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HEALTH OF THE POPE

The audiences granted by the Sov ereign Pontiff are continued without interruption, a fact which demonstrates in what a good state of health the Popo is at the present time. Over all Italy, and in many other countries of the world, on the 20th of February the "To Deum" Was sung in the churches in thanksgiving dur the marvellous preservation in health of Leo XIII. On Saturday last the Lombard Pilgrimage closed the series of visits to the churches and monuments of Rome The pilgrimage of the Piedmontese and the Ligurians will follow close on the departure of the Lombards The former set out for Rome on the 28th of February. Thousands of individuals not belonging to any pilgrimage are flocking anto Rome for the celebration which will take place on Monday 3rd March, the 24th anniversary of the Coronation of Leo XIII. A Solemn Mass will be celebrated on that day in St. Peter's, and the Pontiff will be borne into the church scated in "Sedia Gestatoria," and will give his benediction to the people hunes and benches are being put up in the great church, which will be closed to the public from midday on Saturday until Monday morning. On that day admission will be only by ticket, and the tickets will be distributed at the Colleges of the nations to which foreign applicants belong. Thus the Austro-Hungarians and Germans will apply to the Hospice Dell 'Anima; the French at the French Embassy to the Holy Sec, the English at the English College; the Irish and Australians at the Irish College; the Scotch at the Scotch

likely to be very great. Representatives of Sovereigns and Rulers of States who are charged to being to the Pontiff the congratulations of the several Monarchs and Presidents are being nominated. A special telegram from London in The Noce della Verita announces that King Edward VII. has nominated Earl Denbigh, Lord-in-Waiting and Hereditary Peer, as his Envoy Extraordinary, charged to convey in the King's name special congratulations to the Holy Father Leo XIII. on his approaching Jubilee.

College; and the Americans of the

United States at the North American

Officee. The demand for tickets is

The Ambassador from France to the Holy See, M. Nisard, has been charged by his Government with a special mission to convey the good wishes of the President to the Soverposition to be on more friendly terms with the Pontiff than might be expected of a Power acting so severely towards the Church as this Government has done in its legislation ugainst the Congregations.

It was announced in the Catholic journals of Belgium that the Governments of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Belgium would send special missions to the Pope to present to him the congratulations of the respective heads of States on the occasion of his Pontifical Jubilic The Governments of France, A tria-Hungary, Spain, and Portugal v. charge their respective Ambassador in the Holy See to present to the ontiff the congratulations of their -spective rulers.

From Lisbon comes the rethe subscription for the 1 homage to Leo XIII, to be c ed by sending him a tiara or has already in the two dioceses Oporto and Bruga reached the sum 10,000 francs.

Thus the Pontiff on entering on the 25th year of his Pontificate is surrounded by the respect and affection of the world, and almost every Goverament, with the exception of that of Italy, has expressed in one form or another that respect and affection. On the other hand, the Government of Italy is not a success The display of force necessitated by the fears of the authorities, lest some disaster should befall the King on his way to Parliament, the strikes last, the dread of a universal strike of the railway employes, by which the whole trade of the country would be paralyzed, and a Ministry holding on to offer against the vote of the Floure, are indications of the abnormal condition prevailing in this counary. There are men in the Liberal marty who are still capable of realizing the serious state of their country. The Mattino of Napics published an article recently containing bitter reflections on the present situation of countries with those of Italy, the of things Italy could not offer a real nation. The other countries of Iluand they also have those safety one and the same time heads of the racy inspired by Christian charity—State and heads of the Church of and for this he is gratefully regarded

their respective realms, and around them press as many elements of so cial conservatism as their countries contain In Italy there is instead a Monarchical State, born of revolution and of plebiscites, in opposition to the Church which is the founds tion of all the conservative forces, and which State is now obliged to face the rising tide of that plebs from which it came, which threaten ingly ask it for a little more bread and a little more room under the

What is the way out of the difficul ty? The Carour theory of the separation of the State from the Church, tolerable as long as the State, strong with the enthusiastic fever of the great work hardly accomplished, could dely at the same time both Pius IX. and Mazzini, is fatal now that this ferer has passed away, and the Liberal middle class of Italy is now found unarmed and alone between two great enemies

The journal then recommends Zanardelli, if he seeks a temporary and ineffective remedy, to go on in his ordinary way of patching up a Ministry that may give the country a period of tranquility But if he seeks for a positive change of the present situation, "turn to God!"

These words are the expression the repentance some Liberals feel for the crimes and errors of half-a-century But, under the circumstances, it is almost hopeless to expect Zanardelli turning to God It is a sad picture, and there are elements of truth

Amongst the persons received in special audience during this week may be mentioned the Very Rev Dr Murphy, Rector of the Irish College, then the same Rector presented to His Holiness Judge Curran with his wife and daughter. The Judge and his family were in Rome last August when they assisted at the consecration of the Most Rev Monsigner Kelly, titular Archbishop of Acrida and coadjutor, with right of succession, of His Eminence Cardinal Moran, Archibishop of Sydney, and were afterwards presented to the Pope

Mr and Mrs. William O'Brien are in Rome at the Hotel Minerva.

THE JUDILEE

The Osservatore Romano, the Catholic journal of the pre-Italian days, notes that while Princes and peoples prepare to celebrate with joy the Jubice Year of Leo XIII, while from every land come towards Rome bands of pilgrims and the representatives of the Sovereigns of Europe, bringing to the history of the Church More than elsa Pontifi on his Jubilee. It has the august Pontifi congratulations good wishes, in this same Rome there is heard the echo of the sinister announcement of a new and most grave offence done to the Church And this is the salutation which, on the very dawn of the Jubilce Year, perfidious counsellors and the blind instruments of an evil sect place upon the lips of the august representative of the House of Savoy, and this is the gift which by his means they desire to present to the renerable white hairs of the Vicar of Jesus Christ

"This Rome" it continues, "this centre of Catholic doctrine and morals, this ancient and venerated mistress of truth, of justice, of civiliration, has to be seen by this saintly old man transmuted into a chair of error, into a forge of iniquity, the fatal announcement of the new outrage done to the Divine law must have resounded in his rooms and wounded his ear, and it is under his very eyes that preparation is making through this odious attempt against the indissolubility of the con- Holiness has felt that it is his duty gual blood, for the terrible blow

rected against the sanctuary family. which in perpetuity of that bond nizes its basis and its force, that orpetuity and indissolubility of matri my which is not, as it was foolisms pretended this morning, an "ideal pi nciple," but a dogma "

SOC! VI. DOCTRINES

The publication of the Holy Father's Encyclica's setting forth the Social doctrines upon which Catholics and disturbances of Turin on Sunday are to act may, in truth, be termed epoch-making. They have borne ample fruit in various lands All over the Continent Catholic workingmen's associations have aprung up, and have been the means not merely of ameliorating the condition of the workers, but of saving Catholics from the tolls of organizations whose programmes are hostile to religion We feel sure that the Social work of which Leo XIII has laid down the general outlines will be greatly developed in the future, and that com-Rialy. Contrasting the forces of other ing generations of Catholics will trace progress in different directions writer says that in the present state | to the initiative of Leo XIII in connection with Labor problems and effective resistance to another cannot feel sufficiently grateful to God that in days of unbellef, when rope are possessed of greater wealth, the teachers of false and noxious principles find so many disciples. He walves for accurity—the Colonies And has given such a ruler to His Church. then around the throne there are such a guide to workers of every ranged the ranks of the feudal aristo- creed "The great man, with his free cracles and the conservative middle force direct out of God's own hand. classes, who offer the resistance of is," says Carlyle "the lightning an ideal world and a complete org w- His word is the wise, healing word ic programmic to the onward rush of which all can believe " Leo XIII has the piche. The Crar, the Emperor of addressed such a healing word to Germany, the King of England are at | mankind-the gotpel of true Democ

by all friends of progress as a leader inevitable there should be some mor- would continue to produce, results a who has distinguished himself above fallity. Yet the Continental press thousand times more efficacious than all others in promoting religious and toctal regeneration.

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ENGLAND

THE LIGHT OF THE AGE

Of His Holiness Leo XIII, The

Catholic Times says. In the long listof Sovereign Pontiffs only two, with the exception of St Peter, reigned for a longer period, and each of them bore the name of Plus For twentyfour years and eight months tho Church was governed by Pius VI., and Pius IX reigned thirty-one years and seven months From all parts of the earth fervent prayers will go up that God may preserve Leo XIII for this and others years to preside over the Church's destinies and saleguard its interests It is the Holy Father's desire that prayers should be offered for him at this time and most heartily will that wish be complied with by Catholics It his health permits I.co XIII, will be present in St Peter's on Monday and impart his blessing to all assembled there on the occasion Already various Governments have commissioned Extraordinary Ambassadors to offer congratulations to His Holiness. Germany is sending representatives of the Emperor William, the King of Saxony, and the Prince Regent of Bavaria The Emperor of Austria, the Queen-Regent of Spain, and the King of the Belgians are conveying special offer ings and messages through Extraordinary Embassies In the name of the French Republic and its President good wishes will be tendered to His Holiness by M Nisard Pilgrinis are pouring into Rome to pay their homago to the nonagenarian Pontiff The Catholics of Lombardy, under the guidance of Cardinal Ferrari, lead the way. The Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris is also conducting a pilgrimage consisting of members of the Catholic associations of the French capital arrive in the Eternal City The Catholic workingmen's socities of Rome have conceived a happy and an uncommon idea for the celebration of the Jubilee They are presenting to the Holy Father brass tablets containing in Latin and Italian his

three Lacyclicals on social subjects An Austrian public man, Herr Ebenhoch, in paying a tribute a few days ago to the work which Leo XIII. has done for Christendom called His Holiness the light of the age As the title appropriately describes the leading part the Holy Pather has taken in moral and social questions, we have placed it at the head of our article. The supremacy he has exercised in this respect is acknowledged not merely by Catholics but also by non-Catholics. The Norddoutsche Allegemeine Zeitung, expressing officially the views of the Emperor William, declares that the Pontificate of Leo XIII. deserves a brilliant page in any of his predecessors for a long this lournal embodied in his policy the historical idea of the Papacy and has extended its spiritual influence, whilst personally he is reverenced alike by sover-

eigns and peoples, and the Kaiser en-

tertains for him a feeling of cordial-

ity deeper than the sentiment of po-

lite good-will which usually exists between sovereigns. The esteem in which Leo XIII is held by the German Emperor and other monarchs is based upon intimate knowledge of the efforts His Holiness has continually made to cultivate good relations with Governments It has sometimes been said that even if he had been a lasman he would have made his mark in diplomacy. As head of the Church he has undoubtedly shown wonderful diplomatic skill, and it has been directed especially to the removal of anything like friction between the representatives of the Catholic Church and the civil authorities In the first place, His as the Viceregent of Christ to promote peace and concord, and, secondly, he has at times been well aware of the advantages which are to be derived by the Church from kindness and sympathy on the part of temporal rulers The quiet tact of Leo XIII. in dealing with the heads of States has disposed of numerous difficulties. At critical moments when Catholics, full of indignation at what they considered ill-treatment, have been preparing for a bitter struggle

with people in power, the Holy Father by prudent conciliation has brought about a better understanding, and thus averted a strife which would, if persisted in, prove prejudicial to religion and the State. But whilst Lee XIII has succeeded in winning the respect of men in authority, he has

been none the less decisive in his assertion of the rights of the masses His vindication of the claim of the toiler to a fair wage has carned for him the name of "The Workman's Pope," and his treatment of the whole Labor Question betrays not merely remarkable knowledge and penetration, but also breadth of view A DEFENCE OF THE CONCENTRA-

TION CAMPS. Bishop Bellord, Auxiliary to Cardinal Vaughan and formerly a Roman Catholic army chaptain, addressing a R-man Catholic meeting at Bow, London, referred to the calumples frequently published in foreign newspapers regarding the conduct of the war in South Africa England, he said, had done what no other country had hitherto undertaken in receiving the Boers into concentration camps and doing all that was possible for the benoft of the women and children. But under the circumstances it was ! Christ had produced in the world, and !

took no account of the goodwill of all the reactions and the revolutions the English Government, but levelled | that had been accomplished or that charges against it of wholesale mur- were in course of preparation. der Horrible pictures of the King and Queen of England had been published, depicting Their Majestles Paris, Canon do Bussy, Vicar of stamping down little children in a Saint Gervais, has resigned his parbeen trought against the English sol- | Notro Dame. He is now eighty-five diers but, speaking from practical years old, and is still full of activity experience as an army chaplain, he could say it was almost impossible to | twenty-eight years at the head of find a thorough-paced blackguard in the English army. The British soldiers were in no way entitled to be called unredeemed blackguards, nor was it just for the foreign press to characterize them as cowardly, cruel and brutal. Such calumnies created a bitterness of feeling which might, perhaps, lead to serious consequences

SCOTLAND

DEATH OF MOR CAMPBELL. Monsignor James Augustino Camp bell, Rector of the Scots' College in Rome for many years, died February 16th, at the Convalescent Home of the English Nursing Sisters in Fie-sole, near Florence Mgr. Campbell was well known in Rome. He was born at Aberdeen on the 30th of May, 1841. In 1854, when he was 13 years old, he entered Blair's College at Aberdeen, continuing his studies there during four years. In 1858 ho came to the Scots' College in Rome, where his studies were carried on for seven years more It was in the summer of 1865 that he was ordained to the priesthood, but nevertheless, his studies were not regarded as completed until 1866 Then he was apnoisted Vice-Rector of the College under the Very Rev Dr. Grant, who, strango to say, was also a native of Aberdeen. Shortly before the death of Dr. Grant the Rev James Campbell was appointed Pro-Rector, and on the death of the Rector in the During March, April and May many March of 1878 he came into the full national and district pilgrimages will office of Rector, his appointment dating from the September of that year. From that time until the May of 1897-a period of 29 years-Dr. Campbell exercised the office of Rector During his Rectorship he was appointed, first, Cameriere Segreto to His Holiness, and later he was nominated Domestic Prelate. He was succeeded in June, 1807 by Mgr Robert

Fraser, also a native of Aberdeen Whilst the crowd was fisuing | this evening from the Basilica some individuals turned their eyes towards the Vatican, in which dwells the Pontiff, for whom their prayers were offered up. There they saw the white-yested figure of the Holy Father standing at the third window of his apartment From that place he had been looking down upon his children. The crowd stopped to gaze upon the almost visionary figure at the window, and

then slowly withdrew. FRANCE

PRESIDENT'S GIFT TO POPE. President Loubet's gift to the Sovcreign Pontiff on the occasion of the hundred dollars in sixteen years. One Papal Jubilce consists of two splen- | hundred dollars a year. Yet there are did pieces of Gobelin tapestry, repro- men who have had the handling of senting the departure of Joan of Arc | considerably more money, and think for the Court of King Charles VII | themselves very much more importand Joan's vision. The designs on the ant members of society than this tapestry are by Jean Paul Laurens, the famous historical painter, M. show sixteen hundred dollars in value Nisard, French Diplomatic representativo at the Vatican, has been directed by M Loubet to offer the gift to the Sovereign Pontiff.

CARDINAL RICHARD. H. E. Cardinal Richard was expected in Rome towards the end of the week He was followed, not ac companied, as at first stated, by most of the Vicars of Paris parishes and by lay persons connected with diocesan works. With the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris there will be in Rome four Cardinals of France and leven French Bishops. Attending Cardinal Richard on his journey are Canon Peuportier, Promoter of the Diocese, and the Vice-Chancellor, Canon Audollert. Many of the clergy only started on Wednesday last, among them being about eight Vicars of the most important parishes, including that of the Madeleine, to which the son of Senator Chespelong has just been appointed. The new Vicar of the Madeliene goes from one miring glances at her husband, and of the poorest parishes, that of St. Michel des Batignolles, to one of the wealthiest, although it has been sometimes stated that the Madeleine is not quite so rich a parish as is supposed. Anyhow, it is a notable one, All the representatives of the Paris diocese in Rome are to be presented to the Sovereign Pontiff. Among them are several ladies, such as the Duchesses d'Eustissac, who is the delegate from one of the charitable institutions of the metropolis.

LENT IN PARIS.

The Lenten Conferences at Notre Dame are, as usual, attended by large crowds, not only of believers, but also of Materialists. These latter are able to improve their minds by hearing Father Etourneau, who now holds the Metropolitan pulpit. The celebrated Dominican chose as the subject of his opening conference "Riches from the Evangelical Point of View." He pointed out with irresistible logic how wealth, or rather money, was regarded by the Founder of Christianity, as necessary on utilitarian grounds, and for the necessities of existence, but the Redeemer forbade the worship of Mammon, and proclaimed the final inutility of riches. It would be impossible to give a just summary of Pere Etourneau's acried reasoning, but in conclusion he re-Socialists - that the doctrine of

would continue to produce, results a

AN OLD ECCLESIASTIC. One of the oldest ecclesiatics in wino press Serious charges, too, had | ish, and goes to the Cathedral I despite his age. He was for the past the Parish of Saint Gervals. It was he who restored in Paris the sacred music of Palestrina, Vittoria, and Orlando di Lasso, and founded the now famous "Schola Cantorum" of the singers of Saint Gervais, who imitate those of the Sistine Chapel The ex-Vicar of Saint Gervais was nominated a Canon so far back as 1819 by Mgr. Sibour, who was murdered by a mad priest in the Church of Saint Etienno du Mont

A tremendous conflict has arisen between Mgr. Turinaz, Bishop of Nancy, and the editor of The Univers The Hishop holds that M. Veuillot encouraged Madamo Mary of the Sacred Heart, although her books and her educational projects were condemned by the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, that the editor of The Univers backed up "Americanism." which was condemned by Pope Leo XIII., and also the "Christian Democrats," who were condemned on several points in the Encyclical 'Graves de Communi," in the letter of the Sovereign Pontiff to the clergy of France, and in the recent decisions signed by Cardinal Rampolia M Eugeno Veuillot has an answer, or rather answers, for the denunciations of Mgr. Turinaz. The editor says that he backed Madame Mary when she had Episcopal support, that The Univers took up "Americanism" to a very limited extent, and that in the question of Christian Democrats the paper followed the line traced by the Sovereign Pontiff himself.

Only A Common Story

(Written for The Register) The following story of pluck and thrift crowned with success, is very interesting It has no sensational features in it, being only a common stors about common people who were hardworking, thrifty and persistent. About 16 years ago a newlymarried Geeman couple hought ten acres of fruit land a few miles from one of our Ontario cities For this

land, on which was a small house and barn, eight hundred dollars was to be paid. Four years ago the adjoining twenty-five acres, on which there was no improvement, was purchased by this couple for the same price, eight hundred dollars, This year the entire amount will be paid off and the thirty-five acres will be free. Nothing very startling, is it? Sixteen common-place German, who cannot after sixteen years. Besides the thirty-five acres are planted with fruit trees and are so much the more valu-

The man tells his story with a justifiable pride in his achievement. "I had no help. I did it all myself. I worked in the stone quarry have seen me stood up for thirty hours working in the wet and mud, and then come home and throw myself down on the floor, sleep for a few hours and get up to work on my own place. When we came here we were de only Catholics here, and my neighbors used to say Why you go seven miles to de Catholic Church. Pete? Come to our church and I will help you. It is a hard thing to be poor, Pete; come to our church.' But I say so long as I had dose ten fingers, I work for myself and I need no help. I has paid for my land, and now dey are mad because I am doing so well." The wife stood by while this story was being told, casting adnot seeking to claim any of the credit. Yot when we think that the husband in the early years spent three or four days of each week at the stone quarry, our admiration is turned toward her who did the hard work when the man was away from home This couple have two children, and an incident was related of their school life which seems almost incredible.

At Christmas time the school teacher was questioning the children about the reason for observing Christmas Out of a class of forty scholars only the two little Catholic children could tell why Christmas is celebrated as a Christian feast They know Christmas was a time for receiving presens, but as a religious feast, it was to them non-essential.

A BOAT 2,000 YEARS OLD. London, March 15. - A remarkable discovery has been made in County Mayo, Ireland, where a wooden boat believed to be nearly 2,000 years old, has been dug up by some laborers They struck something hard with their spades, and at first thought it was a coffin. Later a hoat, beautifully carved from the trunk of an oak tree, was revealed. It was 48 feet long, and showed absolutely no signs of decay. The wood was so hard that minded uil-Christians, Materialists, hatchets made scarcely any impression on it. The boat will shortly be talem to the Dublia Museum,

The Only Valid Argument in Favor of any Medicine is the Results Achieved by its Use.

From the beginning of time man has been struggling to overcome dis-

The history of his efforts in this direction would be a very interesting story if collected and arranged. Scientific and theoretical systems of medicines have been devised and promulgated only to be discarded lat-

et as unscientific and not practical Many fanciful remedies and treatments have been and are being put forward only to fail when brought face to face with disease and one after another to sink into oblivion and be forgotten.

There is only one absolute test of the value of a medicine and that is, the results achieved by its application to the disease it professes to be able to cure.

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ing Dyspepsia, cases that have been given up as incurable by the best physicians. The have been offered as a remedy

for Stomach Troubles for years and year by year their popularity has increased, as the reports of their victories have accumulated Reports of remarkable cures have

been published almost daily for years. Every opportunity for verification have been given. Investigation has confirmed and strengthened the truth of the statements made.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets have been tried and proven. They have done all they claim to be able to do are a genuine cure for all Stomach Troubles.

FATHER O'LEARY'S MISSION. Ottawa, March 17 .- Rev. Father O'Leary, chaplain to the first Canadian contingent, who has been consulting with Lady Minto in regard to some suitable plan for marking the graves of Canadians who fell in South Africa, states that nothing definite as yet has been determined on. A good deal depends upon the amount of money which can be raised, and as of last spring. yet there has been no substantial response to the appeal for subscriptors. Shake one of the cone-bearing branches, and thousands of brown tions. Father O'Leary knows the specks, like those brought home to burial place of every member of the Royal Canadian Regiment, having taken particular pains while in South Africa to inform himself upon this point His idea is to gather the remains of the thirty-two Canadians who are interred at Paardeberg into one grave and erect over it a fine granite column. The remains of the other deceased members of the regiment, he thinks, should be assembled from other parts of Orange River Colony and from Transvaai and reinterred in the cemetery at Bloemiontein It is Lady Minto's wish that Father O'Leary should go to South Africa and superintend the removal and reinterment of the bodies as soon as sufficient funds for the purpose have been raised

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES give prompt and effectual relief in all Throat troubles Mr Amos R Peachy, Hungerford, Berkshire, England, writes "Change of climate (from South Africa) nearly cost me my life, as it produced the greatest prostration from Ulcerated Throat and Bronchial Inflammation My fric is are astonished at the remarkable change in my health from the time I commenced using Brown's Bronchial Troches."

A NEW TERM.

April 1st marks the date of the opening of the Spring Term in the Central Business College, of Toronto. a school which is doing good work and which seems to enjoy a liberal patronage as stated in its advertisement in this issue

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In consumption, as in other diseases, the results secured from continued treatment with Scott's Emulsion come from the accumulation of many small gains.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A SMALL BOY'S AMBITION. (Emma F. Balley in March St. Nicholas.)

My brother Fred's the nicest man, so big an' straight an' tall. Why he can do all kinds of

that I can't do at all! An' you always hear him whistling while he's workin' round. Sometimes he doubles up his arm, an' says to me, "Now pound!"

An' when I pound him (awful hard) he only laughs at me. When I am big that's just the kind of man I'm going to be.

Sometimes when I've been hammerin' an' the nails won't go in straight, My brother Fred he comes along, an' says, "Wby, that's first-ratel An' then he takes my hammer an' ho taps just once or twice,

An' all thase crooked, bent-up nails go in as straight an' nicei An' then he laughs an' picks me up, till I am taller'n he An' when I'm big that's just the kind of man I'm goin' to be.

Sometimes when I'm playin' round, I break things an' feel bad; But Fred he comes whistlin' along, an' says, "Don't look so sad." Then off he goes, an' pretty soon I hear him comin' back; An' what I broke's all mended up so

ma can't find the crack! I don't cry then, but laugh, an' mama laughs, an' so does he. An' when big that's just the kind of man I'm going to he.

Onco I was sick a-visitin', I guess I was 'most dead.

But my ma she knew what to do she sent for brother Fred. An' Fred he picked me right straight up an' carried me off home

So easy in his big strong arms. An' wa'n't I glad to come! An' I was thinkin' all alone as he was bringin' me. 'When I am big Fred's just the kind

of man I'm goin' to bel" "MIMIC SNOW-BIRDS."

Many seeds are scattered by the winter storms, and forest-planting goes on in the woods long before we dream of gardening.

When the logs are hauled in from the woods, many of our country boys and girls have noticed small brown specks clinging to the anowy sticks. Examine a brown bit, and you will find it a veritable miniature "snowbird" - in shape, at least. Head, wings, and tail are all there.

If you wish to know where this strange little brown flock came from, follow the sled back to the snowy, woods, where the men are chopping, and somewhere near you will surely, find a white birch tree hung with dark brown cones, the fruited catkins

the wood-pile, will sail over the snow. These specks are the small scales which cover the little seeds of the birch-tree. The ting yellow seeds are barder to find than their birdlike coverings, for they are lighter, and are borne away on their wings. Some of the cones on the branches have lost their seeds and have atiff, straight ends. Pinch the bottom of a perfect come, and you will soon discover a method of scattering seeds as marvellous as that of the witchhazel In ripening, the rows of seeds with their bird-like coverings bave loosened from the stem of the cone, and are now held together by the contact and pressure. The one hard scale at the end unlocks the secret. Touch that and the whole flock of seeds takes flight as if we had unlocked the door of a cage and real birds were gladly escaping from their

captivity. The sturdy black birch scatters its seeds in a similar manner. One winter day I saw a hungry little brown bird opening this small storchouse of seeds with its bill.—St. Nicholas.

A LITTLE GIRL'S SELF-DENIAL AND PRAYER REWARDED.

Believing that a child is sometimes a teacher whose lessons few can resist, says The Ave Maria, we are constrained to relate, apropos of Lent, an example of charity and selfdenial on the part of a little girl which lately came under the notice of an Old-World correspondent. The incident occurred at Monaco, and we are assured of its being authentic.

A poor family, comprising father, mother and three young children. were in great distress—the father being dangerously ill and the household reduced to extreme poverty. Tho sorely-tried mother had just divided and set before the children a loaf of bread, which was all that the larder afforded, when an old beggar came to the door and asked for something to cat. The situation was briefly explained to him, but before the poor man could turn away, the little girl of eight handed him her portion, saying to her mother: "I can go without supper, and perhaps God will make father strong and well as he was be-

fore." The child's charity and self-denial were blessed - how could such a gen-Scott's Emulsion can be The father immediately began to imulnely noble act fail of a blessing' taken for weeks and months prove and was soon able to return to without the least disturbance. | work, though he had received the last

good. It makes new flesh and | We are apt to put too low an estimate on the spiritual understanding of children. Perhaps it is their isnocence that renders their capacity of comprehenzion no great.