

race of white men that ever cursed this continent with their presence. Lo! The poor American Reservado is gone and has left no memorial of his wrongs behind him.

A NEW YORK MIRACLE.

True Witness.

The New York World devotes a great deal of space to the establishing of the authenticity of a miracle which was recently wrought at the grotto of the Blessed Virgin in the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes, Brooklyn. Amongst the details that it publishes is an affidavit sworn to by a witness of the cure. To Catholics the occurrence of miraculous cures at such shrines as those of Lourdes, in France, our own famous Ste. Anne de Beaupré, and the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes, Brooklyn, is so frequent as so present no cause for surprise. Thankfulness to the Almighty is the only sentiment these miracles evoke, besides an increase of faith in Divine mercy.

Miracles, both of grace and of a physical nature, have been occurring constantly since the creation of the world; and they have been frequent amongst the faithful since the foundation of the Church. They excite, of course, much wonder amongst non-Catholics. They are, however, simply tangible witnesses of the truth of the Catholic Church to a cynical and an unbelieving generation.

BISMARCK SIZED UP.

Church News (Washington.)

Bismarck, the man of blood and iron, has gone the way of all flesh after a career that made him at one time the foremost figure in all the world. Audacious, arbitrary, aggressive and unbending, this warrior, statesman and diplomat, was the giant of the century. Emperors, kings, states, armies bowed before his iron will and submissively did his bidding, all save one, the weakest materially of them all, the Pope. Against the Church in the insolence of his power he waged a fruitless war which failed of all its objects, and in his old age, shorn of his power, Bismarck frankly acknowledged his defeat and said that it was an unwise and impolitic move. And this is how he summed it all up to a friend visiting him at Friederick-sruhe in his retirement: "I have seldom been a happy man. If I reckon up the rare minutes of real happiness in my life I do not believe they would make twenty-four hours in all." A more impressive sermon on the futility of human greatness was never uttered.

ANGLICANISM.

Read the following pungent article from the Catholic Record:

Rev. Dyson Hague has published his work in which he expatiates on the subject of Anglicanism being from the beginning. The reverend gentleman has a perfect right to publish anything that may please his fancy, but we think that his energies have, this time, been misdirected. The little work is simple a rehash of articles by Anglican clergymen. It has nothing original about it except the reverend author's name. The theory of

Continuity has long since been discarded by Anglican controversialists. Cold facts of history are against it and no effort even of a professor can galvanize it into life.

"It is difficult," says A.F. Marshall, "to be grave about such sophistry. I cannot turn my intellect upside down. I cannot trace Continuity from exact opposites. Continuity of disobedience from obedience; of personal, individual infallibility from the infallibility of the undivided Catholic Church; of spiritual headship of Queen Victoria, of her parliaments and privy councils, from that of the supreme Pontificate of St. Peter; of a parliamentary form of divine service from the sacrifice of the Mass; of irreverence to the Blessed Virgin from devotion to her; of a married clergy from an unmarried priesthood; of one incessant roar of doctrinal strife and newspaper theologies from the still small voice of the holy Spirit of God, directing all intellects to know and believe the same truth," etc.

The Rev. Mr. Hague can derive much valuable information from a pamphlet written by Mr. Pope of Ottawa, and published by the Catholic Truth Society.

A PROTESTANT DEFENDS NUNS.

N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

The so-called ex-nun, Margaret Shepherd, gave recently one of her filthy lectures in Duluth, Minn. The indignant editor of the Mirror of that town, who calls himself a "Protestant of the most avowed type," read the ex-nun and her hearers piece of his mind. Among other things he said:

"My knowledge of priests, convents and such things is very limited, but I do know that the land is filled with Catholic churches, schools, hospitals, benevolent and charitable institutions that radiate with a constant love and good feeling toward all mankind, that there is not a Protestant or heathen revolving beneath the stars who could suffer, sicken or die within the reach of any one of these institutions and cry in vain for help. When I am told that these same Sisters of Mercy who go upon the shell-riven fields of battle or into the plague-stricken districts of the tropics to care for the dead and succor the wounded, sick or dying, are a sin-soaked association of bad women, then it is I feel like exhausting some accomplished ox-driver's vocabulary in the feeble expression of my opinions and emotions. Moreover, the average man of to-day is fair a judge of human nature and usually knows a good woman when he sees her, and the real honest man is very scarce in this world who can look into the face of a Sister of Mercy without feeling impelled to take of his hat. Unless he is a brainless bat-like bigot he can't get away from it. It is the one thing from which no honest, manly heart can escape."

To those who hear and encourage her he has this to say:

"Those who knowingly and willfully assist in such a work as that by which Mrs. Shepherd hopes to acquire the coin are even worse than she, if that be possible; those who thoughtlessly or ignorantly contribute to her purse are her real victims."

STRAINING OUT GNATS AND SWALLOWING CAMELS.

The following, from the Anglican "Church Record," B. C., looks as if it had been borrowed from some Catholic paper.

It is not dogmatic truth alone which has suffered from the Protestant principle of private judgment: the clear dividing line between moral right and moral wrong has been hopelessly blurred in many of the sects. Divorce is approved and smoking set down as a sin; and at a general church council of the Dunkards, held in Chicago last month, the question of conforming to modern fashions of dress aroused much discussion. Buttons have long been a bone of contention among the Dunkards. It seems almost a caricature upon the council to say it, but it is the plain truth that learned doctors disputed with one another as to whether it is lawful for a Christian man to wear collars and neckties! Belts are an abomination.

A DIVINE CALL.

Eight years ago, Augustin, the 13 year-old son of Senator Bernier, announced to his astonished parents and family that he wanted to accompany Dom Benoit to France and there enter the austere order of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, a contemporary restoration of the Canons of St. Victor, so renowned in the eleventh century. The child's parents at first demurred to so extraordinarily youthful a call, but, reflecting on their dear boy's manly character and solid piety, and seeing how calm and determined he was, they made a noble act of faith and let the lad go, well knowing that the undertaking was above merely natural powers and that they might never see their dear Augustin again. They simply and bravely gave him up to God.

Last Thursday evening Brother Augustin, clad in the surplice and white robe with the ample black mantle of the Canons Regular,

came back to St. Boniface to tarry a few days with his father, mother, brothers and sisters before going on to the house of his order at Notre Dame de Lourdes, Man., where he is soon to be ordained sub-deacon. He has finished his second year of theology, has been three years under perpetual vows and will shortly pronounce the final confirmation of those vows.

We congratulate his excellent parents and family on this joyous meeting with their most worthy and generous son and brother. He comes to them in the early flower of manhood, with a body inured to grace-winning abstinence and yet quite healthy, with a mind admirably trained, with a soul accustomed to heavenly converse. His very presence amongst us is a sweetly constraining proof of Our Lord's words: "You have not chosen me; but I have chosen you, and have appointed you, that you should go and should bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

RATS AS HAIR TONIC.

A Chinese gentleman advocates the use of the rat as an article of diet, and makes the following remarks on its properties as a hair restorer: "What the carrot is to a horse's coat a rat is to the human hair. Neither fact can be explained, but every horseman knows that a regimen of carrots will make his stud as smooth and lustrous as velvet, and the Chinese, especially the women, know that rats used as food stop the falling out of hair and make the locks soft, silky, and beautiful. I have seen it tried many times, and every time it succeeded."—MEDICAL RECORD

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