## In The House of His Friends.

by the sound of voices and approaching footsteps and as, looking up he beheld two of his own parishioners nearing the little gate, the fingers holding his Breviary suddenly tightened. Would they stop for a friendly word as they used to do in the old days, before—'Oh, merciful God, what has changed them so?'' he said below his breath as one of them, lifting her head and gazing full at the blackrobed figure on the porch turned it again and bending low over her companion while her voice sank to a whisper, passed on without a sign whisper, passed on without a sign of recognition. As he watched their figures fading in the distance the brooding eyes with their look of set-tled melancholy suddenly filled with

tears.

"What have I done that they should treat me so?" he said with a heavy sigh. "Did not the hand which they now refuse to touch open to them the gates of heaven by pouring upon their infant brows the regenerating waters of baptism? Did I not prepare them for the reception of the Man-God in the Blessed Eucharist and for the coming of sed Eucharist and for the coming of the Holy Ghost! I have visited their sick, comforted those among them that sorrowed and buried their dead." The voice sank to a whisper here and the grey head—grown grey, alas, too soon—sank suddenly for-ward on his breast.

The breath of a thousand flowers

arose and enveloped him as in a cloud of incense. The music of the wind among the trees coming fainter soothed him with its low melody and he fell asleep. Or was it sleep? He has asked himself that question He has asked himself that question many times since and—adding the words of the glorious Apostle of the Gentiles: "Whether in the body or out of the body I know not; God knoweth"—followed his thornset path in peace and resignation. For suddenly the dark night which had followed fast in the shadowy footsteps of the twilight; the brilliant stars flashing through the swaying branches of the trees, fled before a glory-glow of light which swaying branches of the trees, fled before a glory-glow of light which fell about him, in the midst of which he saw as in a vision the Lord Christ surrounded by His Holy angels. And there was much rejoicing among those blessed spirits, as though they kept the day of the Ascension, when suddenly one of them, approaching nearer the Person of the Eternal Word asked in wondering accents: "What are those wounds in Thy hands and Thy feet?" And immediately be accented by the second of th immediately he was answered: "The wounds wherewith I was wounded in the house wounded."

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Now it was known among the people of his parish that this priest with the brooding eyes, the melancholy air and the terrible powers had been, two years before, while emeayed upon an errand of mercy, in engaged upon an errand of mercy, in a railway accident. He was fearful ly injured and for a long time it was feared that he would never be himself again. But the eyes of the Lord were upon His servant and all at once his reason returned to him and he wort are received. and he went one morning pale and trembling before the great white al-ter of God and offered with exceeding fervor his sacrifice or thanksgiv and praise. And as he knelt and after Mass, in the sanctuary, thought with a smile of how he did soon return to his people now, s people that loved him and his people waited to welcome him home He had returned to his parish but

a few weeks when he began to have strange spells, during which he seem-ed bewildered, scarcely knowing what he was about. They would not last long, however, and in a few hours he would resume the du ties of his priestly calling with the old-time fervor. But it was when these duties required some unusual exertion of mind or body that spells became more or less violent and several times he was seen to stagger on the street and once to fall.

Just at present on the street and once to fall. was about this time that

foul suspicion engendered in the heart of one of his parishioners by the devil—the father of lies—took the form of words, was spoken in a chisper, with many winks and nods. And the whisper, passing from lip to lip, soon swelled into a roar to lip, soon swelled into a roar which, echoing and re-echoing through the length and breadth of through the length and breadth of the parish, went thundering up to the heavens, and if the hand of an Omnipotent God was stayed from smiting out of existence the calum-niators it was the Holy Sacrifice which the priest they had dared to judge offered daily at the altar for himself and the sins of his brethren

himself and the sins of his brethren which stayed it.

They began to leave his church after this one by one at first and later whole families together, and one Sunday morning—the morning before he had that strange dream in the twilight—he noticed on lifting his eyes for the first time to give the blessing after Mass, that the church was almost empty. Only three or four were present, and they were strangers.

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But it was only when looking down again he encountered the mournful prestioning gaze of his little attendent, that his great heart failed and he deep voice trembled as he said he last Gospel. After Mass the boy that hid served him remained with him in the sacristy for some

bed where the old man lay in the torpor of death.

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But one—perhaps the head of that family—suddenly stepped before him.

"You are not in a condition to do your duty here," he said coldly.

"We will send for Father——." All bewildered though he was, he understeed them never and while. bewildered though he was, he understood them now and while a slow flush mantled the pale cheek he stepped aside, and, lifting his hand, silently blessed the dying man; then turned and went out through the door which a moment before he had entered.

Miserable creatures! Did you not know that when you benighed from

know that when you banished from your roof this servant of the Most High God you banished the Lord Jesus Christ dwelling in him; at the level with those wicked ones of old, same time placing yourself upon

level with those wicked ones of old, who, loeking boldly into the face of the All Pure, said with appalling effrontery, "Thou hast a devil."

Shortly after this he left the parish. "For you see," he said, while talking the matter over with his Bishop, "if I remain here many of them will fail to attend Mars some shop, "if I remain here many them will fail to attend Mass; some them will fail to attend Mass; some perhaps neglect the Sacraments. It is better for them that I go." And the Bishop, with words of encouragement, of hope and good cheer, fervently blessing him, bade him go in the name of the Lord.

He had been in his present parish about a year and all traces of his malady had left him, when sitting alone with him in his study one evening he told me the story of this unspeakable outrage and of his

dream.

And, as he ended with the words, And, as he ended with the words, "The wounds wherewith I was wounded in the house of my friends" they thrilled through my heart with a terrible significance.

But when I attempted to express the words are recorded.

in burning words my grief and in-dignation, he lifted his frail hand in remonstrance. "They know not in remonstrance. "They know not what they did," he said, gently shielding his accusers, "and besides"—a sudden smile lighting up the wonderful eyes gazing toward the brilliant clouds of the summer sunset-"the dream I had that Sunday evening greatly comforted me." Then after a long pause he spoke again, more to himself than to me: "The servant is not greater than the Mas-

### Joan of Arc.

Did the Church Burn the Maid ?-An Answer to the Question.

In the September issue of the Catholic World, Mr. LeBreton Girdlestone answers the question, Did the Church Burn Joan of Arc? True, old prejudices will go on in spite of the writer's thorough explanation, Did

Just at present, over in that land of priest-devouring statesmonkeys, in France, we mean, the freethinkers are trying to poke fun at the Church for having placed Joan of Arc among the Blessed, in her sacred album of heroes and heroines. They are trying to pawn off the pure Maid of Orleans for a heretic and one who deemed it her duty to die cursing the Church. M. Delpech, semator, one among the busiest liars at work, "in a pamphlet of which 50,000 copies were printed, tries to prove the impudence of that religion which, after having martyred the Maid, exploits her prestige for its own purposes with the populace." Delpech and all other scamps and rascals are now forced to swallow Joan of Arc. They have a Masonic game afoot, however; they will try to undermine the effect of Rome's honor for the Maid, by having Joan appear as reckless as any winedrinking masculine tom-boy of Paris, with its personal hatred for the Liberator; that they, in no way, represented the Church, and that the Church has nothing to reproach herself with, in regard to the heroine's martyrdom. True, priests were connected with the University of Paris, but is that a reason why the Church should be blamed? One might as well say that the Reformation was Just at present, over in that land of priest-devouring statesmonkeys, in France, we mean, the freethinkers

the work of the Church and had the Church's approval, because its au-thor was a Catholic monk—drunker Luther!

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the proposition, as a few days later that and they shone among the rebels of Basle. Any religion they had left in them was at the mercy of their pockets. The church had other ideals. Surely she would never dream of having schismatics voice her feelings. Loss had saked to the same of the same and the same of the her feelings. Joan had asked to be judged by a tribunal responsible to the Church and for which the Church would be responsible. Cauchon and the Church and for which the Church would be responsible. Cauchon and the other villains did not see things in that light. They wanted to treacherously serve the purpose of a foreign and inimical power. Cauchon was a bishop, did we say; yes, and so was Judas. Lucifer was once the brightest angel in heaven. Chiniquy once shared the work of honest men and priests. Cauchon was deposed, however; and as long as the world exists 'it will ever have to regent, having horne him on 'its to repent having borne him on its surface. Raving maniacs will continue to say the Church did burn the Maid; so will dolls continue to squeak and mosquitoes continue to

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## Temperance

Arranged for Sunday Afternoon,

October 17. An important meeting of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Canada, composed of delegates of the different Irish societies, was held on Tuesday evening to consider the project of a grand temperance demonstration. Delegates who had been previously appearance of the project of the project

been previously appointed to confer with the Catholic temperance socie-ties, both French and English-speak-ing, presented most favorable re-ports on the manner in which the proposed demonstration was received. The different organizations not only promised the support of their own members, but expressed the conviction that other parochial societies in touch with temperance work would heartily join in the movement. Under those circumstances it was

unanimously resolved to hold the demonstration on Sunday, Oct. 17; and committees were at once ap-pointed to look after the organization.

It was resolved to approach

nt was resolved to approach the pastors of the different Catholic churches and ask them earnestly to invote their congregations to take part in the demonstration. It was also resolved to ask the support of the city press on behalf of the movement, and it was decided to send an official invitation to the send an official invitation to the

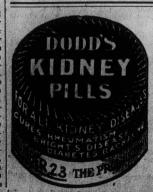
send an official invitation to the Anti-Alcoholic League.

Mr. Dennis O'Sullivan was appointed marshall in chief of the procession, which will start from the Champ de Mars at 2 p.m. or Oct. 17, and proceed to St. James Cathachall where a clarge service will thedral, where a solemn service will be held, with sermon in French and

Before the close of the meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the action of the Dominion Alliance in protesting against the granting of a license to the St. Re-gis Hotel adjoining the Princess Theatre.

#### Mayo News.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
The mission which took place last week was well attended, the church being filled both morning and evening. Rev. Father Morris, of Ottawa, conducted the retreat. It was



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edifying to see the great crowd that received the last four mornings of the retreat, and also to see the large number that made the Way of the Cross both morning and even-ing. There were two mission crosses erected, one at Mr. George Kelly's and the other at Mr. John McDon-nell's. Quite a crowd from Mayoo, Mulgrave and other places attended the effection of both presented erection of both crosses Buckingham band favored us Buckingham band favored us with some special music at Mr. Kelly's. The Mayo choir sang the Stabat Mater at both places after the blessing and while the congregation went one by one to venerate the cross. Sunday evening at seven o'clock the closing ceremony took place Father Morris, as usual, preached an eloquent sermon, and firished by asking the men of the parish to take the pledge, and we are proud to that nearly every one, both old and young, did as the Rev. Father asked. The mission is a grace that we do not have every day, and we hope and pray that the effects of these beautiful religious exercises will ever remain in the souls of each and every one who had the privilege of being present.

of being present.
The procession of the Holy Rosary took place Sunday and was largely attended. The beautiful statue of the Holy Rosary was tastefully decorated with choicest flowers and lights. of being present.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' NEWS.

The men of St. Thomas Aquinas' assembled on Tuesday evening last as is their wont each evening, and had an informal talk concerning the Board of Control. It is necessary to look after one's interests. Why not, then, let the English-speaking Catholics of the city set to work to put forth their claim to representation on said Board. In a city such as ours it behoves good citizens to join forces for the well-being of all concerned in order to prompt the second concerned in order to prompt the second concerned in order to prompt to the concerned in order to prompt the second concerned in order to prompt to the concerned in order to prompt the second concerned in order to prompt the concerned to the concerned in order to prompt the concerned to the concer concerned in order to promote peace and happiness of the city large. Our French-Canadians pre-dominate, and there is a goodly number of English-speaking Protes-tants and Catholics. This is but a word to the wise. Let us trust it will be sufficient to set our own

#### For Imperial Defence.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur Shows That Canada Has Done Much.

The impression that Canada had done nothing for imperial defence is, so Hon. L. P. Brodeur told the Toronto Empire Club recently, a mistaken one

Canada has done much for empire, Mr. Brodeur said, by look-ing after her own naval defences. The position taken by Canada, and later adopted by other colonies, was that a contribution of money would be against the principles of responsible government and control of expenditure. Yet Canada had not only helped in looking after her own defences, but in bearing the burden of fisheries protection. This latter followed the melting of be held, with sermon in French and English.

This movement has the full support of Archbishop Bruchesi, and it is expected that the demonstration will be one worthy of the tempersupport of the tempe

waters—a treaty which had never been submitted to Canada. In the protection of fisheries since the Treaty of Washington in 1886 Canada had spent \$3,147,990. Last struction of a cruiser. The taking over of the neval stations was an-other assistance. Then the Cariaover of the naval stations was another assistance. Then the Cariadian Government had taken care of the wireless telegraph service, a service which, on the other side of the Atlantic, was looked after by the Admiralty. A station had been established on the Atlantic, and another would be established on the Resities. Pacific.

### Can Science Affect Dogma.

The dogmas of the Catholic faith

The dogmas of the Catholic faith are as unchangeable as the Divin Truth: the Catholic Church is the guardian of them and is fully responsible for them.

But it is different with other tenets, large in number, which are believed and held as revealed, to some extent at least, by God. These are not, or at least they are not as yet, dogmas of faith. They may be changed. After more thorough investigation, it may be found out that they were never revealed by God, or at least that, the special meaning heretofore attached to them was not revealed truth. If the ob-

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ject of such a tenet is within the range of some natural science, the testimony of that science will be received with due deference. Since the Catholic Church proclaims that truth is one, that there cannot be conflict between natural and supernatural truth, between science and faith, it is entirely consistent to admit that any fact or opinion. disproved by science, has not been revealed by God; that the previous probability of its being revealed is brought to raught by the verdict of science.

science.

We speak of real science, the data of which are positive, unquestionable, definite and not of hypotheses, theories, ephemeral systems of philosophy, to which their authors could not warrant even a few years' continued and worthy life. Between the data of science and the real dogmas of faith there was never any conflict, nor can there be. The reason of this is that there is hardly any common ground upon which any common ground upon while both can come into serious conflict local the regions where or at least the regions where the supernatural object of faith and the natural object of science meet, are too abstract, too far removed from all experimental verification, to allow human sciences. low human science any claim of cer-tainty in its speculations.—Alexan-der Mercier, O.P., in the October Catholic World.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

The following amounts to help in paying the coal bill were received during the week. Mr. James Kelly, during the coal bill were received during the week. Mr. James Kelly, two dollars; Miss O'Neill, one dollar. The Salve is in pretty brisk demand since the remarkable cure of Mr. O'Comor who was confined to his bed for months with abscesses which defied the doctors. He is now perfectly cured and able to go to work: two sample boxes of Salve Sancta Joseph worked the wonder. If any of our readers are afflicted with diseases of the skin, a post card will bring them a little box, and if they choose to make a little donation to the great work when their cure is effected there will not be the least objection. The struggling little institution should be better known. A good friend has passed away in the person of the late Justice Curran. May he rest in peace!

#### Blue Sea Lake.

(Specially Written for True Witness) Catholic Sailors' Club. As on thy loveliness I gaze
I strive to sing thy beauty's praise,
And tell in simplest melody, How fair thou art, O broad Blue

Thy wooded isles, thy hills that soar Along thy green embowered shore,

No poet's dream of ecstacy Could catch thy charm, O fair Blue

Are various as the rainbow dyes, And changeful are the clouds that flee, Reflected in thy wave, Blue Sea.

too, the wild duck doth There.

abound,
The loon's weird night cry echoes round,
Or laughs he loud with mocking glee
Above thy lonely shores, Blue Sea. The morning sunlight gilds thy

stream,
The moon sheds down its silver beam
The white mists hover over thee,
Like ghosts that haunt thy night,
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