

A THOUGHT FROM THE PSALMS. neved toward their distant destina-When I behold the heavens, O my How petty seems the things of this brief life!

How weak my heart beneath the chastening rod! How cowardly my spirit in the strife!

When I behold the heavens where each star Is as a seraph's shining heart of

My sins, like myriad hands, press me From Thee, O God, and low I how

When I behold the heavens all aglow With dawnlight from dark shadowlands made free,

Hope stirs within me, and, somehow, I know That thou hast made the stars and

heavens for me. -- Ave Maria.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. (By Ignatius.)

the hill

Heaven in woe That ope'd to earth the pure, lifegiving will;

Thy Blood that fell in growing droplets still. When from Thy hands and feet it ceased to flow, And deeply sank in earth whereon did

The Balm of Life that conquers every Adored is now, 'neath sacramental to comfort the King and angels!

By spirits whose great glories near Thee pale;

It flows, and carries peace in sweet- all the long night through, that they est tide

far and wide: "O Precious Blood, our joy, our Life, est friends, His constant adorers beall hail!

ANGELS OF THE NEW TESTA-MENT.

(Sacred Heart Review.) The Annunciation.

In an humble cottage of Israel knelt a little Jewish maiden rapt in prayer. The day was far spent and the mellow radiance of the setting sun cast a glory of softened color into the tiny room. The wondrous peace and turned face.

blessed art thou amongst women."

The Nativity.

and the solemn stillness that reigned century. supreme, only intensified the mystery | So long, in fact, had these mans ex- vicious, idle, easy-going people, of that wondrous December night.

sic was borne on the quiet air, now Government of the first Revolution sturdy race the Irish must be, to faint, now full and rich with Heaven- did not dare to expel them. of the Lord stood by them, and the ror, and passed subsequently through after century. for behold I bring you great tidings, val buildings in which so many gen- of moderation may say, Ireland is i viour Who is Christ the Lord?' "

a transport of love and praise, as Hotel Dieu was built. "Glory, Glory to God in the high- Children est," rang out in the still night air. and the triumphant notes died to an exquisite sweetness, as the angels sang "peace on earth to men of good

The Flight Into Egypt.

sent His angel to warn him of danger paigns against the clergy are closely od's evil design, and the danger examinad. But we venture to say threatening his sacred charges. Aris- that no phase of that detestable proing quickly, he took them out into the ceedings is so hateful to Catholics of night, and long and fast they jour- every nation as their attempts to

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Can we not picture them? The Blessed Virgin seated oa an humble beast of burden, bearing in her arms, her God and Maker and yet her Son, and looking down so lovingly on Him, and dear St. Joseph, so tender and thoughtful, walking by her side, ever trying to make the way easier. And can we doubt but that myriad angels attended their way and paid sweet homage to their Infant King.

On Herod's death, once more an angel messenger came from the Most High, summoning them back from Egypt to Israel, and Joseph ever obedient, started at once on the hard journey and returning dwelt at Naz-areth with Jesus and Mary.

Agony in the Garden.

At a little distance apart from His under the wide spreading trees of Gethsemane. The deep darkness and from the eyes of the world, as He entered on His bitter passion.

pathy, and found it not, for the Apos- could accomplish for the general wel-Thy Blood that once was trodden on tles from whom He sought it, had fare, if employed in the industrial defallen asleep, worn out with the day's velopment of the country. Where stood the Cross that looked to hard work, and in His tender love He For pity on the hand that struck the He prayed the self-same prayer: "Fa-bank vaults of Ireland, the British blow ther if it be possible, let this chalice Government is busy getting its share ground." ven looked down in compassion on land. His dearly loved Son, and sent angel to strengthen Him. O wondrous mystery, an angel sent

The Resurrection. Early at the Tomb as were the And from the Blessed Mount whereon holy women, they could not precede Thou died the angels of God, who had watched might welcome with joyous Hosannas, To vanished earth that chants from their King's triumphant victory over O happy angels! God's closblest are you, aye thrice blessed, to be so favored by God Almighty!

And blest are we, to be so loved by be our guardians here on earth, to army or navy. remind us of Him, and direct our wandering footsteps to that eternal home He has prepared for us.

### LAST FRENCH NUNS.

sweetness of her communion with God able ministrations the last of the nuns showed itself in every line of her up- left the Hotel Dieu of Paris on Jan. 1, 1908. The foundation of the Ho-'Thou art all fair, O Mary! and there tel Dieu goes back to the earliest the fields to carry on wars with Irishis no spot or stain in thee." Christian ages, and was practically men as a people abhor and condemn.

Borne on wings of Heaveniy light, established at the same time as the There is no direct method of esticourt of the King, Gabriel, the great Bishop had a hospice for the poor and drifts away from Ireland to the pockarchangel, bowed low before the won- infirm attached to his residence or ets of the absentee landiords, but it dering Virgin, saluting her with God's church. There are records of many reaches into the millions, most of wonder-fraught words, "Hail! kings of France, in the course of ages, which is expended in questionable full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, who visited this hospital, and among places in Paris, or on the gambling others St. Louis and his mother, On the rocky wind-swept hills of ege of serving the sick since the earl- drains, constantly taking away from Jesusalem, shepherds were keeping iest times and they are known to the resources of the people. night-watches over their flocks. The have attended to patients of the Ho- Now what a wonderful little coun far away glitter of the stars, tel Dieu as far back as the eighth try this Ireland must be to stand such

ercised their charitable ministrations some uniavorable critics say they a Suddenly the sound of celestial mu- at this institution that even the what a plodding, delving, digging an this day is born to you a Sa- erations of nuns had performed their deed a country worth fighting for.

> THE WICKEDNESS OF ANTI-CLERICALISM.

> > (Liverpool Catholic Times

There are many aspects under While Joseph, the tender guardian which wrong and infamy are dis-of Jesus and Mary, was asleep, God closed when the Continental cambesmirch the characters of the clergy. We are proud, as we have reason to be, of the high standard of conduct tions which Roman correspondent has and would thus revive the interminmade of charges preferred against the Italian clergy in the press will, we trust, serve as an object-lesson. He has secured particulars of some thirty cases and in every instance has found that the accusations were either pure inventions or based upon incidents which afforded not the slightest ground for imputations of guilt. The sufferings thus caused may be better imagined than described. One priest, Canon Capisani, of Piligliano, against whom a plot was set character is now a broken and permaturely aged man. It would be hard this movement for vilifying the clergy

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To stand by the ocean and hear the best of its stupendous pulse is to take the sound of a shallower deep and narrower sea than when you lay your ear against the turobbing of lay your ear against the turobbing of a human heart.

### INTERESTING ADDRESS

(Continued from page 1.)

At the end of June, 1907, the estimated amount in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland stood at £10, 637,000 as compared with £10,459, 000 for the corresponding year of 1906, showing an increase of £178,000.

At the same date there were deposited in trustee savings banks £2,496,-000, an increase of £6,000 over 1906. On June 30th, 1907, the amount of Government funds, India Stocks guaranteed loan stock, guaranteed land purchase stock and war stock, was £39,191,000, an increase over the previous year of £2,239,000.

These savings, deposits and invest-ments total the enormous sum of £100,000,000.

Though on the surface these figures show a gratifying condition of things a little analysis will disclose the fact that the increase of Bank deposits does not always tell well for the general prosperity of a country. It is a fact that the shopkeepers and well-todo farmers of Ireland have a curious tendency to hoard their money in They draw a trifling one or one and a half per cent. interest, ra-Apostles the Master knelt in prayer, ther than invest it in the development of their own business, or, in the organization of new productive entersolicitude his His heart-rending agony prises. Just picture what the active use of those £100,000,000-equal in our money to about \$500,008,000-He had hoped, nay, longed, for sym- that is practically idle in Ireland,

While this immense amount of the would not disturb them. Three times cash of the well-to-do reposes in the pass from me, nevertheless not as I of spoil out of rich and poor alike. will, but as Thou wilt." And being The revenue contributed by Ireland to in an agony He prayed the longer, the British Government during the till "His sweat became as drops of year ending March 31, 1907, was £9,blood trickling down upon the 490,000, representing a tax of £2, 3s, Then the Father in Hea- Sd yearly on every individual in Ire-

cases a navy, out of their revenue. The taxation per head in these coun-

tries is approximately as follows.	
Sweden £1 13s	60
Denmark £1 13s	00
Norway £1 12s	60
Switzerland £1 7s	60
Roumania £1 4s	00
Greece £1 3s	00
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When, as observed, the taxation in fore the great White Throne! How Ireland per head is £2 3s 3d, nearly double some of the countries mentioned, and yet out of the revenue raised in Ireland no portion is expended on that God that He sends His dear the maintenance of an Irish Governcompanions of His Heavenly court to ment, civil service, consular service,

All thinking people must realize the devastating drain that the British Government's nine and a half million pounds (nearly fifty millions of dollars) a year, means to a small com-After thirteen centuries of charit- munity like Ireland. That money goes out of the country and a fraction of it rarely returns. It finds its way in many cases to foreign bat-

See of Paris, for in those days every mating the amount of money that tables of Nice and Monte Carlo. So Queen Blanche, of Castile. The Au- that while there are big idle balances gustinian nuns had the special pricil- in the banks there are also enormous

a drain as this. Instead of being They able to meet this strenuous situation ly harmony. "And behold an angel were spared during the reign of ter- not only year after year, but century

brightness of God shone round about many storms down to the present Does it not impress one more than them, and they feared with a great time. In the beginning of the last ever with the overwhelming realiza-And the angel said: 'Fear not, century the walls of the old mediae- tion that, despite what the preache

charitable offices were tottering, and It was the operation of British Lav And then such a flood of song burst it was found necessary to pull them in the past, in times which it is pair forth as made the very air throb in down, after which the present large ful to look back upon, that cleared the Irish people off the land, 'killed their industries, and closed down their schools.

What bave their modern rulers don to repair the national ruin, which, a the handiwork of their predecessor they cannot contemplate with ple The answer to that question sure. will furnish the true explanation the wise-spread and angry feelings discontent, which affect the enticommunity and shows very clear that the root remedy for the greates grievances of Ireland is Home Rule or the right of the Irish people manage their own affairs.

Home Rule is the only remedy for the ills of Ireland. The constitution which our priests follow. They lead of Ireland is not, never was, and netheir lives under circumstances often ver can be, republican. Royalty and calculated to produce depression of nobility are essential elements of it. spirits, but, whether their surround- Ireland cannot subsist if she throws ings are dreary or bright, whether off even the author ty of the crown of their neighbours are iriendly or hos- Great Britain, for she would have le tile, their acts and their motives are only an incomplete constitution, only above reproach. When, therefore, two elements out of the three which Catholics read in the papers reports are essential to it. She cannot supattributing to them deeds unworthy of their sacred office, they refuse to credit them, though often pained at heart lest they might contain some each under the representative of its elements of truth. The investiga- ancient chief, with no lord paramount



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able feuds or quarrels and wars of possesses the secret of Irish life and a former period of her history. But so entirely is the key in his posses-legislative independence is not im-sion that it is doubtful if any one practicable, because she has without could give an adequate rendering of going to England, both the lords and Ifish life without including the priest. commons. With the lords she could As for the Irish Protestant novelists, not be a democracy, and with the who caricature priests it is pointed commons she could not be an aristo- out by Miss Tynan that Lever and cracy, and with these two without Lover serve usually as the sources of The following countries support a royalty to mediate between them she inspiration for such caricatures, and national government, civil service, could not maintain a government. The that the writers themselves are rarearmy, consular service, and in some Crown of Great Britain has become ly, and then only very slightly, ac integral in her constitution and re- quainted with the real personality of taining the authority of the British the Irish priest. Crown, there is no reason why she The Celt, says Miss Tynan, is not should not have her own parliament, so easily dominated by the Irish priest and indeed, since the supervision of as some would suppose. It is an inher national parliament was an essen- teresting fact that the aggregate vote tial change in her constitution, she for all Ireland, against Mr. Parnell,

Ireland, unless she recover her nation- know them. parliament.

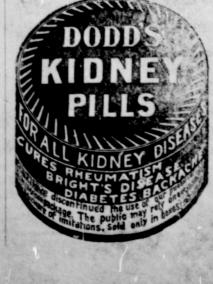
British history. ing that such a concession would casions and subjects. mean the disintegration of the Em-

mentioned.

sition to our own beloved Canada. The Irish must be a wonderful peo- losing their hold on the people trace of the image of God to which intellectual one. jectionable features of their national the priest. What is objectionable in their change in them. character lies on the surface and is

seen at a giance. own and place them first on the list of nations

Let me now say something about the Irish people and their priests. Only a short time ago no less a person than Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the famous novelist and dramatist, stated that "the Irish Catholics hate their priests with an intensity of which Englishmen have no idea." It is certainly most satisfying to see that so well-known an Irish writer as Katherine Tynan responds to his unwarrantable statement in the pages of the London Fortnightly Review, and says that this Mr. Shaw is not to be taken too seriously in his statements, as he afterwards himself admitted that the object of his remarks was to disarm Protestant opposition to Home The fact is that the Irish priest



has a right to it, and it is necessary in 1891, amounted to no more than a to restore it as the condition of her national life and prosperity. Without it she must cease to be Ireland large measure, their own judgments, and in time become an integral part were not unduly dominated by outside of England politically considered, just influence. Personally the Irish priests as Scotland has already become. Scotlare a very remarkable body of men, land, as Scotland politically, has ceas- so remarkable that it is not easy for ed to exist, and so must Ireland as people to believe in them who do not They are no anchorites, writes Miss

The denial to Ireland of the rights Tynan, no austere possessors of a self-government, side by side with spiritual joy, and far removed from the concession of these rights to so the human sources. They are men many portions of the Empire, a con- and brothers to their flocks; they are cession which has without exception open air persons; they love the gailed to prosperity and contentment, is ties of the people and the country, one of the strangest anomalies in and they are leading figures at weddings and christenings. The presence Within the British Empire at this of the priest is the great sweetening moment, there are some 26 Home and purifying factor in the social life Rule Constitutions, sixteen of these of Catholic Ireland, and the old thing constitutions give the dependencies is that though the priest's family complete control over their own afmay be of lowly circumstances, the fairs, and in the other 10 cases, gen-priest himself is almost invariably a uine responsible government, based up- gentleman. To be sure, in country on the model of the home constituen- places, where the people are very have been set up. Io Ireland nei- poor, the priest is many things ther representative nor responsible one, to his flock-not only priest, but government yet exists. Why is it re also legal adviser, banker, doctor, an fused? Apparently it is refused, fear- expert counsellor on all possible oc-

According to a Presbyterian judge of the High Court of Justice, in Ire-Why was it granted in the cases land, with whom Miss Tynan recently It was granted in the conversed on the subject, the icish hope of averting the disintegration of priests are invariably reasonable, pathe Empire, and that hope has been tient, clear-headed, wise in counsel. abundantly fulfilled. As the granting and above all, of a devotion to their of Home Rule to Canada resulted in flocks and their interests, beyond Ceases the white snow's stlent fall; Canada becoming the most prosper- praise. Another Irish public man ous and loyal of all the dependencies whom the priests have too easily bethe Empire, so I maintain the lieved to be unfriendly to them, says granting of similar concessions to Ire- Miss Tynan, recently declared that land would place her in a similar po- there was no one in all Ireland who could dread as much as he the priests Was that a shriek on the piercing

ple and richly favored by divine grace I have known, concludes the Irish they could not be what they are- novelist, some Irish Catholics in my could not have retained a single hu-man virtue, a single noble or gener-of "hating the priest." If it was And the lamb is slain at the Midous quality. All that malice, backed not a passing phrase in the case of by power and ingenuity could do to quite young men, then it had its roots protalize them and obliterate every in an emancipation which was not an Down in the glen of the Golden Gorsethey were created has been done and persons have been willing to acknow-,et they remain human, and in spite ledge that if their end appeared to be of all their faults, in spite of any ob- near they would unfailingly send for character, they will compare in all There is no class in Ireland which

the noble, moral virtues and religious holds the secret of Irish life like the excellences more than favorably with priests; it would be a sad, sad counany other people on the face of the try without them, and one would rewarth. Their worst side is their out- gard with grief the prospect of a

And now, as a mark of respect to the memory of the Irish people of the Their virtues lie deeper and are long ago, both priests and people who known only after an intimate acquaint- suffered martyrdom for their faith and have two loaves of bread sell one and ance. They are known often only to fatherland, let me conclude my paper buy a lily. Him for whose sake they are cultivat- by repeating for you the lines of a that needs to be fed. Mind, heart and Their faults are in a great mea- beautiful poem which lately came un- soul grow hungry, and many a time sure the result of the condition in der my notice, and which epitomizes they are famishing when the larder is which they have been placed. Their a part of the history of Ireland, show full. There are many homes where virtues through divine grace are their ing what the people suffered, and what the lilies are entirely crowded out by their priests su'iered, in most stiring the loaves; where there is no room times, namely the penal days. The for beauty or enjoyment, or even for word penal means inflicting punish- love, to grow, because of the mad ment, and in the times referred to scramble after wealth. Fewer loaves the punishments were terrible. The and more lilies-less of the rush after punishment being death for any priest material good, and more time for the found saying Mass, either in public or gracious and beautiful things God has The poem is entitled "Midnight

Mass in the Penal Days." The candles are lit in the lonely glen;

The priest is vested, the clerk is A stone for an altar, and women and Are gathering round in the midnight

Gathering up from the spreading vale, Gathering down from the mountain

Tis Christmas Eve, none must fail To tell their beads at the Midnight

ilently falls the drifting snow-Falls at the feet of angels light; till through the thickening gloom they go-

Go like spectres across the night. Stealthily, watchfully over the moor, Wary of tarn and deep morass, Till they stand by the soggarth's side secure. In the Glen of the Gorse at Mid-

Grouped together, the young and old, Maiden, matron, sire and son; Grouped together, the brave and bold,

night Mass.

Banned in the valleys their fathers Kneel they there on the muffled sod, Sighful and fearful, alas! alas!



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Ruined altar and rifled fane, Scattered homestead and blighted

Brethren banished and kindred slain-These are our trials, Lord, on earth! O let our wail in Thy sight ascend, Poor and forlorn we turn to Thee! Turn to Thee as the Sufferer's friend

For pity, Lord, in our misery!" The rite is over, the Mass is said

The blessing is given, the chant issung. The Litany told for the living and

dead. And scattered again the old and the young. Timid and sad on their homeward

way, Down by the vale and up by the pass Praying to God for a better day,

the Midnight Mass. The sickly moon through a pile of

For themselves and their Faith at

Shines on the glen where a fleecy pail Clasps the cold earth in a frozen

wind. And that the glint of a steek

cuirass?

And the lamb is slain at the Midnight Mass.

His altar stone for a rigid bier-A saintly soggarth lies a corpse, His bosom pierced with a trooper's spear.

But the angel who bears his soul away And sees his heart's blood drop on the grass, Will witness bear on the Judgment

For the priest and his flock at the

Midnight Mass. The Chinese have a saying: "If you " It is not the body alone placed within re ch of us all-would make happier and nobler lives.

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