The wind was bitter, the snow fell fast, And a mocking voice in the fitful blast Seemed ever to echo her mourning cry, And she begged an alms of the passers-

by,
"Have pity on me, have pity, I pray,
My back is bent and my hair gray."
The bells were ringing the bells were ringing the hour of

prayer, And many good people were gathered there; But covered with furs and mantles

warm,
They hurried past through the wintry

some were hoping their souls to save,

the grave;
And, alas! they had no time to heed
The poor soul asking for charity's need

grace, And closely muffled in veils of lace, They saw not the sorrow nor heard the

some were blooming with beauties

Of her who sat on the cold door stone. At last came one of noble name,

By the city counted the wealthiest dame, And the pearls that round her neck were

strung. She proudly there to the beggar flung.

Then followed a maiden young and fair, Adorned with clusters of golden hair; But her dress was thin and scanty and

worn, Not even the beggar's seemed more for-

With tearful look and pitying sigh, She whispered soft, "No jewels have I But I give you my prayers, good friend,

said she,
"And sure, I know God listens to me." On the maid's pure hand so white and

small, The blind woman let a teardrop fall, And kissed it; then said to the weeping

" It is you have given the purest pearl," Ridgeway, Wis.

AN AUTHENTIC CASE OF DEMONIACAL POSSESSION.

Two months ago I promised the editor of Rome a relation of certain facts which happened in my Vicariate last year (May, 1907), concerning two native girls by the dev 1.

I shall simply relate the facts, without a word of comment, and shall content myself with vouching for their absolute truth. If any one thinks differently from me on the subject, he is quite free to do so: I mean, provided he admits the facts, he may draw his own conclu-

There is in the Vicariate of Natal a Mission now in charge of the Trappist Fathers, where a great deal of good is done, although it was a long time before any results could be seen. This Mission is dedicated to St. Michael, and about twenty miles from the nearest village, the magistracy of Umzinto.

charge of St. Michael's, in which he declared that two girls of the Mission Native School were possessed Mission For several months, I was constantly receiving le ters from the priest in Native School were possessed by the devil, and asked for permission to practice the solemn Exorcisms. After practice the solemn Exorcisms. some time, I allowed him to do so, and things were quieter for a little while, but soon the distressing phenomena re-appeared worse than before. I was very much annoyed, and hardly believed it of Marianhill either to go himself or legate a priest who would enquire inthe facts, and if necessary, exorcise But a few days after, I found could go myself, and wrote to St. telling the priest to expect me on the Tuesday following: I should be accompanied by Father Garrigan of

At the last moment, I changed my mind as to my travelling companion, and took Father Delagues, O. M. I., then in charge of the Native Mission in Dur-

set out on the Monday, and arrived at St. Michael's on Tuesday at

I really did not believe it was a case of possession, and Father Delagues laughed at the very idea of it.

You may imagine therefore my annoyance, when on arriving at the mission, ound the natives in eager expectation the priest had told them that the Bishor vas coming to cast out the devils, and prayers had been said every day for that ntention. I had, therefore, unless I wanted to lose all prestige and authority in the natives' mind, to settle the case one way or the other. So I turned to Our Lord, and told Him the whole thing

We then went to see the two girls, Germana and Monica, who were kept in separate rooms, and away from the other children. As soon as Germana saw me. she began to tremble and shake all over, shrinking from me. I told her to kneel down, which she did, gnashing her teeth. Father Delagues threatened to punish

dress, and we went away to see Monica. The latter seemed to suffer terribly, but

I was very uncertain yet, and called the priests (3 Trappists) and also the Sisters, and asked them some particulars about the ways of the two girls. Here are some of the things they told me:

-They carry enormous weights, which
two men could hardly lift (the girls are
about sixteen years old.)

-They understand Latin whilst in

their fits, and even speak it sometimes.

—They reveal the secret sins of the School Children, etc.

be ready to begin at 2 p. m., in the Sis-ters choir, and excluded everyone else

Then a kind of convulsion, and she re from the Church. Just before the time. small bottle of holy water in my pocket.
Then I put on the rochet and mozetta, and waited for Germana.

Then I put on the rochet and mozetta, and waited for Germana. I had the holy water font emptied and filled with plain water, whilst I took a

The Sisters brought her into the Chapel, and I sprinkled her at once with water from the font. At first, she looked up with a slight shudder, but as I continued, she laughed mockingly and cried: "You may go on, this is not holy water!" I then took the bottle out of this time she shricked and cried, and asked me to stop.

Now, I must remark that all the time

which the ordeal lasted I spoke Latin only, the girl obeying all my orders and answering me, usually in Zulu but someimes in Latin.

After some prayers, I asked her: "Die mini quomodo voceris ?"—to which she replied: Dic mihi nomen tuum! I insisted, and she aid: I know your name; it is Henry, but where did you see that spirits have names?"—"They have, and I command you to tell me yours."— Never, never!' But on my placing on her head a relic of the true cross, which she could not see : "Take that away, she cried, it crushes me!"-"What is it? -"A relic!"—Then now tell me your name."—"I can't but I'll spell it; D-i-o-a r."—"Now, who is your Master?"
"I have none!"—But you have one and must tell me his name."—"I cannot, but I shall write it" and she wrote with her

inger; Lucifer.

"Now." I went on, "t-ll me why you were cast out from Heaven."—"Because God showed us His Son made man, and commanded us to adore Him, but we would not, because He had taken unto Himself an inferior nature."

Whilst I was going ou with the prayers

of the ritual, she (should I not say He?, however you understand) interrupted me constantly, objecting to all the invocations. When I read extracts from the Gospels, she suddenly exclaimed:

"I know Matthew, I don't know Mark!"

"This is an untruth, and to make up
for it kneel down at once." Which she for it kneel down at once." Which she did. Whilst we recited the Magnificat, she interrupted again: "Stop it, I know

to be quiet, she turned on him: "You fool! who gave you authority over me? Did the Bishop or the Abbot delegate

At times she remained quiet and diswas a case of possession, but rather put it down to hysterics. Unable to go at allowed to go into another girl, Anasta of Mariankill cither to the Abbot of Mariankill cither to tasia: "Stop your prayers," she said also, "they hurt me; if you stop, I shall go out to-morrow morning!" Time went on, and as I was tired, I commissioned on, and as I was tired, I commissioned one of the priests to read the prayers for me. He did so, but with a droning voice: as he stopped at the end of a paragraph, she turned fercely upon him,

Exi immunde spiritus!" she said. From time to time, she went into will fits of roaring; on such occasi I had only to place two fingers lightly on the throat, and she could not utter ound. To make a counter-experiment, asked one of the Sisters to do the same as I did, but it had no effect: "Tell me I said, but it had no elect: "Tell me, I said, why you are so much afraid of the priest's fingers?" — "Because," she answered, "they are consecrated," and she made the motion of the Bishop anointing the priest's hands at his ordination.

We went on thus from 2 p. m. till 9 o clock in the evening, when I decided

to stop till the following morning. Afterwards Germana was somewhat quieter, and she came, begging of me not to give her up: "I am sure," she said, " that if you said your Mass for me to morrow, it would be easier." " Yes," to-morrow, it would be easier." "Yes,"
"I answered," I shall, but on the condition that you will go to confession and was now his affair and He had to help

the Exorcisms again.

From the very first words she became

I asked. "He went to baptize a man who got sick suddenly." That also was true, but nobody in the chapel knew it. Then she asked for a drink, and one of the state of the sheat of the state Then she asked for a drink, and one of us fetched her a cup of water. After drinking some of it, she stopped: "Wretched man," she said. "you gave me holy water!" Still I made her drink me holy water!" Still I made her drink the whole of it and she became quite defiant: "All right, give me more still.

it will not make me suffer more than I It would be too long, were I to repeat Sometimes they are lifted off the ground in spite of the Sisters holding them.

Sometimes they are lifted off the everything she said. Suffice it to say, that every moment it became more and more awful, until at last she tried to bite more awful, until at last she tried to other a priest. He, somewhat excited gave a mon fire!" The Sisters withdrew, and saw the girl's dress ablaze. Another time, her bed began to burn also, although there was no fire near by.

And so on.

It was getting very serious, and the proof Sixters were of this terrible life. oor Sisters, weary of this terrible life, fell to the floor, and moaned with awful begged of me to help them. After all this, I thought it was my duty to begin the solemn exorcisms. I ordered therethe struggle was terrible. The struggle was terrible was terrible was terrible. The struggle was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible. The struggle was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible. The struggle was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible was terrible. The struggle was terrible was terribl the solemn exorcisms. I ordered therefore the four priests and three Sisters to But the sign of the cross brought the

Then a kind of convulsion, and she remained motionless, as if dead. "Locus

to Germana. If anyone can explain the signs, the symptoms, the words, and the cure, otherwise than by possession, he will be more clever than I am.

I shall perhaps relate some other time the case of Monica, and in the meantime, I give the editor of Rome leave to do with this what he liked. I have in my possession a letter sent me by Germana afterwards, in which she begs that I may pray for her death. She has seen too much and is afraid of

NOTES FROM ROME.

life.-Rome.

Rome, January 23. Up to the middle of January the re

lief fund sent directly to the Holy Fa-ther for the earthquake sufferers amount ed to about \$300,000. one-nalf of which has come from Catholics of the United States. This money was forwarded by the Holy Father as fast as received to the bishops of the stricken districts, and of the towns near by, where the sur vivors took refuge temporarily.

Money is still coming in from all direc-

tions and it cannot come too quickly nor toos and it cannot come too quickly nor too generously. There will continue to be great hardship among the survivors for a long time yet, and those who have harbored them must be helped. There are thirteen thousand wounded and homeless refugees from the devastated cities in Naples alone, and to put these on their feet again is a problem that the generosity of the world must help to

ments when quick and sensible help was required but a hero also for the steady, quiet endurance that has made im every day since the catastrophe man beings, who look to him in their woe for relief and comfort and safety. He has proved a giant for practical work

in the rescue.

The money sent to him seems almost miraculously multiplied in its ability to gather the scattered fragments of families, provide food and raiment and sisters are following Mgr. Arrigo's lead and the survivors of these terrible times will later, in calmer days, give good testimony to that effect.

As it is, and it is a sorrow to have to say it, many of the secular papers are dumb about the Archbishop's work, though lauding others to the skies. Worse than this, some of the papers are belittling the work of the Archbishop and the bishops, and worse yet, the minister of the Navy, Admiral Mirabello, had an attack on the clergy charging them with abandonment and cruelty and political manœuvering during the days that succeeded the catastrophe.

His villianous charge against the clergy wholesale has had however the good effect of bringing out the decent press, even the most secular, in a unan-imous defence of the prompt and noble work of the Archbishop and the whole elergy behind him. Altogether the clergy behind him. Altogether the earthquake has been the means of bringing the priests and the poor people face to face and heart to heart as they have to face and heart to heart as not been brought together for a long

The Giornale d'Italia tells :

In Messina a fine group of men have immortalized themselves by their courrage and resourcefulness—of them later. but in Calabria one man stands head and shoulders above all others; Mgr. Morabito, Bishop of Mil to. He knew Communion to-morrow morning."

The night was awful, and the poor sisters had to remain with her all through. She went to confession and Holy Communion in the morning, and Holy Communion in the morning, and a devoted band of priests and nuns, visiting the places most afflicted, burying the dead, rescaling the morning. ing the dead, rescuing the wounded consoling the surviving, opening sou unmanageable, and we had to tie her kitchens, distributing clothing, direct feet and her hands, since eight of us ing the building of wooden barra he Father Delagues threatened to punish her, if she did not behave properly: he had no sooner said this, than she jumped up, in a perfect fury: "Because you are from Durban, she said, you think you can do everything, even strike a spirit!" [2] find her again." It was true, [2] find her again." It was true, [3] find her again." It was true, [4] find her again." It was true, [5] find her again." It was true, [6] find her again." It was true, [7] find her again." It had sent for away, but Germana could not her away. But Germana could not be seen building or wooden barra he, hardly eating or sleeping or resting, and finding time to write letters to the dardly eating or sleeping or resting, and finding time to write letters to the supplying relief. Admiral Mirabello did not see Bishop Morabito multiply ing himself so marvellously amid the early in the morning I had sent desolate towns—the Admiral was too busy fooling with tape and sealing-wax

very probably never heard anything Reggio where they have a school, and orphanage, and a home for infants. In the first there were twenty sisters— seven of them were buried under the ruins, with eleven of the girls and eight servants: the surviving nuns rescued the rest of the children; dressed their wounds, clothed and shel-tered them, and had them sent to a place of safety. In the second two of three Sisters were killed—the third, Suor Raffaella, though wounded herself, for four days and nights saved and self, for four days and nights saved and nursed the thirty orphans who escaped, and begged for the food which kept them from starvation. In the third there were four Sisters with thirty there were four Sisters with thirty little innocents—all escaped except two babies who perished. But they did not escape so easily. The Sisters begged that they and their charges might be taken on board a vessel standing outside the port, but no heed was paid to their entreaties so they went to the colored problem, that its saving precepts alone can bring salvation and honor to the race."

More than four hundred colored chillater followed their good friend to her last resting place, and strewed her new made grave with the flowers they had did to their entreaties so they went our large drawers from a linen chest for His unfortunate children. nd in each of them they placed five abies. The drawers were lifted on the eads of the four sturdy nurses, each of ng babies in their arms, the little pro on set off in a terrible downpour of rain, and never stopped until it reached Gerace, twelve miles away! It would easy to fill a volume with the heroic

A HEROIC LIFE OF SELF-SACRIFICE. WHAT A CATHOLIC WOMAN HAS DONE

Freeman's Journal.

Not long ago there died in New Not long ago there died in New Orleans another woman who like Margaret of immortal fame in that city, "went about doing good" in quiet and unassuming ways. She lived out her life as quietly as her days had been spent. This woman was Miss Anna Meyer who had devoted her whole life to the aducation and unlifting of the to the education and uplifting of the

of the education and appropriate to the oldered people of her city.

She was born in New Orleans sixtyone years ago. She was just nineteen rears old at the close of the Civil war, years old at the close of the CUN war, and with a keen discernment unusual in one so young, she studied social condi-tions, and saw that unless restraints were thrown around the newly freed negroes, they would be destroyed by the very license which freedom gave them. She saw, too, the young Catholic negroes fast drilting from the faith and her heart yearned over them. So quietly she set to work to do what little she could to safeguard those in whom

she was interested. To this end she opened a little school in her own home, and went about among the colored people of her neighborhood, the colored people of the helphotacker, who were wild with the idea of having their children go to the Public schools and sit alongside of the white children, and explained to them the dangers of educating the mind without training the heart and soul; above all, the dangers of losing their faith.

She soon had a class of nearly one hundred pupils, boys and girls, whom she taught gratis.

sne taught gratis.

This large class of children she taught
to read and write, and instilled into
them the principles of their faith, preparing them for their first communion and confirmation, taking them in a body each morning to Mass, and during the each morning to Mass, and using the days of the retreat having them remain with her in quiet and prayerful prepar-ation for the greatest event of their lives. In the spring of 1866, one of the her little school growing to greater proportions, some of the pupils paying if they desired, but the great majority re-

ceiving their training free.

HER EDIFYING LIFE. The Benedictine Fathers who are in charge of St. Boniface Church say that Miss Meyer was a constant source of edification to the people and parish. She wanted souls for God—helpless, bandoned souls-and so she gave her life abandoned souts—and so she gave her hie to the care of the colored people of that section. For forty years, day in and day out, Miss Meyer was at the early Mass with her class of first communion children; these seldom numbered les than forty, and often more. More than this, of an evening she would gather the older colored people, men and women who desired to be instructed in the faith and would teach them their catechism and their duties to God, to their neigh-

bor and themselves.

She followed her boys and girls from the schools and the first Communion classes into their homes and after life, and many a one she saw honorably and properly married. She followed the children grown to manhood to the gates of death, bringing the priest to hear their dying confession, and administer the last sacraments and she stayed there at their bedside to speed the parting soul and comfort it with thoughts of God

and His infinite mercy and love. Such was the life of Anna Meyer for forty years. Her aim was to give the colored people a good, Christian education to lead them to God and heaven. She never asked for funds to help her in her work. She never made an appeal for money to the people of the North. She gave of herself, of her heart and soul, to the blessed work. More than this, she gave all her humble means in works of charity, bringing comfort and assistance to manyla home, and this irrespective of color or greed. Often during the period of nearly half a century she was offered good positions in white schools, for her ability as a teacher was well known. But she peculiarly adapted to reach all kinds of their superior.

Morning Star of New Orleans said:
"And now for the first time the story of
Anna Meyer is given to the world. Her
name appeared in the newspapers for
the first time when her death notice appeared. But she needed no newspaper notoriety to stimulate her in her blessed God-given work. She has shown the world what a Catholic woman can do alone, unaided save by the good priests who encouraged her and the Great God who was her inspiration and guide. Her lifework stands as a monument of the consecration of a Catholic woman to principle and self-imposed duty, a duty that she believed all the more imperative because she held and exemplified that the Catholic Church alone can solve the colored problem, that its saving pre-

carried with them for that purpose. So closed a beautiful life, lived for God and

SCIENCE WITH A CAPITAL S.

Professor See, United States naval officer in charge of the observatory at Mare Island, Catifornia, has announced new hypothesis which he believes is destined to remanently supplant the hypothesis of Laplace promulgated at eds of the priests and nuns.-N. Y.

Paris in 1796.

For over a hundred years the scientists in the field of astronomy have taken Laplace's theory as a satisfactory solu-tion of the origin of the heavenly bodies and their movements. It was to them a wonderful achievement of science and was held up for the admiration of the gaping multitude as evidence of the superiority of this age over the ignorant astronomy of the past, and of course,

the ignorance of Moses also.

It was the teaching of science and to doubt it or hesitate to accept it was to make oneself an object of scientific con-tempt, and if Moses' account did not coincide with it Moses was an ignora-

The accounting for anything by say ing that science teaches it is very un

What is Science? Is it a thing, a person or an institution whose function to teach? No, it's none of these.

What is it then?
Science according to the dictionary, and considered objectively, is knowledge, co-ordinated, arranged, and systematized. It is then not the thing known, for that which is, Is, whether known, or not. It is the mental act or state of knowing. Reduced to the last resort it is the cognizance by the mind of the individual of truths, of supposed facts and realities. These, co-ordinated, arranged and systematized in the individual mind-for there is no common mind of humanity—is what is called Science—with a capital S if you

It appears therefore as strictly subjective, that is, it is in the individual mind and not outside it. Things, facts, realities are outside; it is the knowledge or cognizance of them that is in the mind. Where there is no mind there is no knowledge, and things are

there is no knowledge, and things are even if there was never a human mind to cognize them.

To sum up, then, the authority of Science is nothing more than the author-ity of one or more individual investi-

ators and theorists. But the idolators of Science are not satisfied with this limited and very fallation for the greatest event of their lives. In the spring of 1866, one of the largest classes of first communicants in New Orleans was the class of colored children prepared by Miss Meyers. She kept on with her work, year after year, her little school growing to greater proher little school growing to greater pro-Nothing must contradict it except, itself, a right it reserves to itself and is con-

stantly putting to use.

The Scientist as a collector of facts is not an undesirable citizen to the friends of progress in knowledge. But we en he ies a few facts or supposed facts together and goes to work to build up theories his value as an investigator ceases. And when he goes to theorizing the spirit of the age im-pels him to construct if possible a theory pels him to construct if possible a theory that he imagines will contradict Moses

Of course we do not mean that all students and investigators of nature and her laws are impelled by this spirit. There are some who have a high purpose and unconquerable industry, and who know what they are about. To meet these is as cheering as to meet robins in midwi ter.- N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

KIND WORDS FROM A SECULAR PAPER.

Commenting on the Chicago Missionary Congress, the Waterloo (Iowa) Cour-The Catholic Church has done and is

still doing a great work among and for the Indians. It has not done as much, comparatively speaking, for the negro, but perhaps this was owing to the fact that heretofore this mission field was operated from abroad. Now that it is to be self-governed from its home we confidently expect that more attention will be paid to work among the negroes.

There is here a large field of useful-

ness opened for the Church not thus far occupied. There are many colored congregations, but not many colored With profer effort the number of colored churches can easily be increased.

We hope that the Congress may see

one called a priest away; he came back half an hour later: "Where has he been," had heard of him and was pleased to for money.

I asked. "He went to baptize a man mention him as an exception. But he mention him as an exception. But he mention him as an exception. But he mention him as an exception on board his man-of-war, but even he always refused. She was not working for money.

In closing its account of her life the when compared with Catholic worship. We have eyes to see as well as ears to hear, which Protestantism seems to have forgotzen, but Catholicism has not. Some churches exalt the intellect at the expense of the devotional and sacra-mental, Catholicism does not. The color, the vestures, the paintings and altars of the Catholic church all appeal to the children of the sun. The im through the ear. For this reason the Catholic Church has a mission and a message to the American negro which

no other church has or can give. It has a social mission and a message for a negro which no other church has in an equal degree. Before its altars all nations and all races are alike and have been so adown all history from the time of the apostles to the present day. Its ministering priests know no difference between rich or poor. European or American, white or black or yellow or garments and prejudices in its lobbies before they enter its gates to become a part of its worshipping congregations These words of the Anostle Paul "God hath made of one blood every nation of man for to dwell on all the face of the earth," have their full meaning inside the walls of every Catholic church. Therefore we believe that the American Catholic Church can do much good by increasing its work among the negroes.

The Priest

How great does not the priest become! How near to his God! There is silent peace in his heart; the censure of the world, its praise, its contempt, hatred no longer have an effect on heart, for it rests in its God; in Him and with Him it is above the world—"Your life is hid in God."—Hettinger, "Letters to a Young Theologian.'

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Bishop Hickey of Rochester, N. Y., has announced the appointment of Rev. Dennis J. Curran as Vicar General of

At the request of Father Doyle of the Apostolic Mission House, the president has appointed a Porto Rican priest to be chaplain of the reconstru Porto Rican regiment. The Church in the United States has

one hundred and five missionaries who have shed their blood for her. Of these, seventy three were Franciscans, twenty-four Jesuits, four Dominicans, one Sulpican, and three Secular priests. In Detriot the men attending the printers' Mass on Sunday morning, celebrated at 4 o'clock at St. Aloysius'

church, have organized a choir to sing at the early service. There are up-wards of a hundred men who attend the early morning Mass. It is estimated that \$25,000 will be spent in improvements at St. Joseph's Church, Stratford, Diocese of London

during the present year. It is intend-

ed to install new seats, remodel the interior and purchase twenty magnificent oil paintings. Father Vaughan's concert at the Albert hall, London, resulted in collecting £1.000 for poor children. For this he is greatly indebted to the generosity of Mme. Patti, who emerged from her retirement and once more drew thous-ands of music-lovers to the hall which

has witnessed so many of her triumphs. draws near, many courtesies are being shown him by the Pope, by Cardinal Merry Del Val and other cardinals.

Recently in Salem, Ore., the Rev. Father Chiappa, S. J., read a paper be-fore the Ministerial Association convening in that city. The learned Jesuit's subject was "The Authority of the Catholie Church; Its Origin Nature and Extent," and a discussion followed it which nearly all the ministers present took part.

Forty converts, who were being instructed in the Paulist Fathers' chapel. in New York, on Candlemas eve, became panic stricken when fire attacked the rectory, and several young women attempted to leap from a window. Priests and converts joined in fighting the flames and Father B. O. McGrath, formerly a baseball player at Dartmouth, was overcome by smoke, but was soon revived. One of the most remarkable conse

quences of the great Eucharistic Congress recently held in London is the beginning of a number of conversions in England. A most telling example of this new movement is the abjuration a few weeks ago of the faith of the Church of England by the Superior of a community of Anglican Sisters at the Convent of St. Catherine in London, During the Eucharistic Congress Dom Cab-rol, Abbot of Farnborough, was com-missioned by the Archbishop of Westminster to give religious instruction to the Sisters of this Community, who had desired for some time to enter the Catholic Church and decided to embrace the Faith during the Eucharistic Congress. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was chosen for the reception of the Superior Dom Cabrol presided at the ceremony, and some days later the Mother Superior received her first Communion in the chapel of the Italian Hosits way clear to increased effort in this field because the Catholic Church is ters will soon follow the example of

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