

way at a loss, replied; "But be aisy, your riverance. while I tell you. A little time ago, when I was took ill, I got a man to milk my cows, and what do you think he did? why, instead of giving me the rale milk, he chated me by putting wather into it; and if you get my Bible, perhaps you may be afther serving that same. No, no. I'll kape my cow, and milk it myself, and then I shall get the sincere milk, and not as I might from you, mixed with wather."

The priest thus finding himself defeated. and desirous that the mischief should spread no farther, said in a conciliatory tone: "Well, Pat, I see you are a little wiser than I thought you, and as you are *not quite* a babe, you may keep your Bible, but don't lend it or read it to your neighbors."

Pat, eyeing his admonitor very cunningly, but seriously, replied: "Sure enough, your riverance, *while I have a cow, and can give a little milk to my neighbors who have none, it is my duty to do so as a Christian; and saving your riverance, I will.*"

The priest, concluding that the honest milkman was rather a tough customer, gave up the argument and walked off abashed.

ROMAN CATHOLIC NOTES ON THE SCRIPTURES.

"Having their conscience seared with a hot iron."—1st TIM. IV. 2.

The following notes are from "The New Testament with Annotations approved of by the most Rev. Dr. Tray, R. C. Archbishop of Dublin in 1816."

On John xv., 7.—"The prayer of a Protestant cannot be heard in Heaven."

On Hebrews v., 7.—"The translators of the English Bible ought to be abhorred to the depths of hell."

In another place it is also said—"A Christian is bound to burn and deface all heretical books, for example THE ENGLISH BIBLE."

THE BEAST.

HIS RIDER—HIS HEADS—HIS HORNS—HIS TIME—HIS NUMBER OR MARK.

"Watchman, what of the night?"

The darkness passeth away and the morning dawns. The night of mind is receding before the sun of righteousness. The events of our times indicate to the world that the great author of revelation is also the God of Providence, of Redemption, of Salvation. The Almighty is speaking to the nations in his judgments. He commands the attention of the foolish, the devout and grateful attention of the wise. "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." Much of the prophecies of Scripture has been fulfilled—much remains to be fulfilled—"The signs of the times" indicate its present fulfilment. "Blessed are they that read," and "hear," and "understand."

Daniel the Prophet saw in a vision from God, 2400 years ago, "four beasts," which are universally admitted to refer, in symbol, to the great monarchies which have governed the world—the Chaldean, the Medo-