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What Led a New England Agnostic to Become a Catholic.

Almost the first question asked a convert is : What led you to become a Catholic ?" It is a question often very hard to answerthat is, so as so be understood by a non-Catholic mind, unbelieving in the kingdom of grace and the action of the Holy Ghost upon a human soul. Every convert, the moment be enters the one fold of Christ and begins to live a life of faith, feels and recognizes how little he had to do with the blessing that has come to him therefore it is much easier for him ta give the reasons why he is a reach all nations, to observe all things that Catholio than why he became one. Every He had commanded and taught, and further virtuous man, if he but a ressoning one, that promised that this body of men, this living, turns his face Romeward in a spirit of in speaking voice, was for all time, that the turns his face Romeward in a spirit of in quiry will sooner or later reach the goal. The first step having been made by the future the Holy Ghost would guide it into all truth, convert toward God (which movement may and that He Himself would ablde with it have had its source in his ewn reason or from a heavenly inspiration,) his will and understanding come under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and he is led little by little from one truth to another, until the light of the first time my soul spoke to its Lord and Massian truth to the soul and he is the first time my soul spoke to its Lord and Massian truth to the soul and he is the first time my soul spoke to its Lord and Massian truth the soul and he is the first time my soul spoke to its Lord and Massian truth the soul and he is the first time my soul spoke to its Lord and Massian truth the soul and he is the soul and the soul and he is Christian faith breaks upon his soul and be- ter, its Brother and its God. The battle was comes a child of grace. Consequently, if be attempts to give the reasons that led him to under the guidance of grace, had triumphed the church of Christ, it always ends in giving over ignorance, prejudice, and love of the the history of the growth of grace within the soul—a very different form of narrative. I forsee that this account of my conversion will this body of men to whem Christ said: "He resolve itself into semething of the same

My parents, people of New England, des-cent, were good as the world goes, kind and leving in all their relations with their children, ever teaching us to be truthful and just in eur dealings with men. Of God they told me nothing. And they never gave me a higher principle to guide methrough life than one based on selfishness—namely, "Honesty is the best policy." On the other hand, they planted on my very nature not only a great dislike for all forms of religion, but also an aggressive contempt for Christianity. The result of this training was that I grew up a Pagan of the Pagans with a vague belief in the existence of God, none in the immortality of the soul, and very little in the virtue of woman or the up-rightness of men. Pleasure became the end of my existence. I was eaten up with self-love, and found nothing to value except those things and persons that contri-buted toward that end and that love. As the fire of youth burns itself eut, I, like all children of the world became the victim of satiety and ennui—completely the victim of satiety and ennui—completely ma, and that it was unnecessary to give me tired of pleasure and weary of myself. At any further instruction before admitting me times death would have been welcome, into the Church. Where had I learned all had it not been for a spirit of hope, a voice within my heart that now and then whisper-ad of a higher and a bester life. This forced me to seek for a love more stable than I had found among men, for a motive on which to build a nobler life. I was appalled at the mystery of pain, the inequalities of human existance, and the seeming unjust division of the good things of life. For the first time I was brought face to face with those momentour questions that comes sooner or later into the mind of everything being : Where did I ceme from? What am I here for? Where am

But, alas! wheresoever I turned to find a solution I only met with disappointment and disgust. Finally the higher aspiration of my soul, the voice of God, was hushed and buried under a most complete indifference. Bound in the ignoble chains of an agnostic pessimism. I no longer had any interest, with a single exception, in anything outside the study of ma terial forces, of nature, of those things which can be seen, handled, weighed and measured. In physiology researches and kindred pur-suits I forgot the higher needs of my nature and the miseries of my fellowmen. The single exception mentioned above was the study of history—a study that ultimately led me under God's grace, to the fountain of truth and the waters of reconciliation. It came about in this way : A brother of

the life of Christ and the true Christianity and this friend gave him a book on the sub-ject to read—Nelson's "Care of Infidelity." -which work ultimately came into my hands and although in itself the book was stupid, the author's reasoning weak and eften incorrect, nevertheless it forced me to the thought that I knew very little about the life of Ohrist or the planting of the Christian faith. To remove this ignorance, and with the intention of getting a general idea of the subject, I read the New Testament through, al. of Gothic pattern of beautiful workmanship, ways regarding it, however, as a collection of another challes of plainer mark, a ciberium ways regarding it, nowever, as a substitution of the historical documents of doubtful authenticity, and silver gilt cruets.

Archbishep Smith also received a magnification of the sufficient authority as to the ordinary of the substitution of the yet of sufficient authority as to the ordinary facts therein parrated. When I had finished

ped of its supernatural element it would be that spurred me on to further study.

I took up all the Christian writers of the first three hundred years and read them carefully through, that I might understand what they, the followers of the apostles, the propagators of the faith, thought and taught concerning their Master. I then made an analysis of all the existing testimony concerning the life and Passion of Jesus, and comparing it with that in the witness of the life and deeds of Alexander the Great, I of Jesus of Nazareth, and in addition, that the same of the noblest of our race at the spread, are four setts of what are called the planting of the faith laid and the spread, are four setts of what are called the spread that the spread the spread nesses : the prophete of the Old Law.

favor of the truth of the life and words of readily converted into an altar. The lid when Jesus Christ as recorded in Holy Writ that I opened contains a portion of consecrated was compelled to either doubt all history, all stone, and the box isself centains a requisit human testimony, or believe in him and his and all the vestments for saying Mars. There divine mission.

In the meantime, from purely metaphysical reason, the idea of God, his personality, and vividly true to me, so that the moment my reason led me to believe in Jesus Christ I entered into a tulinous of faith.

What was this faith that mastered my understanding? that there was one God, Creator of all things; that He made Himself manifest in the person of Jesus Christ, the one Mediator of redemption ! Moreover, from my Scripture studies I had obtained a solid conviction that He to whom all power was given had delegated a certain body of men to teach all nations, to observe all things that gates of hell would not prevail against it, that "all days, even to to consummation of the world."

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this body of men to whem Christ said: "He that hearsth you hearsth me?" Where was this "church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth?" Where was the "one fold and the one Shepherd?" Where was the Church, built upon the rock (Peter), that has the power of binding and lossing?"

When I cast my eyes upon Christendom I found that there was but one body that claim. ed these prerogatives, to the exclusion of all other bodies, and at the same sime bore the marks of apostolicity, and that this body was the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Moreover, I found that all other so-called Christian denominations were the offspring of some disobedient Catholic and generally bore his

God's will was plain; there was but one thing left for me to do, so I sought an intro duction to a priest in order to be baptized. The Very Rev. T. Hecker examined me, and almost immediately I was admitted to the sacraments by Rev. George Deshon. Much to my surprise, I discovered through the examination I underwent, that I was in possession of the entire system of Christian dogthis? From the Holy Bible and the Christian writers of the past three centuries; for up to had a book of ology, instruction or controversy in my bands, er had I any conversation with any Catholic, either lay or cleric upon the subject.

Years have passed; I have seen the Church in many climes and among many nations; I have read hundreds of lives of her saintly children: I have partaken of her Sacraments, tried to live her life, and now I have but one testimony to give: "How beautiful art thou, my love!-how beautiful art thou; Thou art all fair, O my love ! and there is not a spot in thes-fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array. -Catholic World.

THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

The Progress of Catholicity in the Land of Queen Mary.

[Catholic Progress.]

Pope Leo XIII. has not forgotten Scotland in the distribution of the jubilee gifts which were given to him by the whole Catholic world with such lavish generosity; on July 13, a number of larger boxes, containing premine fell into an argument with a friend upon sents of articles for use in the service of the Church, were received at the metropelitan Cathedral, Edinburg, forming a most tangible proof of the Holy Father's affection for Scotland. The gifts, which are to be shared in all the dioceses in Scotland, were laid out in the chapel of the Cathedral on Monday and Tuesday, July 15 and 16, and the interesting exhibition attracted numbers of people, Protestants as well as Catholics. The gifts to his Grace, the Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburg include a gold chalice

cent set of vestments in a rich crimson brethe Four Gospels, Jesus of Nazareth had be- cade, with the hood of woven gold, bearing come a living reality to me -so much so as in its center a medallion portrait of Our Lord. Plato—and henceforth I regarded him as a Edinburg has also received a full set of beauhistorical character, this was a great step forward, as I had hitherto inclined to believe cow receives a chalice for the use of the Cathehim a mystical being. Yet the more I studi- dral, and a ciborium; and there are similar ed his life the clearer I saw that if it was strip- gifts for the Cathedral of Aberdeen, Galloway, Dankeld, and Argyll and the Isles diocess—the ciberium for Aberdeen having meaningless. This, in union with a glowing diocese—the ciberium fer Aberdeen having admiration of his character, was the good the top in the shape of a crown, signifying the crewning of our Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament, A number of plain gold challoes have also been sent for distribution among the poer missions. The vestments for the Archbishop are of a very rich and beautiful description, being made of white silk, with a white satin hood embroidered in gold. A very large pendant sanctuary lamp goes for the use of the Glascow cathedral. Each of the other Bishops received sets of vestments and various found, as all will who make the study, that other articles for use in the service of the

their lives to show forth their belief in the lying districts or in camp in time of war or the the case of our Lerd a new class of wit, geniously fitted box which, when clessed, nesses: the prephets of the Old Law. measures 18 Inches or two feet square, by 6 Se ever whelming was the testimony in inches deep. The bex can be opened and

are places to hold the chalice, paten, orusts, bell, ciborium, candicaticks to screw into the box, the receptable of oils, wine flank, and a the necessity of something to unite our small instrument for making the altar bread. nature with the nature of God, became The lid when opened exposes the altar cards, and there is a neat book stand to hold the little missals which forms part of the "chapel." There are four of these chapels, and they form a very interesting feature of

the collection. The bishop of Galloway has received a stole particularly rice in gold emboridery and studded with numerous precious stones. This article was intended for the Holy Father's own personal use. There are over one hundred different vestments, and the value may be best indicated by mentioning that for importation into England £34 of custom duty was levied for the gold and aliver on the ventmonts. An effort was made to get the goods exempted from daty on the ground that they were gifts of the Church, but the officials replied that only gifts to her Maiestey were exempted. The collection was arranged, by permission of the Archbishops and Bishops, by the Very Rev. Canon Donlevy, of the Cathedral, Edinbury.

#### CARDINAL GIBBONS' PASTORAL.

The American Prelate Speaks Out Strongly in Condemnation of the Recent Unveiling of the Bruno Statue in

BALTIMORE, Md, Sept. 13.—His Eminence Cardinal Archoishop Gibbons has just issued the following pastoral letter calling attention to the allocution of Pope Leo on the unveiling of monument in Rome to the memory of the apostate monk, Giordano Bruno :--

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE. BALTIMORE, Sept. 7, 1889.

To the Clergy, Secular and Regular, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore: DEABLY BELOVED BRETHBEN—It is inherent in the nature of men of principle to fly to the rescue of those who are unjustly assailed. Our rescue of those who are ubjustly assailed. Our feelings, on such an occasion, are a mixture of sympathy with the victim and of indignation at the aggressor. Such sympathy and such wrath are a measure of the nobility of one's nature. Our arms instinctively go forth to ward the blow, or, if too late, our voices rise in loud pro-

And such a mingled feeling of righteous wrath and deep sympathy has of late been bred in every Catholic, as it should in every Christian heart, when the news came to us that upon a public square, in the City of Rome, upon the solemn Feast of Pentecost, impious men dared to unveil the statue of an apostate monk to the admiration and veneration of the thousands then and there assembled. Dragging the memory of a wild theorizer, a shameless writer, and denier of the divinity of Christ, from the obscurity of a grave that had for three becked by mere brute force, have set upon a pedestal in the Holy City the statue of the infamous Bruno.

Such a proceeding is a palpable and flagrant outrage, not alone upon the Catholic, but upon the whole Christain world. It is a long pondered, deliberately planned, and well aimed blow at all that is sound and wholesome in religion and morals. Its animus is clear from the selection of time and place, and the unchristian and defiant language employed. in the unveiling of the statue of a man who whole life breathed cowardice, pride, and defi-ance of lawfully constituted authority. Upon the commemoration of that first great event, when the Holy Spirit of God descended into the when the Holy Spirit of God descended into the hearts and intellects of men, these miscreants, in their blasphemous arrogance, have repudiated all dependence upon any higher power, vainly attempting to deify human reason. They have contemptuously cast off the sweet yoke of Christ. In their frantic efforts after miscalled freedom they have spurned the Truth which

Theirs is not the action of decent, honorable, but misguided men, calmly, and with due regard to the feelings of others promulgating a new belief, or introducing a new cult. Their attempt, as has been well observed, is not so much to honor Bruno, their newly discovered martyr, as to insult and vilify the Vicar of Jesus Christ and his devoted children throughout Christendom. Indeed, their aim is higher still; they defy and insult not alone His Vicar, but our divine Lord Himself. From every land they have chosen as the committe to further the movement, the champions of atheism, the would be destroyers of the very foundations of Christianity. The orator of the occasion openly declared that the event of that day dealt a blow at the spiritual sovereignty of the Vicar of Jesus Ohrist. Such's demonstration was appropriately Christ. Such a demonstration was appropriately closed by the enacting of a famous play, written by the new saint of the worship of free thought.

It is proper, dearly beloved brethren, that the Christian world, and especially this portion, where the term "religious freedom" is understood in a sober, Christian sense, should brand with their indignant soon, action, such as this. with their indignant scorn action such as this. We are not, thanks be to God, yet ready for processions in which the red and the black flags revolutionists and anarchists are defiantly

Furthermore, as devoted and faithful children, we owe to our Holy Father an emphatic and unmistakable expression of deep sympathy with him in the indignities put upon him. Above all, the plain duty of expiation rests upon us, when from a city illuminated by the teachings of the Apostles, sanctified by the spotless lives and heroic deeds of virgins and confessors, reddened by the blood of countless martyrs, there now go up blasphemies against the Most

You will, therefore, at all the Masses, until further notice, recite the Collect "Pro Quacunque Necessitate," and, beginning with Monday, September 16 next, inclusively, you will conduct in your respective parishes a solemn Triduum Expiation, with Benediction of the Bless-ed Sacrament after Mass, the O Salutaris being immediately followed by the Litany of the

Saints.

More than this, dearly beloved brethren, I do not deem it necessary to say at this time, because it is my deare that the whole of the touching allocation of our Holy Fainer Leo XIII upon this subject be read at the High Mass in all the churches of the archdiocese on Sunday, September 15, being the day immediately preceding the excitators devotions of the solemn Triduum.

JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Interesting Items Gleaned from all Quarter of the Globe.

The Catholic negroes of Cincinnati have organised a society of Knights of St. Angustine. The Casholic Congress of Germany at Bochum was attended by no less than 6 000 persons.

The Archbishop of Cashel paid a visit to his Eminence Cardinal Manning on Sunday the The Rev. Father O'Dwyer. C.C., Castlelyons,

has been marked out for imprisonment under the Coercion regime.

Mgr. McIntyre, Bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was recently granted an audience by the Holy Father.

There are 18,290 persons under restraint, who have, according to the Alliance News, lost their reason through drink. The death is reported of Mgr. Alexander Guintovt-Dzievialkowski, the Catholic Arch-

bishop of Mohilev, in Russia. Since the erection of Ballarat(Vic.) into separate diocese, £27,000 has been expended for the educational wants of the Catholic com-

The Most Rev. Dr. Reynolds, Archbishop of Adetaide, has been presented with the first number of a new Catholic paper in Adelaide by the directors.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, is about to issue a book the object of which will be to win back to Christianity those who have yielded to Agnostic influences.

Bishop-elect Van de Vyver, of Richmond, Va. will be consecrated at the Cathedral, Richmond, on Oct. 20. Cardinal Gibbons will be the consecrating Bishop.

Bishop Gilmour, of Cleveland, Ohio, will preach the sermon at the dedication of the American Catholic University at Washington, D. C., on November 13.

Upwards of £18,000 have been expended in the Monaro district, New South Wales, dusing the past twelve years in the interests of Catholic education and religion.

It has been arranged that Archbishop Duhamel and Sir James Grant shall be the speakers on the occasion of the unveiling of the Tabaret monument at Ottawa,

Most of the priests of San Francisco are total abstainers. Toe Vicar-General, Father Preudergast, and Rev. Robert Kenna, S.J., are enchusiasts in the cause of total abstin-

The Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Derry, died on Sunday the 8th inst. His Lordship was in his seventy-eight year. He succeeded the Most Rev. Dr. Magin in the episcopare in 1849.

The Munich Fremdenblatt sunounces that

the Congress of Bavarian Catholics will be open ed on September 23rd. The appeal issued by the organizing committee has more than 500 siguatures. The Rev. Dr. Schroeder, called by the Right

Rev. Bishop Keane to the chair of Dogmin the University of Washington, has been ap pointed a supernumerary Private Chamberlain of the Holy Father.

The convent of the Alexian Brothers at Louvain, with which a lunatic asylum is connected, has been completely destroyed by fire. The 200 patients were fortunately saved, but many peo ple were injured. The Empress of Austria had intended to make

a pilgrimage on foot last week to the sanctuary, Mariazell, but as this got into the papers she has deferred the visit, wishing to avoid a concourse of curious sight-seers at the abrine.

Eight hundred Archbishops, bishops, patri-archs, and other Spanish and American Spanish dignitaries have petitioned the Pope to confer upon Uhristophor Columbus the title of venerable, The initiative has been taken by Count Rosselli de Lorques. A degree has been published in Portuga authorizing the establishment at Mponda, situ

ated to the south east of Lake Nyasa, of a Ca tholic mission, having for its object the found ing of churches and schools, the colonisation of the district, and the suppression of the slave trade

Among the prisoners just taken from Assoua to Cairo is an Italian woman, Marietta Cava-loco, who comes from Kordofah, and brings word that that the nuns, Sisters Teresa, Elisa-betta, Concetta, Catterina, and Maria, and the two priests, Fathers Paolo and Giuseppe, are still at Khartoum.

Mgr. Mermillod, the eminent Bishop of Lau sanne and Geneva, will celebrate his Golden Ju-biles on the 25th inst. He was conscerated in 1864 by Pope Pius IX. The clergy of the diocese have organized a subscription, the proceeds of which Mgr. Mermillod will devote to the new mission at Paverne.

Mother M. Emily Power, O.S.D., so many years Superior of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic, forming the Congregation of Most Holy Rosary, has been unanimously elected Mother-General of the Congregation at the Chapter-General, which opened on August 10th, at the mother-houss, Convent of St. Clara, Sinsinawa, Mourd, Wisconsin.

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins has blessed and The Right Kev. Dr. Higgins has blessed and opened a new convent of the Brigidine nuns at Cooma, archdiocese of Sydney. The ceremony was witnessed by a large assemblage, and his Lordahip was assisted by Dean Slattery, of Cooma, the Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran, and Father Corboy. On the convent and grounds the sum of £5,257 has been expended.

The Right Reverend Colin U. Grant, was consecrated as Bishop of Aberdeen recently in the cathedral of that city. It is more than twenty years since a similar rite took place there, which was when his predecessor, Bishop McDonald, was consecrated, and a large crowd assembled to assist an the solemn occasion. There were, besides Catholics of the city, many from various dioceses of Scotland.

The Lady Superior of St. Joseph's Presenta tion Convent, Vepery, India, Mather Agnes, has left for Ireland, chiefly for the benefit of her health, which has been much impaired by her labors in the cause of the education of youth. The opportunity of once more visiting her native land will be embraced to secure efficient and zealous collaborators to help in the work of both houses of the Presentation Order in Madras, which have been much taxed of late by recent

Drovner Vincent, Superior of the Xaverian Brothers, has just completed a tour of inspec-tion of New England, accompanied by Brothers Archishop of Baltimore. P. J. Donahur, Chancellor.

P. J. Donahur, Chancellor.

Archishop of Baltimore. Peter and Alexius. The principal objects of the keep your own company good, for you are alone sometimes.

house of studies in New England. The Naverian Brothers fires settled in America in 1854, when six went from Belgium to Louisville, Rev. Brother Vincent, the present Superior of the Order, was one of the six. There are now nearly one hundred Brothers.

Thirty thousand pilgrims besides over one

thousand priests were present at the consecra-ton of the new and beautiful Church of the ton of the new and beautiful Church of the Holy Rosary at Lourdes. The consecrating prelate was the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, who was assisted by three other archbishops and nine bishops. A telegram was sent to the Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. by the Bishops, offering the Act of Consecration as a "pledge of the hopes Your Holiness has founded in the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary for the liberty of the Church and its illustrious Head."

The Church in Hungary has not, like the Church in most other Continental countries, been plundered by the State in the name of re-volutionary reform. The Hungarian Bishops still possess enormous revenues, and they make a noble use of their wealth. The Primate, Cardinal Simor, has just re-opened the Cathedral of Gran, on the completion of works of restoration which have occuiped nearly seventy years. The Cardinal and his immediate predecessors have spent a nullion sterling on the cathedral, which is a copy of St. Peter's at Rome, and one of the largest churches in

Europe. Bishop Higgins, speaking at Cooms, Sydney Bishop Higgins, speaking at Cooma, Sydney, of the spirit of infidelity which was abroad in the world, and alluding to the godless system of education, the effects of whole he had himself witnessed in England, in America, and on the Contient said: — "The world to day is as strong in its opposition to Christ as when He was in the firsh—holding to the same principles of free-thought, licentiousness, and opposition to the light and truth of the Gospel. It does not advance these principles, uponly its tries insiadvance these principles openly; it tries insi-diously to instil them into the minds of the rising generation. Hence we have the public school, to which Catholica are invited to send their little ones, and to sacrifice them to the Moloch of Grodlessness, and I give it as my humble opinion that the day on which Catholics so far forget their duty to their children as to accord that invitation they sound the death knell of their children's faith and innocence."

Honours to the early Catholic pioneers of New England are increasing in number. Leif Ericson, the discoverer of Vinland, has already his statue in Boston, showing the Catholic dis coverer of the American continent looking over the fair land to which he was soon followed by the Irish Bishop, John, and the Northman Bishop, Eric. Now we learn that Professor &. N. Horsford, whose researches lead him to locate the settlement of the Catholic Norsemen on the Charles River, is about to erect a tower an Waltham, Mass., in their bonour. It is to be of stone, and fifty feet high, and to stand on the site which he claims to identify with Nor-umbega. A Catholic of later date, Miles Standish, of the famous Catholic family of Standish, of Standish, and Standish of Dur-bury, has a monument nearly completed at the place he called Duxbury, in Massachusetts, after the home of his Catholic family in Eagland. It is to be 116 feet high, and stands on an eminence 300 feet above the level of the sea.

# PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

To be Offered Throughout the Catholic World During the Month of October.

> [Latin Text.] CRATIO.

AN SANCTVM IOSEPHVM. Ad te, beate Ioseph, in tribulations nostra

confugimus, atque implorato Sponsae tuae sanctissimae auxilio, patrocinium quoque tuum fidenter exposcious. Per eam, quaesumus, quae te cum immaculata Virgine Del Gennetrice conjunkit, caritatem, perque paternum, quo Puerum Iesum amplexus es, amorem, supplices deprecamur, ut ad hereditabem, quan Iesus Christus acquisivit sanguine suo, beniguus respicias ac necessitatibus nostris tua virtute et

ope succurras.

Tuere, o Custos Providentissime divinae
Familiae, Iesu Christi sobolem electam, prehibe a nobia, amantissime Pater, omnem errorem ac corruptelam; luem propitus nobis sospitator noster forbissime, in hoc cum potestate tere brarum certamine a caelo adesto; et sicut olim Puerum Iesum e summo eripuisti vita discri-mine, ita nunc Ecclesiam sanctam Dei ab hostimine, the nunc Ecclesiam sanctam Det ab nosti-libus insidiis atque ab omni adversitate defende nosque singulos perpebuo tege patrocinio, ut ad bui exemplar et ope tua suffulti, sancte vivere, pie mori, sempiternamque in caelis beatitudinem assequi possimus. Amen.

[Translation.]

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, do we fly in our tribulation, and after imploring the help of thy most Most Holy Spouse, we ask confidently for thy protection. We beseech thee by that affec-tion which united thee with the Immaculate Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou has encircled the Child Jesus, and suppliant we pray that thou mayest regard with benignant eye the heritage which Jesus Christ has won by His blood, and that thou mayest aid us in our necessities by thy power and help. Protect, O Most Provident Guardian of the Divine, Family, the elect race of Jeaus Christ;

banish from us, O most loving Father, all plague of error and corruption; do thou, our strongest support, assist us from the height of heaven with thy efficacious help in this struggle meaven wish only emcassous neight this struggle with the power of darkness; and, as formerly thou didet rescue the Child Jesus from the greatest danger to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the treachery of her enemies and from all adversity, and cover each one of us with thy lasting protection, so that following thy example and supported by thy help we may be able to live holily, die piously, and obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

## An Informer wants His Pay.

DUBLIN, September 15 .- The Freeman's Journal publishes a letter from Patrick De-lany, who was implicted in the Phoenix park murders and is now in prison, addressed to a prominent official at Dublin Castle, in which the convict piteously claims his release from prison as a reward for giving evidence for the London Times before the Parnell commission.

True religion is not gloomy, "her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

CRONIN CASE SENSATIONS.

Beggs and Coughlin Were Seen Going Into the Carlson Cottage-Kirby's Startling Story.

CHICAGO, September 12.—It is said—and the information comes straight from those engaged in the prosecution of the men indicted for the murder of Dr. Cronin-that the State has now completed its case against the accused and is confident of conviction. This was brought about by the squealing of a suspect, and that suspect is Martin Burke. As a matter of course the State will not give out even aninkling of Burke's confession. because they don't want it to get into the newspapers, but it is a fact that the prosecution is jubilant and certain of the ground it

stands upon. Jonas Carlson's promised suit against the attorney for the defence for breaking into the Carlson cottage was began to-day in the Circuit court. Carlson sues W. S. Forrest, his partner, John A. Qualey, Russell M. Wing, Daniel Donahue and Michael E. A. Ames, all of whom are actively engaged in the trial now in progress. Carlson places his damages at \$5,000. The declaration says that a large number of neople have paid to see the buildand the "marks and evidences of the crime." The place was fitted up for exhibition, and Cyricon has derived large rever neatherefrom. The acts of the defendants in removing the blood stalus have, the declaration alleges, greatly injured the house and depreciated its value as a museum of limited curiosities, and the interest of the public has been greatly diminished by the aforesaid acts. The defendante, he also alleges, threatened him with a large knife, and by this act caused him great physical fright.

CHICAGO, September 16.- The latest sensation in connection with the Cronin suspects is that John Sturzen, a Swede, living a block east of John Sturzen, a Swede, living a block east of the O'Sullivan residence on Bosworth street, saw Beggs and Coughlin going to the Carlson cottage twice—once on the 1st of May, three days before the murder, and again on the 17th of May, five days before the finding of the body. Sturzen was coming south on Ashland avenue, Wednesday evening, May 1, when he met the two men whom he has identified as Coughlin and Beggs coming north on the same street. They passed him a few feet south of the cottage, and when Sturzen turned to look at them he saw them go up the steps.

Coughlin opened the door with a key that

Coughlin opened the door with a key that was on his key ring with several others, and both went into the cottage. He got a good view of both the men. The second time he saw them enter was late in the evening on May 17. This time he was coming home from down town. He was going north on Ashland avenue when these same two, who were also going north, passed him just as he got to the corner of Bosworth street, and he saw them again enter the Carlson cottage. It is stated positively that Sturzen identified Beggs and Coughlin yesterday afternoon in the court room.

KIRBY'S BLOOD-CURDLING TALE.

A story is rife to day that the prosecution in the Cronin case has succeeded in having J. T. Kirby, the Loudon Times correspondent, who was in Chicago last year, interviewed at his home in Majara (?) village, Ont. The Chicago detective persuaded him to talk, it is said, and the story is that he told a blood-curdling tale of the conspiracy to murder Cronin. He was asked to assist in the murderous enterprise, but declined. He says that when he learned that Dr. Cronin was to be removed last fall, he hastened out of Chicago, fearing he might be detected.
From the information given by Kirby several acrests, it is said, are about to be made in

Chicago.

He has fully cleared up the whole plot which was entered into to show that Dr. Oronin had gone to Europe and was murdered. He was the man, so the story goes, who telegraphed Long from Hamilton, Ont., when the latter loss track of his mythical Dr. Cronin in Toronto. He knew all the arrangements in Chicago for the murder of Cronin and assisted in perfecting those agreements by communications between Le Caron and the North Side camp which passed

through him.
It is said that Kirby's story implicates the persons now on trial and fully a dozen others. Some of the latter are well known north side cluzens. These are all under police surveillance and will be arrested within a few days. It is said that four of them are already in custody. The police say they do not know of Kirby's having made a confession, but that if he had they would not give it out.

CHICAGO DETECTIVES IN WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, September 16.—Still another Chicago detective is hore, hunting up de-tails regarding Martin Burke. It was stated in a Chicago paper that Burke's tin box was in possession of a Winnipeg hotel-keeper who, knowing its value, refused to give it up without a big reward, but this is utterly

nutrue.
It is learned, however, that Burke was shadowed here by Clan-na-Gaels before his arrest, and would have been murdered if the opportuntty had occurred. A prominent Irishman from Grand Rapids, Mich., is also in town, under an assumed name, and is supposed to be here in connection with the Burke case.

A Plea for Balfour's University.

LONDON, September 14.—The Ivish Cuil-obie publishes a forecast of Mr. Balfour's bill for the publishes a forecast of Mr. Estfour's bill for the establishment of a Catholic university in Ire; land. It says: "The Royal University will not be abolished because it is required for non-Conformists and others unable to avail themselves of the advantages afforded by Trinity college, but its establishment will be largely reduced. With a view to the conciliation of Ulster, Queen's college at Estlast will be maintained and he empressed to confor degree tained and be empowered to confer degrees. The annual saving from the extinction of Queen's college at Cork and Queen's college at Galway, combined with the saving from the re-trenchment at the Royal University, is expect-ed partially to meet the cost of the endowment

## Irish National League.

The usual monthly meeting of the William O'Brien branch was held Sunday afternoon in St. Ann's hall. Mr. Timothy O'Connor president, complete the chair, and after routine huni-ness announced the cleation of a large number of new members. Speeches condemning the cruel treatment of William O'Brien, in jail by To keep good company always you must Mr. Balfour's officials, and a resolution of in-seep your own company good, for you are alone dignation and condolence with the sufferer, was: Pageorie Carlo Car