

DIED OF CHOLERA.

Father De Smet the missionary famous for his work among the Indians of the Far West, used to relate this anecdote: "In the year 1851—in the May or June of that year—I left St. Louis for the Indian mission. I was accompanied by Father Hoecken. When we were far up the Missouri River, the cholera broke out on the boat on which we were traveling I was myself among the first to take the disease. Indeed, I was so bad with it that, thinking my last hour was soon to come, I asked Father Hoecken to administer to me the Last Sacraments. He was just getting ready to do so when a messenger came, in all haste, to our state room to inform us that a man down on the deck was dying of the cholera, and I told Father Hoecken to go and attend the poor man, as I could wait, I had to wait longer than I expected; it was three full hours before Father Hoecken returned; and when he did return, he was sick to death. It seems that, instead of one he had several cases of cholera to attend to. I saw at once that, sick as I was myself, he was worse, and that I had not a moment to spare before administering to him the Last Sacraments. When I had performed this sad duty and prepared my poor dying brother as well as I could for his last end, 'Now, Father,' said I, 'prepare me.' And taking his hand in mine I knelt down by his bedside and made my confession. When I was through, I waited for him to say something; but as he was silent, I looked up into his face and saw that his eyes were becoming fixed in death. And thus he passed away, and without giving me absolution. I tell you I felt bad enough; but what could I do, save, hope in God? With proper treatment however, I was soon well again."

DAYS WITHOUT NIGHTS.

Nothing strikes a stranger more forcibly, if he visits Sweden at the season of the year when the days are the longest, than the absence of night. Dr. Baird once related some interesting facts: He arrived at Stockholm from Guttenburg, 400 miles distance, in the morning, and in the afternoon went to see some friends. He returned about midnight, when it was as light as it is in England half an hour before sundown. You could see distinctly, but all was quiet in the street; it seemed as if the inhabitants were gone away, or were dead.

The sun in June goes down at Stockholm a little before 10 o'clock. There is a great illumination all night, as the sun passes round the earth towards the north pole, and the refraction of its rays is such that you can see to read at midnight without any artificial light. The first morning Dr. Baird awoke in Stockholm he was surprised to see the sun shining in his room. He looked at his watch and found it was only 3 o'clock. The next time he awoke it was 5 o'clock, but there were no persons in the street.

The Swedes in the cities are not very in justrious. There is a mountain at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia where, on the 21st of June, the sun does not appear to go down at all. A steamboat goes up from Stockholm for the purpose of carrying those who are curious to witness the phenomenon. It occurs only one night. The sun reaches the horizon, you can see the whole face of it, and in five minutes more it begins to rise at the North Cape, latitude 72 degrees, the sun does not go down for several weeks.

In June it would be about 25 degrees above the horizon at midnight. In the winter time the sun disappears and is not seen for weeks, then it comes and remains for ten, fifteen or twenty minutes after which it descends and finally does not set at all but makes almost a circle around the heavens. Dr. Baird was asked how they managed in these latitudes with regard to hired persons and what they considered a day. He replied they worked by the hour and twelve hours would be considered a day's work. Birds and animals take their accustomed rest at the usual course whether the sun goes down or not.

A NEW FRENCH POSSESSION.

The Comoro Isles, which have just been formally ceded to France, will strengthen her hold in Madagascar waters, as they lie between the great island and Africa, in Mozambique channel. Those of importance are four in number, and contain perhaps 70,000 people, with some manufactures; and a very considerable cultivation of sugar, now an export. French influence has long been dominant in the group the island of Mayotta, having been ceded to France more than forty years ago, under an agreement reaffirmed in 1845. Johanna, on the island of the same name where the new treaty has just been signed, has long been a port of call at which ships obtain provisions; and to some extent the other

two islands—Anguziya of great Comoro and Mohilla—have also furnished supplies. The soil is fertile though the islands are mountainous, and no doubt they will do quite as well under annexation as hitherto.

IS CONSUMPTION CONTAGIOUS?

After a study of nearly 12,000 cases Dr. Hermann Brehmer, an able German physician, rejects the theory of the contagiousness of pulmonary consumption. He finds the disease to be due to deficient nutrition of the lungs, which may result from various antecedent causes, such as inherent defects of constitution, and vital organs impaired by disease, injury or mode of living. He believes that the operation of all the causes may produce such changes that it may be possible years, great probability which members of a given family will be afflicted with pulmonary consumption and which will remain healthy.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The pastoral letter of the bishops of the Milwaukee province contains the following instruction on the question of the Catholic press: "These (Catholic) societies will supply also another factor in popular education—good reading. Books are teachers that are continually active among all classes of people, in hundreds of places, companions that accompany us wherever we choose. We can hardly overestimate the influence which good books are having in our midst, and no efforts we can make to procure an abundant supply of them can be deemed too great. The same is true in our day of newspapers; their power is all the more felt, because they treat the questions of the day, in which all are actually concerned. They form public opinion, which in a republic assumes the sovereign direction of society and of public affairs. We can hardly bestow a greater benefit on the Church or on the country than one will by giving the so much needed support to those who write and publish good literature. It has been to a great extent our own fault that Catholic books and newspapers have been rare and high priced. As soon as our parochial and society libraries shall be established everywhere, creating a taste for solid information and literary enjoyments; as soon as every Catholic family shall understand the duty and benefit of patronizing the papers of the diocese and province, Catholic writers and publishers will be able to suit our wants and desires, and the time will come nearer when divine truth shall be properly represented in the popular literature and the daily press of the country."

TO KEEP THE BOY AT HOME.

Women who have sons to rear, and dread the demoralizing influences of bad associates, ought to understand the nature of young manhood. It is excessively restless. It is disturbed by vain ambitions, by thirst for action, by longings for excitement, by irrepressible desires to touch life in manifold ways. If you, mothers, rear your sons so that their homes are associates with the repression of their love for activity and excitement, you will be sure to throw them in society that in some measure can supply the need of their hearts. They will not go to the public houses at first for love of liquor; very few people like the taste of liquor; they go for the animated and hilarious companionship they find there, which they find does so much to repress the disturbing restlessness in their breasts. See to it, then, that their homes compete with public places in their attractiveness. Open your blinds by day, and light bright fires at night. Illuminate your rooms. Hang pictures upon your walls. Put books and newspapers upon your tables. Have music and entertaining games. Banish demons of dullness and apathy that have so long ruled in your household and bring in mirth and good cheer. Invent occupation for your sons. Stimulate their ambition in worthy directions. While you make home their delight fill them with higher purposes than mere pleasure. Whether they shall pass happy boyhood, and enter upon manhood with refined tastes and noble ambitions depends on you. Do not blame some outsider if your sons miscarry. Believe it possible that with exertion and right means, a mother may have more control of the destiny of her boys than any other influence what ever.

THE VOTIVE LIGHT.

A touching custom prevails in many of the parishes in Normandy where the adult male population are for the most part engaged in the vocation of fishing. When, as at certain seasons of the year, those poor fishermen run far away from their homes, and unable to assist at Mass on Sundays, each one's family has a candle burning in the church before the statue of Our Lady Star of the Sea. These candles represent the husbands, sons, and fathers, who at that moment are braving the terrors of the deep, and the flame at each burning offering is the hymn and prayer to heaven on the part of the absent one.

AMERICA'S GREATEST CATHOLIC ORATOR.

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, who is universally conceded to be the most eloquent speaker in the American Catholic Church, is known as the 'golden tongued orator, and the 'Bossuet of the Missouri.' He is fully six feet six inches in height, stout in proportion, has a large head, covered with very red, coarse hair and a broad rosy face, whose every lineament is that of a son of the Emerald Isle. Any one who has heard Archbishop Ryan speak will understand why he is called 'the golden tongued orator.' As he enters the pulpit his commanding figures centres attention at once. He reads the text in a voice, low sweet and mellow then he folds his arms and looks earnestly at the congregation for fully half a minute. The exordium of his sermon is delivered in a calm conversational tone, and if a listener departed at this juncture he would wonder how the Archbishop got a reputation for eloquence. Just wait however, until the prelate passes into the argument and the appeal to the feelings and the peroration, and you will hear such eloquence as seldom proceeds from the pulpit. The voice is something wonderful. It is perfect in intonation all the way up from the mellow tone of the text to the passionate ring of the peroration. Forgetting all about the substance of his sermons—and that is the point on which hangs his 'Bossuet' reputation—any one who loves sweet sounds would gladly spend an occasional hour merely listening to his voice. This may sound like the language of exaggeration, but all Philadelphians and St. Louisians will testify to its accuracy. The Archbishop gained a great reputation for eloquence, even while he was studying at the seminary. On several occasions Archbishop Kenrick called him to the pulpit in the St. Louis Cathedral while young Ryan was only in deacon's orders—a very unusual honor, indeed. After ordination the reputation of the young priest spread and he was soon made coadjutor. He has been for twenty years the popular orator at all great church events.

LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

On June 8th, 1862, the late Sovereign Pontiff, Pope Pius IX., through the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, issued an authorized version of the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and signified his intention of granting to the faithful an indulgence of 300 days, when ever bishops should apply for this favor for their dioceses. Recently this last condition has been removed. Pope Leo XIII. has extended the Indult of the late Pope to the whole world; and a decree of the same Sacred Congregation, dated January 16th, 1886, grants the indulgence to all the faithful of both sexes and makes it applicable to the souls in purgatory; the only conditions being that it should be the authorized version which is used, and that it should be said devoutly and with contrite heart. The indulgence, however, can be gained only once in the day.

THE STEADY-FUSILADE OF INFANTRY

To veteran soldiers the fire of artillery whether exploding sharpnel or rattling canister had no such terrors as the fusilade of a steady line of infantry. There is scarcely an old soldier who saw much of the battle service who has not been hit more or less frequently, without being harmed with canister, sharpnel balls, or splinters of shell. But how few in proportion were struck by muskets balls, and not seriously hurt! Even new troops, though appalled and bending down as they went on as though moving against a driving rain would advance in face of a cannonade, if they were properly commanded, but a severe musketry only the very best of soldiers could endure without some sort of shelter.

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FRFD. WHITE, Comptroller, N. W. M. Police, Ottawa, 19th May, 1886.

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AMAZON (Alum Powder)*.....	██████████
CLEVELAND'S (shortwt. job).....	██████████
PIONEER (San Francisco).....	██████████
CZAR.....	██████████
DR. PRICE'S.....	██████████
SNOW FLAKE (Gross's).....	██████████
LEWIS'.....	██████████
PEARL (Andrews & Co.).....	██████████
HECKER'S.....	██████████
GILLET'S.....	██████████
ANDREWS & CO. "Regal".....	██████████
Milwaukee, (Contains Alum.)	
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