

A Poem by the Pope.

The eminent historian, Cesare Cantù, who has lately celebrated his ninetieth birthday, addressed a touching letter to His Holiness Leo XIII. on New Year's Day. With his reply His Holiness sent a poem, of which the following is a word for word translation into English:

DEATH

The setting sun, which is fading fast,
Its last rays, oh Leo, on thee has cast;
In the dried-up veins and glassy eyes
The fire of life burns slow and dies.
Death strikes the blow, the cold remains
Enclosed in shroud a tomb retains;
But free from prison the spirit flies
Enraptured, full winged, to the skies.
Of a long rough road, the longed-for goal,
Grant, dear Lord, this wish of my soul.
If worthy you find me through grace
In heaven assign me to a place.

Jan. 27, 1904.

Leo XIII

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

One of the most remarkable escapes from instant death that has been reported by the police of this city occurred shortly after twelve o'clock yesterday, (Tuesday) when young Frank Smith fell from the fifth floor of No. 66 Pine street to the ground floor and escaped unhurt.

Young Smith is employed as a printer by Davis & Chrystie, printers at No. 66 Pine street, and is a bright looking boy about seventeen years old. Shortly after twelve o'clock, after he had lunch, he and Jeremiah Myer began a race around the big room. The printing establishment occupies all of the top floor. In one corner is a hatchway that is not much in use at present.

There is no hatch door covering the opening, but in order to prevent accident a floor footboard is placed around the opening, standing upright. They became excited in the chase, and as young Smith approached the hatchway he slipped and fell to the floor. Before he could save himself his body was thrown against the protecting board of the hatchway, which broke, and he fell headlong into the open hatchway.

Over and over he turned in his descent, and when he struck the ground floor he lay there without motion. An ambulance surgeon applied restoratives, and the lad was removed to the telegraph office in the building. In ten minutes he opened his eyes.

The surgeon was surprised to find no bones broken and the only bruises on young Smith were two small discolorations on his face and a slight bruise on one of his feet.

In the meantime Smith's companions in the shop came tumbling down the stairway expecting to see their companion lying dead on the sidewalk. Their joy knew no bounds when they found that he was well and apparently unhurt. The lad was sent to his home, No. 1,017 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, in a carriage.

I called at young Smith's home last night, and found that he was perfectly well, and was suffering from no bad effects from his lofty tumble. He said he did not remember anything after striking the board around the hatchway, until he found himself sitting in the telegraph office with a crowd around him.

He added that he expected to go to work in a few days.

Young Smith's father told me that the only solution in his mind for the miraculous escape from death was an intervention of God.

He said that Frank wore the scapular and also "St. Joseph's cord," which insures the wearer the protection of St. Joseph. The boy had just put the cord on. Frank's mother was of the opinion that his life was saved by the wearing of these symbols of faith.—*New York Herald.*

The above account appeared in the New York Herald of Wednesday, the feast of Saint Joseph. A few words of explanation will make it clear to all Catholics that this miracle must be ascribed to Saint Joseph. The Smith

family, mentioned in the Herald, are members of St. Joseph's Union, a society established by the late Father Drumgoole for the support of homeless and destitute children.

The mother of the boy in speaking to Father Dougherty, successor to Father Drumgoole, about the miraculous escape of her son, said she attributed it entirely to the fact that she was a member of St. Joseph's Union. "On Saturday night," she said, "I had a dream in which I saw my son dead and mangled. The next day (Sunday) I procured from the Mission Home on Lafayette Place the cord of Saint Joseph and placed it on my son and requested at the same time the prayer's of the members of Saint Joseph's Union for him. I endeavored to do all in my power for the homeless and destitute little ones of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin and now God has rewarded me by protecting my own little son from instant death by the miraculous assistance of St. Joseph."

It is also a remarkable fact that the publication of this miracle worked by Saint Joseph appeared in the papers on Saint Joseph's feast, Wednesday last.—*Catholic Review.*

Selling Napoleon's Library.

Fifty one volumes which formed the library of Napoleon at St. Helena will be sold at auction in London this month. All the volumes have his library stamp on the titles, and are enclosed in a well-made box with lock and key, the lid ornamented with a crowned N.

The history of these books is curious, though well defined. On the death of Napoleon, his effects in St. Helena were sent home and divided among his brothers. Jerome Bonaparte received, besides other things, this box of books, and presented them with an autograph letter to Baron Stolling, one of the gentlemen in his service. The Baron left them to his wife, who married again, died as Frau von Wiedburg, and left the books to her adopted daughter, Fraulein Malvine Fischer, of Arolsen, Waldsen, Germany, by whose instructions they are now offered for sale. The autograph letter sent by Jerome Napoleon to Baron Stolling accompanies the books.

These books include the "Histoire de France," by Velly, Villaret and Garnier, in thirty volumes, the Duc de Sully's "Memories," in eight volumes, with a cardinal's arms in gold on the sides; the "Vie," of the Duc de Villars; the Histoire of the Viscount de Turenne, and an odd volume of "Gil Blas,"—*Pall Mall Budget.*

The Moral of This?

Mrs. Max went house-hunting last week and met with usual variety of incidents that attend that unpleasant task. Each night on her husband's return from work she detailed her adventures. One of them is worth repeating.

The house hunter was looking at a house in Roseville, and the retiring occupant, after exhibiting the downstairs room, took Mrs. Max up in the attic. Looking at the bleak rafters and broken roof, the latter remarked: "This must be a very cold room in winter."

"Oh, it is," cheerfully assented the occupant, "and the roof leaks dreadfully, but then none of the family used this room; this was the servant-girl's bedroom."

Mrs. Max didn't say anything, but when the woman began to tell her trouble in getting a servant-girl to stay with her she did not wonder at it.—*Newark Call.*

The sums which the Catholic world has offered to Leo XIII. for the new Church of St. Joachim, as an episcopal jubilee gift, amount so far to 638,435 lire, or over £25,000 sterling.

A NEW BRUNSWICK STORY.

The Remarkable Experience of a Husband and Wife.

The One Suffering from General Debility and the other from the after effects of Typhoid Fever were Gradually Growing Weak when a Cure came—Both now Restored to Perfect Health.

From the Newcastle, N. B., Union Advocate.

Quite recently there came to the knowledge of the proprietor of the Union Advocate, two cases of residents of Newcastle having been greatly benefitted by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and these were thought to be of sufficient interest to warrant their being published in the interests of humanity, if the parties interested had no objection to the facts being published. Consequently a reporter of this paper called upon the parties and obtained from them cheerfully all the particulars. Mr. and Mrs. Hammill removed from Fort Fairfield, Maine, to Newcastle, N. B., about fourteen months ago. For two years previous Mrs. Hammill had been in a very poor state of health and was steadily growing weaker and running down, until she was unable to do the necessary work about the house, and the little she did used her up completely. Pains in the back and limbs, weakness, dizziness and other disagreeable symptoms troubled her. For some time she was under treatment of several doctors at Fort Fairfield, and also since she moved here. But they effected no improvement to her run down system and she was gradually growing worse and had given up all hope of regaining her health. Having read accounts of the cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she decided last July to try them and see if she could be benefited thereby. She purchased some from Mr. H. H. Johnstone, druggist, and commenced to take them and has since continued to take them with, to her wonderful results. She had taken but a few boxes when a gradual improvement seemed to be taking place. The pains in her back and limbs left her as did the other unpleasant symptoms, and at the present time she is as well as ever she was and without feeling the tiredness and exhaustion of her former state.

At her recommendation her husband also began the use of Pink Pills. About a year before coming to Newcastle he had suffered from an attack of typhoid fever, from the effects of which he did not recover his former health. His blood seemed to be thin and watery, and he was weak and easily worn out.

Through all this he kept steadily at work, although he says that when night came he was thoroughly worried and depressed, not knowing how to obtain relief. When his wife began to feel the beneficial effects of Pink Pills she urged him to try them and he did so. After taking three boxes he began to feel a wonderful change. The tired feeling left him and he had a better appetite and enjoyed his food with a relish he had not had before. He continued taking the Pills for some time and is to-day fully restored to his old time health and strength. Mr. Hammill was very willing to tell of the benefits both to and his wife had derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, with the hope that their experience might lead others to test the benefits to be derived from this wonderful remedy.

The gratifying results following the use of Pink Pills in the case of Mrs. Hammill prove their unequalled powers as a blood builder and nerve tonic. There are many throughout the land suffering in silence as did Mrs. Hammill, who can readily find relief in a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are a specific for the troubles peculiar to women, such as irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks driving out pains in the back and limbs, weakness and other disagreeable symptoms which make life a burden. They also cure such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration, the after effects of la grippe, influenza, and severe colds, diseases depending on humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc., and in all cases arising from mental worry, over-work or excesses of any nature.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark. They are never sold in bulk, or by the dozen or hundred, and any dealer who offers substitutes in this form is trying to defraud you and should be avoided. The public are also cautioned against all other so-called blood builders and nerve tonics, put up in similar form intended to deceive. Ask your dealer for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and refuse all imitations and substitutes.

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S. C. WOOD,

Managing Director.

Toronto, 19th April, 1904

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