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N. Y. Freeman's Journal. [Delivered by the Rev. James Dono. hoe, rector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

XII. CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop alone is the ordinary min-ister of Confirmation. It is a matter of history that the Apostles alone, in their time, administered this sacrament. St. Philip, the deacon, baptized several per-sons converted by his preaching, but, not having the right or power to confirm them, invited the Apostles to administer this sacrament, just as we now invite our Bishop to confirm children. The Apostles came to Samaria, administered Confirmation there, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles, and no doubt in other adjacent places, just as Bishops do now when they make a visitation of their dioceses. Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, and they alone have the right to confirm. Only officers of super-ior rank enroll soldiers. The Bishops are God's generals, and hence belongs to them the exclusive privilege of trans-forming children of God into soldiers of Jesus Christ. In the great studios there are many artists. Some work upon the raw material, others give form to the painting and outline the figure. It be-ings to the master to put the finishing touch upon the work of art. In the same way the Bishop completes the work begun in Baptism, by Confirmation. For this latter beautiful comparison we are indebted to St. Thomas Aquinas. It is us asy a word on the dispositions for receiving this sacrament. At one time Confirmation was given immediate-ly after Baptism. The present rule established by the Church is that it may be administered when the child comes to the sign of reason. St. Thomas teaches that it might not be refused to a child under the age of seven years, if there be danger of death, for the reason that if the child should die it would enjay more glory in heaven on account of its having received this sacrament. There is no doubt that his teaching in this matter can be asfely followed. Children ought to be instructed in the truths of our holy religion before being confirmation for some few years after the age of reason is for neceiving Confirmation? If the sacra-ment is no ceived when the mornin

of Holy Communion. When Confirmation is administered in

When Confirmation is administered in the afternoon there is obviously no obligation of being fasting. As to other dispositions of the body for receiving this sacrament, we would say that cleanliness and tidiness would seem to be strictly called for. It is usual for girls to present themselves in white dresses and veils. This practice should be encouraged for symbolic reasons, and because it helps to make the day and

We quote from the columns of the Liverpool Catholic Times the following "harrowing story," as a sample of the usual faisehood served up to "Erangeli cals" to delude them into the belief that the Catholic Church is unscrupulous in the Catholic Church is unscrupulous in the use of its means to recuperate the membership of its convents and like religious institutions. The tale is typical and will serve the purpose of the "Evan-gelicals" upon any occasion. It may be regarded as stereotyped copy, which we publish gratis for their benefit, to be made use of whenever they see fit. We recommend it to all our "Evangelical" contemporaries whenever they find their columns short of interesting matter or when they particularly desire to warn their readers of the anares, delusions, and impious wickedness of the "Romish" Church :

when they particularly desire to warn their readers of the snares, delusions, and impious wickedness of the "Romish" Church : The credulity of middle class Protest-ants of the Evangelical type when accusa-tions are brought against the Catholic Church is literally astounding. Here is a story which appears in *The Christian*, and which will no doubt be greedily swallowed by the intelligent readers of that journal. A lady who visits among working girls received a letter from a young woman in which she stated that she had been a Catholic and had enter-tained some idea of entering a convent. Mentioning her desire to a priest, he advised her after a little time fo visit a convent which he named, and see it for herself. She did so, and the nuns made her welcome, and offered her some lunch. Now comes the deed of darkness. "They placed a pale brown drink by the side of my plate, and left me alone to eat what I liked; I did not care to drink the mixture, because I did not understand what it was; but when they saw that I had not touched it, they would not be content until I drank a little. After doing so I felt uneasy, and said I must go." And though one of the Sisters began to show the young woman over the convent, she misted on leav-ing, and she adds. "I had hardly got home before I fell into a deep sleep, and slept for two hours." She afterwards told the priest of her visit, on which he remarked, "Then, did they not say that they wanted to see me? "I could see that he was disappointed," says the ingenious narrator, "then I concluded that all could not have been right." This wonderful tale is headed by the editor ot *The Christian* "A Narrow Escape;" and the inference clearly in-tended is that the nuns desired to drug the girl and kidnap her. That is the charge; and the evidence is (1) that after taking some drink, which she had not tasted before, the girl went home and fell asleep ; and (2) that the priest

the girl and kidnap her. This is the charge; and the evidence is (1) that after taking some drink, which she had not tasted before, the girl went home and fell asleep; and (2) that the priest apparently expected the viótim to bring him a message from her captors. What possible motive the nuns could have for drugging the girl is a point which is apparently of no importance. And this gross absurdity is eagerly believed by "earnest" Christians, simply because the slandered per-sons are nuns. The article signed "G. K." concluded by begging its readers to send the editor any infor-mation of a like nature which they can obtain from "converts," "for the com-pilation of a little book for general cir-culation." And thus the manufacture of lies is duly maintained.

Rheumatic Pains

for girls to present themselves in while dresses and veils. This practice should be encouraged for symbolic reasons, and because it helps to make the day and dispositions of Confirmation remem bered. As to boys presenting them selves for Confirmation different customs seem to prevail in different places. Our opinion is that nothing should be left undone to make the Confirmation day memorable. Bouquets, wreaths, white gloves and neck-ties may seem small things to recommend, but if these things help to make the day of Confirmation remembered, we certainly do recom-mend them. In almost every parish

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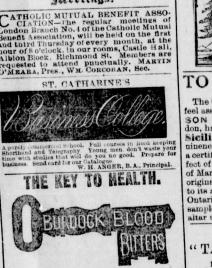
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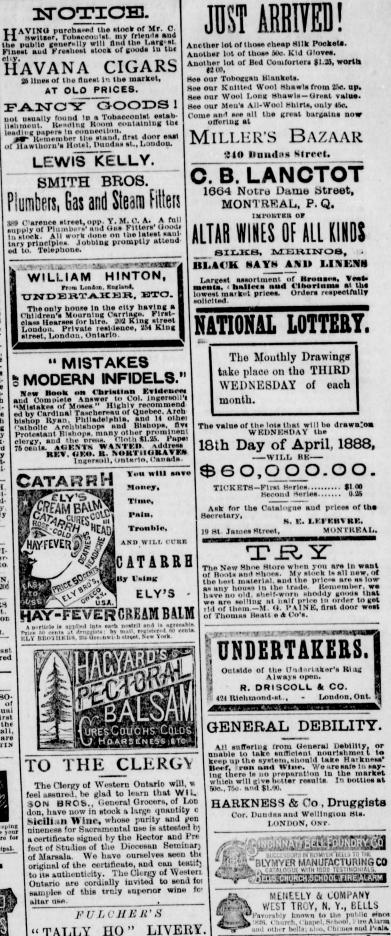
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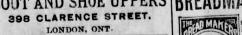
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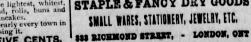
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