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nere, mon pere not go." her father, with nce which excion. "What rigny? Why go?" Marigny," she

this place, and ain here." leave you here, er. "There is uld not enjoy a seemed anxi ttany, and that Besides, lage. Besides e of the coast w miles. You

e start ?" she tance was n on than she had

ther answered evening. driving along nd Armine ac notion and the were as charmg beauty under A soft breeze ter lark poured in in the blue and deep on dow of the in tany, and the the wild by rioted in every which blew rew more and lt freshness of a wide, green m, golden with , while afar on a blue flashing

heir way, how xtended. But d ; they passed achman " Voila point Voila le chaglimpse up a a stately house indowed facade aces. Neither spoke. The nead; but she, s the direction w the chateau iron balconies, ling down from venue, framed d of the green mentary view. a few minutes of the parish outskirts of the rd the chateau. tresque edifice, e of the coast, ich contrasted reen moss that and tiled root. eyard, with the on the stone d over a large d the enclosure

ng, straggling down the face vent by rudely. gerous steps to hing-boats lay. delight when, of this precip the great plain apphire at her surf breaking nes of distant c cliffs, storm-astic shapes by

s situated far-

I have come here to day for a purpose — to see one who professes to have in-formation which he will give to me, and me alone. And that reminds me that I have not more time to spare a , 1 + 1 + 2 = 1, 1 +present. I must take you back to 'he inn while I attend to this business.'

easy.

"Can I not go down there and v rait?" viction, strong as a personal assur-asked Armine, pointing to the shining ance, that it was not ; and if it was beach below. He shook his head. "No; I could her, it was God's will-then all was

He shook his head. "No; I could not let you descend the path alone. Moreover, the place is too solitary. You might be ann yed." "Then," said. Armine with some hesitation, "will go back through the village to the church. No one will annov a three and L thould like to

annoy an there, and I-I should like to little church.

"You will probably find little to see, said her father indifferently : "but it A BRILLIANT IRISH WIT GONE. is as good a place as another to wait. Doubt of Father lange Hole of I will join you there, then, in the course of an hour.

Death of Father James Healy, of Whom There Are Many Clever Stories. And so Armine found herself walking back alone, her father, after some The death of Father James Healy, formerly of Little Bray, and latterly of Ballybrack, has been chronreluctance, having parted from her and gone his way, which led to the outskirts of the village in another direction. icled in nearly every London news-She walked rapidly, for she was glad pap of an opportunity to enter the church, In paper with an expression of regret. the Westminster Gazette, "One which she had hardly hoped to be able who knew him " writes as follows :

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which she had hardly hoped to be able to do; and she paid little attention to the appearance of the village, nor did she notice the people who looked at his curiously as she passed through it. But presently there came a sound which attracted her attention and made her almost unconsciously glance ap. It was the clatter of a horse's feet along the street, and as she lifted her eyes they encountered the regard of the rider, who was no other than the Vicomte de Marigny. It was the meeting she had vaguely dreaded ever since she entered Brit-tany, and quite especially feared in

tany, and quite especially feared in going to Marigny. Now that it had for a time as a curate to the late Moncome to pass her first impulse was to signor Lee (who only died a year ago) hurry on, hoping to escape recogni-tion. But even in the instant of the Archbishop of Dublin at the Union. impulse she realized that she was fully There he remained for forty years be the Viconte's glance expressed, but there was not a shade of doubt in it, squalid suburb of the once fashionable

walking down their street, to whom M. when congratulated on his appoint-ment, "but I am delighted to be there. Vicomte bowed as if she had been Madame la Comtesse from a neighbor-ing chateau, and were quite sure that, I have to keep saying, Ballybrack my boy, you're only mortal; don't be proud !'" To have no political views notwithstanding her unattended con-dition, she must be a person of rank. dition, she must be a person of fause is, here Healy managed to steer that Armine, meanwhile, acknowledged Father Healy managed to steer that the salutation hastily, and, dropping of party politics, and still be friendly with all men. He was non-political with all men. He was non-political best sense. When men rapidly than before, her face flushed in the best sense. When men and her heart beating as she said to say they have no politics, one herself: "He is worthy to be M. may, as a rule, assume that they d'Antignac's friend. He knows who I are rabid partisans. But Father and yet he greets me as if I were a tain jocular contempt. "What will princess. He is a true gentilhomme." Tim Healy be in the Irish Parliament?'

But after this burst of feeling a sked somebody. "An old man, sense of keen regret overpowered her said Father Healy. "I'm glad this regret that he had seen her, regret Coercion Act is safely through," said a that she had ever consented to come to well-known timber merchant to him in Marigny. For so little had she im-bibed the spirit of modern democracy business," said Healy, "plank-beds that it seemed to her a shameful thing will go up." to come into a man's own home, among He was on intimate terms with the

his hereditary dependants, and en-'aristocracy," genuine and shoneen alike, and managed to bridge over the deavor to seduce them from allegiance to him. And that, she felt quite sure, wide gulf which separates the Catholic was what her father was doing, and Protestant in Ireland. He was Yet even as she thought this her heart one of the few priests who accepted was none the less loyal to that father. was hold the set of th he was engaged wore the aspect of a hack " is bad enough in a layman. embraced that faith, heedless of what high and holy duty; but it had no such In an Irish parish priest it would be the consequences might be. After his

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FATHER FIDELIS. His Conversion to Catholicity a Quar-ter of a Century ago.

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Twenty five years ago the present month, in answer to the earnest in-vitation addressed to all Protestants and other non-Catholics to return to the true Church by the predecessor of the present illustrious Sovereign Pontiff, who She had only to bear with patiis himself showing such apostolical zeal in behalf of Christian unity, there ence the old burden of pain and doubt, was penned, on the Feast of the Im-maculate Conception, 1869, a reply which appeared as an introduction in "The Invitation Heeded," a work that and a new burden of misunderstand ing, which surely did not matter. Saying this to herself, she walked up the grassy path and entered the issued that year from the press of the New York Publication Society, and

which immediately commanded a large sale, and attracted profound attention both in this and other lands. The writer of that reply and the au-thor of the above mentioned book was James Kent Stone, the scion of an old

New England family, whose father was the first dean of the divinity school of Harvard University, a position that has since been held by many eminent Episcopalian divines, and which was occupied, up to the time of his recent consecration, by Bishop Lawrence, the present head of the Episcopalian Church in Massachusetts. Following in his father's footsteps, young Stone made his first collegiate course at Harvard, from which university he graduated, with distinguished honors, in 1861. He then went abroad for a post-graduate course, and spent two years at Gottingen, afterwards visiting Italy and other European countries. To his studious bent of mind there was united at this period of his life a passion for athletic exercise, which nearly cost him his life during an exploration of the Alps, but which, also won himthe first time such a distinction was conferred upon an American-an election as member of the English Alpine Club. On his return to this country, he enlisted for the defence of the Union but a short service satisfied him that he was not fitted for a soldier's life, so

the Vicomte's grance expression it, there was not a shade of doubt in it, and as he met her eyes he lifted his hat and bowed. It was the perfection of what such a greeting should have been, with not a shade too much or too little empresse-ment. The villagers looking on felt a ment. The villagers looking on felt a Latin at Kenyon College, an in-situation which the Church maintained the means of leading many wistful souls to acknowledging and embracing the to acknowledging and embracing the average attendance of about 150 students ; and the following year he was placed at the head of Hobart College, a similar Episcopalian institution located at Geneva, N. Y. It was while he was president of this college that Father Fidelis, who had for years previously been a diligent searcher after religious truth, made up his mind to become a Catholic, so convinced had he become that Catholicity was the only true religion. Accordingly, a few months after entering upon his duties at Hobart College, he sent in his resignation of its presidency, and that having been accepted, he openly an-nounced this conversion. This an-nouncement cost him the loss of many of his Protestant friends, and drew upon him the displeasure of his father, who considered his son's conduct rash and foolish, as it doubtless was from a worldly point of view; for had the convert remained in the Episcopalian fold, the plath to high honors and pre-

ferments in that denomination lay at his feet.

Father Fidelis, however, was not a and call to those whom I have left beone of the few priests who accepted men to shirk the obligations of con-the hospitality of the Castle and the science, and once he had become conhind." whose rule, despite its austerities, contributes to longevity, so that the Church confidently counts for many high and holy duty ; but it had ho such in an infan parts priest it would be the consequences might be. Information aspect to her, and therefore she was sorry to be identified with it in the never looked upon as one of that des opinion of the Vicomtede Marigny. Why is drace, and his parishioners toler-hood ; and his first intention was to the opinion of the Vicomte de Marigny ated in him what would have seriously apply for, admission into the Congreyears yet upon his eminent usefulness and valuable services.

REASON AND REVELATION. the religious name of Father Fidelis, entered upon his novitiate in the Pas Place These Thoughts Before Unbe sionist monastery at Pittsburg, where lievers.

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he was lost to sight for many months. His term of probation over, he was Rev. John S. Vaughan, of England, sent to Rome, to be perfected in the spirit of his chosen order; writing on " Reason and Revelation,"

says: "Either we must join the ranks of and on his return to his native land he was attached to the Monastery of St. Michael, at Hoboken, N. J., from the silly atheist, and say there is no God, or else we must conclude that another sphere of human activity whose cloisters he was often called, hewever, to preach missions in variawaits us beyond the grave, where the wicked cease from troubling and the ous dioceses. Six years ago the American Passionists were besought weary are at rest. We must postulate by the late Archbishop Aneiros, of a future life where perfect justice shall Buenos Ayres, to send missionaries to Argentina, to minister to the large number of English speaking Catholics who had settled in that country ; and be dealt out to all : where each shall receive with absolute impartiality according to his works, and where compensation shall be made to thos in response to that appeal, Father Fidelis, with some other American who have suffered without cause, and where vengeance shall overtake al Passionists, prominent among whom was Father Edmund Hill, an Oxford who have prospered by their iniquity and profited by their sin. This life in graduate, a convert and a well-known its present condition is inconceivable Catholic poet, was sent to South America, where he labored, with without a future, if we have any faith in our infinitely holy and just Creator. signal success, up to quite recently, It were far easier to deny our own ex when he was recalled to Hoboken. istence than to deny the absolute neces The work, alluded to at the begin-ning of this article, "The Invitation sity of a tuture state, where the balance of justice shall be restored. Heeded," which Father Fidelis wrote

"' 'If,' said J. J. Rousseau, 'I had no other proof of the immortality of the at the time of his conversion to Catho licity a quarter of a century ago, has soul than the prosperity of the wicked often been compared to Cardinal Newand the oppression of the just in this man's "Apologia" because of the world, that alone would be enough to convince me. I would feel conbeauty of its author's style and the force and lucidity of his arguments. strained to explain such a manifest It has been the means of bringing many contradiction, such a terrible excep-tion to the established harmony of the a searcher after religious truths into the Catholic Church, and its sales are universe. I would be fored to exclaim still deservedly large. Of one copy of within myself, "All cannot end with death. All will be put into proper it the tale is told that a lady who was visiting one of the warships that lay in order and harmony after death New York harbor, accidently dropped

" Do you believe in a future life ? the book, which she had carried abroad asked a Judge at Lyons of one of the the vessel, into the sea while de priests condemned to be executed dur scending to the boat that was to take her ashore. A young naval ing the awful French Revolution. ' How is it possible to doubt it,' he

officer, who witnessed the inci-dent, rescued the book and offered replied, 'seeing what is passing in this unhappy country? If I had begun by it to its owner, who, deem-ing it ruined, declined to take it. The being an unbeliever that would have made me a believer (je serais devenu rescuer accordingly kept the book him *croyant*). Nothing so proves the cer-tainty of a future life as the impunity self, dried and read it, and became so convinced by the reading that his Proof the wicked and the prosperity of the testant belief was erroneous that he begreatest rascals in this. came himself a convert to Catholicity.

"What! Is there to be no punish-ment for a Henry VIII., no redress for Thomas More? Is Queen Elizabeth to The knowledge that his book has been the means of leading many wistful souls eternally triumph over the innocent, whose blood she ruthlessly shed? truth in whose behalf it was written, must often have caused its gifted author Never ! It is clear to every man who to rejoice, for that was the chief aim he has any faith in Divine justice that a had in view when he pended its pages. day must come when iniquity shall be "Yes," says he, in his pre-fatory chapter, "this is my only apology for writing. I was once deceived by the unreal charms brought low and the cause of justice purity and love shall triumph. not, then there is nothing left but to blot the very notion of God out of our of a false prophetess; but now the thin mask has been torn away. I once minds and to try and persuade our selves, if we can, that the universe had only bitter thoughts and scornful made itself ; that the marvellous body words for her whose glories I had never and yet more marvellous soul of man seen, and to whom I did not know that are the accidental results of the unconmy soul owed high allegiance; but now divine compassion has led me to scious and fortuitous concourse of atoms. the feet of my true Mother, who through all my railing stood patiently

The Little White Wagon. A little white hears was passing by— Can it he but an hour—an hour ago Since Edith's prattle hurt meso When it caught her wandering baby eye ? "Pitty wite wadon ! Oh, see !" she said ; " Yook ! Ponies too ! Oh, how I wis I tould det up an' wide on a wadon lite zis "." turn. And in the joy of the present I cannot forget what now seems the gloom of the past. I have been brought into the fragrant garden, and

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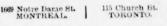
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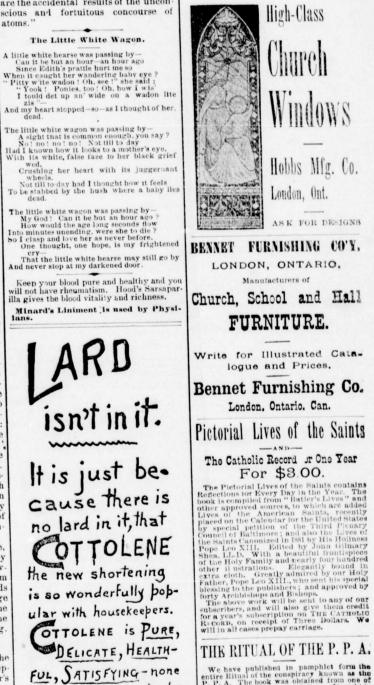
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the opinion of the Vicomte d should have mattered to her she did not imperilled the position of any other Catholic clergymen. They did not is, as is well known, one of the most resent his yachting expeditions with a ask herself. She only felt that it was hard to be regarded as an enemy by one whom she would willingly have recently-ennobled brewer, and they served as a friend. looked on with nothing more than mild his healt h, which was then not robust, But that life is full of hard things was

no new experience to Armine. With the late Chief Secretary, and the comthe short, quick sigh of one who carries mander of the Forces found their way an habitual burden, she lifted her eyes again, and this time they fell on the to his periodical dinners, cooked and served by the one domestic whom he described as "the establishment." group of Calvary in the churchyard which she was now approaching. Outlined against the fair blue sky Lord Plunket, the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, who lives in Bray, stood the dark form of the cross, as an used to be congratulated by Father other cross was once outlined against the sky of Palestine, and on it the Healy as being one of the model members of his parish. It was Dr. Plunket divine Figure hung with drooping, thorn-crowned head - the "sign of who asked him, as a theologian, whether the 'Protestant authorities contradiction " now as of old. For even as the Jews gathered around the cross, reviling the Son of God in His "Make them take the pledge," said Father Healy. But he was something more than a cheery, hospitable man. agony, so modern revolutionists and infidels proclaim most clearly whose children they are and whose work they do when their first rage is dimeted against the crucify, and gave in charity. The aged pony and directed against the crucifix, and gave in charity. battered trap which conveyed him on their first work always and everywhere is to tear it down. Nor is it parochial visits to the outlying parts of his territory were familiar objects remarkable that they do so. For how to the inhabitants of Bray. The pony generation endure to lock upon the died a few years back, and in its place should a rebellious and self-seeking supreme type of obedience, patience, there recently appeared a Rosinante of very unprepossessing exterior. "I don't want to die a millionaire," and sacrifice?

These things the crucifix preaches he said, "so I've invested my savings with a force which no eloquence of man can equal, and at this moment it in him."

Common Sense

had its message for Armine. She had its message for Armine. She paused and stood for a moment motion-less, her clear eyes uplifted with a wistful look and fastened on the touch-ing form of Love divine. All was still around her. The quiet graves lay steeped in sunshine, which smarkled here and there on the little sparkled here and there on the little

HOOD'S PILLS care constipation by restor-ing peristaltic action to the alimentary canal wells of holy water. The church stood in the midst, full of repose; from the

gentle eminence on which it was placed there was a view of the country for miles around, and over the distant tree tops a glimpse of the chateau, had Armine known where to look for it. But she was not thinking of the pros-pect, fair though it was. A moment had come to benilke that of which she pect, fair though it was. A moment or ofte had come to her like that of which she

gation of St. Paul of the Cross, which orders. Because of the condition of surprise when such great and suspic-ious personages as Peter the Packer, the time being that ambition, and he was urged, if he was determined to become a r egular priest, to join the Paul-ists, in whose ranks he would find a number of clergymen, like himself, converts from Protestantism. Acting upon this advice, he made application to the lamented Father Hecker for admission into the community of which that clergyman was the founder and head, and his application being favorably viewed, he became a Paulist scholastic, studied theology under the direction of Father Hewit, was ordained a priest int due season, and attached to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, in difficulties which try the faith of even New York City. For a number of the Christian believer, it can simply years after his ordination, in addition be a means for defeating the object of to his sacriedotal duties, Father Stone acted as master of novices at the New York house of the Paulists, and he speedily attracted attention, also, speedily cause of his eloquence in the pulpit, country.

Stone continually entertained the hope that he would be enabled one day to carry out the design he had conto carry out the design he had con-ceived, at the time of his conversion, of becoming a Passionist; and after the

Father Hecker to gratify it. This permission was reluctantly given, so loath were the Paulists to lose so valu-able a man as wather Stone had proved himself; but it was, nevertheless, granted; and then the famous Episco-palian divine, famous author and eloquent preacher bade adieu to the world, and, veiling his identity under

Of all the changes that have come over Protestant sentiment of late years none is more striking than the new attitude of our separated brethren to ward the Bible. It is notable, too, that with the dislodgment of Protestantism has come a return to Catholic belief respecting the Holy Book. Reviewing a recent work in which the author, the Rev. Dr. Cust, attempts to explain the failure of Protestant missions, the Asiatic Review observes : "Dr. Cust fails to class among the difficulties of coverting the 'heathen', the indiscriminate circulation of the Bible, sometimes wrongly translated. That book never was meant as a missionary agent; and if it bristles with City. For a number of the Christian believer, it can simply its circulation, when read, uncommented upon, by the non-Christian." This is the reasonable view to take, and it is confirmed by the testimony of the missionaries themselves. How-ever, "knowledge comes, but wisdom because of this eloquence in the purple, his fame as a preacher causing a great demand for his appearance as a mis-demand for his appearance as a mis-lingers"; and our Protestant friends will no doubt continue to deluge pagan countries with copies of the Bible, whose leaves and covers the During the time that he was a mem-ber of the Paulist community, Father natives find various ways of utilizing.

and with tearful love awaiting my re

I think of the weary wilderness. have drunk of the flowing fountain

and I remember the broken cisterns over which I once labored.

• The toil Of dropping buckets into empty wells. And growing old in drawing nothing up."

"Therefore I am fain to look back

Father Fidelis is now in the prime of

The Bible.

WILLIAM D. KELLY.

nts health having in the meantime greatly improved, the desire of join-ing the Passionists became so strong within him that he asked leave from

-Ave Maria.

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