

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

BY MARGRET VANDEGRIFT.

It was out on the western frontier, The miners, rugged and brown, We gathered about the posters, The circus had come to town. The great tent shone in the darkness Like a wonderful palace of light, And rough men crowded the entre Shows didn't come every night.

Not a woman's face among them Many a face that was bad, And some that were only vacant And some that very sad, And behind a canvas curtain In a corner of the place. The clown with chalk and vermillion Was making up his face.

A weary looking woman, With a smile that still was sweet Sewed on a little garment, With a candle at her feet, Pantaloon stood ready and waiting It was time for going on; But the clown in vain searched wildly, The "property baby" was gone.

He murmured impatiently hunting, "Its strange that I cannot find; There. I've hunted in every corner It must have been left behind !" The miners were stamping and shouting, They were not very patient men, The clown bent over the cradle-"I must take you, little Ben!"

The mother started and shivered, But trouble and want were near; She lifted her baby gently: "You'll be very careful, dear!" "Careful? You foolish darling!" How tenderly it was said-

"I love each hair of his head!

The noise rose into an uproar Misrule for the time was king; The clown with a foolish chuckle Bolted into the ring. Butfas, withya squeak and a flourish The fiddles ceased their tune. "You'll hold him as if he were

Said the clowh to Pantaloon The joval fellow nodded, "I've a couple myself," he said; 'I know how to handle 'em, bless you, Old fellow, go ahead !" The fun grew fast and furious, And not one of all the crowd Had guessed that the baby was alive,

When he suddenly laughed aloud Oh, that baby laugh, it was echoed From the benches with a ring, And the roughest customer there

With "Boys, its the real thing!" The ring was jammed in a minute, Not a man that did not strive, For "a shot of holding the baby," The baby that was 'alive."

He was throned by kneeling suitors In the midst of the dusty ring. And he held his court right royally The fair little baby king, Till one of the shouting courtiers A man with a bold, hard face, The talk for miles of the country,

And terror of the place, Raised the little king to his shoulders, And chuckled "look at that" As the chubby fingers clutched his hair, Then, "Boys, hand round the hat !" There never was such a hatful Of silver and gold and notes : People are not always penniless Because they don't wear coats

And then "three cheers for the baby !" I tell you those cheers were meant. And the way in which they were given Was enough to raise the tent, And then there was sudden silence When a gruff old miner said : "Come, boys, enough of this rumpus! It's time it was put to bed."

So, looking a little sheepish. But with faces strangely bright, The audience, somewhat lingering, Flocked out into the night. And the bold-faced leader chuckled "He wasn't a bit afraid! He's as game as he's good looking-Boys, that is a show that paid !"

My Baby

was a living skeleton; the doctor said he was dying of Marasmus and Indigestion. At 13 months he weighed only seven pounds, Nothing strengthened or fattened him, I began using Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites, feeding it to him and rubbing it into his body. He began to fatten and is now a beautiful dimpled boy. The Emulsion seemed to supply the one thing needful. Mrs. KENYON WILLIAMS,

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Catholic Schools.

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AND DEAR CHILDREN OF THE LAITY. As the time for the re-opening of he schools is now at hand, we wish the reverned pastors, who have parish schools, to exhort parents to send their chidren to them. We trust academies will all be well attended and zealously supported. Let parents co-operate cheerfully and generously with pastors and teachers in making the schools successful, not only in the number of pupils that attend, but also in the work accomolished. Pastors will do their part by their personal visitation and encouragement of the schools and by their efforts to improve the tone and elevate the standard of them year by year; and parents will help not only by sending their children regularly, but also by seeing that they are diligent and well-behaved at home, and respectful and obedient at school. Besides the honor and glory of God, pastors and other teachers have nothing at heart but the best interests of children and parents in the work of education; and fathers and mothers should appreciate this and earnestly co-operate with them in securing as much good as possible to their offspring, and thus indirectly also to themselves; for the children's good is

ers alone, but the combined work of

the good of parents too.

fe to come. Formidable as it seems, indertake towards those committed o their charge; this is the work which, as the years go on, children them-selves are to be taught to engage in is to be done, how it is to be done, what motives it is to be done from, and what end it is to be done for, they may turn religious instruction spiritual exercise, secular studies, home discipline school regulations and everything else to greater account in making themselves all that God justice and His Church. wishes them to be. If what we have described cannot be attained in its perfection in our parish schools, still t is what is to be aimed at and accomplished, too, as far as circum-

children at school as long as possible.

the most important duty of pastors, jurymen shall be intelligent, and our trine as soon as they make their First the most important duty of pastors, jurymen shall be intelligent, and our time as soon as they interest in the young teachers and parents is to indoctrinate the minds of the young with moral and religious principles and train shall be men of sound, moral prinary in the faith and strong in the practice sent; I want to keep the money in the faith and strong in the practice of its sound, moral prinary in the faith and strong in the practice of the strong in the strong in the practice of the strong in the them to religious practices; for "what ciples at least; and will education of it,



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bodies in the pagan sense, but sound and God has joined religion and may know what it ought to know, do separate parts of the training of the is irreligious or immoral. Besides what it ought to do, and be what it young, and that, as mere parts, it is drawing out and strengthening the ought to be, in the sphere of life in enough if each holds its distinct and powers of their minds and furnishing which God places it. It is to form separate place and has its own time children into Christian men and and hour, as a sort of exercise coming ledge as a means of success in this women and prepare them to do their on in its turn and time with other duty in life to those about them, to exercises. But this is a very narrow

so attain their eternal destiny in the exercise for a certain time or place. this is the only correct and adequate which ought to be felt everywhere, idea of Christian education. This is and blessed indeed are children, the duty which fathers and mothers when religious teachings, impressions owe their children: this is the work and observances penetrate all branches which pastors and other teachers must of their education and instruction, not merely as parts among other parts, The history of the world is the history

stances will allow; and that the work miration and imitation. Human ing obedience to home discipline. may be done more completely, parents science is shown to have intimate, If they are not trained to habits of friendly relations with divine truth. diligence and self-restraint at home, Philosophy, whether metaphysical or they will not make the desired pro-They should not take their little ones moral, is the handmaid of religion. gress in these or other things at away and thrust them out into the The teachings of reason and tradition school. Indeed, school education world just when their passions are developing and the battle of life is for them beginning. There is a philosophy are all interwoven with tendency in some places to with-draw religion. Our moral philosophy and tradition school. Indeed, school education ought to be only the supplement to the good work that is begun and carried on in the sanctuary of the Christendency in some places to with-draw religion. Our moral philosophy and children from the schools as soon as our theology, whether moral or doctor they make their first Communion or trinal, and whether taught out of the wise have reason to expect; if it receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. little cathechisms placed in the hands Nothing but positive necessity can excuse this; for it is just then that of more advanced pupils in our high-they need the utmost care and watch- er schools, lay down the fundamental they need the utmost care and watchfulness and a continuance of the wise
restraints of wholesome school discipline. It is just then that their
mental faculties are expanding and
that they are in a condition to profit
better by the teachings and training
which are given. It is just then that
they are entering more perfectly into
their Christian life; and if what has
been already done is to produce its
fruits both in the intellectual and the

er schools, lay down the fundamental
and grace with God and men." Do
principles of law, government and so
to do in order to be saved. They
prescribe and enforce all the virtues
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the duties of man to himself,
his family, his neighbor, his country,
his Church and his God; they foster
and preserve the spirit of true, unself
is patriotism; they are in harmony
with both the old and the new testafruits both in the intellectual and the
ment; their principles are conservative;
your spiritual flock. Continue your
zeal in the cause of Christian education, encourage the schools, and exhort parents to send their children to
them. "Be vigilant, labor in all
they are in a representation of evangelists,
fulfil your ministry." (2 Tim. IV. 5)
Keep up the Sunday schools also in
your patishes, exercise a personal fruits both in the intellectual and the spiritual order, then especially it is they are the foundation of Ohristian supervision over them and see that that the sound principles instilled, society in every clime under the sun. they are well attended. Even where the lessons given, the good habits be- Now, we need sound principles in there are parochial schools, we, voice gun and the capabilities awakened active as well as in speculative puring the traditions of the Church and are to be developed and strengthened by even more constant and careful morals, in the liberal professions and the express will of our Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XIII., command the Sunday raining than before. If you take a in the business of every day life; and schools also to be maintained. Or promising young tree, when the buds happy should our Catholic parents ganize them well, and, where it is are swelling or the fruit just forming on its branches and tear it from its or its branches and tear it from its or its practical or its pr on its branches, and tear it from its of giving their children an education classes under the charge of persons warm and native soil and transplant sound in all its principles and all its competent to assist you in the Sunit to a cold, ungenial place, you need applications. Washington, the fath-not expect the fruit to ripen. And er of our country, sounded the note best to gather into the Sunday so, in a measure, may it be with children who are thrust out into the He said: "Let us with caution incause whatever are not attending the world before their time and exposed dulge the supposition that morality parish schools. In your tender zeal to its dangers nad temptations before can be maintained without religion. let them not suffer loss on account of

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ummm will it profit a man, if he gain the without religion make them so whole world and suffer the loss of his What makes our courts of justice so own soul?" Now, it is in her schools often a mockery but the lack of the that the Church finds an effective true ptinciples of ethics and religion, means of success in her great mission which must underlie all law and influ to the rising generation. Fathers and ence in its administration? With all mothers do not always give a sufficient our intelligence, why is it that polireligious, education to their children tics have grown so vulgar and disrepat home. Many and beautiful exceptions there are, of course. Some
parents, with the best of will, plead
private station?" With our high want of time, material occupations, standard of popu'ar education and business, household cares, as an excuse the enlightened use of the elective for not doing as much as they would franchise, why is it that bribery and like. Others, no matter how willing, corruption have become so common are not competent to give the instruc- and bare-faced? Why is it that our tions necessary; while others still are literature is growing more infidel in In these and neglectful of their charge its tone, the press more sensational, his country. During the last few In these and such like cases the the popular views of marriage more years of his lite he worked silently In these and such like cases the Church has the right and duty to supply the deficiency of parents, and relations more licentious, the idea of parents should be glad to take advan-responsibility more loose, the notions traditions and advocating their closer union with the Polish population. He was a wise, good, noble-hearted tage of the means and opportunities of a future life more vague, and sen-afforded by the Church. But our timentalism, emotionalism, humanischools are not merely for those whose tarianism and naturalism becoming parents from whatever cause do not the ruling isms of the day? Why is give them sufficient religious instruc- it that divorce, adultery, fornication, tion at home, but they are intended feticide and infanticide are so freto be supplementary to even the best quent? Why is it that infidelity, home education. Pastors, it is some-materialism, indifferentism, irreligion times said, can give sufficient religious and immorality are on the increase? instruction to the children on Sun- Because, as a rule, education and re-

days, and therefore parents need not ligion do not go hand in hand. If care particularly what school their even gross, exterior crimes are not children go to during the week. But diminishing with the spread of mere Education is not the work of teach- It does not give them time and room hidden and more disastrous immorto mould the religious character and ality? And if even with all the parents, pupils and teachers. It is direct the religious life and conduct checks of religion we are sometimes of the child and imbue its education led astray by the temptations of the three-fold, not only on the part of with that Christian influence which world, the flesh and the devil, what those who are to be engaged in it, but should animate it as the soul does would become of us without these also on the part of the things which must be done. It consists first, in the Religion is the very life and salt of in the green wood, what will be done sanctification of the souls, and education; and it would be as hurtful in the dry." Let us heed these secondly, in the development of the to the vitality of home or school warning examples. Even though it minds, and thirdly, in the promotion of the bodily welfare of children; and if it is to be a thorough work, these three things must go hand in hand and be inseparable both in theory and a pint of salt on Sunday by way of practice, so that children may have not merely sound minds in sound together let not man put asunder," souls in sound bodies in the higher education together; and wherever we is both positive and negative, Some-Christian sense. To educate is to have the blessing of the two together thing is commanded and something draw out, develop, exercise, train and cultivate all the faculties, religious, violently apart. Indeed, the objectione hand to keep the children under moral, intellectual and physical, to tions sometimes ignorantly urged good, moral and religious influence, give as much completeness as possible against our system wrongly suppose and on the other we are forbidden to to the child's whole nature, so that it that education and religion are only wilfully subject them to anything that

and on the other we are forbidden to them with a stock of useful know life, we must also give them positive instruction in the doctrines of our holy Church, and positive training in themselves, the family, society, their view of education and religion. holy Church, and positive training in country, their Church, and God, and Religion is not a mere study or Christian piety and virtue, as a means of attaining the eternal life to come; It is a faith and law and practice and we are forbidden to expose them to at least a proximate danger to their faith and morals. Without the cultivation of their moral nature by religious teaching and religious training, our duty will not be done, no matter what amount of other schoolbut as the soul and spirit diffused ing we may give them. Without re-through the whole system. Religion ligious principles and practice all is in education does not merely run but a matter without form, mere namore and more intelligently, so that parallel to the course of secular ture without grace. You should with a better understanding of what studies, but like a vitalizing sap it should enter into and pervade every the importance of education in all its fibre of them. The pagan writers true essentials, and zealously join in studied to illustrate the necessity of the work by encouraging, instructing a divine revelation and reformation, training and edifying your children at home, as well as sending them to of God's dealings with mankind, of school, for what will the exhorta-His Providence, His mercy, His tions of pastors in the church and of teachers in the school avail if the effect be neutralized by your indiffer-The heroes of Christianity and ence and bad example at home? If Christian art and literature are not the children are not taught to love ignored, but are brought distinctly and reverence home authority, they before the young learner for his ad- will not be very likely to give a will-

they are strong enough to withstand Reason and experience both forbid the heedlessness or neglect of their us to expect that natural morality can parents. It is the wish of our Holy prevail in exclusion of religious prin- Father that night classes be formed While the secular branches are as ciples." Why is it that with all the for the instruction of such as do not effectively taught in our parochial minor benefits of a system, in which or cannot attend our Catholic schools schools as they are in others of like secular instruction is divorced from Be diligent in preparing children for grades, and while they are to be at-lended to with the utmost care, yet to disrepute? The law requires that that they graduate in Christian doc-

Read this letter to your people at all the Masses the Sunday after its reception. May God's blessing be upon you all, pastors, parents and

Holy ways.

† John A. Watterson,
Bishop of Columbus.
Columbus, Ohio. Sept. 18t, 1895.

The Archbishop of Warsaw

All who have followed with inter est and sympathy the fortunes of the Catholic Church in Russia will re member with respect the name of Monsignor Felinski, the "Confessor" Archbishop of Warsaw, who has just died in the episcopal palace of Cracow, where he had been tenderly sursed through a long illness. It will he remembered that for twenty-five years the Archbishop I ved in bani h-ment at Jaroslav in Central Russia A few years ago he was set at liberty, and was able to take refuge in Aus trian Poland, in whose capital, Cracow, he has since enjoyed the hospitality of his Polish compatriots The Czas, of Cracow, thus writes of his death: "Banishment for a quarter of a century beneath the cold sky of eastern Russia had undermined the physical strength of Archbishop Felinski, but had never broken hi spirit or destroyed the ideas of his youth. He returned to his home with the same unshaken confidence in the future of his fatherland with which, as Archbishop, he first crossed the threshold of the Cathedral o Warsaw, or under the escort of gendarmes set off for the solitude of Jaroslav. He never ceased to labor for but fruitfully among the Ruthenians confirming them in their Catholic

priest, full of simplicity in his manner, extremely modest and an enemy to all display. The whole nation will mourn him, and he will ever enjoy a place of honor in the history of the Polish people and the Catholic Church."

King Humbert says: "Rome is intangible." When did it become so, and how, and why? It was not intangible when his father took it from the Pope. It was never intangible before the days of Victor Emmanuel. As Cardinal Manning wrote: "Some five and forty Popes before now have either never set foot in Rome or have been driven out of it. Nine times they have been driven out by Roman factions, times without number by invaders. Nine times they have been held by usurpers. Twice it has been heald by usurpers. Twice it has been nearly destroyed and once so utterly desolate that for forty days, we are told nothing human breathed in it and no cry was heard but of the foxes on the Aventine." So the city has been touched and taken a number of times. And it will be tangible at least once more! In the work of education our duty it will be tangible at least once more!

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