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Above all dreams that mortals e'er have dreamed.
Above all sense of beauty or delight,
Thou, love of loves, most dear hast ever seemed,
Thou star forever shining through our night!

O mystery of loving! Deep inwound

For that same death that pierced thy Mother's And laid thy wounded Son upon thy knee.
That death hath made thee ours, and the whole
Of life, with love, is consecrate to thee.

And for His sake, Who chose thee above all To be His Mother. He Whose baby brow And tender cheek felt thy soft kisses fall, For His sweet sake, we love and praise the

We love and praise thee, trusting in thy care, For, though we lose all else, thou still art near.
To help and comfort with thy promise fair
Of love enduring through all doubt and fear Of love so great that thou did'st give thine own,
Thy Child for us. Who was thine all to give,
So. we give unto thee our hearts alone
For love of Him, Who died that we might
live.

-Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

RITUALISM IN ENGLAND.

It is Progressing Among the Working Class as well as among the Cul-

of England are indulging in a great deal of sound and fury. If one were to judge of the results they achieve y the language they employ, he would be inclined to believe that they held Great Britain completely in their power. As a matter of fact, whilst they are bragging and threatening in the tone of Ulster Orangemen, their adversaries, the Ritualists, are working quietly but not less effectually. So successful are their efforts that all who are at all capable of judging now admit that the Ritualistic movement is advancing with great rapidity. The appointment of the Rev. Mr. Sheepshanks, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Anfield, Liverpool, a well-known Ritualist, as Bishop of Norwich is a practical recognition of this fact by the present Premier. It is not merely amongst the clergy and the higher classes that the imitation of Catholic ceremonies and practices is growing in favor. To working class Protestants it is also proving acceptable. For instance, a London correspondent writing on Sunday evening last says: "Attracted by the announcement 'Benediction and Procession of Palms, followed by High Mass at 11 A. M., 'I attended St. Michael's, Shoreditch, this morning. St. Michael's is not a Roman Catholic, but an Anglican Church, and the Vicar is the Rev H. Massey Evans, an Oxford graduate. Mr. Evans was only appointed in 1891, and is a young St. Michael's is situated in one of the poorest parts of the Finsbury side of Shoreditch. It is surrounded by model lodging-houses, and the congregation consists almost exclusively of poor people, with a very large conchildren. commenced with a procession, which went the round of the church, the officiating priest, who was attired in a gorgeous vestment, sprinkling the congregation with 'holy water.' Then, after some prayers had been said, the palms were blessed at the altar, amid a cloud of incense, and the congregation, beginning with the little boys, went up to receive small pieces of palm. The little girls followed the boys, the men the little girls, and the ladies came last. Another procession here took place, and this time most of the congregation followed the clergy and choir round the church, singing a hymn. High Mass was then celebrated ccording to the most advanced ritual. In appearance the service was thoroughly Catholic, for it was modelled on the Palm Sunday worship of the Cath-

Not in isolated instances alone nor in the large cities merely are Ritualistic observances spreading. They are also making headway in rural districts and those refuges of conservatism, the country villages. As an American who has recently been investigating this subject remarks, an old-fashioned Protestant Englishman, who had been away from his native land for the last thirty or forty years or even less would scarcely know where he was if he should return to-day and revisit the many churches with which he was He would see almost everywhere high altars with crosses, hangings, decorations and candles. At the entrance to numerous churches he would find printed appeals to him to offer prayers and to have Masses said for deceased relatives and invitations to go to confession. If he went to such a church as All Saints', Plymouth, he would hear the rector telling s people to pray to the Blessed Virgin as the nearest of all creatures to God, and to do all they possibly could to promote her cultus. He would find the same clergyman at certain times bringing out for veneration an alleged portion of the true Cross, and would see his congregation coming forward devoutly to kiss the relic as he held it at the altar rail. Scenes

quainted with ecclesiastical history to note how extraordinary is the change that has taken place in the Anglican Ther; was a period in the Church. history of this country when the symmany of the Ritualists now use would have cost them imprisonment or even death as "Popish Recusants." But in the course of time the light began to dawn, and as the Rev. Luke Rivington has observed, Protestant ministers "taught as best they could, with stam-mering lips, and bit by bit, as men in a fog with a lantern, without knowing where they were going. It was the Catholic Church—the Church in communion with the See of St. Peterwhich was leading them on. She had taught these truths all along, in the rest of the world, to man, woman and child. She now laid her spell over these." Despite how much oppo-Despite how much sition has this approach to Cath-olic belief and the Catholic form of worship been effected. Each inch of ground has been fought over. Every weapon possible has been used. Hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent in the litigation arising from the prosecution of clergymen. Public meetings have been held all over the country to warn men that they are being deprived of their "Pro-The "Evangelicals" in the Church testant liberties." Various societies have been established and tracts and books have been poured forth from the press by thousands for the same end, but all in vain. The High Church party has gone on winning converts and changing their creed into greater conformity with the ancient Catholic

In the eyes of Catholics, Ritualism has a dark and bright side. The darkness chiefly consists in its determined attempt to lull inquiring and troubled consciences to rest by false assurances It continually cries peace when there is no peace; endeavors to produce the impression that inasmuch as it devotes cense, and various external acts usual amongst Catholics, it is essentially and truly Catholic. The bright aspect of the work which the High churchmen are performing lies in this—that they are familiarizing the Protestants of Great Britain with every tenet and practice of Catholicism save one -the necessity of allegiance to the Supreme Pontiff. Without a miracle, the education of the masses of the people in Catholic doctrine could scarcely have been carried out by the Catholic Church itself, so great was the prejudice against its name with which they were imbued. Ritualism, then, has rendered excellent service to Catholicism in removing ignorance and bigotry. The day must assuredly come when those whom it has thus en-lightened will ask: "Why do you say: So far shalt thou go, and no farther? Is it not in the highest degree inconsistent to recommend us to accept ancient teachings and ceremonies as orthodox and legitimate, and at the same time beg us to deny the authority of the visible head of the Church, which Scripture, tradition and reason concur in establishing, as firmly as the other religious principles you expect us to receive with docility?" The Ritualistic leaders will sooner or later must, to give a satisfactory reply, there will inevitably be a large exodus from the Anglican Church into the True Fold. - Liverpool Catholic Times.

What about the Easter Duty?

From Dayton Parish Messenger. The time for making the Easter duty is now well advanced. Half of the eason which the Church allots for this purpose has expired. Have you made yours as yet? Will you allow the other half of the time to pass by unheeded? Strange that any Pastor has

to urge his flock to make their Easter

To receive Holy Communion but once a year is asking very little of a Catholic—you could not do any less and be considered an obedient Catholic. Remember, it was God Himself who spoke these words: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in

To participate in the joy and peace which the great festival of the Church brings each recurring year, your sins must be removed, your soul cleansed from its defilement. You must be restored to the friendship of God; you must be in a state of grace. We are sure that you desire this state of affairs. Then come to Confession without delay. Don't put it off from week to week, saying, "Oh! there is plenty of time saying, "Oh! there is pienty of this saying, "Oh! there is pienty of this yet." If you let it go until the last Saturday, you are liable to miss it saturday, you are liable to miss it altogether; for the priests may have too many to hear ahead of you. now; go next Saturday, and let each Sunday see a large number of our par-

ishioners at the altar-rails. ishioners at the altar-rails.

If you cannot go to Confession on Saturday, let the priest know when

entries detailing the recent movements of Mr. Gladstone. The prisoner will be arraigned shortly and his object in making these entries will be learned if possible. The article in the Pall Mall Gazette caused much excitement among the friends and supporters of Mr. Gladstone, and many inquiries from various parts of the country have been as to the truthfulness of the story.

who have made an examination of the Church is diabolical.

of Mr. Gladstone.

ULSTER HOME RULERS. ants, have, therefore, caused a comin Mr. Gladstone, and his policy in re-gard to Ireland. Mr. Gladstone has and out of the Church, with any such sent a reply to the communication, in manifestation of religious bigotry, which he states that he is pleased to That Catholics and Protestants are observe the existence of such an en-lightened opinion as that held by his proselytizing no one denies, nor will correspondents amid the sea of violence and intolerance at Belfast.

IRISH MEMBERS UNITED. been a single note of discord sounded among the Irish members in Parliament since the session opened. The majority who follow Mr. McCarthy now fraternize with Mr. Redmond's small party of nine, and both have combined | Church standards. on every occasion when the interests of the common cause demanded harmoni ous action. This practical restoration of unity has immensely gratified Mr Gladstone and the friends of the Irish cause within and without Westmin-Symptoms of a similar cessation of the senseless fratricidal strife are manifest in Ireland. What remains of half years is a war between the rival Dublin newspapers. If this mischievous journalistic nonsense were only would again be united, and Home Rule follows: would be assured.

THE COMMITTEE STAGE DEFERRED. A World cable says: The opening of the committee stage of the Home Rule Bill has been deferred until a Ritualistic leaders will sooner or later be called upon by all their educated and sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers with sincere followers to answer this roceed with the committee work with sincere followers with sincere f question, and when they fail, as failthey out a break, as the only means of highest office. wearing down the opposition of the Bill. In order to do this they must for introduction to some of the wealthy first get a quantity of imperative busi-ness disposed of. The Unionists are surprised; but you did far worse than flooding the measure with thousands of that when you encouraged a fellow to amendments, the vast majority of rob Catholics, as far as he could, of which are flimsy, and purely obstructheir fair name. The Parnellites have also tive. put down a quantity of amend-ments, some important, others inpos-sible. The Nationalists have not yet offered any, and it is quite likely they may not do so at all. Still there are two points in the bill which they regard as imperative, and demanding alteration and improvement. One is as to the Irish members under limited conditions, the other financial. As to the retention question, it is now cer tain that the proposal will be carried with the assent of the ministers. As to finance, the ministers themselves will bring in an amendment making that the slanders concocted agains a large concession.

DIABOLICAL" CHRISTIANITY.

The Oregonian, Portland, Oregan, April 26. The assertion that "this is a Protetstions of the devil. This association is secret, oath-bound organization, pledged to oppose Catholics in every thing, and especially to prevent them from holding office. At the recent city election in Rockford, Ill., a memof this kind must bring to the minds of the thoughtful the variations of Protestantism, upon which Bossuet dwells with so much graphic force, and they also tend to prove how irresistible is the strength of a dogma or a ceremony founded upon truth. It is not difficult for those who are ac-

The Pall Mall Gazette stated last week that an attempt was about to be made on the life of Mr. Gladstone, while walking through St. James Park at midnight on the 26th ult.

The story is based upon the fact that a man who is now in custody on the ligionists in all ages have been as man who is now in custody on the ligionists in all ages have been as charge of firing a revolver on a sincere in their hatred and fear of thoroughfare had in one of his pockets other religions, and with no better book containing a number of cause. The spirit of persecution and entries detailing the recent movements intolerance is not eradicated from the

been as to the truthfulness of the story. few thousands of narrow-minded Pro London, April 29.—The physicians testants, that the work of the Catholic mental condition of William Townsend, the man suspected of having had designs upon the life of Prime patrictic citizens, both in and out of Minister Gladstone, certify that Townsend is a lunatic, and he will probably be removed in a short time to probably be removed in a short time to an accolumn for the insane. The police of the Catheline to impose their relief. an asylum for the insane. The police, however, attach importance to the arrest, and hope to be able to discover that some one was behind Towns- moved to fear of consequences danend, inciting him to the assassination gerous to the State from having a few Catholics elected to office by the suffrages of their fellow-citizens. The A large number of residents of assertion that this is a Protestant Ulster, belonging to the Presbyterian country, made dogmatically from the and Unitarian denominations, repudi-ate the resolution in opposition to Irish the successful and fraudulent campaign Home Rule which was sent to Lord Salisbury in the name of and as representing the opinions of the Protestants of Ulster. These Home Rule Protest the direction in which they should look to see the danger of religious intermunication to be sent to Prime Minister Gladstone, expressing confidence There can be no patience on the part

strong and bitter rivals in the work of any one deny, either of them the pleas ure of keeping their swords whetted against the other while pretending to A Sun cable says: There has not be fighting the cause of the Master, but an overwhelming majority of the American people will deny either, or The both, the privilege of carrying their warfare into public affairs, at least to the extent of regulating them by

AND HIS NAME IS MURPHY.

The vigilant and zealous pastor of Bowling Green, O., in an open letter published in the Wood County Democrat, takes Mayor Murphy to task for the abuse of his official position by the dissentions of the past two and a open encouragement of an anti-Catholic lecturer who visited that town last week. Father Kress's letter was addressed to the Hon. A. B. Murphy, abated or ended Nationalist Ireland Mayor of Bowling Green, and was as

DEAR SIR :- Your presence at the opera house last Monday evening, where you introduced a lecturer whose purpose was to traduce a respectable, aw-abiding portion of the citizens of

You were not placed in your position to do such work as that.

The Catholics of Bowling Green, though they be but few in number. demand that their rights be at least respected by those holding the official positions which they contribute to sus tain. You should be the first to dis countenance any attempt to stir up dissensions in this community. We do not want the fierce hatred of Orange factions transplanted into our midst we want no European lines or hatred

You are too intelligent not to know Catholics are merely a pretext for covering the sinister purposes of anti Catholic bigots or political knaves. You know very well that the Catholics of Bowling Green are as law loving and as law abiding as any other class country" has taken active shape in the formation of the American Protective Association, an organization of zealous and bigoted Protestants, who see in Catholicism the deep machinations of the devil. This association is teach, what they hallows and reach the same taken and so law-abiding as any other class of citizens; and you have no reason to suppose that they are different in other localities. The opportunity is open to you and to everybody else in this vicinity, to learn what Catholics teach, what they believe and what they practice; and to learn this from those who know what they are talking about, and whom you know to be hon-

In the name of the Catholics and of ber of this association was elected all the reputable, fair minded, justicemayor, and he promptly declared his loving citizens of Bowling Green, I intention of removing every city employe who was a Catholic, beginning with the chief of the fire department, an efficient officer who has the full confidence of the insurance companies.

The new Know Nothing organiza-tion called the American Protective Association is making progress in the West-increasing the number of its members, multiplying its falsehoods and forgeries against the Catholic Church, and keeping Catholic citizens out of public office. Frankly, we welcome it as a Providential aid to the dissemination of information concerning our religion. There are 55,-000,000 non-Catholics in the United States, and they have been unwilling to hear about the Catholic Church and we have practically done little or nothing expressly for them. Now, however, under the stimulus of the excitement raised by the A. P. A., they are eager to find out all about us, and we are compelled to defend ourselves, to explain to them our doctrines and practices, to set forth the reasons on which the claims of the Church to be true and infallible are based, to call upon history to testify to the achievements of the Papacy for God and humanity, to elucidate the Christian position on the question of the relations of Church and State, etc., etc. What will be the result? Probably a number of persons will be deceived by the A. P. A. as regards the tenets of the Catholic religion, but a far larger number will be enlightened and will become converts; Catholics will awake from their lethargy and will discharge their duty to spread the light among their fellow-citizens until no soul in America is left ignorant of the truth. The good that God may draw out of this evil organization, however, will not relieve its leaders, who are amply aware of the wrong they are doing in circulating baseless charges and in fomenting strife, from the guilt of their wicked actions. - N. Y. Catholic Review.

FRANCES M. O. SMITH.

It is indeed worthy of note that among the many who have contributed to the building up of a Canadian literature during the past quarter of a century, not a few of the brightest names are those of women. Some of the best verse written to-day in Canada is from the pens of such writers as Agnes M. Machar, Mrs. S. Frances Harrison, Mrs. Sarah Anne Curzon and Ethelwyn Wetherald. Poetic inspiration is not a monopoly, and comes more frequently to those whose heart-music is born of the virtues of home than to those whose dreams are inlaid with gain and glory.

One of the latest acquisitions to the goodly company of Canadian poets is Frances M. Owston Smith. Miss Smith is of Irish and English extraction, her father being Ralph Smith, a native of King's County, Ireland, and her mother, a daughter of Captain William Owston, of the Royal Navy, Yorkshire, England. It will be seen therefore that this admixture of Saxon strength and Celtic fervor, lends to the poetic gifts of Miss Smith a union of childhood days were spent in the town of Peterborough, Ont., which nestles like a dream, 'mid sylvan lakes and forests great and streams both wide and bold. For a number of years past, Miss Smith has been a resident of the little town of Lucan, in Western On-tario.—T. O'H., in The Buffalo Quarterly Magazine of Poetry.

HIGH PRAISE FROM SUCH A QUARTER.

The Mattino of Naples is one of the consequently anti-Papal and anti-clerical in its character. Nevertheless it is compelled to pay high honors to the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. Here is what it says:
"The victories of this priestly diplo

matist can no longer be counted. The arbiter of European peace, he pacifies with a gentle word the conflict for the Carolines; the moderator of parties, he closes advantageously for the em peror and himself the religious struggle in Germany; the ally of Governments he astutely re conquers democratic France by overtures made and accepted; the Spiritual Father of peoples, he presides from afar over the reconciliation between devout Ireland and schismatic England. By every means he everywhere seeks for friends, sows the seeds of attachment and reaps the harvest of promises. The magnificent harvest of promises. The magnificent ceremonial of last Sunday, of which the greatest temple of Christendom was the theatre, marks the definitive triumph of this policy no less mild and astute than gradual and sure. Sixty thousand pilgrims of all ages and nations gathered together in the marvellous basilica, loudly acclaimed the Pope King. And Rome, the capthe Pope King. And Rome, the capital of United Italy, wore a crown of fire at night, as though in some historic apotheosis. Let the Freemasons symbolical table intoxicated with stale rhetoric. Let superificial scribes yawn and the Baptist ministers had i as they turn aside from the squabble ate and agonizing convulsions.

dense and fetid vapors of parliamentary corruption the cupola of Michael Angelo emerges radiant in the sunshine. And neighboring peoples, hostile or jealous, out of all the crowd of our mannikins, stooping to pick up handfuls of dirt, discern solitary and on high the white figure of an aged man thrice crowned, the interpreter of who gives his blessing to the earth.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Cleveland Universe. A novelty in the shape of an exhibition "rescued nun," is a present attraction in Scotland. The "escapes" will have to look to their laurels and their profits now. A "rescued nun" possesses points of commercial advant-age over "escaped nuns" that wideawake business managers will be quick

to seize upon. Boston Republic.

Right Rev. Ignatius Horstmann, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland, O., in a recent address before a Catholic association, alluded with earnestness to the prevalence of Know-nothingism in the Middle and Western States and to the position of the Catholic Church with reference to American politics. "Thank God," he exclaimed, "that our pulpits have always been kept sacred for preaching of the Word of God. say it with pride, we say it boldly, publicly, that politics have ever been kept entirely out of the Catholic Church in this country. No honest You vote as your own free wills determine, but you would be worse than fools if you allowed yourselves and your faith to be assailed without defending yourselves. You have seen to what extent modern Know-nothingism under different names has gone in our State, in its batred of everything Catholic. So bigoted, so intolerant, so uncharitable, so anti-American and anti-Christian, respecting no rights and violating every principle of justice and charity, stopping at nothing, no matter how wicked, to secure its evil end. If such men are banded together for your injury, you must defend yourselves by the only means God and your country have given you -your votes. Such men are not only the enemies of your faith, but they are the worst enemies of their country, rebels and enemies to our glorious constitution.

N. Y. Catholic Review.

Our old friend Morgan delivered an address last week in Boston. Concerning this interesting event the Pilot has the following: "General S. T. Morgan, late United States Indian Commissioner, has no motive now for the veiling of his prejudice against the Catholics. He is out of national politices. In his new office of Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, he was in Bospower and grace which is manifest in nearly all her poems. Miss Smith's familiar in the hands of Justin Fulton, Evangelist Leyden and o'hers in their farcical warfare on the Catholic Church. He condemned the methods of the Catholics in establishing Indian schools; asserted that Catholic influ-ence had been used to defeat Harrison at the last election because of his preference for the common as opposed to the parochial school in the education of Indians; and declared it to be the policy of the Catholics to take charge of America, and that they regarded as justifiable any means to that end. He neglected, however, to add that Lincoln was assassinated by the Jesuits, and that St. Thomas Aquinas had condemned the Constitution of the United States with malignant haste, years be fore America was discovered.

Baltimore Mirror.

The Baptist ministers of St. Louis are in a stew. In truth, so far as their relations to the Catholic Church are concerned, they are always in that un-comfortable condition; but just at present they have an especial object to fret about. When Archbishop Satolli arrived in this country in October last year it may be remembered that he was taken off the Atlantic liner by a revenue cutter, which met the steamer in New York bay. The purpose of this was to save Monsignor Satolli the trouble and delay of quarantine and custom house inspection. He was a personage of distinction and the courtesy was usually extended to such We believe it was extended to Henry Irving on his original visit to the United States, and if to illustrious actors why not to illustrious ecclesias But Monsignor Satolli was a Catholic-and there was the trouble so far as the Baptists were concerned. Had he been a Mahometan or a Chinese High Priest, or an individual of rank of any grotesque religion whatever, nothing would have been said; but he was a high ecclesiastic from Rome. and the Baptist ministers had immedi-

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