

God Knows Why.

Pilgrim—O'er earth's desert toiling—
Faint thy step and dim thine eye—
Wearied with life's many crosses,
Be not hopeless! God knows why!
Time brings sorrow to oppress thee;
Sorrow laden with a sigh—
Yet ere long His smile will bless thee;
Trust! Oh, trust Him! He knows why!

Mourner—By yon coffin standing
Where thy loved one lies—
Weep a season, then remember,
God, thy Father, knoweth why!
As He knows with death an angel,
Here and there abroad a sigh—
Writhing hearts in bitter anguish—
Though afflicted, God knows why!

Maiden—Friends may treacherous prove thee
In misfortune pass thee by;
Weaving snares along life's pathway,
Yet be patient—God knows why!
Time will bring thee many changes—
Thorns beneath life's rose-tosses,
All's not true that's beauty seeming,
Yet thy Saviour knoweth why!

Patriot—O'er our land so cherished,
War's dread missiles swiftly fly—
Clouds of darkest, deepest blackness,
Gather o'er us—God knows why!
In this hour of our affliction
He will hear thy fervent cry,
And command His benediction
On His chosen—He knows why!

Father! Great, all-gracious Father!
Low before Thy throne I kneel;
Hear our fervent supplication—
Guide, oh, guide us from on high;
Send sweet peace to our country,
Bind us by one sacred tie,
Life and liberty to cherish
Evermore—Thou knowest why!

EDUCATION MEETING IN LONDON.

Speech by Cardinal Manning.

The London Universe of July 1 says: On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of the Westminster Diocesan Education Fund was held at St. James Hall.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, on rising to open the proceedings, was greeted with loud and long-continued applause. His eminence said: Sixteen years ago, on such an evening as this, and in this place, we laid the foundation of a work which has grown in solidity from that day to this, and I trust will never cease to be vigorously supported so long as there are poor Catholic children in London. Only twice have we omitted this meeting, the cause being my absence at Rome, whether I was called by higher duties; and even then this meeting would have been held here were it not for the modesty of some who sit near me to-night. His eminence then proceeded to speak of the importance of such an annual gathering as they were holding that night, saying that no one but himself and the good secretary of the fund, Father Seddon, knew the advantages which the fund derived from these meetings. Quoting from the sixteenth year's report of the fund, the cardinal said that during the past year the number of schools examined was 252, of which 175 were parochial or mission schools, 60 poor law schools, 14 industrial or reformatory, 11 orphanages, and 55 day schools of higher character. The religious instruction of the whole diocese has, therefore, been perfectly examined, the total number of children present at inspection being 20,672, as against 11,000 in the year 1865. During the past year better school accommodation had been provided in Lambeth, Heston, Tottenham, Poplar, Saffron Hill, Harrow Road, Bow, and Brentwood, and the number of children in the schools was 269 more than in the previous year. They had gone on every year increasing the number of attendances, and in no single year had the number declined. When they began to work

THE STREETS WERE FULL OF LITTLE CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

or they were in Protestant schools, or we did not know where to find them. For some time as the work proceeded they gathered in a thousand extra children every year. The numbers of increase then gradually diminished each year, showing that the work was being accomplished, and the fact that they had this year received only three hundred and sixty-nine extra children showed that they had reason to be amply confident that no great number of Catholic children could have escaped their vigilance. Proceeding to speak of the necessity of religious education of this country was an inclined plane to descend, and would be gradually diminished year after year, unless some great effort was made. There is a perpetual development going on or a system of education without Christian faith, which is spreading itself all over the land, and I know nothing that can resist this, unless all those who value Christian education raise themselves to found and maintain voluntary schools, as well as to appeal to the public will and conscience of this Christian country, to influence the people of England, when they shall be interrogated—as they never yet have been—on this great question of religious education. The cardinal condemned the relegation to the confusion of the first half hour in the morning, when many children had not arrived, and to the last weary half hour of the day, when the children were fatigued. His eminence continued: Formerly the school books were all full of God the Creator and our Divine Lord the Redeemer. The whole system of instruction was permeated with Christian faith, and as one walking in the sun became tanned with his heat, so were the children, while being cultivated in secular knowledge, being stamped

WITH THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN.

The only books now used in the board schools are those in which there is no definite recognition of Christian doctrine, and some examiners had even objected to the very name of our Lord being mentioned. His Eminence, in order not to be misunderstood, said he made no complaint against the London School Board as constituted. It was the system that he was warring against. His eminence believed also that the men who brought in the act of 1870 desired to do the best they could, but they were misled and did what they did not intend. The cardinal next proceeded to speak of the hardships which Catholics suffered from having to support the school-board system, which was against their conscience, and also their own Catholic schools. That system was not in conformity with the will of the people of England. On the ground of religion they would object to it if they had the opportunity given them, and on the ground of expensiveness they are already objecting to it. His eminence did not believe

that a system that now had ten years' trial and twelve millions of money spent on it would be repealed, but he believed it could be modified, and claimed a universal and fair participation in the school-rate. In Germany this system always prevailed, so that all the schools partook of the common rate, (until that unhappy day arose when Germany persecuted the Church and expelled her religious teachers,) and from that day Germany has tasted the bitter fruits of its own action in the growth of that socialism which undermines the crust upon which society in Germany rests to-day. This proportionate participation in the school-rate (said the cardinal) exists in Canada, and I claim the example of the colonies for an alteration of the law here at home. In concluding his eminence said: A Christian education will raise up a Christian people, and children without a Christian education will not, when they grow up, go to Christian churches. When they become the fathers and mothers of another generation they will certainly not be able to teach the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles' Creed to their little children at home. This system will give us a people without Christianity, and as there is nothing that stands still in nature, but all grows or decays, or runs like the waters of a stream, as there is nothing that is stationary, so this people without Christianity will become anti-Christian.

WE SEE IT OVER THE WATER.

Look at the great Catholic monarchy of Europe—France. There we see to what we may come. I only pray for this: that there may be firmness in us all. If all those who ought to stand firm in this battle would be true the act of 1870 would be modified before ten years are over. I have my fears lest some should not stand firm in the day of battle. One thing is sure, however, give way who may we will never give in. Christian Catholic education, in all its fulness and perfection, is better to us than gold and silver. Come what may, let others fall to bear their witness for holy faith once delivered to the saints, give way we will not. If it be God or taught nowhere else, the holy faith in which alone we can stand shall be taught in every Catholic school, reduced to poverty though it may be. Christianity begun in poverty, and in poverty it will thrive. His eminence concluded with a tribute to his grace the Duke of Norfolk, without whom, he said, the work of the last sixteen years could not have been accomplished. As his grace was present he would say no more of him, or he (the duke) would never forgive him; and he could say no less or he should not forgive himself.

THE FRENCH ACADEMY.

Some twenty years ago a young French priest visited Ireland, and was warmly received by the most eminent prelates, writers, and politicians in the country. A few months before he had been the editor of the *Nation*, asking for a few back numbers of the paper, which the present writer handed him, and informed him that the journal would be sent to him in future.

A few articles in the *Correspondant*, by the Rev. Pere Perraud, of the Oratory, were translated and published in the *Nation*, which clearly showed that Ireland had a talented friend in the French press. He received the visits of some eminent Irishmen in Paris, and was encouraged to write a work on Ireland, which M. Gustave de Beaumont declared to be the best that ever appeared, including his own remarkable book, but which the correspondent of the *Times* this week calls "A Pamphlet on Ireland."

L'Irlande Contemporaine was published in Paris, and was translated into English, and I believe, into other languages. This voluminous "pamphlet" is the work that principally contributed to the election of the good bishop of Autun, almost without competition, to the highest ecclesiastical position in France, or to political economist can ambition.

Mgr. Perraud, or rather Abbe Perraud, obtained in Ireland the most trustworthy information on the state of the country and the causes of the sufferings of the people; and in his precious volume expounds Ireland's wrongs, the injustice done to her, and the noble qualities of her sons and daughters in such a way as to enlighten the French people fully on the subject, and to win the gratitude of every good Irishman.

In a few weeks, at the imposing ceremony of the reception of the new member of the academy, M. Camille Rousset, the great historian, who will have to receive him, will, no doubt, dwell at some length on this important pamphlet (I like to give the *Times* correspondent's name for the great work).

Mgr. Perraud has published other books—"The History of the Oratory," etc., and some of his eloquent sermons and funeral orations are considered masterpieces of their kind.

His love for Ireland has not ceased, for two years ago he offered the present writer to preach the sermon at the Madeleine for the victims of the famine, and would have done so but that the services of Pere Monsabre had been engaged previously by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris.

The friend of the illustrious Bishop of Oleans, of Abbe Perreyve, and Abbe Graty, he labored with these three great men for long years in the cause of religion and liberty, and their death was a great blow to him and a loss to the country. Irishmen will, I am sure, learn with pleasure that the eloquent advocate of their cause has been chosen by the most learned body in Europe to take his place among them, and that his work on Ireland contributed to raise him to that eminent place, so envied and so difficult to attain.—Dublin *Nation*.

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A PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN ON THE IRISH PRIESTHOOD.

A pamphlet has just appeared, entitled "Letter on Landlordism," by Rev. Matthew Macaulay, in which the writer pays a high tribute to the priests and Catholics of Ulster. Of the latter he says: "As a Presbyterian minister I have lived among Catholic neighbors for thirty-four years in county Monaghan, and I can testify that I never met anything but respect, kindness and joyous, hearty civility at their hands. Their clergymen, who have always treated me in the spirit of educated Christian gentlemen. I believe there is not one of them who would not rise at midnight to do me a favor; and I know I would return the kindness. They and their congregation gave hearty and successful assistance at the recent general election to the Presbyterians, wanting which there would be no Presbyterians this day in the House of Commons. At all this they landlording 'weeps, wails and gushes its yellow teeth.'"

He says of the Irish priests: "The Catholic priesthood, on the other hand, deserves the admiration and gratitude of unborn generations for the bold and prophetic position they have taken in this agitation. They have urged their people to meet their Presbyterian and Episcopalian fellow-countrymen in the spirit of peace and brotherly kindness; and they have denounced all secret societies—all party hatreds. What poets have sung has been by this movement realized before our eyes. I have seen the lords and the thousands of Catholics, Episcopalians and Presbyterians meeting in daylight in the same field, and in the market square—no angry words, no warlike weapons, no party hatred, no bad behavior, riot or drunkenness—determined to have done with poverty, burdens and bondage. The lion at last lies down in peace with the lamb; the leopard and the kid lie down lovingly beside each other. The sword may soon be beaten into a ploughshare, and the spear into a pruning hook. The Orangeman moves a resolution, and a Catholic priest seconds it. Are we not on the border of the millennium?"

THE ORIGIN OF THE SLEEPING CAR.

Mr. W. Barnet Le Van, M. E. of Philadelphia, says: "From all accounts, no doubt, Napoleon I. used, in 1815, the first sleeping dining room, and parlor car that ever was built. This car, or chariot, was taken at Waterloo, and was presented to the Prince Regent of England, by whom it was afterwards sold to Mr. Bullock for \$12,500. It eventually found its way to Madame Tussaud's wax-work exhibition, London, where it may still be seen. This very curious and convenient chariot of the first Emperor was built by Symon, of Brno, in the Bohemian provinces, and is adapted for the various purposes of a pantry and kitchen, for it has places for holding and preparing refreshments, which, by the aid of a lamp, could be heated in the carriage. It served also for a bedroom, a dressing room, an office, etc. The seat is divided into two by a partition about six inches high, and is fitted up with a couple of large chairs, the form and dimensions of our large coaches, except that it has a projection in front of about two feet, the right-hand half of which is open to the inside to receive the feet, thus forming a bed, while the left-hand half contained a store of various useful things.

"Beyond the projection in front, and nearer to the horses, was the seat for the driver ingeniously contrived so as to prevent the driver from viewing the interior of the carriage, and so placed as to afford those within a clear sight of the horses and of the surrounding country. Beneath this seat is a receptacle for a box, about 2 feet in length and 4 inches deep, containing a bedstead of polished steel, which could be fitted up in a couple of minutes. Over the front windows is a roller blind of strong painted canvas, which, when pulled out, excluded rain, while it admitted air. (This might be an advantageous appendage to our present car windows as well as carriages.) On the ceiling of the carriage is a network for carrying small traveling requisites, in which there was a secretary, 10 by 18 inches, which contained nearly a hundred articles presented to Napoleon I. by Marie Louise, under whose care it was fitted up with every luxury and convenience that could be imagined. It contained besides the usual requisites for a dressing box, most of which were of solid gold, a breakfast service, with pipes, candlesticks, knives, forks, spoons, a spirit lamp for cooking breakfast in the carriage, gold case for Napoleon's gold wash-hand basin, a number of essence bottles, perfumes, and an almost infinite variety of minute articles, down to pins, needles, thread, and silk. Each of these articles were fitted into recesses most ingeniously contrived, and made in the solid wood, in which the things were packed close together, and many one within the other, in such a narrow space that, on seeing them arranged, it appeared impossible for them ever to be put into so small a compass. At the bottom of his toilet box, in divided recesses, were 2,000 gold Napoleons (\$7,000) on the top of it were writing materials, a looking glass, combs, etc., a liquor case which had two rings, silver sandwich box, containing a plate, knives, spoons, pepper and salt boxes, mustard pot, decanter, glasses, etc.; a wardrobe, writing desk, maps, telescopes, arms, etc.; a large silver chronometer, by which the watches of the army were regulated; two merino mattresses, a green velvet traveling cap, also a diamond head dress (opera hat), sword, uniform, and an imperial mantle, etc."—Scientific American.

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A Sheet of White Paper.

"The mind of a child," says Emerson, "is a sheet of white paper. Parents, beware what you write upon it!"

What a happy as well as beautiful simile is this! A sheet of white paper—pure, spotless, without stain. Wee to those who deface that lovely page! Wee to them if they are strangers; if they are parents, still a deeper wee!

It has seemed to us that among married persons—especially those who have at an immature age rushed unthinkingly into the marriage state—there is a marvellous indifference to the awful responsibilities of a parent. By young and heedless mothers—girl-mothers who cannot part with the light, idle amusements of girlhood—the care of their children's bodies even is too often neglected, or left to be fulfilled by strangers. How much more the jewel of the mind—the precious, the immortal soul!

A woman, who feels the task of attending to the temporal and eternal salvation of her child to be a troublesome one, is unworthy to be a mother. Her neglect assigns the child to strangers if she is rich, or leaves it to gather associates in the streets if she is poor. In either case the sheet of white paper receives a blot, and the child is marred and blighted for ever.

Happily the great mass of the human race may be led. They have not this obstinate tendency to evil: they can take the better. What an iniquity, what a horror, then, it is, when the bias of those around the child is for evil! Then, indeed, the sheet of white paper is marred and blotted, and the child is marred and blighted for ever.

This marred of the Creator's most admirable work, the human soul, is not alone the sin of poverty. How speedily, how frequently does the sheet of white paper become blotted even by the wealthy parent!

Three little children have been trusted by the Creator to their Guardian Angels and their parents. Let us consider how the human guardians work for the celestial. Here is a fine boy, strong-limbed, dark-eyed, not altogether of a bad disposition, neither has he any great, elevated and generous instincts. The people around him were narrow-minded and selfish; he acquired their arts and adopted their sentiments. Children are ways do so—they are the most apt of imitators. When this boy was three years old, some conversation took place in his presence about a lady in reduced circumstances. "I don't like her," broke in the ruthless lad—"she's poor." What could be the result of such tutelage as this? The sheet of white paper was already blotted,—that boy grew up a selfish, unprincipled, unfeeling man.

Here is a third child. What will be his fate? His parents fulfil a parent's awful duties well. They are sober, honest, industrious, and labor hard to instill these virtues into their children. Morning and evening the little hands are raised in earnest prayer. Though his parents are but of humble class, it is never allowed to play in the streets. It is regularly fed on plain but wholesome food; simple garments are always clean and in good order; it is sent to a good school; and as it never hears evil language from the adults who surround it, such language never taints its innocent lips.

Here are parents who may take an honest pride in having discharged their duty; there is no flotted paper here. The white page will be triumphantly shown by the Guardian Angel engraven with a golden record of good deeds.

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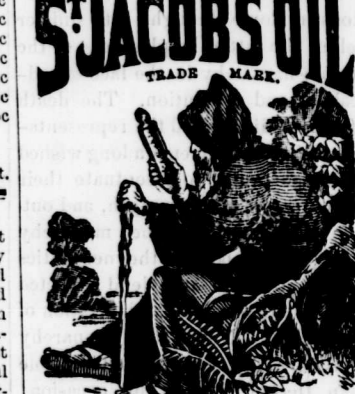
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