

the fruits of Hermann's industry, completed the furniture of the house. Each window was ornamented with pots of flowers, which spread around an agreeable fragrance, and scented the room.

Theresa contemplated all this with an admiration which increased every instant. The pictures particularly struck her fancy; she approved the selection. "The Saviour blessing children," she said, "was calculated to remind the teacher of his duties towards the youths of his school. That of the holy family teaches us of the union and piety, which should reign in a Christian household; and that of St. Cecelia lifting up her eyes to heaven while she sings the praises of the Lord, instructs us to sanctify the art of music and not to degrade it to profane uses."

Herrman struck and pleased with these reflections conducted his wife into the garden. At first a ravishing scene was presented by the parterres, with the green turf, flowers, and well loaded fruit trees, where formerly lay the stagnant waters of the pond; then, from the entry door to the limits of the enclosure, which was surrounded by a green hedge of Hawthorn, stretched along the broad path, with a beautiful border garnished with shrubs and flowers. The garden was laid off in several squares; in some, vegetables were cultivated; in others, converted into an orchard, were some fine fruit trees, beneath which the grass was allowed to grow for the nourishment of Herrman's cows. Hives around which the bees were humming, were placed in one corner of the garden, where Hermann had sown some aromatic plants, on which the honey makers came to rest their wings, and gather the sweet materials of their labor; and on a neighbouring hill were trained upon long poles the creeping hops, which waved their leafy honors in the breeze. No inch of earth in this little domain was left to waste, but all was cultivated.

On seeing all these wonderful creations of the intelligent industry of the teacher, the young wife smiled, and seating herself on a bench beneath an apple-tree, she said to her husband:

"How happy you must be here, my dear Frederic, when surveying your beautiful garden!—Three years ago, and this enclosure was a desert waste; to-day, it is a little paradise. This is the result of labor and perseverance. I trust that we shall live happily in this commune, where I perceive that you have already many friends."

"Yes, you are right," replied the husband; "for it was by the assistance I received from several of the laborers of the village, that I was able to transform this sterile land into a fertile garden. But come, I have something else to show you."

And he guided her to the school room, where most of the children were assembled.

At the approach of the master with his wife, these good children arose, saluted the teacher and his wife, and presented the latter with several rural presents; one gave a lamb, another a couple of pigeons, a chicken, eggs, fruit, honey, butter, linen, a ham of bacon, and different vessels of household use. Theresa could not restrain her tears, at the sight of so many touching proofs of friendship, and above all, at beholding the joy and pleasure that shone in the faces of these innocent children. She thanked them in the most affable and grateful manner.

While still amid the little group, the door of the room was opened, and the respectable curate of the parish made his appearance. Hermann lifted up his hand, and the children simultaneously cried out, "May Jesus reign."

"Tis well, my children," began the pastor; "You must ever love the Saviour Jesus, who is the particular friend of little children; obey his holy law and you will be happy. To-morrow I shall commence my seventieth year, and during my long career, I have experienced how sweet it is to serve so good a Master. My life has been crossed by many misfortunes, and yet I have never been in want, because I always put my trust in him."

Then turning to Hermann, he added:—"Do you my friend, who, for three years, have given this commune the example of piety and virtue, do you continue to cherish these children, the most interesting portion of the flock entrusted to my charge; ever inspire them with a love of religion and of labor, and you will one day obtain a reward proportioned to your zeal, and to the good which you shall have performed; what do I say?—the blessings of heaven will even in this life descend upon you, and upon your companion; for God is graciously pleased to visit in his mercy those who tenderly love him, and who, with all their hearts, affectionately, faithfully and perseveringly serve him here below.

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General Intelligence.

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE.

THE BISHOPS.—The Catholic Archbishops of Ireland have marked, by a very emphatic resolution, their interest in the Missionary College of All Hallows. The Annual Report of the College was read by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, at the Synodal meeting of the 10th instant; and we understand that when his Grace had concluded, the