon again. He concome back soon again. He con-sented readily, and when I arose to go he called his wife to show me out. His face was full of

told his wife I thought he would get better, and she seemed greatly consoled. I promised to return in a few days, and left the house wondering at the ways of God. I saw the touch of grace in the man's heart, and it had so transformed him that I could only wonder and praise the

"It seems to me there is not much more to be said. Old Amos Wilton plunged into the instructions the way he did everything. He made his wife and sons listen to that catechism. After my visits he would re-peat all I had told him, and in course of time, his mind being easier and the burden of his perplexities relieved he became better.

"At last the day arrived when I told him I would baptize him, and by this time I had included wife and sons in the instructions. He was able to ride to the Church, and Rachael was there, to be present—all tears and joy—at the baptism of father, mother, and two brothers. Although they were Baptists they had never been baptized.

"Happiness beamed from Rachael" tearful eyes. She could not contain her gratitude to God, and indeed it was as much as I could do to keep back the tears of joy that persisted

in coming to my own eyes.
"Rachel went home with them, and it was the talk of the neighborhood for many days—how the Wilton family all 'went over to Rome.' But in the hearts of the new converts there was that peace which the world cannot give, that surpasses all the good things of this world. May God give them all the grace of persever-

THE REPORTER WHO BECAME A KING"

Under the above heading a daily contemporary publishes a sketch of the life of the present King of Bel-gium; for it appears that when King Albert was a young prince, desirous of seeing the world and learning about it at first hand, he came to the United States and took some lessons in that most interesting and nalism. The young Belgian prince used to sign himself "John Banks of New York," and, at other times "C. A. Harris." He had done some newspaper work for a home paper, and had traveled extensively through Europe, studying commerce, ports, shipyards, etc. The tour to America rounded out his experiences. We are told in the sketch of his life that as the guest of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, the young noble-man traveled throughout the Northwest. He also spent a month in Minneapolis, finding employment as a protegé of Mr. Hill on a newspaper there, and acquitting himself creditably. In St. Paul he repeated the experience, and even now there are city editors in the sister cities who will learn with a shock that the promising "cub" they employed then — at the behest of the railroad owner—is now one of the command-ing figures in the greatest war the world has ever known.

The democratic young Prince fitted easily into his new environment. He liked journalism because of its opportunities of gaining knowl edge in a wide range of subjects, and because of its surprises, interests, and even an element of romano that it held for him. Says his Amercan historian:

"If you ever looked into the steady, thoughtful blue eyes of the King you would realize at once that wedded to the hard, practical element in him is the rare and beautiful spirit of the romance of the middle ages. And yet they say that if he had not been born a prince he would have been a mechanic of exceptional ability probably an inventor.

There are few things that he can not do. He boxes, fences, rides, shoots, swims: knows metallurgy, mining and shipbuilding; is an expert aviator and an all-round engineer. He drives his own motor—or did before the war—and should the gear box go wrong he has never hesitated to get on his back under the

car and do the fixing himself. A tory is told of a pretty waitress of a Tyrol inn who beholding him after a ong struggle with a rebellious motor ad made him look like an oiler on a tramp steamer, ordered him from the spick and span place. It was characteristic of him that appreciating the humor of the situation he quietly obeyed her."

An even more amusing incident occurred last summer when the King —who had been the reporter—drove his Queen to a store in a Swiss town. And while he waited there for her to make her purchases along came an American lady. She saw the car, and the smart chauffeur standing beand the smars channel and side it, reading a newspaper. She was in a hurry. Fortunately here was a taxi at her hand, so stepping into the car, she curtly commanded King Albert to drive her to her hotel. King Albert to drive her to her hotel.

The King only said: "I am at your orders, Madam," and drove her to the hotel. She paid him a generous fee, and the royal chauffeur went off in high glee to get his Queen, who was wondering what had become of her husband. When he told her of his province she is intend with him in

experience she joined with him in a earty laugh. To King Albert America is a country of great ideals and of great deeds and the generous response of the nation to the needs of his people has cemented the bonds of friendly feeling and admiration. The King who said: "my skin is no better than my men's," when urged to leave the trenches has proved bimself to be renches, has proved himself to be dier, but also every inch a man.-Sacred Heart Review.

ENGLISH PROTESTANTISM

We take the following illuminative paragraph from the London Daily News, which shows how grievously whatever faith in Christianity still remained in Anglican Protestantism. The statements in this respect are of value and information. The paper

The announcement that the Bishop of Hereford has conferred the vavant canonry in his cathedral on the Rev. B. H. Streeter, of Oxford, recalls an ecclesiastical appointment of more than ordinary interest.

As editor of "Foundations" and

contributor to it of an essay on "The Historic Christ," Mr. Streeter was one of the three objects of the Bishop of Zanzibar's attack in the famous open letter that precipitated the Kikuyu crisis. His authorship of the essay in question was understood to be the cause of the termination of his appointment as examining chaplain to

the Bishop of St. Albans.
With two of the Hereford canon ries already held by Archdeacon Tiley and Dr. Hastings Rashall, the diocese becomes very definitely marked as a stronghold of theological liberty.—Church Progress.

BOOM THE "TRACE IT BACK" IDEA

Some men in Albany if report he true, have organized a "Trace it Back" club, the result of which may be the suppression of a certain amount of irresponsible gossip. The men had been listening to a story in-troduced by the words, "They say," and decided to trace the story back, to see who originated it. They intend to continue their research, an hope to prevent some of the mischief

The above item which we clip from an exchange might be treated jocose ly, but we prefer to look at it serious-ly and to hope that the "Trace it back" idea will si read. As Catholics derogatory to Catholics and the Catholic Church are in circulation among our non-Catholic neighbors.
A "Trace it Back" club set to work on such fallacies would soon run them to earth. Examples of such notions are given by our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Citizen,

1. That arms are hidden in Catholic churches

2. That the Knights of Columbus take an oath against Protestants.
3. That awful things go on in the nunneries.
4. That Houses of the Good Shep-

herd kidnap girls and make slaves of them. 5. That Catholic priests are bad

men morally.
6. That the Catholic Church slurs Protestant marriages, and is narrow about mixed marriages.
7. That the Catholic Church is a



8. That the Infallibility of the Pope means that he can order Catholics how to vote.

9. That the Catholics assessmated

Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley.

10. That the Pope recognized the

outhern Confederacy.

11. That Catholics would destroy the Public school system.

12. That if what the Menace is publishing about Catholics isn't true, why don't the Catholic Church sue that paper for libel?

13. That when Catholics talk

about "making America Catholic," they intend some political movement to capture the country and oppress the Protestants. 14. That Catholics are opposed to

freedom of the press and free speech.
And a correspondent of the Citizen
supplements the foregoing list with
these:

15. That Catholics worship pic-tures and images and the person of

their priest.

16. That Catholics are forbidde the Scriptures and their Bibles taken away from them, and destroyed by

the Church authorities.
17. That the Bishops and pries purposely keep their followers in a state of ignorance the more easily to keep them in subjection.

18. That the administration of

the Sacraments, the offering of Masses, the saying of prayers for the living and dead are commercialized—and sold for cash considerations.

20. That the Catholic Church de-tends the liquor traffic and attendant evils, as evidenced by the great num-bers of Catholics in the business, of priest patrons and of church beer 21. That the Catholic Church

frowns upon the spectacle of Catholics co-operating with Protestants in civic or similar associations devoted to vice suppression, law enforcemen moral uplift, etc.

Speed the day when "Trace it Back" clubs may be formed in every American community to rid the minds of otherwise sensible people of such stupid beliefs as those given above.—Sacred Heart Review.

ANGLICAN BISHOP POINTS A MORAL

In his diocesan magazine the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, England, deals with the arrest of Cardinal Mer-

cier. He says:
"Probably the most interesting
moral to be drawn from the incident is the power still possessed by at any rate one branch of the Church of Christ in regard to the conduct of a great war. Whatever one's feelings may be in regard to some of the teachings of the great Roman Catho-lic Church, it is something to feel that on the continent of Europe the strength of that great body is so real that it can prevent, or any at any rate lessen, brutality in a great European struggle. I wonder sometimes whether our own Church has cared sufficiently to influence national conduct, or whether she has lost some of her force in regard to great moral questions by striving too much after details, which, however valuable in themselves, are not of the absolute essence of the religion of our Blessed Lord."—Buffalo Union and Times.

THE TONGUE

Keep it from unkindness. Words are sometimes wounds. deep wounds, always, and yet they irritate. Speech is unkind sometimes when there is no unkindness in the heart; so much the worse that unintentionally pain is caused.

Keep it from falsehood. It is so

easy to give a false coloring, to so particularly we welcome it, and trust that no obstacle may be put in its while yet there is an appearance of truth, that we need to be on our truth, that we need to be on our guard. There are very many who would shrink from telling a lie who yet suffer themselves to make such inaccurate or exaggerated or one-sided statements that they really come under the condemnation of those whose "lying lips are an abomination to the Lord."

Keep it from slander. The good reputation of others should be dear to us. Sin should not be suffered to go unrebuked. And it should be borne in mind that what is often considered as merely harmless gossip runs dangerously near, if it does not pass, the confines of slander. A reputation is too sacred to be made a plaything of, even if the intent be not malicious.—St. Paul Bulletin.

LATE COMERS AT MASS

Not a few pastors have their pa-tience sorely tried by a large number of their parishioners who are in the habit of arriving in church on Sunday mornings long after the Holy Sacrifice at which they intend to assist, in fulfillment of their solemn obligation, has begun. Surprising as it may seem to Catholics who have proper respect for their Maker and their Redeemer, these habitually tardy arrivals are more frequently in evidence at the short, Low Masses than at the others.

than at the others.

Their persistent negligence in this important matter is exceedingly reprehensible, and the most charitable plea that can be put forward in extenuation of their blameworthy conduct is that they do not realize that the offering up of Mass is the supremest set of adoration of Almighty God of their we His greatures are capable.

colution to be diligently punctur in arriving in church for the pur-pose of assisting at it. — Catholic

CARDINAL MANNING'S STORY

It was Cardinal Manning who re-lated this incident as having happened to himself:

One night I was returning to my residence in Westminster when I met a poor man carrying a basket and smoking a pipe. I thought over this: He who smokes gets thirsty; he who is thirsty desires drink; he who drinks too much gets drunk; he who drinks too much gets drunk; he who gets drunk endangers his soul. This man is in danger of mortal sin. Let us save him. I affectionately addressed him:

"Are you a Catholic?"
"I am, thanks be to God."

Where are you from?' " From Cork, your riverence." "Are you a member of the Total

"No, your riverence."
"Now," said I, "that is very wrong. Look at me ; I am a member. "Faith, maybe your riverence has need of it." I shook hands with him and left .- New World.

No man who was not a true gentleman at heart, ever was, since the world began, a true gentleman in manner.—Dickens.

In the New Testament we shall find the teachings of Christ, and therein we may learn to know His spirit. But Thomas a Kempis almost in the next breath warns us most in the next break.

against reading the Scripture in a
manner not in accord with true

manner not in accord with true Christian humility. He says: "If thou didst know the whole Bible outwardly, and the sayings of all the philosophers, what would it all profit thee without charity and the grace of God?"

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