true Emperors, Diocletian and Maximi

lian, and spoke in elequent words:
"Hear, O Emperors, and all you who are present, officers of the army, philosophers, senators and the people, what I am going to say. Whenever I heard the name of Christ I was struck with horror, and I detested my very relatives because they professed to Christians. I informed myself exactly concerning Christianity, its rites and mysteries, only that I might all the more despise it and inspire you with the utmost contempt for the same. But while I was lying upon my couch beheld a vision. I saw a company of angels over my head who recited out of a book all the sins I had committed from childhood; then, after having plunged the book into the water, which stood on the table and which was after wards poured upon me in your pres ence, they showed me the book, whiter Therefore, I advise you than snow. O great and mighty Emperors, and all ye people here present who have ridi-culed these mysteries, to believe with me that Jesus Christ is true God, that He is the light and the truth, and that it is through Him you may obtain the forgiveness of your sins.

Diocletian became highly enraged, ordered the curtain to be lowered, Genesius to be led through the streets and most inhumanly beaten with clubs and then to be put into the hands of Plautian, the prefect of the prætorium that he might compel the playwright to sacrifice to the gods. Plautian commanded him to be placed upon the rack, where he was torn with iron books for a considerable time and then burnt with torches. The martyr en dured these terments with constancy, and persisted in crying out :

There is no God of the universe besides Him whom I have seen. Him I adore and serve, and to Him I will adhere though I shall suffer a thousand deaths for His sake. I regret exceed ingly my former errors and that I once His holy name and came so late to Hisservice.

Upon this Genesius was beheaded. The baptism which Genesius re-ceived on the stage was only a repre sentation of that sacrament, for want of a serious intention of performing the Christian rite; but Genesius was baptized in desire, with true contrition, and also in his own blood. His feast is celebrated on August 26 - Anthony Matre in Catholic Columbian.

THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

Movement to Re-organize the Society in all the Diocese of the Country.

A movement is now on foot through out the country to reorganize in every parish the pre-eminently Catholic Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Very Rev. A. Magnien is the general director and Rev. H. Granjon, assistant director and secretary of the association, with headquarters at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

The work dearest to the heart of the

Son of God is the salvation of souls, which is brought about by the spread of the Gospel. In the beginning the Apostles went as far into the "whole for this purpose as the shortness of their lives and the difficulties of travel allowed, and their followers went on and kept up preaching and teaching till the kingdom of Christ soon more widespread than the mighty Roman Empire had ever been. Then came polit-ical and social wrecks and changes for a thousand years, so that Times. little progress was made in extending the boundaries of the faith; the Church struggled with the tide of barbarians, and with great trouble held her own. When the tempest went down her missionaries again set out to bring other peoples to the service of Christ, and we find them going into Prussia, Norway, Sweden, penetrating the heart of Africa, advancing overland to China, daring with Columbus the unknown Atlantic and with De Gama the cape of storms, exploring the forests and deserts of North and South America and the islands of Japan in search of God's missing children. The unhappy Pro-testant revolt, while it deprived the Church of one arm in tearing the North from her body, only added to the zeal with which she used the other arm for her work, and by the aid of the still faithful nations invaded lands that no European conqueror had ever visited, to teach them the truths of salvation.

While other countries have full credit for their glorious labors in this field, France seems especially to have been chosen by God for this later apos-Our own land in particular is baptized in the sweat and blood and consecrated by the admirable lives and deaths of French priests and nuns. Our earliest frontier priests and Bishops have been mostly Frenchmen, hence so many of our Western towns, lakes and rivers have Gallic and holy names. There is but one word which may express one's admiration for the deeds of French missionaries in our country, and that is the exclamation of Louis XV., when he saw the Irish Brigade charge at Fontency. nificent!" he said.

Frenchmen at home seconded with their money the personal sacrifices of their countrymen abroad, and in 1820, under the guidance of Bishop Forbin Janson, who had visited the United States, certain laymen of Lyons founded the Society for the Propagation The aid it gave, and still gives, our Church is very considerable, and indeed we could not have got along at all as well without it. think! Since 1822 the central committee has sent us no less than five million four hundred thousand dollars.

organization, and though most of our bishops no longer need their alms, yet a few of them are still helped in this way.

And what have we ourselves done for the work of this splendid society? Very little, I must say. While the in-habitant of France has for a long time back contributed an average of three cents a year to the Propagation of the the Catholic American has scarcely bestowed one sixth of one cent. Of course we have, with God's blessing, done wonders. We have not moved mountains, perhaps, but we have raised them, in the way of building churches, schools, asylums, etc. We have preserved the faith among the masses of our immigrants, and this is very much the same as propagating it. Now that we are, most of us, in what may be considered easy circumstances, should we not think not only of our needy brethren, but also of the heathen world beyond? The rights of property are sacred, and to the owner belongs its administration, but the rich must still remember that they are only stewards of God and that their surplus belongs to the disinherited ones. This is true of churches as well as of individuals. This is true

When will we Catholics imitate the various Protestant societies in their endeavor to Christianize the world? In view of their strenuous efforts, can we sit coldly and idly in the selfish enjoyment of our blessed lot? they appear to be "wiser in their gen-eration than the children of light." Do we know, all of us, that the non-Catholic Christians of the United States alone send more than six million dollars a year to support missions abroad, not to speak of what they spend on those at home, while all the Catholics of the world contribute for the Society of Foreign Missions not more than a million and a quarter? It is lawful to learn even from an enemy." according to the proverb. It is true that on account of the poverty, celibacy and obedience of our mission aries, they are able, despite their small resources, to do far more than those others with all their moneythis all travelers acknowledge-but there is no doubt the results would be more satisfactory if the means were

greater. Over three hundred dioceses and vicariates apostolic, with their priests, nuns, churches, orphanages and schools, are mainly supported by that million and a quarter collected by the Society for the Propagation of the Oh! if we of the United States would contribute our share, gold or mite, what an impetus it would give to the civilizing and sanctifying of the Perhaps we priests might on reflection think well to do without some unnecessary expenditure in our church buildings, houses, etc., and raise new and living temples to the Lord. So will a blessing come back to us, and we will not be obliged to bar our gates against a heathen foreigner, but will welcome brothers in faith and civilization; so will our people become enlarged in their ideas of the people of the globe and of the size and variety of our great Catholic family ; so will all our bosoms glow with generosity and love; for the Holy Ghost, who in flamed the Apostles on the day He sent them forth to convert the world, will fill the hearts of all who do their part in spreading the light of the truth and renewing the face of the earth. 'Cast thy bread upon the running waters; for after a long time thou shalt find it again." Eccles. xi., 1.—E. Mc. Sweeney in Catholic Standard and

HOLINESS OF MARRIAGE.

The Rev. John M. Fleming, O. S. A., a few weeks ago delivered an eloquent sermon on the "Holiness of Marriage" in St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, Lawrence, Mass. We regret that we can not give the discourse in full, but its logical significance may be gathered from the following extracts. After reading the gospel relating to the miracle at Cana in Galilee Father Fleming said:

"Those hearts that were about to beat as one did not forget to invite Jesus to preside over and sanctify their inseparable union. In attending to this most important feature they were wisely laying the foundation of their future happiness and peace. They fully realized that something was necessary to make permanent the ardent love they had for one another.

They foresaw that the fires of love would speedily become extinguished if they were not fortified by the protec tion and blessing of Jesus Christ. In adopting this course they were in direc opposition to that pursued by the majority of young people of to day. Many take a momentous step through sordid motives of gain, or because they are captivated and carried headlong into the vortex of an arrant madness which their disordered and misguided brain mistakes for love. Their lives have been condemned to such a whirlpool of nonsense, thoughtlessness and empty vanities that they have never spared the time to grasp the real meaning of the power of love. On fire with this false and distorted photograph of ove, they sacrifice their earthly, and often their eternal, happiness for a few passing moments of brilliant sunshine.

"A union that is produced by nataral love, supplemented and endowed by the influences of virtue and religion, becomes absolute and indissoluble The supernatural gift of grace sanctifies the persons united under the banner of religion and the blessing of Jesus Christ. Many embrace the state of matrimony and prepare for it as if they were suddenly to be transported I think there is not a single diocese of ours but is indebted to this noble Nights' back to the garden of Paradise

there to drink in forever an endless flood of delights. They never think that they need any external assistance, a loving, gentle and firm hand along the rugged paths of life; some hand to prevent them falling over the precipice of grief into the yawning abyss of despair, and raise them to their feet when they are famishing through want of affection, which they thought would endure forever. Job would have re-plied to such people, 'No doubt you are the people and wisdom shall die with you' (Job. xii 12.)

"The presence of Jesus at the mar-

riage feast of Cana of Galilee has, for the human race all the time, more than a passing significance. The wondrous miracle by which 'the conscious water saw its God and blushed 'was farreaching in its meaning. He raised matrimony from the degrading position to which it had been plunged by the corruption of the pagans and the in-difference of the Jews, to the dignity of a sacrament. It is not, then, a mere civil contract, but it takes rank amongst those human transactions that have been consecrated by God. Legis lators who place it in the same category with civil contracts are acting against reason. They usually surround it with more stringent laws than other contracts. Those who are not wholly abandoned and devoid of patrictism, perceive that, unless the family is carefully guarded, the country must inevitably perish. The Church teaches that there are two persons in this world that have a right to say that they possess one another. Two beings alone can say one to another, 'Thou art mine,' because they have entirely given themselves to each other Marriage is defined to be the marital union of man and woman between legitimate persons, holding them bound ogether in one common life. You will see that the essence of marriage is the union, the obligation, the tie resulting from perfect mutual consent.

"The divine institution of marriage

s everywhere threatened and assaulted by the enemies of virtue and religion. In almost every country where Christianity has long been established, and where nations claim to obey its injunctions, legalized separations and success ive polygamy are permitted. The State is exceeding its authority when it arrogates to itself the right to separate husband and wife in such a manner a to permit one to marry during the lifetime of the other. In (Matthew xix. 36, God expressly forbids any human power to trespass on the domain which He has made sacred. Do the words-'What God hath joined together, let no man put assunder,' require any explanation? Are they not a protest against the disorders that dishonor marriage? What security can there be for the preservation of virtue and the stability of the family, if separations will continue to be granted for trivial reasons? Various arguments are advanced in defense of divorce by those who seek in it a false remedy for licentiousness, who have violated their most sacred vows, and intend to pursue a life of wickedness and debauch. Clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, continually deplore the alarming increase of divorce in Europe and Leo XIII. compares the fever for divorce to a contagion, or a river that has overflowed its banks. Dector Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity church, New York City, in his lectures on 'The Calling of a Christian Woman, furnishes some interesting figures on this subject. He states that in Vermont there is one divorce for every thirteen marriages, in Rhode Island and New Hampshire one to every ten, sone to every fourteen and in Connecticut one to every eight The Edinburgh Review, October, 1880. page 529, says that in Prussia the verage is ninety to one thousand. Rev. S. Baring Gould, an English Episcopal elergy-man, says that in Den mark divorce is much more common than in Prussia. We produce those incontrovertible figures only to awaken in you a horror of such an iniquitous expedient.

"What is to become of a nation if the family is unstable? Is not every one aware that it exercises a powerful influence for the promotion of unselfish patriotism and respect for the majesty of the law? Is it not high time for al true Christian men and women to raise their united voices to check and destroy an evil which threatens their tem-poral and eternal happiness? Young people must be given to understand that when they are joined in matri-mony in the presence of God, that their plighted troths are registered in heaven, and that they cannot be rent asunder until one at least appears before the great white throne.

"What a joy it is for a young man and woman to know that when their union has been blessed by God, He will guide, guard and enlighten them through life's long, weary journey. Hand in hand they face the stern real ities of life, and lighten one another's burdens by the sweet and magnetic influence of love. When age has banished beauty from both their cheeks and they approach the evening of life this love develops and manifests its exhaustless treasures, from which they can draw strength and consolation. It will be with no-harrowing feelings of blank despair that they will view the future. They have laid the foun-dation for their posterity to reap the golden harvests of peace and joy.

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A Delightful Story From the "Recollections" of Aubrey de Vere. In the course of a lengthy review of

the "Recollections" of Aubrey de Vere the Literary Digest says: One of the most delightful of Mr. De Vere's stories concerns an Irish priest who cultivated peculiar notions of conscience and duty. There was a boy whom the priest had taught to shoot, There was a boy

and as soon as he was big enough he bettered his instructions by shooting an agent. Then came remorse: tired out. I can't bear the pain in my heart any longer ;" so he came to give

himself up.
"'Is it to be hanged you have come 'It is, then, to everence.' The here?' said the priest. 'It is, then, to be hanged, your reverence.' The priest replied: 'My boy, it is a very serious thing to die and meet one's God. I'm afraid it's a long time since you were at Mass and that you have forgot ten your religion. Let me hear now if you can say the Apostles' Creed. The youth strove to recite it, but failed. 'This is a strange thing,' the priest rejoined. 'Here is a man who does not know a B from a bull's foot, and yet he thinks he is fit to be hanged. Where are you living, my boy? am living down there, your reverence, about a mile to the west.' The priest answered: 'I will go to you every night about ten o'clock : I'd be afraid of going before it is dark, for I might be hanged myself as an accomplice and as it is that's likely enough, if they come upon us.' Every night the pries visited the self-condemned youth and taught him the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, adding this promise: 'As soon as ever I find you are fit to be hanged I will tell you so. then don't dare to do anything of the

Many nights, at the risk of his own life, the priest made his way to the boy and taught him—until that spurious repentance, which is only remorse passed into that truer repentance which

is of love and is consoled by love.
"One night, however, before giving the youth his usual parting blessing, he said: I promised, my boy, to leave you know when I considered you fit to be hanged, and now I have the satisfaction of assuring you that I never knew a man fitter to be hanged than yourself

The lad informed against himself and was transported-not hanged, as he and his priestly friend expected he would be.

Ordered to Pay in Instalments.

Sometimes, without doubt, American and British judges, who are held to a close accountability to the letter of a law which may have in it no justice for a particular case, may well sigh for the latitude of an Oriental cadi. Some times, moreover, they may rightfully bend the administration of the law in the direction of absolute justice.

An English paper, for instance, records a peculiar decision in the suit of a usurer against a poor woman. man had lent the woman money in such a way that it was to be paid in instalments, and with monthly usurious interest. The woman was unable to pay the amount due. The judge satisfied himself that the

yoman was honest and honorable, and that what she had already paid in instalments would cover the original loan and a reasonable interest. "Will you accept five pounds in dis-

harge?" asked the judge of the plain. tiff; "you will then have had 10 per cent. on the loan." The plaintiff would accept nothing

ess than the full am

law entitled him.
"Then," said the judge, "although I cannot invalidate the agreement, can make an order which, I think, will fit the case. I give judgment for the full amount, to be paid at the rate of

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On Children's Reading.

Some people congratulate themselves when their children take to reading. But they sometimes forget that a boy is not necessarily out of mischief when he is absorbed in a book. Much de-pends upon the character of the book and papers he reads. If he revels in such papers as the Police News, the Detective on the Wing and the New York Family Story Paper, or in such pages at 1990kg, Red Roy." "New York Family Story 1 aproved New books as "Peck's Bad Boy," " New books as "Peck's Bad Boy," " Deadwood Dick in Dead City" and "The Wild Man of the Mountain," he is in far worse business than if he slammed the doors, disarranged the rugs and mat, slid down the stair-rail or went tearing over the carpet with his rough shoes.

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A Boy Baptized Himself.

St. Augustine speaks of the soul as "naturally Christian." A remarkable instance of this natural longing for union with Ged through fulfilment of the law of Christ is recorded in the last issue of the American Esclesiastical Review. A priest relaates that one evening a lady called upon him, and, though professing no religion, asked to be baptized. The priest explained to be baptized. that unless she believed in the efficacy of the ceremony he could not perform

it. "Could a person who is baptized himself baptize me?" queried. "Yes," was the reply.
"But I must believe?" "Yes."
"Taat is right," she continued; "my
boy died a Catholic. He baptized him self. Give me one of your books and I shall try to believe if I can." Then she told how her little boy, feeling as if he were going to die, begged that he might be baptized. She put him off with the remark that he was not about to die, and she sent away the Catholic nurse who had, she believed, influenced

little son asked for water and, when he it, taking some with his feeble hand he put it on his forehead, saying, "I baptize myself in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy The case was a decidely Ghost." touching one, and the editor of The American Ecclesiastical Review, au swering the priest's request for information as to the validity of the bap tism, observes that any person who should sincerly attempt to baptize him self in such an emergency would re-ceive the grace of baptism, that is to say, salvation, not through the sacrament of faith, but through his faith in the Sacrament.

Life of St. Teresa by a Protestant.

One of the signs of the times is an enthusiastic life of St. Teresa by a Scotch divine. The shade of John Knox might rise from the grave to protest against the tone in which the Rev. Dr. Alexander Whyte, of Edin burgh, writes of the great Spanish doctor and mystic, whose biography in an abbreviated form he prefixes selected passages from her works. her Seven Meditations on the Lord's Prayer, he declares that after having read the best expositions of the subject in English, he finds that they stand alone "for originality and striking suggestiveness." Dr. Whyte's volume is the subject of an amusing paragraph in the notices of "Books of the Week" in a recent issue of the London Times.

The critic either affects to be, or is really so ignorant of the subject, that he writes of the Saint as though she were some obscure religious of the sixteenth century, whose history had been unearthed by modern research. Thus he informs his readers, speaking of one of the greatest women of all time, that she "was a Spanish lady of good birth was a Spanish lady of good birth and strong religious preclivities, com bined with a sweet and courageous temper, who made, as many such young women in those days made, the tremendous mistake' of entering a so called religious house, and found monastic life, to use her own vigorous expression, 'a short cut to hell.'"-

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