

It had never entered the father's head. He had thought of little else than how to put by dollars and cents and where to put them for safety.

"There's Jack Hanner an' his bride comin' home," Mrs. Martin said presently.

The old man went to the window to look after the rig as it passed along the road.

"A year ago it wuz Debby," he said, "Now it's another girl. He might ha' waited a little—he might ha' waited."

CARDINAL PAROCCHI.

By Rev. J. P. Treacy.

"Let princes choose such ministers as are more sensible of duty than of rising; and let them discern a busy nature from a willing mind."—BACON.

Of the many whom the genius of Leo XIII. has called to prominent positions in the Catholic world, there is none who is so intimately connected, both officially and personally with the existing head of the Church; there is none who is honored with greater confidence, and none is more worthy in every way of the exalted position he has attained than Lucido Maria, Cardinal Parocchi. Combining the profound erudition of the theologian with the humble simplicity of the saint, he stands to-day facile princeps in a princely body of ecclesiastics.

Seeing him, as we students have seen him, in almost every circumstance of life, where the inward nature of a man would reveal itself, whether at the altar of God, in the chair of theology, in the salons of the Vicariato, or on the country roads of the Roman Campagna, he ever displayed the same gentle, amiable disposition. We have but to look at his face to recognize that the spirit of meekness predominates in his character, while at the same time the firm lips and well

turned chin bespeak firm purpose and strong determination.

Lucido Maria Parocchi was born at Mantua, Italy, on the thirteenth of August, 1833. Sprung from the people, he is more in touch with their needs and requirements, and sympathises more fully in their religious and national aspirations than many of his colleagues in the college of Cardinals. Indeed he is known to have on many occasions alluded to the fact that so far from having anything in common with the Farnesi or Colonnas, he had passed the early years of his life in the humble seclusion of a farmer's cottage. This is one of the great secrets of the power of the Catholic Church over the masses. Her rulers are taken from all classes and conditions of life, and every man, no matter how humble his antecedents may have been, may aspire to the highest position of ecclesiastical authority, provided always that his moral and religious training is such as will guarantee the proper exercise of his religious functions.

Young Parocchi evinced at an early period of his life a strong