

Ere it wanders and yammers awa' to the grave.
The herd laddie doff'd his wee bonnet, and
smiled,
But a tear in his dark e'e my heart near him
wyled,
Like an amber-bead trickled adown his brown
cheek,
Clear as pearlins o' dew-drops that glanced at
his feet.
I said, "Wee herd lad lie, what makes you
sas wae?"

A' nature around you is smiling and gay.
Come, tell me your story, I'll sit by your side;
What book's that you're hiding aneath the
grey plaid?
Are ye cauld? are ye hungry? is't far frae
your hame?

Hae ye faither or mither?" He sighed—"I
hae nane,
Yon bonnie cot-house in the lap o' the glen.—
When a bairnie, I toddled it's but and its ben;
When I look till't I greet—for that ance was
my hame—

Noo faither, and mither, and help I nae nane;
Syne the nicht faither dee't gushes back to
my mind,

Though maister and mistress to me are fu
kind;

And there is the psalm round his bed that we
sung—

I hear his last words drapping yet frae his
tongue;

Oh, the tears happit fast frae his dim closing e'e.
When he bless'd us, and tauld us his bairn's
he maun lea'e,

And that is his Bible he gied me, and said,
Mind your Father in heaven, my bairns,
when I am dead;

When my wee brithers grat round the auld
elbow-chair—

For he learned us the psalms on the Sabbath
e'en there;

And we knelt on that hearthstane whar uncous
noo meet;

When I think I've nae hame, oh, what wonder
I greet!—

But I look to the skies, and I ken there is ane
Wha loves me and guides me, though on earth
I hae nane."

Oh, the heart that ne'er warms for the fath-
erless bairn

Is hard as the millstane, and cauld as the ain'
Oh, daunt them and clead them wi' mitherly
care:

They are nurplings o' heaven—oh, nurse them
wi' prayer!

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CONTRO-
VERSY still engages the attention of men
in all parts of the wide world, and
Gladstone's name has become a familiar
household word, since his noble effort in
the cause of Protestantism. New com-
batants are gradually entering the field,
and we have no doubt that others still
will follow. The Papal system will be
more clearly understood by the reader of
these documents.—Father Chiniquy has
been lecturing in Montreal recently, and
personal violence was used toward him,
at some of his meetings. Much good,
however, has resulted from his labors.
Nearer home, we find Rev. A. C. Gillies,
of Sherbrooke, is conducting a sharp
controversy with Father McGillivray, in
the columns of the *Witness*.

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