A Bequiem BY MARY E. MANNIX.

For the last time before the hallowed altar, Where, till they could no more, her eager

feet Had turned with faithful love that could not falter In such familiar paths, in ways so sweet :

Scarcely more quiet now than in the hours When, days unnumbered, she was wont to

pray, Silent and pale she lay amid the flowers. Herself a flower more beautiful than they She loved them all, sweet bud and tiny blos-

And weeping friends had lain them in their bloom Within the still, white hands and on her

Brightening the lonely journey to the

No hopeless sobs, no wailings of affliction Swept through the measure of the organ'

swell. But softly, like a happy benediction, The solemn " Requiescat " rose and fell.

And who that loved her, as the words were

"Where shall we find a purer life than this?" Retracing her short span of years unbroken, But thought within his soul, "How true it

Oh ! where indeed ? Her childhood's days

Oh! where indeed i for the consent of the given
To Him who called her for His chosen bride.
And her sad pilgrimage from earth to heaven Followed the footsteps of the Crucified.

The cross by her frail, trembling arms up-lifted

lifted Was borne unto the mountain's topmost height: From the bruised flash the weight was never shifted, The bearer halted not for storm nor night.

She rests at last, that fair, sweet saint of ours; Her eyes have cast the film of earth away, Folded to sleep amid the silent flowers, Herself a flower more beautiful than they. —Catholic Columbian.

THE FIRST POPE.

The work of the redemption being completed it was time for our Lord to return to the Father. With His mother and the disciples, He went out to Mount Olivet, and from that sacred spot He ascended to heaven. Full of confidence in His promises, they returned to Jerusalem, and, entering the cenacle, they remained in prayer until the coming of the Holy Ghost, ten days afterward. Their retirement was model for all subsequent spiritual re-treats. The fall of Judas having left a vacancy in the Apostolic College, another had to be chosen in his place, for it was meet that the twelve should receive the Holy Ghost together.

PETER BEGAN THUS EARLY TO EXER CISE THE PREROGATIVES OF HIS

PRIMACY. Peter began thus early to exercise

the prerogatives of his primacy, for it was he who arose and, in virtue of his authority, proposed that the vacant seat be filled. He also prescribed the manner of electing, and, in the words of St. John Chrysostom, he might have made the appointment himself ; but he preferred to give an example of conde scension to all future Popes. Thus be-gins the narrative of the Acts of the Apostles

AT PENTECOST THE THING MOST EVI DENT IN PETER WAS THE CONSCIOUS-NESS OF HIS AUTHORITY.

The days of Pentecost being accom plished, there was heard the sound of a mighty wind coming from heaven, which entered the cenacle. All were filled with the Holy Ghost, and all began to speak in divers tongues. At that time there was a great multitude in Jerusalem from many lands, and Peter grasped the opportunity to preach the first sermon. The elo-quence of the illiterate fisherman was preach worthy of the vicar of Jesus Christ. He proved himself a master of the

guage of Bossuet, as Paul of Tarsus went to Peter, so other Pauls have gone to the Popes. A council was held at Jerusalem. It was the first, and a at Jerusalem. model for future councils. Peter pre sided, and the question being discuss he rendered his decision, to which all assented.

PETER ESTABLISHES HIS SEE IN THE

CITY OF ROME. Before the apostles separated, to bring the gospel tidings to all nations, they divided the world among them-selves, and Peter chose Rome for his He delayed, however, for a portion. while to fix his See there, because the hour of Providence had not come. In the meantime he established himself as Bishop of Antioch, but he went from place to place, founding churches and providing Bishops for the various Sees. Victory after victory was gained, but the greatest victory had yet to come. Rome of the emperors had to become Rome of the Popes. The man who trembled at the voice of a servant maid had the courage to enter a city which was like a forest fill with furious wild beasts. It required more confidence than he displayed when he walked upon the waters. Whence comes this

new courage? From the love of Jesus, who said to him: "Feed My lambs; feed My sheep." In virtue of his primacy, Peter governed the infant Church at Jerusalem. It pleased him to fix his See at Antioch, and from there he gov erned all the churches for seven years Wherever he went he was the vicar of Christ. At length he went to dwell permanently at Rome, and there he died. Rome, therefore, became the centre of unity and the seat of the

primacy, and as such it shall remain until time is no more. THE FISHERMAN OF GALILEE RAISES THE STANDARD OF THE CROSS IN

THE CITY OF THE CÆSARS The fisherman of Galilee entered the

city of the Cæsars. There he planted the cross in the heart of paganism. A all roads led to Rome, so Rome's in-fluence went everywhere. The war soon began, and the news of the battle was carried to the most distant regions The waves of persecution beat around the little bark, but Peter kept at the He helm for twenty-five long years. ordained priests, consecrated Bishops and governed the universal Church. The yellow Tiber became red with the blood of the faithful, but the stream kept steadily on. The hated Christians were found every where. They haunted the tyrant Nero in his palace, they led his armies to victory, and they carried the name of esus to the ends of the earth. first Pope sealed his faith with his blood. Like his Lord, he died on a cross, but in humility, ne died off a cross, but in humility, with his head toward the earth. The persecution continued, but the faith of Rome never Peace came at last, and the failed. cross of Jesus has been ever since a light to illumine the universe. -- New ork Freeman's Journal.

Religion in the Klondyke.

In spite of the character of its new settlers, religion will not be entirely absent from the Klondyke gold fields, as the territory is a Prefecture Apostolic under the direction of Rev. Paschal Tosi, S. J., assisted by a num-ber of fellow Jesuits; on the Yukon, best of fellow Jesuits; on the lukon, besides the Prefect-Apostolic, Revs. J. Post, F. Monroe, R. Crimont, A. Ragaru and three lay brothers; on the north-eastern coast Revs. J. Treca, A Parodi, F. Barnum, J. M. Catoldo, A. Robout and two lay brothers; on the southern coast, Revs. J. B. Rene, Peter Bougis and William Judge. Theses tations, with outlying missions, have been established since July, 1894, and the Jesuit Fathers are assisted in their work among the Indians by the Sisters of St. Ann, a Canadian order, who conduct, in their several communities, three schools, two orphan ages and a hospital. On the British side of the line the missions are attended by the Oblate Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. There are two Bishops, thirty priests twenty eight brothers and two orders of nuns, the Sisters of Charity, (Gray nuns) and the Sisters of Providence Most of these religious on the Canadian side, however, are too far south and west to be counted as factors in the elements of the country. The Jesuits and the Sisters of St. Ann are in the midst of the now famous region and to their tender mercies, under God, many a poor fellow will doubtless owe his re turn from that rigorous climate or a happy transition to his long home.

THE EVIL TENDENCIES OF SOCI-

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

ETY, AND THE REMEDY. Why is it that we are so fascinated with the riches and pleasures of this life? Why is it that the whole world seems bent on accumulating the great-est amount of this world's goods pos-sible? Why will men never learn that it is not in the power of any earthly treasures to confer solid and lasting happiness? With the striking and impressive lessons of the fleeting nature of all earthly things which are constantly multiplying around us is it not strange that men should not pause and reflect on the folly, the perfect absurdity, of spending all one's time and energies in the effort to accmu late a fortune and build up a splendid establishment, as if this were to be our It sometimes seems eternal home? like an epidemic madness that blinds men's minds and absorbs their time, attention and interest, to the utter neglect of the great question of the

future life. We have seen a man full of ambition and worldly pride setting out upon a successful career of money-making. He becomes a millionaire. He builds a magnificent mansion. That mansion is sumptuously furnished with all that unlimited wealth can command, and his family are installed in its elegant apartments as if they expected to remain there always. Sudienly the man dies in a fit of apoplexy. Not long after his wife follows him to the grave, the family is broken up and scattered and the mansion pas into other hands. The children, who have been educated without any positive religious convictions, surrounded by an atmosphere of worldliness, encouraged in the idea that the great purpose of life was to be rich and shine in " society," with no ideas of business or the necessity of economy, spend their money freely in all sorts of indulgence

and extravagant frivolity. They soon run through with their property, the sons become vagabonds and the daughters are left without hope or prospec for the future. This, with variations, is the history

of thousands of familes. Yet the world looks on with envious eye during the day of their prosperity, and with scant pity at their failure and misfortunes. But do they learn the lesson that these cases so emphatically teach? Sad to say, they do not. Through every grade of society this mad rush for wealth and worldly pleasure and dis-Through every tinction seems to carry everything before it.

And think of the untold evils that follow in its train. Men, in making haste to be rich, do not scruple as to the means for increasing their wealth. The numerous defalcations of men in positions of public trust, and the disgraceful development of dishonesty in ousiness and in municipal and even state and national affairs, are enough to fill every honest citizen with anxiety and alarm.

Well may we exclaim : "Whither are we tending? What are we com ing to ?" Ill gotten wealth leads to luxury, and luxury leads to vice. Such, undoubtedly, is the tendency of our time. There is, indeed -thanks to the faithful minority -still a moral public sentiment that is ready to denounce and discourage open profligacy and scandalous vice ; but we all know that the tendency to secret vice and consequent moral degeneracy and corrup-tion threatens society with the direst of

evils What is the difficulty? What is the secret of this loosening of the bonds of moral obligation - this tendency to luxury and self indulgence? In one word, it is a weakening of faith in the great truths of Christianntism is rapidly develor

shade all the peoples of the earth can find shelter and protection.-Sacred Heart Review.

" THEY NEVER SHALL FAIL." Pope Leo's Remarks Regarding the De-

votion of the Irish to the See of Peter.

At Carlow recently, before an im-nense congregation, which thronged the nave, transepts, gallery and every available space in his cathedral church, Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, fulfilled his promise of imparting to his faithful people the Papal blessing and at the same time relating his impressions and experiences of the Eternal City, from which he had recently returned. The chief thing which struck His

Lordship when he saw the Father of all the Faithful was not of things he had previously heard. It was not his great old age; it was not his enfeebled frame; it was not his strangely pale face or hi sparse features, but the deep, penetrat. ng, earnest, anxious look of his dark spiritual eyes. In point of intellect it is recognized that our Holy Father has

few equals, no superiors ; but it is not mere intellectuality that beams upon you, but it is the higher, the rarer and greater spirituality and noble purposes and strong determination to spend him-self and to be spent in the cause of Jesus Christ, whose representative he

is on earth. It has been said that at a certain time the Holy Father hesitated somewhat in his appreciation of Irish Catholics. If this be so the only inference that a devoted Catholic would draw from such a truth would be that the Holy Father had reason for such hesitation. After all the Irish are like the rest of mankind. They have their faults, and although it would be preposterous to say that they received a double dose of orginal sin, it would be equally absurd to claim exemption from the common inheritance of fallen humanity. Therefore he (His Lordship) must say that if the authority of the Holy Father should at any time direct their attenobservance of the moral tion to the law, they should be ready at once, at

all cost and at all hazards, to agree with the Holy Father in his teach ings. All His Lordship could say was that

he was simply amazed and astonished at the strength of the language made of by the Holy Father when **U50** speaking of the Irish people past and present. If they had only seen the wonderful vivacity with which the venerable man discoursed upon the virtues of Irish Catholics, upon their trials and persecutions in the past and of the unflinching fidelity with which they have always clung to the See of Peter, with which they have always held fast to the Christian faith and handed it down from sire to son, even in the midst of the most terrible crisis recorded in the history of the world.

His Lordship would never forget as long as he lived the earnestness with which the venerable Vicar of Christ spoke when winding up a discourse o ten or fifteen minutes on this topic. He said, speaking of the Irish people, defecerunt " " They Nunquam have never failed in their devotion to the See of Peter"), and he added with conviction-the conviction of a prophet who sees into the future-" Nunquam deficient "("They never shall fail").

Making Restitution.

The officials of the City Auditor's Department, Cleveland, were some what startled last Tuesday morning when a priest walked in and despos ited \$300 on a deputy's desk, saying "This is conscience money. It was taken from taxpayers long ago of my parishioners who was then a city official. He gave the amount to me the other day with the request that pay it back into the city treasury. Such a statement naturally roused the curiosity of the deputy who re-

THE MORAL POWER OF THE PRIEST. The moral power exercised by a good priest in his parish is incalcul-able. The priest is always a myster-

ious being in the eyes of the world. Like his Divine Master, he "is set for the fall and resurrection of many in in Israel ; and for a sign which shall be contradicted."

Various opinions are formed of him. Some say of him, as was said of our blessed Saviour, "He is a good man." And others say, "No, but he seduceth And others say, "No, but he secured the people." He is loved most by those who know him best. Hated and de spised he may be by many who are strangers to him and to his sacred character, but he has been too prom inent a factor in the civilization of mankind and the advancement of morality ever to be ignored. The life of a missionary priest is never written, non can it be. He has no Boswell. His can it be. biographer may recount the priest's public and official acts ; he may recount the churches he has erected, the schools he founded, the works of relig ion and charity he inaugurated an the converts he received into the fold -and this is already a great deal-but it only touches upon the surface of that

devout life. There is no memoir of his private daily life of usefulness and of his sacred and confidential relation with his flock All this is hidden with Christ in God, and is registered only by His record-ing angel. "The civilizing and moralizing influence of the clergyman in his parish," says Mr. Lecky, "the simple, unostentatious, unselfish zeal with which he educates the ignorant, guides the erring, comforts the sor rowful, braves the horrors of pestilence, and sheds a hallowing influence over the dying hour ; the ccuntless ways in which, in his little sphere, he allays evil passions and softens man ners, and elevates and purifies those around him ; all these things, although very evident to the detailed observer, not stand out in the same vivid do prominence in historical records, and are continually forgotten by histori ans.

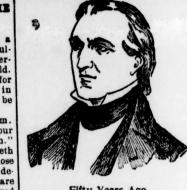
The priest is Christ's unarmed officer of the law. He is more potent in re-pressing vice than a band of con-stables. His only weapon is his voice ; his only badge of authority his sacred Like the fabled Neptune putt office. Like the fabled Neptune putt-ing Eolus to flight and calming the troubled waves, the priest quiets many a domestic storm ; subduing the winds of passion, reconciling the jarring elements of strife, healing dissensions, preventing divorce, and arresting blood shed. He is the daily depository of his parishioners' cares and trials anxieties and fears, afflictions and temptations, and even of their sins. They come to him for counsel in doubt for spiritual and even temporal aid and if he cannot suppress, he has a least the consolation of mitigating the moral evil around him. - Catholic Review.

Told by Dr. Talmage.

We do not admire the Rev. Mr Talmage in every respect, but we enjoyed his touching story of the reporter who stopped to have his shoes brushed by a frail-looking little boot black, a ig boy coming up and appearing to take the job away from him. Th re porter thought the big boy a bully, told him so in the most emphatic terms, and ordered him to go his way.

"Oh, that's all right, sir plied, good-naturedly. "You see, poor little Jim's been sick in the hos pital for more than a month, and we kids give him a lift whenever we can." "That's right. How much percent

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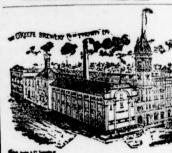
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Scriptures, and he surprised the priests with his knowledge of the prophecies but the most striking thing of all was the evident consciousness of his author No one could fail to single out ity. the Pope. Andrew was the first called, and John the best beloved of the Lord, but Peter had authority over all. The sacred narrative also makes a distinc tion, for it relates that the multitude said to Peter and the rest of the Apos ties : "What shall we do, men and brethren ?" Peter answered the ques tion, and, as Pope, he issued the first Papal decree :

Do penance and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the Holy Ghost.

Three thousand converts were made that first sermon, and it was the privilege of the first Pope to gather in the first fruits from Judaism.

THE CHURCH WAS THUS FORMED AND PETER BEGAN TO GUIDE ITS INFANCY.

The Church was thus formed, and Peter began to guide its infancy. The first converts were brought to him to be instructed in the faith. He wrought the first miracle, in curing the lame man at the gate of the temple. He the first to preach in the temple, and the number of converts at this second discourse was five thousand. These were all from the Jewish race, but Christ died for all mankind, and every race was to partake in the bless ings of redemption. Cornelius, the Centurion, was the first fruit of the Gentiles, and he also was received into the Church by the first Pope. The duty of a Pope is not merely to preach teach and guide the Church, but he has also to punish evil It became necessary to exdoers. ercise this last duty at a very early period. Ananias and Saphira incurred heaven's displeasure, and it was re served to Peter to pronounce the dread sentence of condemnation. A dissension having arisen with regard to the obligation of circumcising the Gentile converts, Paul, with all his authority, did not presume to settle the dispute. He went up to Jerusalem to lay the matter before Peter, and, in the lan-

College for Convert Clergymen.

The Pope has just completed the pre liminary arrangements for establish-ing an institute for convert clergymen wishing to pursue the higher eccles-iastical studies. The new foundation is, writes The Westminster Gazette, to be connected with the English College in Rome, and the expenses in connec tion therewith will be defrayed by the Holy Father himself. During Cardinal Vaughan's visit to Rome the Pope made several enquiries of His Eminence as to the means at present existing for enabling convert Anglican clergymen to undertake, the necessary studies for the Catholic priesthood, and in conjunction with the Cardinal, settled the principal details in connection with the proposed institute. At the present time there are seven or eight convert clergymen studying for the priesthood in Rome, including Father Maturin.

Comfort Sometimes.

Comfort Sometimes. When health is far gone in consumption, then sometime only ease hnd comfort can be secured from the use of Scott's Emulsion. What is much better is to take this medicine in time to save your health. Pallid faces indicate pale, thin blood. Rosy cheeks show the pure, rich blood resulting from taking Hood's Sarssparilla.

ing itself to its legitimate results Protestants are losing faith even in the Bible, which has heretofore been insisted upon as the only and all sufficient rule of faith, and they are now all at sea. When you have destroyed the foundation of Christian faith you will have undermined the only true and reliable foundation of morality, for you remove the idea of account ability for our actions. Conscience, as Archbishop Ireland has well said, is the only power on earth that can effectually restrain human passion, and con science, to be effective must be bound fast to the throne of God by a living and undoubting faith in the tremend ous sanction of the Gospel of Jesus Carist. It is asked, "What is the remedy?

We reply, without hesitation, The only efficient remedy is to be found in the divine, infallible authority of the Catholic Church. That authority fur-nishes a sure basis of faith. Its effi cacy has been tested by millons of the greatest and best minds that have ever existed. We do not hesitate to say that it is at the present moment the great moral break-water of societythe only power that can in the long run stem the otherwise resistless tide of human corruption.

of human corruption. If it be said that people calling them-selves Catholics are sometimes caught in crooked ways that is no evidence against the Church itself. It only serves to illustrate the truth of the declaration of our Lord that the tares —or the cockle—and the wheat grow together in the field of the Church. Sad to say, there are bad as well as good Catholics, but a rotten branch is no evidence of the badness of the tree —there are decayed or rotten branches everywhere—the fact only proves that by some evil influence the healthful flow of the life giving sap in that par-ticular branch has been interrupted. The venerable old tree, after the storms of centuries, stands firm and vigorous as ever and full of life, spreading its branches far and wide, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and under whose benignant

ceived the money as to the identity of the man who was making restitution for a long past offense, but, of course, the priest was silent on that point, as his knowledge of the facts had been gained through the confessional.

The circumstance was the subject of much comment among the clerks of the auditor's office, especially as there was experienced some hesitation about the proper department with which to credit the sum ; but it was finally decided to credit it to the general fund and the money was deposited in the

city's strong bex. The power for good of the confes-sional was thus brought home to men ignorant of the principles of the Catholic religion, and could not but command their admiration for an in-stitution which keeps men rigorously in the right path and for a Church whose ministers respect the seal of the confessional even to the point of guard ing it at the sacrifice of their lives.

An Age of Substitution.

Not a cent," answered the boy with emphasis, and brushing a little harder. "I'd like to see any feller harder. sneak on a sick boy-I would !

"Here," said the reporter ; " take this quarter and divide up with Jim." "Can't do it, sir. You're his "Can't do it, sir. You're his customer. Here, Jim! You're in uck.

Who shall say after this that our fallen world is wholly lost?

Mr. Natanael Mortonson, a wellknown citizen of Ishpeming, Mich., and editor Superior Posten, who, for a long time, suffered from the most excruciating pains of rheumatism, was cured, eight years ago, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, having never felt a twinge of it since.





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