There is a long and discussive article published in the San Francisco Monitor, dealing with Church music. It is evidently written by an able man and one acquainted with Church music, but the acquaintance seems to have been made within the limits of somewhat narrow lines, his immediate surroundings, perhaps, being responsible for this. The point to be arrived at, after all is said and sung, is that Church music as produced on the Pacific coast is not representative of the reverence that music pays to religion in other parts of the continent. For with all due deference to the writer it is difficult to see how a finely worked out fugue, a contrapuntal effect, or even a delicate bit of fioriture, is irreligious, let alone irreverent. The best ideas of a rausician's soul, as is well illustrated in the works of all the great writers, have a religious tendency. If the feeling at the moment of composition is to anthemize a great "Amen.' there is no doubt that the whole of that strain will bear the most religious sort of analysis. The mere fact of concurring. as the "Amen" for instance does, could scarcely be illustrated by two short. sharp syllables, which by no possibility gould add any dignity or solemnity to the words which had preceded them. Why should a "Gloria." for instance. be not the greatest hymn of praise that ever rose from the heart of man?

We are not told that the angels who chanted the Infant Saviour's praises over the stable at Bethlehem sang in mournful tones. We have no angelic score sheets, it is true, of that magnificent theme, but we have every reason to believe it was a joyous one. And if poor uninformed man whom the great Creator has endowed with a faculty for the sweetest of all arts should attempt to illustrate to his fellow mortals what a jayous canticle it was, is he to be blamed because he offers a wreath decked with the brightest flowers of his imagination? or are we who attempt to interpret his ideas to be blamed for being flippant because we appreciate the sparkling neauties that like little dew drops cling to the petals of the humble ox eye when it raises its head in the morning in mute homage to God?

A few extracts from the Monitor will serve to show the ultra severe taste which has actuated the writer :--

"The question of church music is one of the most difficult with which ecclesiastics have to deal. With the best possible intentions, and with a true sense of what is proper in the carrying out of prayer of praise or adoration. An elab and pastors have entered joyfully on the of the operas, the words of the O Salv and utter failure. The Caurch has spoken of the matter over and over again. Papal briefs, synodal decrees and episcopal pronunciamentos in all sorts of keys are strewn along the centuries behind us, yet the choir sings on heedless of any regulations save the taste of the organist. Needless to say, this taste is not always in accordance im sic hall song or some catchy hallad with the mind of the Church. Generally

it is in direct violation of it. allowed in the Church as is of an the house of the Lord and the a means of inciting and surthering the devotion of the faithful. There are dezens of regulations such as this, but to quote one is quite sufficient for our purpose. The vocal music of the church service is a prayer, of which the sacred text forms the principal part. The music is added to give solemnity and for the purpose of in citing and furthering the devotion of the faithful.' This should never be for-Sotten Any piece of music which is not written in agreement with this princlole, or which does not help in some degree to produce this effect on the congregation, is not proper music for the church. How much of the music we hear in our churches fits this measure ment? Are we going too far when we say that there is not a single church in this city where the music is not such as to take the attention of the congregation from the things of God, rather than to serve as a help to the devotion of the

We do not know exactly what sort of music the good Catholics of San Francisco are subjected to It must be very indifferent church music indeed which has not an elevating tendency, and of course it can not be elevating when a paper like the Monitor cries out against it. It is the generalization of the music provided in Catholic churches that objection is taken to. If the editor of the Monitor were to attend a few services in Notre Dame, the Gesu. St. Patrick's, St. Ann's, St. Anthony's, St Mary's, St. Gabriel's or the Cathedral, he would probably change his ideas as to the incompatability of classical music and religious feeling.

The Monitor continues;

"In church music it appears to be quite lawful to altogether ign we the meaning of words. , Kyrie Eleison and

scale notes. And so we often hear the most vulgar and sensuous airs for the most sublime and prayerful canticles of the liturar of the Church."

It seems quite incomprehensible to us that the Masses usually sung should be classified as vulgar and sensuous. Tell us if you will that Mozart, Haydn, Cherubini, Gaunod, Neukomm, Faucounier, Bonitus, are sometimes florid, but a boundary line must be drawn at terming them vulgar. Does not the Passion music of Bach comprise all the technical difficulties that need real musicians for its interpretation? and will any body tell us it is frivolous?

The writer in the Monitor continues: Gregorian or Plain Chant is the music which has the Church's approval, and which is said to be best suited to be the handmaid of religion. There is a simple majesty and beauty about it that make it harmonize with the prayers of the Church as no other style of music can. At the same time there are, we think. insuperable obstacles to its adoption in our churches; and so, however majestic Plain Chant may be, and undoubtedly is. it is not for us. We may read the fine things that are said of it, and perhaps once or twice in a life time catch a faint echo of its celestial swell, but we can have no hope that souls will be led heavenward by its strains on this Coast, at least for our day and genera-tion. We must be satisfied with tion. We must be satisfied with lesser things and try to make the best of what we have. According to the best authorities on this matter, the best of what we have is not very good. The Masses of Haydn, Mozart, Weber and others are many of them, we music, and some may be surprised to hear that the famous, or infamous if you will, 'Twelfth Mass' was never written by Mozart. 'It is full of musical platitudes and coarse harmonies of which Mozart could never have been guilty.' It does not require a very extensive knowledge of music to feel the utter inappropriateness of these Masses. They are no more a prayer than is the Tinkers' Chorus' in 'Robin Hood,' or the higher operatic music which they

What is the writer striving after? In one breath he deprecates church music as he finds it, tells us of the grandeur of the plain chant, which he looks on as an impossibility, and an instant afterward compares the magnificent strains of the | gle to mark the closing acenes of the greatest masters of music to a very fact, the last infantile breath was drawn mediocre comic opera, which bears the stamp of Americanism from its mere arms, and so gently did the transformareminiscent features. Once more the tion take place that it was difficult for a Monitor savs :--

so much resemble.'

as Masses and by renowned artists, and sting " No mortuary chamber was that choirs are not so much to be needed nor were blamed-they do but sing what is given to them It is at the Benediction service that the deadliest work is done. an O Salutaris or a Tantam Erga, and on the after through love to bless us and One is astonished sometimes at the liberties Silvation Army Jassies take "A regulation of the Congregation of with holy things, at the almost blasphe Rites says: 'Only such vocal music is mous manner in which they treat the most sacred subjects, and at earnest, pious character becoming the antics which they famey are a means of praising and adoring praise of God, and, being in close God. But what shall we say when connection with the sacred text, is we find worse in our own chinelics, dedieated with solemn blessing to the ser vice of God and the play of His Name and in the presence of Rim Who diefor us and lives among us for love of us The horror of the thing is await to contemplate. These words may prear far fetched. We beg to assure our read as that they are not. Much more has b. said, very much stronger statements have been made by many great authorities in | dress itself to each one present, savethe Church. All the world over the to them, do you take proper need of the abuses of our church choirs are an abomination in the House of God. Toshame, the disgrace of it all is that there seems to be no way of putting an

> There is only one thing to be said about the last paragraph. It is above our comprehension here in Canada, where music is a distinctive feature of our church services, where such a thing as irreverence is unknown, and, where the music rendered is sung or played by men and boys whose teachings thoroughly imbue them with a religious feeling, which the music only tends to accentuate. It is a good thing for our choristers and chapel masters that no such charges of flippancy or irreverence can be laid at their doors, as seems to have been necessary in San Francisco.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The members of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society received Holy Communion in a body, at 8 o'clock Mess, on Sunday, March 27th. There was a very large attendance of the menibers, including the boys of the junior branch wearing the badge of the society.

There are souls in the world who hav the gift of finding juy everywhere, and leaving it behind them when they go Their influence is an inevitable gladder Gloria in Excelsis may be synonymous out meaning to shine. Their brighterms or syllables of them may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes (a. the may be only hearts have a great work to do for God shangarabetitutes). ing of the heart. They give light with chance substitutes for the names of the Father Faber.

Some Thoughts Awakened by the Death of a Child.

A Curious Incident Which Occurred in Connection With the Sad Event--The Lessons of the Silent City of the Dead Written on

QUEBEC, March 28, 7

During my sojourn in Quebec, and while writing in my study-room one morning, my attention was attracted by the craps that hung from the door of a friendly family directly opposite. This various dates mentioned on the monuemblem of sorrow and death was not, however, of the dismal sable hue that denotes death in the mature stages of life. It was of the purest white, and of the peculiar description that indicated the snapping of the thread of life of a tender bud that had barely been allowed time to come into the world and look

around it before it was called homeward to enjoy unbroken rest. A very few days before, I had visited the interesting family and had seen the little toddler playfully passing from the arms of a loving mother to the embrace of a devoted father, in her first efforts at walking. She was surrounded by a little are told, in no sense ecclesiastical music. | brother and numerous sisters some years Experts say that only two of Mczart's older. Then childish merriment held many Masses can be admitted as Church | sway in the happy household, in which there were

NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF DISEASE OR SICKNESS. If there could be even a suggestion of sadness in the sudden death of the little infant, it would naturally arise from the thought of the uncertainty of life in any stage of human existence; but in regard to the case we are here discussing, it was a striking and beautiful example of how sweet death becomes when it means nothing else but the passing from a life of pure innocence here to an unceasing life of bliss for evermore. As the lifeless body of the little tot lay in her tiny white cellin, rigid and cold, there were not even a single feature of the face changed from what one would suppose the natural posture in peaceful sleep. There were not a hint of suffering or pain or strug white the babe reposed in her muther's time to perceive the change. It was a veritable instance in which the question "The Masses are bad enough in all night be fitly asked. 'Oh! grave, where conscience, but they are at least written is thy victory? Oh! death, where is thy

TRAPPINGS OF WOE

considered necessary. The diminutive Every singer thinks that he or white collin rested upon some gentle inst. Mr. Whitty, the President, occur she is at liberty to lay violent hands on supports in the parlor, and its peaceful pied the chair. The orator of the even little tenant was viewed by troops of ing was Mr. Frank J. Curran, B.C.I. warp it out of all form or fitness for a courteous neighbors and friends who who lectured on Insanity and its rela prayer of praise or adoration. An elab gathered, according to prescribed tion to Crime. Mr. Curran treated his the liturgy of the Church, many bishops orate piece of music is taken from one custom, to condole with the parents, but subject in a masterly and entertaining little forces. I doubt if any of them had the hards | manner from a legal, medical and paywork of choir reformation and have turis or the Tuntum Ergo are fitted to it and hood to lament the occurrence as they been sadly compelled to admit absolute in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament | gaz d into the angelic face of the de this thing is sung. There is no conceptour. It is far more likely that tion of what is due to our Lord, no in their heart of hearts they wished and regard for His dignity. He stays there | prayed that some of their own offsprings might share a like (ate before a corange some sensuous love song is flung in ling world had laid its polluting stains His face by an idiot who has neither up in them. Despite the strong mater manners nor religion. Not unfrequently had teelings arising from human aill.cthe adapted air is that of some volgar tion, I cannot reall that even the morner of the dead child uttered a sigh o regret, because the better promptings or the true Christian neart would forbal such a thing. E ery well instructed Camelic knows that the Church blesses God when it pleases Him to c II out of this world of am and sorrow a soul innocent and dear to Him before defilement has entered therein. This considing the attention and the diversion and itrate, I am sure, was present in the mind at a lithesympathetic visitors, for they betrayed no toxens of gloom or and ness, but rather chatted gleently on the I creventional or current tonics of t cay, and yet in the circumstance before them there were reminders from which means one one could be draw The surit of the little for, so in the waite of the might be supposed to it and and down of all human flesh? You cannot, of course, take tright at my own changed condition because or its sublime peacefulness and my happy mode of exit i in this sphere, but are you securely providing for an end as happy as mine?

A CURIOUS INCIDENT happened at the time of this death. A forious snow storm, lasting for several days, completely blocked the way to the cemetery. Consequently, no interment could take place, so that the little dead body was kept above ground for days beyond the prescribed time, and yet neither parents relatives or friends regratted the delay, because it seemed al most a pity to consign one so pure and beautiful to the lonely grave or vault. The calm sleeping aspect remained, and not a feature showed symptoms of decay. The longer the mortal remains lingered the stronger grew its apparent claim to thide with the living, but the inevitable decree did not allow that, for it is ashes to ashes and dust to dust' with the youngat the purest and the best, as well as with the degraded and wicked, once the immortal spirit takes its flight beyond.

On a certain propitions day, the father, ear relatives and well-wishers accompanied the body to St Patrick's splendid urying-ground on the banks of the St. Lawrence, and the tiny white coffin was enderly placed in the vault among an ecomulation of others, some of which ad journeyed all the way from Califoria, in their heavy metallic coverings. When the fit time arrives all of these vill be deposited in mother earth, await there the call of the Angel's rumpet voice. People even of the unniest nature can hardly rerain from serious thoughts upon ntering a graveyard, for in that solemn domain we see striking proot of the

shortness of men's career and the vanity | C. St. Amour, of all things human. When we look among the graves of the dead and see the resting place of children and youths. we imagine we can discern the tears of the parents upon the tombs: when we go a step farther and see the graves of the parents themselves, we are apt to con. sider the folly of grieving for those we must quickly follow; as we busy ourselves in reading the epitaphs of the buried persons it is pleasing to note memorials of their virtues while living, but in very many cases the only record of them is that they were born on one day and died on another While this brief epitome of man's career may be enough to inscribe upon a tombatone, it is a sad reminder of

HOW LITTLE THE WORLD THINKS OF US ONCE WE HAVE GONE.

and perchance the vanity of the chissel' ed record may be regarded as the measure of remembrance by surviving relatives. As we pursue the solemn subject in its different aspects and study the ments, we recognize that all ages and sexes and conditions of persons are lying there, enemies or rivale in life, resting side by side, and men who perhaps disturbed the peace of communities in their day, by their poise and clamors, now confined to their parrow underground beds. When we group the buried ones and see that some of them were interred hundreds of years ago and some only yesterday, we are almost constrained to loook into the distant future and to think of the great day when all of us will be of contemporary age, and, in obedience to the awful trumpet call will have to make an appearance together. Reference to vital concerns of this nature may not be agreeable to all min is; it were well nevertheless to sometimes take a view of life's stern problems as well as of its gay and de ightful scenes. We cannot hope to stave off the coming of the evil day by wilful forgetfulness of its approach any more than the little child can hasten the flight of time by shoving forward the hands of the clock.

In our reverie we did not care to pry into the unknown as regards the future of departed beings, but we were fain to know if the little one whose remains in the next life, or be restricted to the size it had on leaving this world. Questions of this delicate nature are, no doubt, out of the line of the ordinary lay writer, and would not have occurred to us only for the deep interest we took in the death of the angelic creature who made the step from time to eternity so noiselessly, and emphasized the fact to clearly, that death, under certain circumstances, is simple, delightful and happy: whereas it gets the dreadful name of being associated with all that is horrible, fearful, awe inspiring and

WM. ELLISON.

INSANITY AND CRIME.

The third of a series of Free Lectures, under the auspices of the St. Ann's Young Mens' Society, took place in their hall, on Tuesday evening, the 29th chological standpoint, citing some well known local criminal cases in explanation of the different theories held by scientists on the questions arising fram a plea of insanity, besides giving very in teresting definitions of the various forms of the disease itself,

A nearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr Gorman, second ed by Mr. E Mullarkey and Rev. Father Strubbe. The musical part of the entertainment was graciously presided over by Miss Quinn while Mr Mullarkey's tenor solo, " Alone for Thee," was raptuiously applicated and eliented a well deserved encore. The St. Ann's Young Men have every reason to feel print if the success of these evidings from as to instruction all rded by the lectures.

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Mr. H. F. Hickey.

There was a general expression of deep regret when it was announced last week that Mr. H. F. Hickey, son of Mr. Martin Hickey, one of the leading parishioners. and a church warden of St. Authony's, had passed away to his reward at the early age of 20 years. The funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon from 1059 St. James Street, was attended by a large number of citizens of all classes and creeds and by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, six of whom acted as pall bearers.

The chief mourners were the father, Martin Hickey, and three sons, M. J. Hickey, D. W. Hickey, and C. S. P. Hickey, also James Hickey, Patrick Hickey, and Patrick Lovett, first cousins, and Jno. McDonald, brother in-law.

Among those present were: Ald. T. inselia, Ald. George B. Sadier, Ald. D Gallery, B. Connaughton, F. B. Mc-Namee, J. P. Nugent, M. McCready, M. Stewart, C. A. McDonnell, M. Burke, J. Ithem.

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The TRUE WITHER offers to Mr. Hickey and family its sincere sympathy in their sad bareavement.

Mr. Thomas Farmer,

The death of Mr. Thomas Farmer, at one time a resident of Montreal, is reported. The sad event occurred on the 12th of March at Troy, N.Y. He leaves five children, Mr. Hugh Farmer, Miss Lizzie Farmer, of Dallas, Ore., Mrs. Upper, of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Ellen Mo-Lean of Pine Blutis, Ark., and Mrs. Alnaise, of Troy, N.Y. Deceased was well known in this city, and was highly respected.

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