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A CHRISTMAS CHAUNT.

BY REV. A. J. RYAN.

They ask me to sing them a Christmas song, That with musical mirth shall ring; How know I that the world's great throng Will care for the words I sing?

Let the young and the gay chaunt the Christ-mas lay,
Their voices and hearts are glad;
But I-I am old and my locks are gray,
And they tell me my voice is sad.

Ah! once I could sing, when my heart beat

warm
With hopes bright as life's first spring;
But the spring hath fled, and the golden
charm
Hath gone from the songs I sing. I have lost the spell that my verse could

weave
O'er the souls of the old and young;
And never again—how it makes me grieve—
Shall I sing as once I sung.

Why ask a song? an! perchance you believe, Since my days are so nearly past, That the song you'll hear on this Christmas Eve, Is the old man's best and last.

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Do you want the jingle of rhythm and rhyme?
Art's sweet but meaningless notes,
Or the music of thought? that, like the

chime Of a grand cathedral, floats

Out of each word, and along each line, Into the spirit's ear. Lifting it up, and making it pine, For a something far from here: Bearing the wings of the soul aloft From earth and its shadows dim

Soothing the breast with a sound as soft As a dream, or a seraph's hymn;

Evoking the solemnest hopes and fears From our being's higher part. Dimming the eyes with radiant tears That flow, from a spell-bound heart.

Do they want a song that is only a song. With no mystical meanings rife? Or a music that solemnly moves along— The undertone of a life?

Well, then, I'll sing; though I know no art Nor the poet's rhymes nor rules— A melody moves through my aged heart Not learned from the books or schools: A music I learned in the days long gone— I cannot tell where or how— But no matter where, it still sounds on Back of this wrinkled brow;

And down in my heart I hear it still, Like the echoes of far-off bells; Like the dreamy sound of a summer rill Flowing through fairy dells.

But what shall I sing for the world's gay And what the words of the old man's song

The world, they tell me, is so giddy grown, That thought is rare: And thoughtless minds and shallow hearts

That fools have prestige, place and power, and fame, can it be true? That wisdom is a scorn, a hissing shame, And wise are few?

They tell me, too, thal all is vental, vain, With high and low; That trath and honor are the slaves of gain; Can it be so?

That lofty principle hath long been dead And in a shroud: That virtue walks ashamed, with downcast head, Amid the crowd.

They tell me, too, that few they are who own God's law and love; That thousands, living for this earth alone, Look not above;

That daily, hourly, from the bad to worse, Men tread the path, Menpheming God, and careless of the curse Of His dread wrath. And must I sing for slaves of sordid gain .-

Or to the few
Shall I not dedicate this Christmas strain
Who still are true?

No—not for the false shall I strike the strings Of the lyre that was mute so long; If I sing at all—the gray bard sings For the few and the true, his song. And ah! there is many a changeful mood That over my spirit steals; Beneath their spell, and in verses rude, Whatever he dreams or feels;

Whatever the fancies this Christmas Eve Are haunting the lonely man; Whether they gladden, or whether they He'll sing them as best he can.

Though some of the strings of his lyre are broke This holiest night of the year, Who knows how its melody may wake A Christmas smile or a tear.

So on with the mystic song,
With its meaning manifold—
Two tones in every word,
Two thoughts in every tone;
In the measured words that move along
One meaning shall be heard,
One thought to all be told—
But under it all, to all unknown—
As safe as under a coffin-lid,
Deep meanings shall be hid—
Find them out who can!
The thoughts concealed and unrevealed
In the song of the lonely man.

I'm sitting alone in my silent room

I'm sitting alone in my silent room
This long December night,
Watching the fire-flame fill the gloom
With many a picture bright.
Ah! how the fire can paint!
Its magic skill how strange!
How every spark
On the canvas dark
Draws figures and forms so quaint.
And how the pictures change!
One moment how tievy smile
And in less than a little while,
In the twinkling of an eye,
Like the gleam of a summer sky.
The beaming smiles all die.

From gay to grave—from grave to gay,
The faces change in the shadows grey,
And just as I wonder who are they,
Over them all Over them all
Like a funeral pall,
The folds of the shadows droop and fall,

And the charm is gone And every one Of the pictures fade away.

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Ah! the fire within my grate
Hath more than Raphael's power,
Is more than Raphael's per—
It paints for me in a little hour
More than he in a little hour
More than he in a lower in the pictures hanging 'round me here
This holy Christmas Eve
No partist's pencil could create
No painter's art conceive.
Ah! those cheerful faces
Wearing youthful graces;
I gaze on them until I seem
Half awake and half in dream.
There are brows without a mark,
Features bright without a shade;
There are eyes without a tear;
There are eyes without a tear;
There are eyes without a tear;
There are eyes won shall fade,
Fade into the dreary dark,
Like their pictures hanging here,
Lo! those tearful faces,
Bearing age's traces!

I gaze on them, and they on me,

l gaze on them, and they on me,
Until I feel a sorrow steal
Through my heart so drearlly;
There are faces furrowed deep;
There are faces furrowed deep;
There are eyes that used to weep:
There are brows beneath a cloud;
There are hearts that want to sleep.
Never mind! the shadows creep
From the death-land; and a sbroud,
Tenderly as mothers arm,
Soon shall shield the old from harm;
Soon shall wrap its robe of rest.
Round each sorrow-haunted breast.

—Ah! that face of mother's, Sisters, too, and brothers— And so many others, Dear'in every name— And Ethel! Thou art there

And Ethel! Thou art there—
With thy child-face sweet and fair,
And thy heart so bright
In its shroud so white;—
Just as I saw you last
In the golden, happy past,
And you seem to wear
Upon your hair,
Your waving, golden hair,
The smile of the setting sun—
Ah! me! how years will run—
But all the years cannot efface
Your purest name, your sweetest grace
From the heart that still is true
Of all the world to you;
The other faces shine

Of all the world to you;
The other faces shine
But none so fair as thine,
And, wherever they are to-night, I know
They look the very same
As in their pictures hanging here
This night, to memory dear,
And painted by the flames,
With tombstones in the background,
And shadows for their frames.

And thus with my pictures only, And the fancies they unweave Alone, and yet not lonely, I keep my Christmas Eve.

I'm sitting alone in my pictured room— But, no! they have vanished all— I'm watching the fire-glow fide into gloom, I'm watching the ashes fall. And far away back of the cheerful blaze The beautiful visions of by-gone days

The beautiful visions of by-gone days

Are rising before my raptured gaze.

Al: Christmas fire, so bright and warm.

Hast thou a wizard's magic charm
To bring those far-off scenes so near

And make my past days meet me here?

Tell me-tell me-how is it.?

The past is past, and here I sit.

And there, lo! there before me rise,

Beyond yon glowing flame,

The summer's suns of childhood's skies,

Yes-yes-the very same!

I saw them rise long, long ago;

I played beneath their golden glow;

And I remember yet,

I often cried with strange regret

When in the west I saw them set.

And there they are again;

The suns, the skies, the very days

Of childhood, just beyond that blaze!

But, ah! such visions almost craze

The old man's puzzled brain!

I thought the past!

But, no, it cannot be;

Tis here to-night with me!

But, no, it cannot be; Tis here to-night with me!

How is it then? the past of men
Is part of one eternity—
The days of yore we so deplore,
They are not dead—they are not ded,
They live and live for evermore.
And thus my past comes back to me
With all its visions fair.

O, past! could I go back to thee, And live forever there! But, no, there's frost upon my hair; My feet have trod a path of care; And worn and wearied here I sit, I am too tired to go to it.

And thus with visions only, And the fancies they unweave, Alone, and yet not lonely, I keep my Christmas Eve.

I am sitting alone in my fire-lit room; But, no! the fire is dying, And the weary-voiced winds, in the outer

And the weary-voiced winds, in the outer gloom.

Are sad, and I hear them sighing.

The wind hath a voice to pine—
Flainlive, and pensive and low,—
Hath it a heart, like mine or thine?
Knoweth it weal or woe?
How it walls, in a ghost-like strain,
Just against that window-pane!

Air it were thred of its long cold flight,
And it were thred of its long cold flight;
Case, night-wind on the same?

This is a night of loy and peace,
And heaven and earth are glad!
But still the wind's voice grieves!

Perchance o'er the fallen leaves,
Which, in their summer bloom,
Danced to the music of bird and breeze,
But, torn from the arms of their parent trees,
Lie now in their wintry tomb,
Mute types of man's own doom.

And thus with the night winds only

And thus with the night winds only, And the rancies they unweave, Alone, and yet not lonely, I keep my Christmas Eve.

I keep my Christmas Eve.

How long have I been dreaming here!
Or have I dreamed at all?
My fire is dead—my pictures fied—
There's nothing left but shadows drear.
Shadows on the wall:
Shifting, filtting,
Round me sitting,
In my old arm-chair—
Rising—sinking
Round me, thinking,
Till, in the maze of many a dream,
I'm not myself; and I almost seem
Like one of the shadows there.
Well, let the shadows stay!
I wonder who are they?
I cannot say; but I almost believe
They know to-night is Christmas Eve,
And to-morrow Christmas Bay.

Ah! there's nothing like a Christ mas Eve To change life's bitter gall to sweet,

To change the source gan to sweet, And change the sweet to gall again; To take the thorns from out our feet— The thorns and all their dreary pain Only to put them back again. To take old stings from out our heart, Old stings that made them bleed and smart, Only to sharpen them the more, And press them back to the heart's own core.

Ah! no eve is like the Christmas Eve! An' no eve is like the Christinas Eve Fears and hopes, and hopes and fears, Tears and sighs, and sighs and tears, Sweet and bitter, bitter, sweet, Bright and dark, and dark and bright All these mingle, all these neet, In this great and solemn night.

Ah! there's nothing like a Christmas Eve! To melt with kindly glowing heat, From off our souls the snow and sleet, The dreary drift of wintry years, Only to make the cold winds blow, Only to make a colder snow; And make

In flakes so icy-cold and swift; Until the heart that lies below Is cold and colder than the snow

And thus with the shadows only, And the dreamings they unweave, Alone, and yet not lonely, I keep my Christmas Eve.

Tis passing fast !

"Tis passing fast!
My fireless, lampless room
Is a mass of moveless gloom;
And without—a darkness vast.
Solemn—starless—still!
Heaven and earth doth fill.
But list! there soundeth a bell,
With a mystical ding, dong, dell!
Is it, say, is it a funeral knell?
Solemn and slow,
Now loud—now low;
Pealing the notes of human woe
Over the graves lying under the snow!
Ah! that pittless ding, dong, dell!
Trembling along the gale,
Under the stars and over the snow.
Why is it? whence is it sounding so?
Is it the toll of a burial bell?
Or is it a spirit's wall?
Solemniy, mournfully
Sad—and how lornfully!
Ding, dong, dell!
Whence is it! who can tell?
And the marvelous notes they sink and so

Ding, dong, dell!
Whence is it? who can tell?

And the marvelous notes they sink and swell, Sadder, and sadder, and sadder still!
How the sounds tremble! how they thrill!
Every tone
So like a moan;
As if the strange bell's stranger clang
Throbbed with a terrible human pang.
Ding, dong, dell.!
Dismally—drearily—
Ever so wear'ly.
Far off and faint as a requiem plaint
Floats the deep-toned voice of the mystic bell;
Piercingly—thrillingly,
Icily—chillingly,
Near—and more near.
Drear, and more drear,
Soundeth the wild, wierd, ding, dong, dell!
Now sinking lower;
It tolletn slower!
I list, and I hear its sound no more.
And now, methinks I know that bell.
Know it well—know its knell—
For I often heard it sound before.
It is a bell—yet not a bell
Whose sound may reach the ear
It tolls a knell—yet not a knell
Which earthly sense may hear.
In every soul a bell of dole
Hangs ready to be tolled;
And from that bell a funerai knell
Is often, outward rolled;
And memory is the sexton grey
Who tolls the dreary knell
And nights like this he loves to sway
And swing his mystic bell.
Twas that I heard and nothing more.
This lonely Christmas Eve;
Then, for the dead I'll meet no more.
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Night, be a priest! put your star-stole on And murmur a holy prayer Over each grave, and for every one Lying down lifeless there! And over the dead stands the high priest

Lying down lifeless there!
And over the dead stands the high pr
night,
Robed in his shadowy stole;
And beside him I kneel, as his acolyte,
To respond to his prayer of dole.
And list! he begins
That psalm for sins,
The first of the mournful seven,
Plaintive and soft
It rises aloft,
Begging the mercy of heaven
Topity and forgive,
For the sake of those who live.
The dead who have died unshriven
Miserare! Miserere!
Still your heart and hush your breath,
The voices of despair and death
Are shuddering through the psalm!
Misere! Miserere!
Lift your hearts! the terror dies!
Up in yonder sinless skies
The psalms sound sweet and calm!
Miserere! Miserere!
Very low, in tender tones,
The music pleads, the music moans,
"I forgive, and have forgiven,
The dead, whose hearts were shriven."
De profundis! De profundis!

De profundis! De profundis!
Psalm of the dead and disconsolate!
Thou hast sounded through a thousand years,
And pealed above ten thousand biers;
And still, sad psalm, you mourn, the fate
Of sinners and of just,
When their souls are going up to God.
Their bodies down to dust.

Dread hymn! you wring the saddest tears
From mortal eyes that fail,
And your notes evoke the darkest fears
That human hearts appall!
You sound o'er the good, you sound o'er the

And ever your music is sad, so sad, We seem to hear murmured in every tone. For the saintly, a blessing, for sinners, a

For the saintly, a blessing, for sinners, a curse.
Psalm, sad psalm, you must pray and grieve.
Over our dead on tais Christmas Eve.
De profundis! de profundis!
And the night chaunts the psalm o'er the mortal clay,
And the spirits immortal from far away,
To the music of hope sing this sweet-toned lay:

You think of the dead on Christmas Eve, Wherever the dead are sleeping; And we, from a land where we may not grieve, Look tenderly down on your weeping. You think us far; we are very near, From you and the earth though parted. We sing to enight to console and cheer The hearts of the broken-hearted.

The earth watches over the lifeless clay
Of each of its countless sleepers;
And the sleepless spirits that passed away
Watch over all earth's weepers.
Where the again in a brighter and,
We shall class each ever spoken;
We shall class each ever spoken;
And the class shall not be broken;
We shall neet again, in a bright calm clime,
We shall meet again, in a bright calm clime,
Where we'l never know a sadness;
And our lives shall be filled, like a Christmas
chime,
With ranture and with gladness.

With rapture and with gladness.

The snows shall pass from our graves away,
And you from the earth, remember;
And the flowers of a bright, eternal May,
Shall follow earth's December.
When you think of us, think not of the tomb,
Where you laid us down in sorrow;
But look aloft, and beyondearth's gloom,
And wait for the great to-morrow.

And the pontiff, night, with his star-stole on Whispereth soft and low; Requiescat! Requiescat! Peace! Peace! to every one For whom we grieve this Christmas Eve, In their graves beneath the snow.

The stars in the far off heaven
Have long since struck eleven!
And hark! from temple and from tower,
Soundeth time's grandest midnight hour,
Blessed by the Saviour's birth.
And night putteth off the sable stole,
Symbol of sorrow and sign of doie,
For one with many a starry gem,
To honor the Babe of Bethlehem,
Who comes to men, the king of them,
Yet comes without robe or diadem,
And all, turn towards the holy east,
To hear the song of the Christmas Feast.

Four thousand years earth waited, Four thousand years men prayed

The prophets told his coming,

Their faces towards the future— They longed to hail the light That in the after centuries, Would rise on Christmas night. But still the Saviour tarried, Within His Father's home; And the nations wept and wondered why The Promised had not come. At last earth's hope was granted, And God was a child of earth; And a thousand angels chaunted The lowly midnight birth.

Ah! Bethlehem was grander That hour than paradise; And the light of earth that night eclipsed The splendors of the skies.

Then let us sing the anthem
The angels once did sing;
Until the music of love and praise
O'er whole wide world will ring.

Gloria in excelsis!
Sound the thrilling song!
In excelsis Deo!
Roil the hymn along.
Gloria in excelsis!
Let the heaven's ring;
In excelsis Deo!
Welcome now-born king.
Gloria in excelsis!
Over the sea and land;
In excelsis Deo!
Chaunt the anthem grand.
Gloria in excelsis!
Let us ait rejoice;

Glora in excesss:
Let us all rejolee;
In excelsis Deo!
Lift each heart and voice.
Gloria in excelsis!
Swell the hymn on high;
In excelsis Deo!
Sound it to the sky.
Gloria in excelsis!
Sing it, sinful earth!
In excelsis Deo;
For the Saviour's birth.

Thus joyful and victoriously, Glad and ever so gloriously; High as the heavens—wide as the earth, Swelleth the hymn of the Saviour's both.

Lo! the day is waking In the east afar; Dawn is faintly breaking— Sunk is every star.

Christmas Eve has vanished With its shadows grey; All its griefs are banished By bright Christmas Day.

Joyful chimes are ringing O'er the land and seas, And there comes glad singing, Borne on every breeze.

Little ones so merry Bed-clothes coyly lift, And in such a hurry, Prattle " Christmas gift!" Little heads so curly, Knowing Christmas laws, Peep out very early For old "Santa Claus."

Little eyes are laughing O'er their Christmas toys, Older ones are quaffing Cups of Christmas joys.

Hearts are joyous, cheerful, Faces all are gay; None are sad and tearful On bright Christmas Day.

Hearts are light and bounding. All from care are free; Homes are all resounding, With the sounds of glee. Feet with feet are meeting, Bent on pleasure's way; Souls to souls give greeting Warm on Christmas Day.

Gifts are kept a-going Fast from hand to hand : Blessings are a-flowing Over every land.

One vast wave of gladness Sweeps its world-wide way Drowning every sadness On this Christmas Day.

Merry, merry Christmas, Haste around the earth Merry, merry Christmas Scatter smiles and mirt Merry, merry Christmas, Be to one and all;

Merry, merry Christmas, Be to rich and poor! Merry, merry Christmas Stop at every door.

Merry, merry Christmas, Fill each heart with joy Merry, merry Christmas To each girl and boy.

Merry, merry Christmas, Better gifts than gold; Merry, merry Christmas To the young and old. Merry, merry Christmas! May the coming year ring as merry a Christmas And as bright a cheer.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Catholic Columbian. About three years ago, a Mr Egbert Cleave, who as a Protestant minister had as good a right to assume the title of "Rev," as any of his brethren, made an effort in this city to establish a "Reformed Episcopal Church." He discovered that a good way to ingratiate himself with the preachers was to denounce "Romanism" and fill his vocabulary with such words as "Romish," "Popish," etc. His sermons were greedily reported by the local press, that did not hesitate to publish all the unjust assertions he made against the Catholic Church. After a short time Mr. Cleave's researches led him to inquire into the doctrines of the Catholic Church and he became convinced that he had been wrong, and the Catholic faith was the only true faith, in which alone he found contentment. He endeavored to make amends for all the wrong he had done the church and more effectually to repair the past, immediately announced himself as a lecturer in behalf of Catholic doctrine. We had no reason to doubt his sincerity. He co.nmenced no tirade on Protestants, but simply stated his reasons for becoming a Catholic. He was bur-lesqued therefor and the papers that eagerly gave his reasons for establishing a "Reformed Church" and contending against the Catholic Church, turned completely against him and denounced him as a traud. He continued his lecturing tour, meeting with great success, showing by word and example that he was sincere in his faith. We hear of him frequently through the Catholic press, which gives him unstinted lutionists, whose leaders were per-life.

praise everywhere. Within the past few days the Columbus press has again attacked him and endeavored to make it appear that he and Guiteau are identical, and not succeeding in that, they content themselves in printing similarities, as they fancy, in the characters of the two individuals. This is contemptible, to say the least. At this time, therefore, when some journals are attack-ing his character, and another is advertising an immoral, hell-born book, by an apostate priest, it is consoling to find such a notice of Mr. Cleave,

in the issue of the Springfield, (Mass.) Herald, of Dec. 3: Mr. Egbert Cleave, a recent convert to Catholicism from the Protestant ministry, lectured at St. Augustine's Church, South Boston, on Sunday night last. Mr. Cleave is a fluent speaker, and his lectures are very well received. In the lecture he claimed that the only positive infidel is the apostate Catholic priest. From the possession of the true God, he falls into the possession of the devil-from the highest nobility and dignity of manhood to the lowest degradation and disgrace of animalism. Referring to the recently published charges of one of these deserters, who described the defection of Catholics, Mr. Cleaves said that after three years of initiation, with the very best advantage of observation and examination, he de-nounced the statement as brutally and infamously false, and declared that the standaid of Christian charity and morality, of honor, truth and purity, of self-sacrifice, abnegation and humility, for the temporal as well as the eternal, good of manhood, is highest amongst these "clergy, monks,

THE Milwaukee Catholic Citizen publishes the following sarcastic, but strained by the Government. very proper comment on a class of subscribers, with a few of which every paper in the country is no doubt blessed (?) They are very emphatic about the order to "stop the paper," but somehow, never consider themselves bound in conscience or otherwise to pay for it: "For the year just coming to a close we have cut off the list persons who took the paper because they were asked to take it, of course they took it. They would take the golden gates of heaven off their hinges if there were not an all-seeing God. They were persons who for years read the columns of some of the Catholic contemporaries, and then kindly withdrew without paying for the paper, telling them, "I have no farther use for

your paper."-Catholic Advocate. THE world says to Catholics when hey are misrepresented and spit upon, "sue for damages, if your character is injured." When St. Peter came forward to defend our Lord, on the evening of His arrest, he was reproached for his impetuosity in cut ting off the ear of the High Priest, and our Lord immediately healed the wound by a miracle. When Christ was mocked and spit upon, He who balances the Heavens and the earth complained not. His revenge was in His glorious Resurrection. The Catholic Church dis plays her Divinity by following such examples. Her glory will be revealed on Resurrection Day.

Catholic Review WILL the Pope leave Rome? We know not. We hope not. But it is impossible to say. Even he himself is in suspense on the point. In reply to a French Bishop, who recently expressed to him the opinion that it would be disadvantageous to leave Rome, he said: "As far as I am concerned, I am content to stay where I am, but should the outrages and threats offered to the church take a more distinct and personal form, I should be forced to make up my mind as to the best thing to be done under the circumstances." To-day, the Bishops now in Rome, will meet him and it is expected that he will address them on the critical condition of the Holy See, which indeed God will never abandon, but which may have sore trials before it, to show its strength and to test the fidelity and

affection of us all for our ancient mother. It is the leading factor and always must be so, for it underlies and permeates the structure of all states at all times. Never yet has a people been found without a sense of the spiritual, and of a higher power outide man and the visible world, when they can find God nowhere else they seek him in the stars, in the sea, in the winds, in the stocks and stones, in animals even, in men whom they deify by setting them up above them-selves. It is in the nature of man to worship, and when he does not worship right he will worship wrong. Worship he must, and a state without worship, without reverence for a secret, invisible higher Power would at once dissolve into incoherent parts. Even the first French Revo-

sonally profound atheists, turned half in derision, half with a political sense to what they called the worship of reason; and when Robespierre came into power he proclaimed the existence of a Supreme Being, and made himself the high priest; when Napoleon Bonaparte crushed the Revolution, for the time being he hastened, though in a maimed and shackled way, to reinstate the Christian religion. There was a deeper truth than shown on the surface the sagacious saying of James I.: "No bishop, no king." Even Gambetta to-day is by no means prepared to go the length of his vivisecting colleague, Paul Bert, who would establish France on the purely scientific discoveries of modern invention as revealed in the retort, through the microscope and telescope, the ham-mer of the geologist, and the knife of the surgeon. Hard as Gambetta presses on the clergy and the church of the French people, he refuses to wholly destroy the concordat as framed by Napoleon, though he would pare down its provisions to their severest bounds. He may not wish a God for himself, but he is statesman enough to recognize the necessity of God to the French people, if he would govern them at all. the clergy would only be completely subservient to his will and assist in his schemes he would be eager to welcome their aid. Meanwhile he knows that they are too powerful an influence to allow to run loose through France, so to say, unre-

WE have not yet seen the last of the persecution of Jesuits in France. Only last week a new case arose wnich showed that members of religious orders in general, and Jesuits in particular, will be hunted down in France until there is not one of them left in the country. Abbe Labrosse is the principal of a flourishing school at Tours, to which the best families of that city are in the habit of sending their children. When the Jesuit schools were suppressed and the Jesuits turned out of their homes, Abbe Labrosse received several of them under his roof, and employed them as assistants in his school. For thus acting the part of a good Samaritan he was indicted to the disciplinary Court of the Academial Council of Poitiers, and last week judgment was rendered against him, whereby he is deprived for six months of the right of superintending a school. Yet, it should be known that there exists no law in France to prevent Jesuits from acting as teach ers, for the notorious 7th clause of M. Jules Ferry's University Education law, which was to have prescribed the Jesuits, was rejected by the

French Senate last spring twelve month. PAUL BERT, the Darwinian Minister of Public Worship in France, has not spoken yet. Al! he has done hitherto has been to do away with two of the four divisions of his department. It is not quite clear what that means, but there can be nothing doubtless about the plan of separation of Church and State started by Citizen Jules Roche, one of M. Bert's principal supporters: This distinguished member of the Extreme Left has laid a bill before the French Parliament of which the main fea-

tures are as follows: All the property of the Church or of religious orders to be confiscated. Churches and diocesan establishments to become the property of the State. French members of religious orders to receive an-nnities of £48 each out of the funds of

the suppressed convents. Priests to shift for themselves as well as they can. A pretty programme this. It is like filching a man's purse from him and offering him sixpence as hushmoney to keep a calm sough about it, as they say in Scotland. It would not be at all surprising if, in the regular course, the French Radicals were to proceed from the separation of Church and State to the proscription of all priests. We should then only want the temple of the Goddess of Reason and the guillotine for all believers, to make up the programme

of the French Revolution. Men are born with two eyes, but one tongue, in order that they should see

A great many people—perhaps a third of the population of large towns, and three-fourth of those in small ones—are far more anxious about the concerns of their reighbors than about their own-

that is, if we are to judge from what they Although genius always commands admiration, character most secures respect.
The former is more the product of brainpower, the latter of heart-power; and in
the long run it is the heart that rules in