CHILD.

Two bright blue eyes that laugh and stare Like stars on frosty night; Two eyes to lift to God in prayer To bless the Virgin bright.

Two lips of reddest, rosy hue, To sing aweet words of praise; A tongue to utter words so true ·Of love-thanksgiving raise.

Two hands to clasp the holy rood, To help the blind, the meek; Two feet to tread where Jesus stood To sid the lame and weak.

Two ears to listen for His voice. When tempters come beside: Two knees to bend with eager choice, Close by the altar side.

A head of gold, a kingly gift, To lay before His surine; . A heart so pure, with woot and west Of praise and joy-'tie Thine.

H. E. Hore.

AMERICAN METHODISTS IN ROME

Their Futile Efforts to Extend Their Sphere of Operations.

The Devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and the Influence It Exerclaes Over the Massea.

"Protestantism in Rome" is the title of a fascinating article by Mr. William a matter of special and exhaustive en quiry. The writer makes particular reference to the efforts of the Methodist propaganda and tears away with unre denting proofs the veil of specious falsehoods with which its engineers seek to blind those who contribute the wherewithal to carry on this crueade against | Christ. Bigotry never learns from ex | tion. perience. In the face of a depleted treasury, empty churches and dearth of "converts" here in Quebec we are deluged with missionaries from Ontario bound to rescue the French Canadian and any other Catholic from the assumed error of their ways. These people are really marks for the depraved and unprincipled They do not stop to consider the private lives or the reasons for the change of "heart." It suffices them to know that the pervert was once a Catholic and is now ready to go to the devil. But let us return to Mr. Croke and his

story. As it is in Montreal so it is in Rome. Protestants can buy the body but they cannot win the soul. A Catho-lic is consecrated to God from the mo ment of his baptism and the seed once planted can never be eradicated. It may ne smothered for awhile but conscience keeps it ever alive and acts as a remind er to the unfortunate to turn back while yet there is time. Mr. Croke writes :-

Preachers in the month of May tell the people gathered around the lighte and flowers of the Blessed Virgin's altars | known to receive donations after sur interemist. She has given sensible, schooling is conducted on similar printangible, hourly proofs of it in this city, ciples. It would be possible to cite in which holds ten score memorials of her power. Senza la Madonna! Without the Madonna the people say; a religion of Christ with, nay to the exclusion of His Mother. Her intercessory efficiency is one thing. I do not need to speak of it. I ellage to the visibly given proof of how her name and honor are the touchstones of all saving and Christian truth this people of Rome. They are repelled by a religion in whose temples she is not venerated, averse to those who have omitted her sweet mother's name from the ordinals, formularies, and books of their worship. What, then, of those who disparage her? One day in her month of May during the time when the name of Giordano Bruno still had some popular meaning (now it only signifies a statue riotously put up and never paid for), a service was held by some con fraternity in the sequestered Church of San Giorgio in Velabro, the same whose still vacant title enshrines the memory of Newman, its last titular. Cardinal Macchi had given the Benediction and was leaving the church. As he came out under the portico put up by Friar Stephen, the friend of Rienzi, and passed through the press of people to his car riage, some polite anti clerical broke the reverent silence by crying, "Viva Giordano Bruno!" That name had become for the nonce the password of hatred to the Papal power, to the Church, to Christian hope, to everything which Bruno had vilified. The Cardinal hesitated for a second, and then, obedient to the truest instinct, sounded the name which finds spontaneously responsive sympathy in the heart of every Catholic in Rome—"Evviva Maria." The throng took up the cry with its hundred-fold tongue. "Evviva Maria!" went up

TREMULOUSLY, PASSIONATELY, FROM EVERY

from the hoarse lips of the aged, from the strong lips of men and women, from the tender lips of children. It was a grand and thrilling ovation to the Queen of Heaven. Faith is powerful to her, error powerless through her. The Protestants have not made her interests theirs: wherefore their cause is a failure foredoomed. They might as well save their money, pack up their tracts and go. They have the Scriptural bidding to shake the dust from their Evangelical

For, note it well, despite the unparal leled wretchedness of a population reduced proportionately in its every social scale, the rich to comparative scarcity, the "comfortable" to stringent economy, the lower strata to privation alternately with want, the attractions of Protestantism have exercised practically no effect. The enterprise which has done most is a failure in this respect. It is an American enterprise, and so it must be numbered by the admirers of American hardihood as one of the few American enterprises which have proved failures. Entering by the sake.

A MOTHER'S OFFERING OF HER breach of Porta Pla, the American Methodists did well to put their church on the Via Venti Settembre, the street which connects the Breach with the Quirinal Palace, and whose name appropriately records the sinister victory of that September day in 1870 On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the breach, likewise not inappropriately chosen, a sufficiently spacious church was opened by Bishop Fi zgerald, of the American Methodist Episc pal Church. During those days curiosity attracted a good many people to it. Services were held, but the tew worshippers must have been disturbed by the viavai and broubaha of the many curious. These did not remain to pray, They were too generous to scoff.

THE METHODISTS HAVE A GRAND BUILDING. The establishment is a vast and splen did one. It is granite fronted. This of itself would confer distinction in Rome. It also stands in the richer part of the city. There is not much architecture even about it, because there is no architecture about the houses built in Rome since—say Valadier, but it has an air of freshness and strength which is pleasing. It has a book-and tract depository Over it and outside of it are all the ramifications of an ecclesiastical centre -a school, a home, a protectory, etc They are such as any flourishing parish might presees. Their results may be parily gauged from this suggested estimate. With a discrimination, however. There have been conversions; some hundreds appace tly. There has, however, been a disproportionate, because unduly numerous, amount of relapses. The conversions, in general, have not come with a finality of grace. The Italian adherents of the stablishment belong almost all, if not absolutely all, to the poorest classes of society. There is nothing amiss in this. St. Paul des-cribed the earliest Christians of Rome of a fascinating article by Mr. William somewhat similarly. But St. Paul and J. D. Croke, who has made the subject these who labored with him came to convert people who were not members of an

I CANNOT LET THEM STARVE.

at all salutary or satisfactorily saving

religion. Methodists ought not to claim

that the case is parallel here and now.

and gold we have none." The Methodists

in Rome lie under the suspicion and im-

putation of having both. First about

A non-clerical Senator of the kingdom told me recently: "At — there is a Protestant church to which the fame o an apostolate against your Church by dint of money spending attaches stronglv. The story is always told of a poor woman who took her children to it and said, 'I hear you are Turks. It doesn't matter. Take these children. I can't let them starve." The story points a double moral-that these institutions are so alien that their tenets are not known or enquired about, while their supposed largesses have a compensating wider publicity.

Now I do not hesitate, in all fairness, to summarize my enquiries about the American Methodist foundation in Rome by saying, first, that its active proselytism has been carried on with a minimum of profit and a maximum of (perhaps only indirect) expense; second, that many of the lapsed have returned to the Church; third, that children are received and housed almost gratis; fourth, that the parents have been that she is the destroyer of heresy—sola rendering her children; fifth, that the dividual cases upon which these conclusions are based, but in most instances the medium of information has been secret, while it is altogether a safer method to have investigated with "the general" and in the centres of outside Information than to have made enquiries at the headquarters in Via Venti Settembre I do not mean that the answers would be necessarily disingenuous, but that the popular and experimental acceptation of the case could only be ascertained amongst the people. The systematic sort of answer is sufficient, and, as Shaftesbury said, the most ingenious way or becoming toolish is by system.

THE PRUPAGANDA MISPLACED. Here, at least, the popular estimate has been right from the outset. It has received the institution with indifference, and has permitted it to continue a highly expensive and almost purpose less existence. It has never used molestation. The propaganda, misplaced and illogical in an extreme way, has been carried to still further extremes, not so much of unreason as of bad taste. Devotional Catholic services have been disturbed by tract distributors, circulating in the congregation. One of these emissaries was arrested during the festivities in honor of the Madonna of Carmel last year, when the Church of Santa Maria same way and marriages are forbidden delle Vittorie was thronged with her clients. He offered, but he did not suffer violence, except from the police. As I end, I learn that he has been received is not meet that it should be celebrated into the Church in the grace of pardon for his folly. So may all perverts end.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The True Witness:

Sir,—In your issue of the 20th inst. you have an article, headed "Premature Burial," which you will kindly permit me to notice through your columns. In discussing the matter with our Embalmers. they assured me that in their long experience of fifteen years in the Funeral Undertaking business in this city, and in the United States, and during which time they have embalmed hundreds of bodies, not in one instance have they noticed the least sign of life. Our system of scientific embalming does not necessitate the mutilation of the body; and at the outset, before any vital part is touched, we can at once detect if life remains, and in fact resuscitate if there is the least sign of life. If any of your readers have any fear of premature burial, let them join The Co-operative Funeral Expense Society, with instructions to embalm after death, and we can assure then beforehand that they need have no fear of being buried alive.

The test of humility is the habit of performing lowly offices for their own

M. J. Harney.

THE SAGRAMENT

Instructive Schmidt's Rev. Father Discourse.

Some of the Precepts of the Church Governing Marriage,

"Rev. Father Schmidt." says the Michigan Catholic. "delivered a highly | To the Value of the "Dixon Cure," for practical and instructive discourse in the Cathedral of Grand Rapids, taking for his subject 'The Sacrament of Matrimony." It publishes a synopsis of the reverend speaker's remarks, which cannot fail to prove instructive to our readers. Father Schmit sa id:-

" From the very foundation of society, either of a civil or of a religious order, the family has been the center from which everything takes its rise and beginning. Neither Church nor State can exist without it. It is the starting point from which a man sets out for fame and honor, and it is the resting place to which he comes hade after worldly am bition has been satisfied Christ proved the dignity of the family when he made marriage a sacrament, and the Church simply follows the lead of the Saviour when it makes laws to regulate the mar riages of its children in order that the marriage state may maintain its rightful dignity.

"It is upon the precepts of the Church in regard to marriage that I am about to address you this moring. The Church has forbidden marriages between certain persons at certain times. These laws may seem to some to be harsh and uncalled for, but a little thought and consideration will convince anyone that in this particular the Church is correct, as she always is.

THE LAW OF CONSANGUINITY.

For another reason also it is not. The first preachers were able to say: "Silver "First, then, marriages are forbidden between between certain persons. The Church commands that marriages shall the suspicion. Then about the imputanot take place between blood relations within the fourth degree of kindred. In other words, first, second and third cousins are forbidden by the precept of the Church to marry one another. This law in a great measure has its origin in the humanitarian watch which the Church keeps over her children. Statistics that the children of blood prove relations are often deformed, they are unhealthy and weak. Often their weakness does not become manifest mediately and their weakness are often deformed. fest until they are full grown and then there is a sudden decline. Other times the weakness is in the mind and the children of blood relationship are idiots. There are many reasons for the course of tne Church in this matter, and when we take into consideration her long experience in watching over the welfare of her children we must ac knowledge that she knows more about the matter than we do. Besides the blood relationship ban there is contained in the precept a clause forbidding marriages between persons related by affinity. Thus a man could not marry his deceased wife's eister or relative up to the fourth degree. There is also a spiritual relationship which exists between god children and god parents. A godfather cannot marry his godchild, sister, but two brothers can marry two sisters. A little thought will show why this is allowable.

"It is true that persons within the forbidden degree may fall in love with each other, but unless there is urgent reasons, the Church will not allow the marriage. It is best that parents and guardians, spiritual aud temporal, should look after the young people and see that a strong attachment is not formed between them before it is too late. If the children and everyone concerned will be spared much pain. Prevention is better than cure.

WHY MARRIAGE IS FORBIDDEN IN CERTAIN

SEASONS. "Then there are certain periods in which Catholics are forbidden to be married. These times are Advent and Lent. In Advent the Church is waiting in sorrow for the coming of the Saviour and after Christmas is here and the Christ child has come into the world, the Church is so taken up with the joy of the time that it has no time to devote to the smaller, individual joys of its children. Therefore, from the beginning of Advent until the 6th of January the Church does not solemnize marriages. In Lent it is the from the first Sunday of Lent to the Sunday after Easter. The nuptial Mass is a solemn and joyous ceremony and it in time of sorrow and penance. Of course, if there is an urgent necessity, the Church is indulgent in this matter. Thus, if a young couple were about to remove to a distant country during one of the forbidden seasons and wished to be married before setting out, the Church would allow the marriage to take place, but without the nuptial Mass and the special blessings that are imparted at other seasons.

THE CONDUCT AFTER THE CEREMONY. "And now a word about the worldly celebration of the marriage after the sacrament has been received in the Church. So many young people make marriage celebrations almost debauches. Wine and liquor flow free and immoderate dancing is indulged in. This is not right—it is scandalous. What do you think of a young couple that will come to the altar of God in the morning to plight their troth and receive the blessing of their almighty and benignant Father, and who will pass that night in drunkenness and debauchery? sacrament of God's own institution is mocked at and insulted by debauchery, gluttony and intemperance, dare we expect that God's blessing will rest upon that young couple just starting out in life? The couple that received God's blessing in the morning may receive His curse in the evening. Enjoy the occasion as it should be enjoyed.

"Surely" the marriage celebration should be a joyous feast, but let your joy be a Christian joy, not the joy of a heathen that knows not God. The heathen knows no better, but we, whoknow God and His institutions, let us carry out His wishes; let us obey Holy Mother Church in the matter of our marriages, and after we have come to the altar of God to be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony and receive the blessing of the Almighty, let us live that we may ever keep that blessing till we enter into the joy of heaven. Amen."

FATHER McCALLEN'S TRIBUTE

the Liquor and Drug Habi s.

On the occasion of a lecture delivered before a large and appreciative audience. in Windsor Hall, Montreal, in honor of the Father Mathew anniversary, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., of St. Patrick's Church. without any solicitation or even knowledge on our part, paid the following grand tribute to the value of Mr. A. Hutton Dixon's medicine for the cure of the alcohol and drug habits.

Referring to the PHYSICAL CRAVE engendered by the inordinate use of interioristants, he said: "When su ha crave manifests itself, there is no escape, except by a miracle of grace, or by some such remedy as Mr. Dixon's Cure, about which the papers have spoken so much lately. As I was, in a measure, responsible for that gentleman remaining in Montreal, instead of going farther West, as he had intended. I have taken on myself without his knowledge or consent to call attention to this new aid which he brings to our temperance cause. A PHYSICAL CRAVE RE MOVED, the work of total abstinence becomes easy. If I am to judge of the value of "The Dixon Remedy" by the cures which it has effected under my own eyes, I must come to the conclusion that what I have longed for twenty years to see discovered, has at last been found by that gentleman, namely, a medicine which can be taken privately, without the knowledge of even one's own intimate friends, without the loss of a day's work, or absence from business. and without danger to the patient, and by means of which the PHYSICAL CRAVE for intoxicants is completely removed. The greatest obstacle I have always found success in my temperance work has been, not the want of good will on the part of those to whom I administered the pledge, but the ever recurring and terrible PHYSICAL CRAVE, which seemed able to tear down in a few days what I had taken months and even years to build up. Therefore, on this Father Mathew anniversary do I pay willing and hearty tribute to "The Dixon Remedy" for the cure of the alcohol and morphine habits. I do so through a sense of duty towards these poor victims who cry out for relief from the terrible slavery under which they suffer. It is the first time in my life that I have departed from the reserve for which our clergy are noted in such circumstances. If I do so now it is because I feel that I

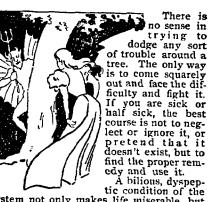
ance." Note.—Father McCallen is president of St. Patrick's Total Abstirence Society, of Montreal, and the cure to area of workable mines is constantly ex-which he refers above can be had of tending, and the district is wonderfully to mutual benefit societies.

'That this meeting do regularly or but god parents may marry each other. The Dixon Cure Co., 40 Park avenue, rich in minerals, especially in gold, silganize, in order to take all necessary
A man cannot marry his deceased wife's Montreal, who will send full particulars ver, lead and copper. There are two
steps for opposing the action of the Colon application.

am thus advancing the cause of temper-

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

The progress being made everywhere by the A.O.H. is put in evidence in Ottawa by the fact that the project mooted some time ago for the erection of a suitable hall for the use of Catholic parents and guardians are watchful the societies has again been revived by the members of Division No. 2. The proposed building, it is said, could be erected at a cost of about \$15,000. In addition to the different branches of the Hibernians it would be necessary to secure the co-operation of the Catholic Foresters, C. M. B. A , E. B. A. and other organizations to ensure the success of



doesn't exist, but to find the proper remedy and use it.

A bilious, dyspeptic condition of the system not only makes life miserable, but it is sure to lead to something worse, unless promptly taken in band and corrected. It is foolish to attempt to deduce such travilles. is foolish to attempt to dodge such troubles by any mere temporary expedient. The only sensible way is to get rid of them for good and all by a thoroughly rational, scien-tific medicine like Dr. Pierce's Golden Med-

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the enterprise. It is stated that several prominent Catholics are willing to substantially assist in the work.

The Hibernians also have under consideration the question of holding a special demonstration in commemoration of the Centenary of '98.

The statement of the exemptions on the Assessment rolls for 1898 has just been completed by Assistant Commissioner Pratt. The total amount of the exemptions is \$15,681,250, and is made up as follows: - Churches. \$1,009.250; charitable institutions, \$389,725; educational institutions, \$1,044,625; cemeteries, \$19,500; miscellaneous, \$169,950; corporation property. \$2 424 300; Dominion government, \$9 873,800; civil servanta' income, say, \$750,000.

The value of Roman Catholic property exempt is \$1,285,125, and that of Protestant property \$969,875.

Mr. R. G. McConnell, Mr. Jas. McEvoy and Mr. Brock, of the Geological survey staff, returned from West Kootenay district last week, where they spent the summer making observations with a view to preparing a map of the district. In an interview with a reporter of the Free Press, Mr. McConnell said:

The Rossland boom has blown up, but the operations are continued on a solid basis, and a lot of ore is being taken out. It is expected that seven or eight million tons will be taken out of the Kootenay this year. There have been no sensa-tional strikes, but the mines being operated are yielding a paying output. The smelters in constant operation at Ross lege of Physicians and Surgeons, and land, handling 500 tons of ore in a day. that to that end an executive committee There is talk of three others being erected, and if the C. P.R. builds, as reported, all mutual benefit societies doing busi-There is talk of three others being erectthe dissatisfaction over the smelting of ore in the United States will be allayed. day, November 5, and that the secretary The miners seem quite satisfied with of this meeting be instructed to convene their conditions and receive from \$3 to all such societies at that meeting by a

There has been no Chinese labor imported into the mining camps and the relations between laborer and capitalist

are quite satisfactory.

Speaking in reference to the number of mining ventures that have fallen through and the consequent loss of money to eastern stockholders, Mr McConnell said that that is the experience of all mining development and can-not be avoided. If men put their money into mines which they know nothing about, and which in reality are only a prospecting experiment, no complaint should be made if nothing results from the venture It is only a species of stock gambling and is like all other games of chance. Taking one thing same time contains the prayers useful with another, the prospects for Western Canada are exceedingly bright and an era of prosperity has set in which will prove of immense benefit to the country.

The veterans of Fenian raid fame wil have their vanity satisfied in a short while by receiving medals. The Imperial authorities, through Lord Lansdowne, Imperial Secretary of War, have communicated to the head of the militia in Canada that it is their intention to issue a special medal in recognition of the services rendered in 1866 by the volunteers.

Religious truth is reached, not by reasoning, but by an inward perception. Any one can reason; only disciplined, educated, formed minds can perceive. Nothing, then, is more important to you than habits of self-command. If you are overflowing with feeling and impulse, all those must be retained, ruled, brought under, converted into principles and habits, or elements of character. Consider that you have a great work to do to change yourself.—Cardinal Newman.

"The successful man," said Gratebar is by no means helpful to himself alone; he helps a great lot of other people as well. There isn't a healthy, vigorous, energetic, self-reliant, success ful man whose example does not breed the same qualities in others, and per sonal contact with such a man is an active stimulant and direct aid to success. He awakens in us new strength, and arouses ambition. He winds us up and sets us going. See to it, my friend, that you don't run down.

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THE LODGE DOCTOR.

Benevolent Organizations Condemn the Action of the College of Physis clans and Surgeous.

The first note of protest in opposition to the action of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was heard last week, when a number of local organizations assemoled at the Chambre de Cammerce hall,

The following societies were represented at the meeting: Alliance National, Union St. Joseph de Montieal, Canadian Order of Foresters, Catholic Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Oddfellows (M.U.), Sons of Benjamin, Select Knights of Canada, Société des Artisans Canadien Français, Union Franco-Canadienne and Union St.

Ald. Reneault and Mr. W. S. Walker were elected joint chairmen of the meeting, Mr. C. Rodier acting as secretary. Several addresses were made by various of the gentlemen present, all of which were in tone strongly against the action taken by the College.

The following resolutions were finally adopted:

"That this meeting, composed of the representatives of all mutual benefit societies, doing business in the district of Montreal, energetically protests against the attitude just taken by the College of Physicians and Surgeons towards physicians giving their services

ness in this province, to be held on Fricircular addressed to the executive officer of each society in this province, and also through the newspapers.

"That a committee, composed of Alderman Renault, Messrs. W. S. Walker, Victor Morin, E. H. Godin and the secretary, be instructed to prepare drafts of resolutions, petitions and other means of action to be submitted for consideration at said meeiing.

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Recognising the evils of a bad temper and the value to oneself and to society of a good temper, one should aim to cultivate the latter. This may be done in part by controlling the tongue, which is a very common irritant and has a reactionary influence. He who stops to think before making a peevish or irritating remark will generally leave it unsaid, and, when he has obtained control of his tongue, he will also have obtained to some degree control of his

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