

second time: I see the vinegar and gall renewed, and, between living thieves, Him put to death."

And yet the poet who thus denounces violence done to "the great mantle" by whomsoever borne, is to figure as "an enemy of the Papacy." There is no arguing with such people: it is enough to confute them with the facts.

Charles C. Starbuck,
Andover, Mass.

BUOYANT MIDDLE-AGE.

Half a century ago a man of forty-five was regarded almost elderly, and a woman of the same age was expected to have long since cut herself adrift from all ties binding her to her youth and to assume the appearance and deportment of a staid, exemplary matron. All this has changed in a particularly interesting way, of which the prominent feature is a seeming contradiction. If the three-year-old child of to-day is as knowing as was the six-year-old of half a century ago and the ten-year-old boy of to-day is in many respects quite as much a man as was his grandfather at eighteen, one might naturally expect that in due gradation the modern middle-aged man should be old beyond his years. But such is not the case.

Middle-age, so far from hurrying on into senility, so far even from standing still, would seem actually to have stepped backward and marched alongside of youth. There is a jauntness, a buoyancy, an elasticity, about the middle-age of to-day at which our fathers would have shaken their heads as unseemly. The gulf which once separated the middle-aged parent from his children has been filled up. The curtain which shrouded the middle-aged man generally from the eyes of youth and which caused him to be regarded with respect if not with awe has been lifted, and in obedience to the same influences which have made the school-master the friend of the school-boy and the regimental officer almost the comrade of his men the middle-aged man of to-day is never so happy as when working or playing upon an equality and actually in connection with youth.

As with men, so it is with women. Social statisticians tell us that the age at which women are considered most eligible for marriage has been very notably advanced of late years, and we know that the lament of many a match-making mamma is that the most dreaded rivals of her darling are not to be found so much among the girls of her own age as among women who not many years ago would have been relegated to the ranks of hopeless old maidenhood. The fact that the middle-aged lady of to-day is much younger in manner and tastes is of course not the only reason for this, but it is among the most potent.—London Spectator.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Rochester Catholic Citizen.

Within a few days the young folks—with bodies strengthened and energies repaired—will be returning to school for another year's work.

While our non-Catholic friends are wrangling over the merits and demerits of the "enriched curriculum," are differing as to the respective value of what the friends of the new order of things in the public schools call invaluable aids to education and its opponents style fads; while the teachers in the public schools are racked with anxiety as to whether their tenure of office is secure or shaky, the Catholic parents are spared all this. They know that the parental schools of Rochester will be opened with the same teachers under whom their children studied last year, the gentle Sisters whose very garb and appearance compel respect and admiration from their pupils and inspire a determination to do their very best. No supervisors snoop around the parochial schools to harass the teacher and demoralize the pupils. No mothers' clubs, composed of women who are not mothers, are running around pestering teachers and spoiling children. Our teachers do not usurp the rights of the parents, they supplement their efforts.

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the record of the pupils of the public schools on tests laid down—not by the Bishop, the Archbishop or even the Vatican—but by the State authorities. Why is this so? It cannot be possible that our children are sturdier in body and clearer of intellect, though there are obvious reasons why this might be so.

No. The real reason is that our Catholic schools are not at the beck and nod of faddists or politicians. While they are responsive to truly progressive ideas they are not the football and play-things of the text-book publishers or the school-supply houses. Their mission is to truly educate the Catholic children in the best and most advanced manner, which has been tested by trial and proven standards. In addition their pupils are instructed and grounded in the principles of our holy religion.

There you have it, in a nutshell.

HER HAIR AT AUCTION.

A Maine Girl Raises Money to Pay for Painting the Church.

For more than a year the members of the Union Church in Castine, Me., have been making efforts to pay off the mortgage on the property and get money enough to paint the building on the outside, and so soon as the summer visitors arrive they are besieged by women, who call at all hours, asking for contributions to the cause. This month the parishioners held a church fair to secure money that was needed immediately. Most of the summer colonists attended, paying the admission fee and sitting back to witness the performance which had been announced.

After prayer and singing the pastor announced that Miss Bessie Smythe, daughter of a farmer who lived on the Orland road, had consented to sell her hair at auction and to have it cut off in the presence of the company, to be given to the one who would pay most for it, the money to be devoted to the cause in which all were interested.

The hair was uncoiled and shaken free from pins and combs until it hung down her back and swept the platform. It was very thick and of a ruddy brown color.

The novelty of the scene and the great sacrifice which the good-looking girl was willing to make touched the visitors from out of town in a place that no soliciting committee had been able to reach. The bidding went on briskly until a lawyer from Worcester, Mass., had offered \$110.

Then a Boston wholesale merchant arose and said that it was a shame to make such a sacrifice when there was no need of it, and that if he had money enough about his person to protect the girl the hair should not be cut off. It was then agreed that as the rivals made their bids they should deposit the money on a table in front of the auctioneer.

The contest was spirited for half an hour, and more than \$1,000 in bills was on the table when the Worcester man said he had no more money this side of the bank where he made his deposits. As it was agreed that nothing but cash should be taken during the auction the Boston merchant paid down \$536, and Miss Smythe went home wearing her hair and knowing that the church will be painted from tip of spire to underpinning, because she had the courage to make the sacrifice.

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