

Looking Back.

A barefooted child, by the meadow stile... A widow stands by a lonely grave... Whately and silently falls the snow...

OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF RECENT MIRACLES.

From the London Tablet.

In the midst of a profound stillness, during which the looks of the bystanders expressed the deepest concern and sympathy... The sick were systematically arranged in rows... It was a touching sight to see those gentle sisters of Charity receiving and nursing with practical skill and sweet consoling manner the writhing sufferers...

Ave Maria. They meant their petitions to be heard. They acted as though they knew that much depended upon their earnestness and sincerity... The people knelt at the Grotto. They knelt outside the bath bareheaded, holding the Rosary in their hands... The favors were now received quickly and in rapid succession. The next case which attracted my notice was that of a tall man, who had been a soldier. He came to the Grotto in the morning suffering from paralysis... Another case was that of a young man who had come lame on crutches. He came out of the bath smiling with delight and holding his crutches high up in the air...

Instead of being simultaneous, was successively repeated, so that from the beginning to the end of the long interminable line the refrain was heard like an echo... When the procession started it was directed to the right of the grotto, up the path which winds round the mountain side, and thence to the high road which passes the Basilica... A repentant apostate. An artisan named Giovanni Franceschi, aged 60 years, living in Via Giulia, No. 17, within the parish of Sta. Caterina della Pigna, in Rome, was seized last month with a mortal disease... When a man is on his death-bed he wants the truth. An 80-year-old man, Giovanni Franceschi, aged 60 years, living in Via Giulia, No. 17, within the parish of Sta. Caterina della Pigna, in Rome, was seized last month with a mortal disease...

man. But a good lookout was kept, not only by the policeman on guard, but by the friends and neighbors of the family... A MOURNFUL CHAPTER OF HISTORY. Writing on the 20th of September, the correspondent of the Liverpool Catholic Times tells in these words how the Pope was deprived of his temporal dominions... CARDINAL MANNING'S FIRST VISIT TO WARRINGTON. This is the first time this town has ever been visited by any member of the Sacred College of Cardinals... CONVERTING CHURCHES INTO THEATRES. The revolutionary government of Italy which deposed Pius IX and made Rome a nest of murderers and thieves, endeavored to promote morality by theatres of the worst class...

of which they may well spare for the reverend and other siders and abettors of this pernicious and blasphemous... A VISIT TO THE HOLY FATHER. A recent visitor to Rome gives a graphic description of the Holy Father's personal appearance, which will be read with interest by thousands of his faithful children... FAITH. Faith is not a mere conviction in reason; it is a firm assent, it is a clear certainty greater than any other certainty... LIBERALITY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. The Liverpool Times remarks: "The younger generation of royalties, the sons and daughters of the Queen, have none of them inherited the anti-Catholic sentiments which their father, the Prince Consort, almost fiercely entertained... INCREASE OF DIVORCES. EVEN PROTESTANTS ALARMED. From the Boston Congregationalist. The number of divorces is exciting a good deal of solicitude among the Christian people of New Hampshire. In several counties the increase has been three or four-fold the last fifteen years...

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