o Mr. Gladstone recently
A group of Irish landlords came—
helf faces were a sight to see,
They all had grown so mild and tame,
Good sir," they said with sigh and moan,
"Our purses now are very slack;
o help us with a little loan,
And sure we'll pay the money back."
They were not wont to whimper so;
Their pride was taken down a peg;
They once were strong and bold; but lo
"The boot is on the other leg."

"Good sir," they said, "we've drank an

Good sir," they said, "we've drank as spent
Because, when driven to the wall, fe'd only got to raise the rent
And make our tenants pay for all:
ut now we dare not use the screw—
In fact, "tis turned the other way;
o help us, dearest Gladstone—do!
We'll pay you—on some future day."
These self-same men sent many a crow
Of honest folk to starve and beg;
To day their haughty heads are bowed
"The boot is on the other leg."

"I'll think about it," Gladstone said;
"I'll strive to do the best I can."
But Harman sadly shook his head.
Distrusting much the Grand Old Man;
And Tottenham rubbed his portly sides,
And cried. "Alas! I know and feel
We're coming down with rapid strides
From turtle soup to Indian meal!"
These men filled up the cup of woe
We drained unto the final dreg;
To day its bitter taste they know—
"The boot is on the other leg."
—Dublin Nation

### HALF HOURS WITH THE SAINTS.

-Dublin Nation

Saint Acacius.

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The Value of a Kindly Act.—St. Acacius was bishop of Amida, in Mesopotamia, during the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. The Romans having achieved a great victory over the Persians and captured seven thousand prisoners, the latter were perishing with hunger and in utter misery in the town of Amida, when the bishop conceived the purpose of ransoming and sending them back to their own country, although they were pagans and the Christian religion was persecuted in Persia. He exhausted all his means in carrying out this project, and even disposed of the sacred vessels and costly decorations of the churches. The poor captives, on being released, did not fail to publish everywhere such une, ualled generosity. The king was touched thereat and acknowledged that the Romans had twice yanquished him; he expressed a desire to see the bishop, and obtained due leave from Theodosius. He directed that all persecution should cease throughout his dominions, and Christianity, under favour of such liberty, took a wonderful.

Moral Reflection.—The value of a some news and to write a book, or for pro-

MORAL REFLECTION.-The value of a benefit is never forgotten, for God is rich in power and mercy. As with every word of the Saviour's, this bears a very wide interpretation: "Do good to those that hate you."—(Matt. v. 44.)

### Saint Macarius.

THE MARVELS OF HUMILITY .- St. Ma-THE MARVELS OF HUMILITY.—St. Macarius had been trained in piety by Macarius the elder, his uncle, who was archbishop of Antioch. The old man seeing his last hour approach, pointed him out to the adoption of the people, who unanimously elected and installed him in the mously elected and installed min in the patriarchal chair, despite all opposition on his part, for he deemed himself unworthy of so eminent a dignity. His humility was profound and his prayers most fervent, accompanied ever with abundant tears. His mode of governing was pru-dent and edifying. On learning that the sick had been touched with the linen which had wiped away his tears, a thought of pride flashed through his soul, and he fled in affright, with the intent of attempering anew his humility on Mount Calvary by contact with that of his Saviour. The unbelievers maltreated him, placing upon his breast a ponderous stone, from which an angel was sent to deliver him. Unable an angel was sent to deliver him. Unable to enter his own diocese, he passed into the West, preceded on every hand by his great fame, and accompanied throughout by the power of miracles. At Cologne he cured his host of epilepsy; at Malines he quenched a conflagration; at Ghent, he atopped the plague appropring moreover stopped the plague, announcing moreover that he should be the last victim to die of it. This took place in the year 1012.

"I beheld at the side of the bishop a majestic and venerable personage, who threatened me with the sword if I should venture to pass onward." It is believed that it was the apostle St. Peter who thus appeared to him. St. Leo, indeed, cherished a special devotion toward the Prince of the Apostles, and to his protection attributed the success which attended the great works he accomplished during the course of his pontificate. He saved Rome a second time from being laid in flames, when Genseric had taken possession of it; on which occasion he watched and prayed forty nights at the tomb of the Apostle. St. Leo was

### THE CHURCH IN CHINA.

Hongkong Catholic Register.

It might look very strange to Europeans living in China to hear so little of the doings of the Catholic missionaries in China. It is a fact which might have been doubted some years ago, but now that it is not so difficult to travel in the interior, can be no longer disputed, the fact that hundreds of Catholic missionaries are living in China dressed as Chinese, not perambulating for a time and then repairing to a port to rest in comforts and ease, but continually living in the interior, having a district allotted to them by their ecclesiastical superior to evangelize, and yet we district allotted to them by their ecclesiant tical superior to evangelize, and yet we here in China hear so little of them we might say that the little we know of them comes from Europe, where the news goes first, and from Europe comes to us. But, after all, the little we hear, tells us much; we hear very often of the services of missionaries and Bishops who have spent in the interior of China

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We see by their annual reports an increase of not less than 15,000 new converts in China every year, all adults, without numbering the 200,000 baptisms adminitered every year to the foundlings. We know that in every province there is a Catholic Bishop with a staff of European and Chinese priests, and all these Bishops and missionaries depend from one, and practice the same, the organization of the Catholic Church in China, being, to say the least, wonderful. Our missionaries are daily going from one district to snother. Ordinations of priests, and also consecrations of Bishops, take place every year in the interior of China. Synods are held, and it was only in 1880, three years ago, that

China for a speculation, or for getting some news and to write a book, or for procuring a livelihood, or to get some reputation and merits in order to get a good situation at home. The Catholic missionaries come to China to work and die in China, make of China their home.

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THEY BECOME CHINESE THEMSELVES, and what they see, hear and do, does not appear to them in any way new, but common and natural; they write home now and then a report of their doings, because they are bound to do so for direction and support, but having complied with them they prefer not to make known their success lest they might give occasion to reaction or rising obstacles. They write and say as little as possible, and pray and work

tion or rising obstacles. They write and say as little as possible, and pray and work as much as they can. Their whole mind and soul are in their work, and they do not mind what people say, whether they know of them or not.

Although very little is known about the Catholic Church in China, yet a collection of missionary reports and correspondence has been published, and every one can get from them very valuable information about every province of China. But it appears it is not much read. The Catholic missionaries have crossed more than once all China, and they are continually crossing it; from China our missionaries went several times to India,

AND ALSO FROM INDIA TO CHINA.

It is therefore very refreshing to read in our local papers that Mr—, of the Protestant Inland Mission, has been where no European has yet been. If the writer would have inquired, he would have come to know that the Catholic missionaries have not only been there hundreds of times, but also that Catholic missionaries have been stationed there for years and take air. At the foot of the stairway there was a leather bowl upon which rays of the sun were hotly beating. Arago turned the bowl around, and rushing up-AND ALSO FROM INDIA TO CHINA. and the young missionary cannot do better than to follow the experienced men who worked with success before him. It is left, therefore, to us only to describe the good results, which speak for themselves, of the teachings and workings of the Catholic missionaries in China.

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interest of Russia that Ireland should come victorious out of the struggle in which she is at present engaged.

"We need not openly assist her; this would be useless and, indeed, impossible. But it is our duty to enter into friendly relations with Ireland, which would be the more advantageous to us, inasmuch as they would improve our relations with the Catholics generally.

"The best means of doing this would be to promote Irish emigration to Russia.

to promote Irish emigration to Russia. The establishment of Irish colonies in Southern Siberia, in the Caucasus and in Tukestan districts, with a climate far surpassing that of Ireland, would be very advantageous both to the Irish and for

That invitation to emigrate to Siberia is childlike and bland.

It is singular how every country wants these hardy Irish, except the country that looks upon them with the eye of fear.

But we are afraid the invitation in this case will be declined with thanks by Irish. men who have all the Siberia they want at home, as long as Earl Spencer the knout.—Redpath's Weekly.

# Selling The Savants.

it. This took place in the year 1012.

MORAL REFLECTION.—The holy king David said: "I will be little in my own eyes, and I shall appear more glorious."—

(2 Kings vf. 22)

Saint Leo.

THE PROTECTION OF THE SAINTS.—St. Leo, justly surnamed the Great, was elected Pope in 440. The redoubtable Attila had already destroyed the town of Aquileia, and was preparing to advance on Rome. The newly elected Pope, at the head of a deputation of the Roman people, went for the meething and was preparing to advance on Rome. The newly elected Pope, at the head of a deputation of the Roman people, went forth to meet him, and by the greatness of his courage disarmed all hostility. Attila told his soldiers, who were astonished at seeing him making a backward movement, "I beheld at the side of the bishop a majestic and venerable personage, who threat."

The protection of the Roman people, went forth to meet him, and by the greatness of times, but also that Catholic missionaries of the bowl around, and rushing upstairs, told the distinguished assemblage that he had just met with something was very mysterious. "That leather bowl," he said, "at the foot of the said, "at the foot of the said, at the had just met with something was very mysterious. "The head of a catholic missionary himself, because the Catholic missionaries in the had just met with something was very mysterious. "The head of a catholic missionaries of a Catholic missionaries of a Catholic missionaries in the had just met with something was very mysterious. "That leather bowl," was very mysterious. "The head of a catholic missionary himself, because the Catholic missionaries in the head of a catholic missionar turned the bowl around, and rushing upstairs, told the distinguished assemblage that he had just met with something which was very mysterious. "That leather bowl," he said, "at the foot of the stairway is cool upon the side which presents itself to the sun, but warm upon the other side." The scientists descended in a body and substantiated this assertion. They took the measure of the bowl, the inclination of the sun, the hour, the minute, the second, and a vast array of other details. They made calculations, and several weeks afterward each of them presented a paper explaining the phenomenon, Arago himself taking care to send in his explanation with the rest. There is no knowing how far the discussion might have gone had it not been for the concierge, who, haying seen Arago turn the bowl, and pitying the worthy gentlemen who were so much worried, cleared away the mystery.

# The Real Comforts of Life.

There are numerous conceptions of pleasure and comfort. Most people find, with or without experience, that the real comforts of life are had at home. For there the devoted wife is the presiding deity; there the children prattle and play; there the young girl approximates and reaches womanhood; within its sacred precincts youth puts on the responsibilities of manhood; there are the reunions of hearts, hopes and prayers; there can be found real rest; there is the peace and affection typical of the better life; there the germinating and binding together of a hearts and minds and souls in a bond as strong as a chain and as lovely as a wreath of beauteous flowers; there the memories that glow and exist with life during the course of his pontificate. He saved Rome a second time from being laid in flames, when Genseric had taken possession of it; on which occasion he watched and prayed forty nights at the tomb of the Apostle. St. Leo was the bulwark against heresy, and the shining light of the Church. He died in 461.

Moral Reflection.—The saiuts are our protectors. Judas Machabeus, speaking of the holy prophet Jeremias, said to his soldiers: "This is he that prayeth much for the people, and for all the holy tity."—(2 Machab. xv. 14.)

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Many propose to serve God only when they are tired serving the devil. They give Him the leavings, and pride themselves in the thought of their generosity.

A virtuous life is always a happy one. Piety and pleasure abide in the same dwelling, and their mutual dependence is such that they never prosper apart.

Lurking animosities sour existence, and like the snake warmed to life, will sting to the death the one who cherishes them.

Russia, Ireland's Ally.

Very rematkable, in view of what we taid last week, is the following extract from an article in the Russian St. Peters-at the distribution of the Russian St. Peters-at the devoted wife is the presiding there the young girl approximates and reaches womanhood; where the young direct each stury is a Russian combination with Ireland against England.

The St. Petersburg journal says:

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