

MAY 14, 1887.

Mary, Queen of Mercy.

BY JAMES CLARENCE MARGAN.

There lived a knight, long years ago,
From carnal, vain, devotionless;
Of God above, or hell below,
He took no thought, nor heed, nor care.

At last Youth's riotous time was gone,
And loathing now came after him,
With locks yet brown he felt one
Grown gray at heart, and oft, with tears,

A happier mind, a holier mood,
A purer soul, a nobler view,
No more in thrall to flesh and blood,
He took a pilgrim-staff in hand,

Here, shorn and cowl'd, he laid his cares
Aside, and wrought for God alone.
He sought his peace in quietude,
Nor mirth by man nor maid could learn,

And, when God's angels give the power,
Thee, dearest reader, might'st behold
The fibres of his lowly bow,
Uprighting from the dead man's

THE MONTH OF MARY.

PRELIMINARY REFLECTIONS ON PRACTICAL
DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.
From Father Debus, S. J.

You have heard very often, my dear
Theotimo, and always with pleasure,
that the devotion to the Mother of God,
in the opinion of the holy Fathers, is one of

Let us love Mary, exclaims St. Bernard,
with all our heart and with all the
tenderness of our affection. It was through
Mary that He gave us His Son, and

Let us love and serve Mary; all the
saints invite us to this by their words and
example. Let us love and serve Mary,

Devotion to the glorious Mother of
God," says a pious author, "brings with it
so many blessings that the space of ten
lines alone suffices to a knowledge of the

Mary is your Queen, your advocate;
merit her protection by your efforts to
make yourself pleasing in her eyes. A
cause for which Mary pleads can never be

1. Endeavor to discharge your daily
duties of religion as well as those of your
state of life, with renewed zeal, and be
persuaded that this is the essential point.

2. Commence at once to prepare your-
self. All great feasts have their vigils.
Place in your room a little statue or
image of the Blessed Virgin, and esteem

ing others among your family and ac-
quaintances share in this devotion.
3. On awakening, offer your actions to
God through the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and renew the offering from time to time.

4. If it be in your power, be present at
the holy sacrifice of the Mass every day.
5. Prepare yourself to sanctify this
month by frequently receiving the Sacraments.

6. Visit some chapel dedicated to the
Blessed Virgin, if there be any in your
neighborhood, and if you can, make a
pilgrimage to some of those churches
where more abundant graces attract the
faithful.

7. The prayer I specially recommend
to you is the Rosary. This prayer is so
simple, so humble, and for that very
reason so agreeable to God, so formidable
to hell, and is very dear to the holiest and
most learned members of the Church.

8. Carefully avoid the sin to which you
are most subject. Examine yourself each
evening on the faults you may have com-
mitted during the day, particularly those
involving your predominant passion.

9. By these pious practices you will merit
the protection of the Mother of Mercy,
who so liberally recompenses the smallest
efforts of her servants.

10. Cast yourself before a statue of the
Blessed Virgin, and consecrate this month
to her, promising her that you will com-
bat the sin to which you are most subject,
and beg her to help you.

SHOW THYSELF A MOTHER.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN AS A REFUGE—A
STORY OF STRUGGLING POLAND.
Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

The touching festivities of the First
Communion are not complete—there is
something wanting to them—unless all
the members of the family are gathered

Polish noblemen, Count S., who had
been taken prisoner with arms in his
hands in the last struggle of Poland
against Russia, had been condemned to
death.

"Blessed Virgin Mary," she cried,
"pray for us, protect us, save us. Give
back the husband to his wife and the
father to his son. You should have pity

Stantianus and his mother soon arose
from their knees; a secret hope calmed
their grief. The Countess, under the
escort of a domestic and accompanied by

Some verses dug from the London
Times of 1835 show that lying could
could burl charges of treason and murder
52 years before it forged the Parnell
letter. Here is what it then had to say

"Ruffian, coward, Irish bog,
Bourgeois, demagogue,
Bourgeois, demagogue,
Bourgeois, demagogue,
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Who would use a convict like Mr.
Parnell certainly need not. Following
the Times' suit, Swinburne publishes a
hundred line poem denouncing Gladstone's

"The hoary henchman of the gang
Lifts hands that never do rest
Grand helmsman of the clamorous crew,
The good gray beard, the long white hair,

Our s. c. the Boston Saturday evening
Gazette, says of Swinburne:—
"Gladstone could hardly handle him
more contemptuously than did the satirist

"The recent slanderous accusation of
the London Times, that the Parnellites
had a guilty cognizance of Irish outrages
and murders, provokes the disgust of an

London Times of May 8th, 1883, said that
Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P., in a speech
the day before had, it is true, condemned
the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish,

It was the eve of the great day. Accord-
ing to a pious custom, the parents had
been invited to the pastor of the school in
order to bless their children. Count S.
arrived with the others. Stantianus threw

his arms about his neck and then kneeling
down received his father's blessing.
"Be so much for your blessing," said the
child, "but I hope I shall have my mother's
also."

"The father was silent.
"You know that mamma is coming?"
went on Stantianus.

"I wish her to be present at my First
Communion, and so she will be. You
see, dear papa, I have made a novena to
the Blessed Virgin. It finishes at five

"Come, come," interrupted the Count,
trying to smile; but unable to hear such a
conversation, he quitted her son's side.

"Where are you going my child?"
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"But your father came this morning."
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in which he contends that "unless the
rights of labor can be denied, the liberty
of organization to protect them and the

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dressed, with her face worn and disfigured,
came into the porter's lodge and asked to
see the young Stantianus S. The porter

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States to the other. There is no mistaking
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bright hope, and the vivid recollection of

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of God. It is singularly appropriate that

Gladstone is tired of meeting the Ang-
lo-American. He is disgusted with
boddy imitation. Buffalo Bill, and his
cow-boys struck the Grand Old Man as a

MR O'BRIEN AND HIS TRADUCERS.
The Editor of the Ottawa Citizen.

SIR—It is with extreme reluctance I
venture to trespass on your kindness for a
brief reference to a subject which has
suddenly grown so alarmingly delicate

I have with me copies of extracts
from leading editorials in United Ireland
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correct its imputation. That passage
the Times omitted in its report of his
speech." "This is how not to edit a
paper," says the Independent, and the

May we not hope as the fruit of so
many prayers offered up for that of jet,
that England will, some day, return to the
faith universally professed by her in the

An interesting fact was stated by Rev.
Dr. Geo. P. Hays, Presbyterian minister
of Cincinnati, in the course of his sermon,
Sunday last, defining the origin of

The works of the Fathers of the early
centuries are becoming very popular with
even Presbyterians. They are read, we
take it, to find arguments in which they

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1880. In this, among other instructive
passages, occur: "Long before I addressed
a word through your paper to the men of
Ireland—long before I ventured to place

... By throwing myself into the
ranks of repeal, I had cut myself
adrift from all English parties—Whig
or Tory, Conservative or Radical—

... Let every true Irishman abrogate
self and declare for his country; let, in
the words of Macaulay, none be for the
party, but all be for the State; let Pro-

London Weekly Register.
An English lady has sent a novel Easter
Egg to the Holy Father. It is made of
ivory, is lined with white satin, and con-

We greatly regret to announce the death
of the Duchess of Norfolk, which took
place very peacefully at half past four in
the afternoon of Easter Monday, at Arundel

In consequence of delicate health, Mgr.
Aglaird will not return to India, but
will be appointed to some post in Rome.
Mgr. Ajuti will be created an Archbishop,

"Surprised with joy," indeed, will
Catholics be to know that one who
proved himself "impatient as the wind,"
in his attitude towards the Catholic

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"divine right of kings"? If the Marquis
of Lansdowne is blameless the most
poisoned arrow which wings from the bow
in Mr. O'Brien's quiver will fall harmless

... Conscience makes
across the track. "Conscience makes
across of us all." If, as is alleged,
Lord Lansdowne's mouth is shut, evi-

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