THE OLD CLOCK.

LAST NIGHT OF THE DEPARTING YEAR. "—Seven—eight—nine! Do you hear that?" asked the old clock in the corner. "Here it is a full hour after your bed-time, and yet you sit there staring into

In front of the fire sat an old womangray haired, wrinkled, feeble. The voice of the clock did not disturb her, but as she watched the fitful flames one could

have read her thoughts.
"But it's excusable on this night," con-"But it's excusable on this night," continued the clock, in softer tones.
"Heigho! but it's the last day of the old
year! Three hours more and we are
done with it. You and I are going to
watch the old year out together. Let's
see! How many years have I seen come
and go? Forty—exactly forty with this
one. That's a long, long time."

The woman rocked gently to and fro,
and by and by the clock suddenly called
out:

what Tears in your eyes. Come, now, but that's no way to end the year. We were thinking of the same thing. Yes, he was a good and loving husband, and I'll say this for both of you, that I never heard one unpleasant word between you. It is twenty years since he died. I could look into his face as he lay on his dying bed, and if Heaven ever sent its light to lead a soul across the dark valley it was given to him. I remember your tears and moans and sobs, and you prayed that death might come to you as well."

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The woman wiped her tears away, and there was a feeling of suffication as she let memory bring up the events of other

years.
"-Eight-nine-ten!" called the clock after awnile. "How time does fly! It seems scarcely a month since I was striking the last hours of last year. Let striking the last hours of last year. Let me see! Some one wept with you at that bedside. There was a son and a daughter. Ah! now I recall their faces—their gentle ways—their loving words. Two years later there was another death-bed—more wails and sobs, and I saw the pall-bearers as they carried the daughter's boy out of the house. It seemed as if the last blow must crush you, and I well remember of saving to myself that it wouldn't be long.

saying to myself that it wouldn't be long before you were called to go."

The woman held her face in her hands and sobbed.

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'Come! Come!" chided the clock. "Come! Come!" childen the clock.
"Death is ever busy, and it must come to each and every one. The past is past, and we must put it behind us. How happens it that you are alone to-night? Where is the son of whom I spoke?"

The woman choked back her sobs, and her lips moved as if she were speaking the names of her dead ones. For many min-utes her reverie was unbroken, and she heard not the tick-tack ! tick-tack ! of the

steady old clock.
"-Nine-ten-elsven!" suddenly called the clock. "The son! Ah! how absent-minded I have become! Well do I reminded I have become! Well do I remember the day a woman with pale face
and frightened eyes opened the door and
handed you a letter which bore the insignia of death. You open it with tremoling fingers, and the next moment you
were like one dead. There were
days and days when you hovered between
life and death, and for my part I gave up
all hopes. Died in a foreign land—buried
among strangers over the sea. It was a
blow aimed at a heart twice broken."

The woman covered her face and

The woman covered her face and moaned in anguish, and the clock con-

—eleven—twelve—a happy New Year!"
The woman did not move,
"Heigho!" called the clock; "we have left the old behind!"

Her hands had dropped beside her and

her head had fallen.
"Dead!" ticked the clock, as the last faint echoes of his bell died away.
"Verily, it is so! The Old Year will lead

her soul from earth to eternity!"-Detroit Free Press.

A CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Dr. Delthil, a French physician, says that a sure cure for any ordinary case of diphtheria is to utilize the vapors of liquid tar and turpentine so as to dissolve the fibrinous exudations that choke up the throat and lead to such fatal results in that dreaded disease. Dr. Delthil's process is simply this: He pours equal parts of turpentine and liquid tar into a tin pan or cup and sets fire to the mixture. A dense resinous smoke arises, which obscures the air of the room. "The patient," Dr. Delthil says, "immediately seems to Dr. Delthil says, "immediately seems to experience relief; the chocking and rattle stop; the patient falls into a slumber, and seems to inhale the smoke with pleasure. The fibrinous membrane soon be comes detached, and the patient cough up microbicides. There, when caught in a glass, may be seen to dissolve in the smoke. In the course of three days afterwards the patient entirely recovers." This treatment has been tested in New York recently, and with gratifying results. It is based on the theory that diphtheria is due to the rabbid multiplication of living fungi which are killed by the fumes of the tar and turpentine. Indeed, all suc-cessful treatment of diphtheria is by the use of medicines which destroy low forms of insect life.

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HASHSLINGERS.

FOR THE TORIES.

Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, M. P., told his friends at Dungannon, Ireland, some days ago, that, as they were aware, the National League had done great work for their country by uniting all creeds of the Irish people at home to carry out their present struggle. By it: aid they had opposed the attacks of their opponents and had succeeded in gaining great vic. their present struggle. By it; aid they had opposed the attacks of their opponents and had succeeded in gaining great victories for the national cause. He hoped that this meeting would result in uniting all in the endeavors to promote the succees of the movement in which all were engaged. Above all places, Dungannon should be foremost in the movement. Not very far from here the volunteers met in solemn conclave and decided that the full constitutional rights of Ireland should be maintained. With such an historic past before them he believed the full constitutional rights of Ireland should be maintained. With such an historic past before them he believed the Dungannon of the present would do its part well. They was changing, and he believed the time for the establishment of their native Parliament was drawing near. It was true they had a government in power which he did not know how to distinguish. It was supposed to be a Tory one, but in reality its policy was directed by a clique at recreant Radicais. It came into power by a majority against home rule. When they came into power the Irish difficulty was before them and it had now hear

at recreant Radicals. It came into power by a majority sgainst home rule. When they came unto power the Irish difficulty was before them and it had now been proved that the Irish difficulty was too much for them. In spite of the threats of coercion and of the proclama-tions which are posted over the walls of our cities, this movement should come to

our cities, this movement should come to BRILLIANT AND SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION. By keeping up the league they were not only helping the Irish people at home, but showing the Irish people at home, but showing the Irish race abroad that they were united and resolved not to abandon their national liberties. These were the reasons why the National League should be supported by every honest Irishman. He did not think that in this patriotic city there was any reason for him to dilate upon the duty of Irishmen in the great crisis. By preserving their organization, and by doing all they could do to assist each other, the work left in their hands would prosper. He was confident they would not separate before coming to a firm resolve to increase the power of the National ate before coming to a firm resolve to increase the power of the National League. One of the prominent men present, Mr. Reynolds, said that his friend, Sir Thomas Esmonde, stated he did not know very well how to describe the presert government. Well, the other day he heard there were certain centlemen in some American cities who

other day he heard there were certain gentlemen in some American cities who were called "hashslingers." Well, the present government was a government of "hashslingers," for they had been flinging proclamations for the Irish landlords, but as yet they had flung them no rent. His friend, Sir Thomas, had adverted to East Tyrone. Well, he would take this opportunity of correcting a lying report which was in a Loyalist paper a few days ago, and which said that the unionists had a working majority in East Tyrone. It was they who had a majority in East Tyrone, and the seat might be regarded as impregnable. But nevertheless the National League of the town should be kept up if it was only for the purpose of registration.

Sensational Reading.

moaned in anguish, and the clock continued:

"Don't grieve so; the dead are at rest forevermore. Life's mistakes may need to be washed away with tears, but the dead have reaped their reward. You are old and poor and broken, but who can tell what new friends the New Year may raise up for you? I can not tell you to forget the past, for a mother's heart ever goes out for her dead, but the New Year may have more sunshine. Come, now, I am about to strike the Old Year out and the New Year in. Let us greet the New with a smile of welcome as I count—ten—eleven—tuelve—a happy New Year!"

The woman did not move,

"Heigho!" called the clock; "we have left the old hehind!" their children or servants become contam-inated by the reading of evil literature. The newspapers of the day often present misrepresentations and calumnies against the Church, and every Catholic who desires to know, as he should, the current events of the Church, her trials and triumphs, her progress and noble institu-tions of charity, should subscribe to at least one good Catholic paper, that thus he may become more interested in the Church and in all her works."

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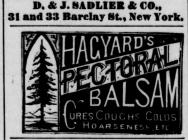
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