HALF HOURS WITH THE SAINTS.

Saint Wast.

EVANGELICAL MERKNESS.—St. Wast had the glory of leading, by means of his devout exhortations, King Clovis to the saving waters of baptism. He accompanied the haughty prince while on his way to Rheins to join St. Remigius. Wast at that time was practising the hermetical life in a solitary spot near Toul. Having afterwards been raised to the see of Arras, he converted a multitude of unbelievers, and erected in different parts of his diocese a great number of new churches. His gentleness, affability and modesty won all hearts. The poor regarded him as their father, and never entreated him in vain; the rich looked upon him as their friend, as one who held their persons in esteem, and did not condemn the legitimate enjoyment of their wordly possessions; the unbelievers regarded him as a very oracle, and the Christians as a saint. After having exercised for forty years this ministry of charity, concilation, and apostolic labours, frequently illustrated by miracles, he died on the 6th February, 540. EVANGELICAL MEEKNESS. - St. Wast had

AN HOAEST ENGLISHMAN.

He Tells why the English in Ireland

are Hated.

It is a painful thing to know that we are hated. Yet it is well to know the worst. It is always foolish to shut our eyes to facts, however humiliating to our pride. I have for many years looked earnestly at the problem of Irish Government, and I have become convinced, reluctantly, but surely convinced, that the chief cause of the want of success of all our plans is that in the inmost heart of Ireland England is hated. Good laws, just concessions, the best intentioned legislations, all are spurned. There is something in the heart of the Irishman which cries against all offers of friendship. It is a deep but universal hate. The cruel oppression of Ireland from the time of Elizabeth down to the passing of the Catholic Emancipation Act has left a memory of wrong which Ireland refuses to obliterate.

Centuries of crime do not cease to bear fruit because it suits us to forget the past. As an explanation, I do not say as an excuse for this hatred, it is well to refer to

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Moral Reflection—It is but a little matter to convince the mind, if the heart be not won over; to demonstrate the truths of religion does not suffice—it is more account to cause it to be loved. Let us adopt, then, as our guiding-line of conduct the counsel of St. Paul. "To become all things to all men, to gain all to Christ."—(I Cor. ix. 22).

Saint Romuald

The Hour of Grace.—St. Romuald, born at Ravenna about the year 956, and brought up by parents who were Christians but in name, led a disorderly and worldly life during his youth.

Deeply impressed by the fatal result of a duel, wherein he had acted as second, and in which his own father killed a relative, he betook himself to a neighbouring monsatery to seek there some rest, and allow his emotion to calm down. He there gave himself up to meditation, sorrowing, and praying; he resolved to prolong his stay there and make a "Retreat." His salvation became more assured, and he assumed the monastic garb. He even ended by gaining over his father to adopt a like resolution, although he had erewhile, on receiving intelligence of his son's determination, given way to an exceed to cause, cridinarily speaking, it does not come anew; hence Divine Wisdom haths aid: "Defer not from day to day to be converted to the Lord, for mercy and worst quickly come from Him, and His wrath visiteth sinners."—(Eccles, v. 8.)

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Works of Mercy.—John de Matha, born

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A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT.

—Sterling (Scotland) People's Journal.

THE STAGGERING SECTS.

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There is no home, wrote the novelist, that has not a skeleton in the closet. That may be bad enough for the home where the skeleton is hidden, and when the skeleton comes into public establishments things are made much worse.

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Protestantism confronts it. The soldiers of the Salvation Army cannot go into any of the Salvation Army cannot go into any city now and begin its peculiar strategy but it is met by the warriows on the other side. The latter parade the streets with banners bearing the device, "His Satanic Majesty," "Fanaticism," "Blasphemy." Skeletons are painted on them, and they carry coffins and flourish death's heads and cross-bones as the emblems of their war their war.

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Saint John of Matha.

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