## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Faithful After Death. They say if our beloved dead Should seek their old familiar place, Some stranger would be there instead, And they would find no loving isce.

I cannot tell how it might be In other homes, but tuis I know; Could my lost darling come to me, That she would never find it so,

Oft times the flowers have some and gone
Oft times the winter winds neve blown,
The white her peaceful rest went on,
And I have learned to live alone;

Have slowly learned from day to day In my life's tasks to bear my part; But whether grave, or whether gay, I hide her memory in my heart.

Fond, faithful love has blessed my way, And friends are round me, true and tried, They have their place; but her's to-day Is empty as the day and died.

How would I spring with bated breath, And Joy too deep for word or sign. To take my dariting home from death, And once again to call her mine!

I dare not dream that blissful dream, It fills my heart with wild unrest; Where youder cold white maristes gleam. She still must slumber: God knows best. But this I know, that those who say Our best beloved would find no place, Have never nungered every day Thiough years and years for one sweet face.

The Faith of a Little Child. At a certain country church it was decided by the members to assemble together at a given time to pray for rain, which was rarely needed for the growing crops. At the appointed hour the people began to gather, and one little fellow came began to gather, and one little fellow came trudging up with an umbrella almost as big as himself. "What did you bring that for, youngster?" some one asked, with a amile. "So's I wouldn't get wet going home," was the confident reply. It is safe to say that no one in the large gathering had come similiarly provided, and not a housewife of them all had set out her tubs and pans to catch the rainwater as it would pour from the roof in answer to the would pour from the roof in answer to the

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There were brave girls among the early French colonists of Canada. One striking instance is related of a mere child defendinstance is related of a mere child defending a fort seven days against assaulting savages. In Eiward Eggleston's recent historic series the story is told as follows: "One October morning in 1692, the inhabitants of Vercheres, a settlement twenty miles below Montreal, were in the fields at work. There were but two soldiers within the first." within the fort. The commander and his wife were absent. Their daughter Made-leine, a girl of fourteen, stood on the landing with a hired man, when she heard

firing. "Run, mademoiselle! run!" cried the man. "Here come the Iroquois."
"Looking round, the girl saw the Indians near at hand. She ran for the fort, and

gun.

"Her whole 'force' consisted of the above mentioned soldiers, her two little brothers, aged ten and twelve, and an old man of eighty—and some women and children who did nothing but set up a continual screaming as soon as the firing commance."

continual screaming as soon as the firing commance.

"'Let us fight to the death,' said brave Madeleine to her little brothers, who seem to have possessed no small share of her own courage. 'We are fighting for our country and our religion. Remember our father has taught you that gentlemen are born to shed their blood for the services of God and the king.'

"Madeleine now placed her brothers and the soldiers at the loop holes, where they fired at the Indians lutking and dodging about outside. The savages did not know how large the garrison was and therefore

about outside. The savages did not know how large the garrison was and therefore besitated to attack the fort; and numbers of them fell before the well-directed shots of the soldiers.

"The girl-commander succeeded, after a while, in stopping the screaming of the women and children, for she was determined that the enemy should perceive no sign of fear or weakness; she flew from bestion to bestion to see that every defender was doing his duty; she caused a cannon to be fired from time to time, partly to intimidate the savages, and in hope that the noise may convey intelligence of the situation and bring them help.

"Thus the fight went on, day after day, and night after night, the heroic girl keeping up her vigilant exertions so constantly that it was forty eight hours before she caught a wink of sleep.

"For a whole week Madeleine held the fort, with no favoring circumstances but the stormy weather, which prevented the Indians from setting fire to her wooden defences. At the end of that time rain.

Indians from setting fire to her wooden defences. At the end of that time reinforcements came down the river and 'raised the seige.'—Catholic Youth.

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The vast majority of Catholics, who inherit their Faith, like their names, from their forefathers, have but a faint and remote idea of the difficulties, the hardships, the stumbling blocks that present themselves in formidable array to the convert to our Faith on the very nardanis, the stumbling blocks that present themselves in formidable array to the convert to our Faith, on the very threshold of the Church, and upon his first entrance into it. The prospect of a change of faith, to a Protestant is rarely an inviting one, financially or socially speaking. Happily in this great country, men's minds seem to expand, until they spread themselves, metaphorically speaking, over the length and breadth of our territory, and it is neither rhodomontade nor bumbast, to say that bigotry and narrow mindedness are at least abated and softened by religio loci, the breath of freedom being breathed into men's nostrils, that there is here "a tellow feeling which makes us wondrous kind." There still remains, however, a little leaven, which if allowed to increase, would speedily leaven the whole lump. A convert even in the States must be prepared to meet many rocks ahead.

Perhaps the class of converts which

ahead.

Perhaps the class of converts which suffers the most, financially, is that formed by the clergy of other denomina-tions; for instance, a Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, or Unitarian minis-ter, who becomes a Catholic, places himself in imminent peril of losing his ter, who becomes a Catholic, places himself in imminent peril of losing his daily bread. If, perchance, he is unmarried, and has a vocation to the ecclesiastical state, he may possibly become a priest, but this would entail his unlearning his previous theological knowledge, and studying afresh the great Doctors of the Church. For those who are debarred by lack of the necessary vocation, or by other causes, from entering the priesthood, it becomes necessary, if they have not sufficient private means, to select some business or profession in lieu of that which their change of faith compels them to abandon. Even those who fortunately possess property must be prepared to face the adverse criticism of their former friends. We cannot ignore the fact, that beneath the treacherously calm surface of seemingly polite neutrality. calm surface of seemingly polite neutral-ity or indifferentism, there exists the elements of prejudice and rooted bigotry against our Holy Faith.

The conversion of any well known or

distinguished member of a community stirs the stagnant waters of the vast lake of public opinion, and these uncanny elements move upwards instantly. The spirit of inquiry is stimulated, causes are sought out, motives assigned, reasons attributed for the act, than which nothing was further from the couvert's mind. As a natural consequence of all this, the convert to the Catholic Church is, in the majority of instances, thoroughly sincere

"Looking round, the girl saw the Indians near at hand. She ran for the fort, and the Indians, seeing that they could not catch her, fired at her. Their bullets whistled round her, and 'made the time seem very long,' as she afterwards said.

"As soon as she neared the fort, and the crucible and having passed through the cried out, 'To arms! to arms!' hoping that she would get assistance. But the two soldiers were so frightened that they had hidden in the block house.

"When Madeleine reached the gate of the fort, she found two women there crying for their husbands, who were in the fields and had just been killed, Madeleine forced them in, and shut the gate. She instantly went to examine the defences of the fort, and found that some of the palisades had fallen down, leaving holes through which the enemy could easily enter.

"She got what help she could and set easily enter.

"She got what help she could and set them up. Then the little commander repaired to the block house, where she found the brave garrison of two, one man hiding in a corner, and the other with a lighted match in his hand,

"What are you going to do with that match? said Madeleine.

"Light the powder, and blow us all up,"

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match?' said Madeleine.

"'Light the powder, and blow us all up,'
answered the soldier.

"'You are a miserable coward!' said
the girl. 'Go out of this place!'

"People are always likely to obey, in
time of peril, the one person who shows
resolution and coolness. The soldier did
as Madeleine bade him. She then flung
aside her bonnet, put on a hat, and tooka
gun.

Catholicity.

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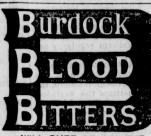
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