THE SIGNALS OF THE YEAR.

(The Outlook, London,)

We have no test of the seasons so custworthy as the spring bulbe. It will pair in December if the sun warm. The honorsuckle will thrust is warm. The honeysuckle will thrust put long shoots at any excuse. Our pwn assessions are responsive rather to the thermometer than the almanac; but the builts beneath the soil are true only to the period of natural development. Ingenious garden development. Ingenious garden-have tried to force snowdrops o premature appearance with apto premature appearance with ap-lications of warmth and damp, to hich it was thought the most stubm bulb would respond. But if the ower has answered at all to the exing, it has led a weak and serable life for no more than a few days. Take a less romentic plant, the potato tuber. Hide it in temperature down to 40 degrees. The bulb will lie dormant, it seems d, through the winter but soon as its time comes it will thrust put a spring shoot into the dark-ness and cold almost at the same date as the seedlings in warm The poets, as their way is, have hit the scientific point by happy acci-lient—none better than Coventry Patwho has caught in delicious lines the freshest sense of the awak-

Although no whisper of her voice he

The buried bulb does know The signals of the year,
And hails fair summer with his lift-

There is nothing to wonder at. The bulbs are going through the steady process of life which began at their birth, and the point at which we can mark their growth is not so wonder-ful a crisis in their history as we imagine. They have been preparing themselves for this, as a man whose arrival at fame is only called sudden cause the world, with its coarse thumb and finger failed to plumb' the depth of the long preparation.

Some of the spring bulbs will germinate at a temperature scarcely above freezing point. Many seeds take no notice of cold; even exposure to liquid air does not affect their vitality: it can deepen their sleep, but that is all, as Lord Kelvin, but not his minor critics, knew when he suggested that life first came to the

Of course, springs are early and truer to time than any other plant: and as soon as this invisible growth within the case of the bulb is complete-and no weather that we have in England arrests this ripeningthey take the first occasion to seel the upper air, They may be arrested by continued frosts, but the longer the delay, the more quickly they come to fame when the tide warmth is granted. At last, after many years, the scientific and commercial botanists have learnt the se cret of the bulbs. They have given up the effort to force the vital process, and left the bulbs to mature lves after the way of their spe cies. Then, when the life is ready to be active, they bind it in frost until within a week or two of the unseasonable season, when they wish to have their blossoms. Looking to this principle that bulbs, of which the snowdrop is the purest type, cannot be forced but may be arrested, we may say that no springs are early, though some may be late. You annot have a snowdrop bloom till the bulb has ripened by its natural, unhurried process. The earliest flower in the earliest season is the proper date of spring in this or that country, and the Latin poet who con plained that the year ought to have begun in "new spring" was wrong. Here, at any rate. we had snowdrops early in January, and there is nothing much wrong with the calen dar and the date of the new year der and the date of the new year. Let us suppose, not for argument, but for amusement, that for a succession of years the sun and showers of April were felt through the first month of the year. Would the snow-drop harbingers of spring appear, as the flycatcher before the cottage window appears, on the same day year after year? The difference would be histinct, but not wide. For, apart from severe frosts, this year's sun and rain are of no less effect than last year's. It is a well-worn tag of popular science to describe coal as "bottled sunlight"; and the tag applies at least as truly to the snow-"bottled sunlight"; and the tag applies at least as truly to the snow-kirop. Last year's warmth is held and treasured blanketed, so to say in the bulb; and the fulness of life wherewith it began helped it more to come to this January bloom than any belated encouragement at the last. It is the early help before we are known that we are grateful for A gardener known in July last that.

We have taken the snowdrop as the purest type. It is a pleasant property of its delicate strength that the green depths of the flower itself hold the warmth from day to day, just as the bulb held the s warmth from season to season. Ther mometers have proved the air within the flower to be as much as two de grees warmer than the surrounder during the cold spell that drooping head droops a little more at night and holds the sun-warmed air in the inverted bell, while the leaves often bend over the flower and do valuable service in preventing any radiation of heat. "What much vegetable growth; and the de vices for storing sustenance and warmth pass the ingenuity of man warman pass the ingenerity of man. Illustrations would fill a volument but the effectual retentiveness of the snowdrop is as simple and as unexpected as any. How safely the blooms, in themselves as tender as any, face the threats of frost ! And the wonder grows when one re bers the havor of a single from a few degrees of cold will burst the of every fruitling on peach-tree, trained to bear few and much bloom in supposed sur mer-time. The full cause of thi tenderness is not wholly clear, bu for one cause at least we need no further than the iron pipes of our houses, which are just as vulnerable to the expansion of the water into

the snowdrop's virtue. They store the summer sun; but their weakness is that they allow themselves to be forced. They are amenable to artificial heat; and, as a rule, the more they surrender to this temptation the less is their chance of life. But if they suspend florescence, as under continued cold they can for a great length of time, the May frosts will find them case-hardened against indemency, and the promise of fruit is certain. The chestnut buds, for example, are of much the same pattern as the snowdrops were. More than four months ago the buds contained, in miniature, but visible to the naked eye, the leaves and flowers that will presently unfold themselve snowdrops so formed as long ago as September tast. For the next few months no development is to be traced; but to compel science into modes ty, it is clear that some vital process, which no subsequent treat can force, has been busy all this while at its work, last summer's hidden sunlight ripening a next year's

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-S. Sutherland.

Fear not, my soul, thou art on th way to that sun-bright clime where the flowers never fade and death never comes. To that summerland where the precious things of our tove that faded and fled here shall be re-stored in all their freelmess and fairthat faded and fled here shall be re-tored in all their freshness and fair-ness, and the human flowers that wi-hered along our path shall bloom mew on the calm, pure heights of our heavenly land, and we shall see hem again and "our hearts shall reoice and our joy no man taketh fro

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THE CHURCH'S CAREFOR LABOR

leaders are trying to make working men believe that the Catholic Church is opposed to the just demands of labor. The comrades find the church opposing them and are attempting to lead working people into a belief that it is their desire for justice which the Church condemns. This of course, is untrue, but apparently a few who have been led astray find it hard to understand the adroit hypocrisy of the followers of Debs The comrades have an insidious was of making error resemble truth—so confusing, indeed, that once the virus enters it takes years to draw it out

Recently, at Boston, Father Denis O'Sullivan, S.J., of Boston College, went out and addressed the Centra Labor Union during its educational hour. Very plainly he showed what the labor movement is and strongly commended it. Then he took up socialism and treated it just as frankly.

ruin of all decent society and the state, if followed up. He said rany think they are socialists, but they are not, adding, in part:
"I am thoroughly interested in the

work in which you are engaged, first, because I am a laboring man myself. My hours are long, sometimes ex-tending until after 11 p.m. Besides I have had the pleasure of toiling with my hands. I have had my turn with my hands. I have not pro-at the lathe and can sympathize with can look heavenward, knowing a use those who are the backbone of the of reckoning is coming. I simply wish to bring home the fact that w

"I come in the capacity of a mem-ber of the Catholic Church, and as one of her priests. She has ever stood by the side of the laboring has ever advocated rights. The Catholic Church has

the laboring man.

The sixth principle of the eight principles of the encyclical of 140 XIII. is that the wages 41 pay of the wage-carner should be such as to support him honorably and in frugal comfort. The wage-carner must live, and the only way he can live is by the wages of his labor; therefore, whoever employs his labor mus give such a sum as to enable him t live becomingly, for no man mus live unbecomingly. No man mus live ever on the verge of starvation therefore his wages should be such a ito support him in comfort in his station of life.

ration of life.

"I hope the day is not far distant when a more amicable understanding will be reached. The employer should throw off his greed of gain when the laboring man goes to him as a brother. By good judgment the labor unions are going to bring this about. We can have justice done the state of t

to all.

'In every movement there are men who are liable cometimes to be carried to extremes and men will sometimes in the great sympathy of their hearts be led on to principles which cannot be safely held.

'You must safeguard your minds from all extremes and radical ideas tounded on principles which cannot be safely held. I feet that there are

forces at work which are extreme an radical and going to work harm to of these extreme views ordinarily

"I want to say that the word so cialism is much abused, and manreally so, and do not carry out the principles of socialism without any We are often told that every

cialist is an anarchist. That is not so. Every socialist is not an anar chist. Every anarchist is a social ist, but it is a different thing to say every socialist is an anarchist. There are men who are looked up

anarchists. Why not go the whole way to destruction?' The speaker quoted from Marx and

Engels in proof of his allegation that socialism aims at the destruc-"It means," declared he, "the d

struction of the family. It means free love, the destruction of the home and consequently of society it self. We are born by nature into the family. We are by nature mem bers of that society, and the stat is but the aggregate of the families Destroy the unit and you destro the whole. Cut loose from the fami ly and the whole structure crumbles to dust.

"Religion was not made by man it is a necessary consequence man's existence. Man is beca God made him. He belongs entirely to the Creator. All he has comes from God and he must give it to from God and he must give it God. Religion is made with ma

"Though men refuse us justice w can look heavenward, knowing a day must be on our guard against principles, which as Christian men w cannot stand for. We know the boo of the civilized world will not st for such principles, therefore they must not weigh down the trade unions in their efforts to exalt the worker." Who will say this heart to has worker. Who will say this heart to heart talk will not bear good fruit? Certainly that Boston labor union cight must feel after this that the church does care for the workingman. And why? Because in all the centuries as to he has been her truest child.—John

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Third: Forget yourself, you never will be happy if your thoughts constantly dwell upon yourself, your own shortcomings, what people think of you, and so on.

o on.

Fourth: Expect Hitle. Expect Intic of life, nor too much of your

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on Dalkey Island. It

the sea lay beautifully blue we sat under the shadow of and one read to us passages "The Hour and the Man," the backing novel he Man," the

The Hour and the Man, the sanking novel by Miss Me soncerning the life and dear foursaint L'Ouverture—his I triving for the freedom of he san Domingo, his capture as prisonment by Napoleon, then consul of France: his slow and the climate in one of the close of the story was remost probably this passauly that affected us—the a his last night on earth. bis last night on earth.

During the day some faint sached him from the valley, takens of the existence of mer ear was kept awake only propping of water, the old fa sound and the occasional star srands upon the hearth. About sight of the second night he se could sit up no longer, tembling hands he laid o deces of wood as he could lift, ed another flambeau, and lay on his straw. He raised himse n. (dawn to him, but s ad). His ear had been re the song of the young goat they led their flocks abroac her valley. The prisoner in San Domingo). As his di recognized the place by the of the expiring flambeau. he state this delusion, and sank back kep again. His last sleep.
It was, perhaps, about the hat we were made familiar der's beautiful poem on ing to him has had an especial st for me. And later my wed by meeting with a wor with authentic informatic n-Lacoste's Memoirs of mint L'Ouverture. I determined first possible occasion to the fortress of Joux; and the ared opportune one summer the Simplon.

red to be to stay over Su Pontarlier on our road from to Paris-for we had gone wa to look for letters instead the direct route by Lause On a clear afternoon it is a me cent railway journey from Mor to Pontarlier, and such we find. ess-then, as we wound up the Juras among ravines he woods, unsurpassed views of out Blanc range—then the Lak tuchatel. It was growing a then we had crossed the highest he mountains, and passing de Vale de Travers with it's s, and through a narrow decreached Pontarlier. The H tional was not particularly crable; but on the Continent i indeed that one does not t least a good bed.

The information given by the

ks was meagre.

Next morning after breakfast ist's daughter showed us the the Protestant Church. It was ARE YOUR STOYE BRICKS IN were closed. "Doubtless maker would soon be there."

BAD ORDER?

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State without by there would be the stated about. Finally a solid with per appeared, and he stated the stated by the state rice that day—most of the ants in the place must have to a gathering at Geneva." nded a little tower at ascended a little tower tworks, and the fortress o near that we decided plish the visit before dim ctaker at the works p short cut through the bank of the ravine, bank of the ravine, aby and the river. It was y and the river in the raving on our 4s ore brawling on our 4s another wooded hills another wooded hills above us that we was and at a mile we came do not the river came down the river came down, easements and heavy, easements