THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

A: M. D. G.

Brothers, who toil with pencil or pen, With chisel or brush, for the praise of men, Do you never consider twilight's close When you sit in your darkened studios,— Do you never consider, how, once for all, That other and deeper night must fall, When Earth and the things thereof shall be Lost, like a dream, in Eternity! When shrinking and startled, with soul laid bare, The creatures must meet the Creator there, And learn at the foot of the great White Throne

Throne The truth which should never have been

unknown-That naught avails us under the sun,

In word of in work unless it is done For the honor and glory of dod alone. —ELEANOR C. DONNELLY.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

How to be Happy:

Once upon a time there was a king who had a little son whom he loved very much, so he took a great deal of pains to make him happy. But, for all this, the young prince wore a frown wherever he went, and was always wishing for something he did not have. At length, one day a magician came to the court. He saw the scowl on the boy's face, and said to the king : "I can make your son happy, and turn his frowns into smiles." The magician took the boy into a private room. He wrote something with a white sub-stance upon a piece of paper. Then he gave the boy a candle, and told him to light it and hold it under the paper, and see what he could read. The boy did as he was told, and the white letters turned into a beautiful hun. into a beautiful blue. They formed these words: "Do a kindness to some one every day." The prince made use of the secret, and became the happiest boy in the realm .- Catholic Youth.

Kindness to the Poor Rewarded.

The son of a poor widow was on his way to the University of Oxford. His mother, by a great effort, had raised suffi. cient money to enable him to finish his studies. When he was within two stages of Oxford, the young man found that he had lost the banknote that his mother had given him. He remembered that he had taken out his purse some time before, and, thinking that the note might have been blown out, he got down from the coach and went back along the road to look for it. After walking three miles he met a beggar, and, though he felt it important not to lose time in searching for his note, his heart was so touched by the pitiable condition of the poor fellow, that he stopped to speak to him. Finding that he was going to Oxford, he offered to give him a note to a benevolent person there. He put his hand into his pocket, but not a morsel of paper could he find, when the beggar suddenly stopped, picked up a piece of paper from the road, and asked him if he could not write on that. It was the lost bank note, given into his own hand by the very man towards whom he was endeavoring to do what he felt to be an act of charity.

Never Swear.

From the Catholic Intelligencer.

1. It is mean. A boy of high moral standing would almost as soon steal a sheep as swear.

2. It is vulgar-altogether too low for a decent boy.

a decent boy.
3. It is cowardly—implying a fear of not being believed or obeyed.
4. It is ungentlemanly. A gentleman,
4. It is ungentlemanly.

according to Webster, is a genteel man-well-bred, refined, Sach a one will no more swear than to go into the street to throw mud with a chimney sweep. 5. It is indecent—offensive to delicacy,

and extremely unfit for human ears. 6. It is venomous-showing a boy's heart to be a nest of vipers; and every

time he swears one of them sticks out from his head. 7. It is wicked-violating the divine Taw, and provoking the displeasure of Him who would not hold him guiltless who takes Him who would not hold him guiltless

THE BLESSED IRISH MOTHER. THE FARMER'S NINE DAUGHTERS.

I wonder if she is still in the Old Land, the blessed Irish mother, who put a cap around her comely face between the twenties and thirties, and covered her brown waves from sight.

To her simple soul, marriage meant consecration; the man who chose her need not concern himself about the little tendernesses; her affection was fixed as the stars. He might be unreasonable, nay, in trying times he might be cruel. but her faith in the divine right of husbands was unshaken.

She would have the children reverential to their father, even if she had to romance a little to effect it, and with what loving sophistry she explained away his weaknesses.

She never understood a constitution political or physical, but when sickness was in the family her pathetic care made the poor broth strengthened and the bitter medicine sweet. No sleep, no rest, no peace for her while the shadow of death lay across the threshold and how hard it was to die under her beseeching eyes; but if a summons had really come, she would hold the crucifix to the dying lips, and the beloved son and daughter carried the sound of her voice with them to Heaven, for what Irish mother but could say the prayers for the departing soul.

Not even the story of her country's wrongs could imbitter her guileless nature; the mantle of her charity covered even the bloody Sassenach, and sometimes; secretly not daring to let it be known, she recommended them to the Virgin Mother. If her belief in her husband was strong, what could measure the confidence she reposed in the brave boys that overtopped her at sixteen. Anything evil in them, her glory and her delight? impossible ! They were always white boys in their mother's eyes however dark and desperate in the sight of

those who dwell in high places. Her un. questioning trust and earnest teaching kept them pure and honest in their early day, and later, when they discovered that the dear mother was only a simple, illogi-cal, unlettered woman, their loyalty and devotion deepened to find what wonders, she had worked with her few talents. What a tragedy Shakespeare could have woven around her, haunted all her life by a phantom ship at anchor at some harbor, waiting till the children of her love were old enough to take passage and leave her forever. How sorrowful must have been her joy when seeing them rise to the stature of men and women.

I wonder if she is still in the Old Land; stealing out of the lonely home at night-fall, and looking with her tender eyes always westward. And when no one is by, falling on her knees and lifting her hands in such intensity of supplication, that they touch the hem of His garment, and the blessings fall on her flesh and blood in the far-off land and her faith has made them whole.

If flowers emblematic of their lives could spring from the dust beneath, it would be easy to find the grave of the Irish mothers.

Roses would be clustered in the emerald moss about the head ; violets at the feet ; and among the sweetest of the clover blossoms; just above the heart, there would be lilles.

AN ODIOUS "JOOK."

A gossiper, writing from abroad, says : The Duke of Argyll, whose writing and speeches and correct life have given him a considerable reputation in America, where they are considered apart from his personality, is in London universally regarded as an odious little prig, whose conceit impels him to lecture and harangue everybody and their shortcomings, and whose smallness and selfishness only prevent his doing the things which he condemns in others. I have a

A good farmer had nine daughters and one son. Every Sunday this large family went to Holy Communion. During the week all were engaged in tilling the fields

and caring for the cattle, in sewing and household duties, and so on. Every morning at five o'clock half of them went to hear Mass in the neighboring village, the other half had the same consolation the week following.

For many years the father had not been able to go to the church except on Sundays, and even this he did with diffi-culty. To reach it a creek, not very deep but wide had to be crossed over. The people round it had placed in it at regular distances large flat stones, on which they stepped to keep out of the water. One January day, the father was astonished to find his daughters returning home after being away only twenty minutes. "What's the matter children?" he asked.

"Why, father, the water ran over the stones during the night. It has gone down now, but it left them covered with ice, and we were afraid of an accident if we crossed. That is why we came back." "For whose sake did you start out?"

"Why, father, for God's sake." "Go back then; for if you really go to Mass for His sake, He will protect you. The Holy Sacrifice is well worth the trouble you may have to put up with in order to have the honor of assisting at it. When I was yet able to walk, and there happened to be ice on the stones, I took off my shoes and waded through the water. Go, do as your father did; you have still time."

The nine girls, no less pious than their father, retraced their steps and passed through the icy water barefoot.

This, in our day, is equal to St. Germaine, the poor shepherd girl of old, who was wont to wade a stream in order to go and adore Jesus in the church.

Another time these girls, poor as they were, had saved their earnings-cent by cent—a small sum of money to buy a statue of St. Joseph for their church. On the 18th of March two of them went to place the statue over the tabernacle. They inserted iron clamps in the pedestal; but as the evening was growing late, they said: "Let us wait; we will rise early in the morning and come to arrange the altar before Mass."

They came, indeed, the next morning as early as the sacristan, and entered all radiant with joy to prepare their cher-ished chapel. Judge of their feelings; there was nothing left of their beautiful statue but the pedestal! It had been broken by the strokes of a hatchet, and the pieces lay scattered on the floor. They went in tears to the others and tremblingly told them of the sacrilege. Their worthy mother calmly answered :

"I fear, children, you did not buy this statue solely for God, and now he is punishing your self-love. But, whatever may be God's motive for sending you this mortification, I forbid you to ask any questions, under any pretext or from any one whomsoever, that may lead to the discovery of the author of this wicked deed. Once more if you had acted for God alone, this would not have happened.

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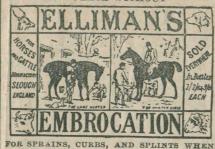
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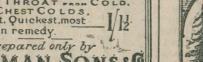
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