LVI.-CONTINUED.

"I consented, stipulating for the strictor the strict-strate secrecy; and one evening, during the week before Ned's departure for Rahan-dabed, I retired early to my room on the pretense of a headache. There, telling pretense of a headache. There, telling pretense of a headache. There, telling my maid not to come to me until late next morning, I arranged my dress so as to make my resemblance to Ned even more perfect than I knew it was already,

more perfect than I knew it was already, and I stole from the houss.

"A distance down the road I met Mackay, who was waiting with a conveyance. We drove to Rninebeck, where we were married by Mr. Hayman, and I registered as Ned Edgar. Then we went to a hotel, remained until the early morning, and

drove back to Barrytown.

"I knew that Ned was accustomed to early walks about the grounds, and so closely resembling her, I hoped to escape any unpleasant recognition, and I suc-ceeded. I reached my room without being discovered, and it was not suspected that I had been away from home all night.

"Mackay had promised me to go to "Mackay had promised me to go to New York immediately. He did so, and I wrote to him that I had accepted a posi-tion as companion to Mrs. Doloran in C——In a few months, I accompanied C—In a few months, I accompanied you to New York for the purpose of being introduced into society. While there I found means of frequent secret communication with Mackay, to whom I explained my presence in New York by saying that I had been requested to accompany Miss Edgar, and for that reason had left Rabandahed; that Mr. Edgar's kindness. handabed; that Mr. Edgar's kindness allowing me to have a maid, I had given

the situation to his sister.

"I brought Annie Mackay with me from Barrytown as my maid, because I knew that she was her brother's sole confidant, and because I felt that I also, during the fast-approaching month of June, must have a confidant. She, never having seen me in company with her brother, and knowing that I was Mr. Edgar's daughter, did not dream that it was I who was her brother's wife; for, as he had told her all when he supposed that I was the heiress, so did he undeceive her when, as he imagined, he was himself undeceived. So, she also supposed it was Ned he had married; and when, being obliged to tell her the truth, I did so, she was startled and horrified. But I told her that I had practised this deception on her brother because I loved him so fidant, and because I felt that I also, dur brother because I loved him onately, and because I knew if he passionately, and because I knew if he should discover how much I was above him it would break his heart. She was consoled, and she pledged herself to keep my secret as faithfully as I myself kept it. Not even to her brother would she cinca him of him matches.

give a hint of his mistake.
"I did love Dick Mackay when married him. I loved him so wildly that I thought I was willing to make every sacrifice for him; but, afterward, when I reflected upon what I had done, I be came desperate from remorse and fear. I no longer loved him. I wanted to get away from him forever. But I had to be cantious, and to pretend that I cared for him still, lest be might betray me in

some way. "I passed sleepless nights in endeavor-ing to contrive some means of getting away from you during the month of June following my marriage with Mackay, and during which you intended to have me accompany you intended to have me accompany you to some seaside resort in the vicinity of New York. Fortunate favored me, Just when I had begun to be in absolute despair, you were summoned to Eagland—"
Edgar looked."

Edgar looked up from the letter to re call that English visit upon which he had

been summoned,

He had gone on information sent to
him by one of his English friends, a gentleman who was chaplain to an hospital, and who knew Edgar's early history. The information was that a man in exceedingly weak health, and giving the name of Henry Edgar, but who refused to tell anything else, had obtained admission to the hospital, and name, and other things about him de-tected by close observation, aroused the suspicion, and finally firm conviction of the chaplain, that the dying man was th long unheard-of Henry Edgar. On such information had Edward Edgar hurried to London, praying that it might be his brother, and that he might live long enough to clear the horrible mystery of which he had been the cause. But the man on Edgar's arrival had been in his grave a week! He thought of all that ow, as he continued to look away from the letter, and he thought also how it tallied with the last clew of his brother which Ordotte had obtained.

At length he resumed reading, beginning again at the words: "you were sum-At length he resumed reading, beginning again at the words: "you were summoned to England, and you pressed me to accompany you. I refused, alleging my fear of the voyage, my dislike to leave the society by which I was surrounded, everything that I could think of as an excuse. You rejuctantly gave me my way. You rejuctantly gave me my way and I saw with relief your departure upon a journey that must certainly occupy a couple of months. There only remained Mrs. Stafford to be disposed of, and that I succeeded in doing by feigning to accept an invitation to Staten Island.

"Mackay managed everything else for He had found an humble but respectable widow in a part of New York City willing to offer me a refuge, and thither I went, accompanied by Annie Mackay, instead of to Staten Island.

Mackay, instead of to Staten Island.

"Mackay showed this widow, Mrs. Bunmer, our marriage certificate, and told her that we wanted everything so secret lest Mr. Edgar, upon whose bounty I depended, should find it out, and in his anger at my making such a marriage would cut me off entirely.

not tell her where Mr. Edgar livied.

"My child was born in her house, and I remained there until July; then I joined Mrs. Stafford, who was quite unsuspici-ons, even though I had told her not to write to me while I was away, as it was an unpleasant exertion for me to answer letters save those from my father. Almost immediately, I wisit Rahandabed by the I was invited to visit Rahandabed by the very friends with whom Mrs. Stafford and I were nding a few weeks preparatory to our return to Barrytown. I accepted the in-vitation intending to take Annie with me. felt as if I must never lose sight of her. But she became ill, pined to go home, promising me sacredly, however, to keep all my secrets; and when Mrs. Stafford volunteered to accompany her, preferring to do so that she might return to her own home in Weeland Place, I did not object.
Mrs. Stafford felt no uneasiness at leaving me, as I was with friends. I went to

Rahandabed, writing to Mackay that I was going back there with Miss Edgar, and that on no account must be come into the neighborhood. I would always communicate with him in writing, but, as he loved me, he must not come within miles of Rahandabed. That as I could not extend to our child be must be father. not attend to our child, he must be father and mother to it. I felt assured that he would do all I asked, for I knew how

madly he loved me.
"Rahandabed was so gay, so delightful, "Rahandabed was so gay, so delightful, I tried to throw away every care and be happy, too. I tried to forget Mackay; only when through very fear I wrote to him. I expected to meet Nad, but she had gone to visitsome one in Albany, and did not return until I had been a fortnight the guest of Mrs. Doloran.

I met Mr. Carnew, and deeply as I once had fancied I loved Dick Mackay, I now loved Carnew. I struggled against it, but

loved Carnew. I struggled against it, but I could not resist being delighted with his attentions, nor could I bring myself to reject them. But I did not intend to do any great wrong. I meant if he should propose to me to tell him then why I

any great wrong. I meant if he should propose to me to tell him then why I could not accept him.

"But Mackay disobeyed my wishes. He came into the neighborhood of Rahandabed. I caught sight of him one afternoon as I was riding on horseback with some of the guests. My blood boiled with anger and hatred, for I feared that he would accost me But he did not; only stood there looking at us, and as I passed, making a motion that seemed careless to others, but which I interpreted to mean for me to come out to meet ed to mean for me to come out to meet him upon that road. I did so that same evening, and found that I had interpreted his motion aright. I pacified him as well as I could, and won from him a renewa as I could, and won from him a renewal
of his pledge of secrecy, by promising to
meet him again in a more secluded spot.
"But that second secret interview was
partially overheard by Ned, who recog-

nized my voice. I fled when I found her searching for me, and afterward contrived to make her think that she was

mistaken.
"When Mackay decided to take his own life, he sent a note to Rahandabed, intended for me, but directed to Miss Ned Edgar, for I had not undeceived him. I saw her open the note and read it, and I knew at once, from the bewildered ex-pression of her face, that she had re-ceived a communication which was in-tended for me. But there was no opportanity for me to recover it, much as I burned to do so, until Mackay's snicide was discovered. My heart misgave me that it was he. In my fear and horror, confided part of my secrets to Ned, but I bound her by oath, never to reveal them Together we went to the out-house wher they had laid him, and I recognized my

Edgar threw the letter from him, in a sudden paroxysm of anger and disgust he remembered so distinctly the very words of Edna, when she had told him that Ned had sought her for company in going to view Mackay's remains. then he remembered Dyke's plea for Ned, her oath of which he had spoken as a very link of evidence in herfavor. And he, Edgar, had been so cruel, so

He arose and paced the little apartment for a few moments to endeavor to gain some control of his agitation.

Then he forced himself to finish the dreadful letter.

"As I have told so much," it con-tinued, "I may, in justice to myself, say that I married Brekbellew because I could not win Carnew, and also that I might go abroad to get away from any consequences of my secret marriage.

"Edna Brekbellew."

The letter was finished, and finished without a word expressive of penitence or remorse for the terrible wrongs of which she had been guilty. In her statements, there had not been the faintest trace of sorrow for the poor, old man whose son she had killed, nor for the wife whose happiness she had blighted; and, more than all, she had not shown for mon regard of motherhood. Sarely, here were traits to warrant her

being the child of low parentage; no daughter of her, to whose portrait he now lifted his eyes, could have had such character. Once again he went and knelt, as he did before, in front of the pic-ture to let his anguish have its way; then, when he had somewhat calmed himself, and felt that he could return to Ordotte with some degree of composure he descended to that gentleman, who he descended to that gentleman, who, finding that he was expected to pass so long a time in solitude, had wandered to the other rooms on the hall, and was interesting himself in every object that he

"Pardon me," said Edgar, when at length he found him, "for forgetting so strangely all the rules of hospitality. But I shall try to atone for my negligence. may claim your company for some days, may I not?"

He seemed so absolutely broken in ap-

pearance and voice that Ordotte, through sheer sympathy, had to make an effort to swer him. Carnew and his wife will be here to

morrow. I intended, with your kind permission, to remain to meet them." "Certainly, Mr. Ordotte; and are they coming because "—be hesitated strange-ly—" because Mrs. Carnew has been told

that she may be my daughter?"
"No; Mr. Carnew was desirous that she should be told nothing about it, in order to have nothing to distract her from her reunion with him. So we arranged that she was to learn nothing about this mysterious proof of her parentage until she should learn it here, in your pres-

A pleased look came into Edgar's face. "I am glad of that," he said, "very glad; and will you satisfy me further by promising that Mrs. Carnew shall not be told until I give permission? Her reconciliation with her husband will be so much happiness that it can make little difference to defer for awhile the story of

Ordotte bowed, as he answered: "I think I can promise that any revelation made to Mrs. Carnew shall be made only with your consent and appro-

val. That you. Mr Ordotte,'

In his voice, as well as in his manner, there was painful evidence of the struggle going on within him; as if he wanted to depart from his wonted cold, stern bearwith which he so constantly masked his feelings.

The signal for the late lunch sounded, and Edgar summoned a servant to conduct his visitor to one of the guest chambers, in order that he might be refreshed ablution before he descended to

Happy Ned! Her joy seemed so complete that she almost doubted it, and she feared to go to sleep, lest she should wake and find it all a dream. The visit that she had contemplated making with her husband to the home of her childhood could never have been so full of delight as was this one, when he was with her after so cruel a separation. And when she heard from his own lips how he had rever ceased to love her, how his love never ceased to love her, how his love had driven him to make that secret visit had driven him to make that secret visit which had so frightened her, and how he had only waited for one word from her to make him flee to her, she threw her arms about him again and murmured:

"My own true husband!"

"My own true husband!"
They were so absorbed in themselves that they forgot the presence of Meg, to whom Carnew had been introduced lovingly by Ned, and with whom he had warmly shaken hands. The old woman had smiled and nodded, and seemed as pleased as Ned could wish her to be, but evidently, without comprehending, what pleased as Ned could wish her to be, but evidently without comprehending what it was all about. They had not even closed the door of the room in which they sat, and Anne McCabe, in the apartment sat, and Anne McCase, in the apartment adjoining, where she was engaged in preparing as sumptuous a supper as the larder of the little home afforded, heard sufficient to fulfil her own prediction of some time knowing what had been the

some time knowing what had been the trouble in Mrs. Carnew's life. "Can you tell me now, Ned," said Al-an, as she lifted her head from his oreast, " to whom you gave the oath of which you told me, before you left Ra-handabed?" handab

Yes, I can tell you now. Mrs. Brekbellew confided to me, at the time that Mackay's body was found, that she had married him in secret, first making me swear never to reveal it. As she has berself revealed it, I do not consider that I am any longer bound by my oath."

"And how could you keep that oath in

spite of all that afterward happened?" spite of all that atterward happened?" asked Alan, holding her a little from him and looking down into her face, with new marvel at the character that could thus sacrifice its own dearest interest to a satisficient of homo-

principle of honor.
"I wrote to her, telling her everything that had occurred, and begging her to re-lease me from my pledge; but, if she re-ceived my letter, she has never answered

"Received your letter?" broke from him in a burst of indignation. "I feel sure she received it, but to have answered it would have been to disclose her own perfidy," becoming so hotly indig nant, as he remembered how artfully Ed na had once insinuated to him that Nec Mackay, that he could not restrain him-self from coupling Mrs. Brekbellew's name with a curse

name with a curse.

Ned put her hand over his mouth.

"We are so happy now," she said,

"you and I, we have so much to be
grateful for, that we can afford to forget
Mrs. Brekbellew. We shall neither meation, nor think of her any more."

And then she stopped by repeated kisses the further stigmatizing of Mrs. Brekbellew, to which his feelings with regard to that lady fain would have given

Anne McCabe announced the supper and Ned conducted her husband to the homely little dining-room; but that evening it seemed the most charming place in all the world to the re-united couple. Ned headed the table, and served the tea to Alan and Meg with the joyous vivacity of a child. Indeed, she could hardly be still, she was so happy, and though she looked very sweet, and very lovety in her simple dark dress, unrelieved by any-thing save a plain white collar and bands to match at her wrists; still, for the first time, as Alan sat opposite to her, time, as Alan sat opposite to her, he noticed how slight she had grown; how even her face had lost its follness, though that fact was now somewhat concealed by the bright, happy flush on her cheeks; throb of pain that pos sibly the reconciliation had come none too soon. A few weeks more of what she had already endured, would have placed her beyond the reach of any earthly repara-

was hardly to be expected that eithe ould eat, though both made absurd pre tences of doing so, and then when each discovered the other's clumsy feint, there was so much ridiculous protestation, that it set them to laughing heartily. If Dyke had only been there to enjoy it all—but had only been there to enjoy it all—bu Ned was consoled when Carnew assured ner that he intended to make Dutton often

oin them in the future.

Anne McCabe was in some concern about sleeping accommodations for handsome gentleman; the rooms were al so small and plain—but Ned assured her with the brightest smile that her husband could accommodate himself to any cir amatances and Alan surveyed with act ual pleasure Dyke's room—the apartment assigned to him—when he entered it.

Its difference from what you have been accustomed to, will make it a de-bightful novelty, won't it, dear?" said Ned laughingly, as she insisted upon making him closely acquainted with making him closely acquainted with every object in the room.

"If it were far less, to know that it was

under the roof with you, would impart to it the sweetest of all charms," he said gallantly, and then he dropped into a chair, and insisted on drawing his wife

down to his knee. down to his knee.
"I must talk to you Ned; I must hear
you talk to me. My heart is so full, it
seems as if nothing else will satisfy it."

And so it happened that everything ame to be discussed once more, and even more fully. The conversation took even more fully. The conversation took such a turn that Alan found himself again excusing his conduct, by laying be-fore his wife every link of what had seemed to be such dreadful evidence against her. Her unaccountable absence from Rahandabed, her sick appearance when she returned, all of which had when she returned, all of which had given such color to the charges against her. And Ned, as she listened to him, could hardly blame him for entertaining conviction in the face of so much proof but then, she, in her turn, told all about that unfortunate visit to Albany, and how Meg had nursed her through the fever, and how afterward the people who had been so kind to her had gone to Australia. Carnew remembered then what Dyke had said to him relative to that visit, and he understood now Dyke's ence when he had asked for proof of Ned's Albany sejourn, for he saw Meg's mental

The better part of the night passed before either thought of slumber, but then everything had been explained, and Car new realized that never before had he appreciated, or known, the guileless, trathful, noble heart of his wife.

After breakfast the next morning, she would take him out to show him every-

thing about the farm, regretting that the severity of the season prevented her taking him to the old, loved word of her child-

"But, next summer, Alan, you mus

"Yes; next summer, Ned; and now, can you get ready immediately to accompany me from here?"
"Immediately?" with surprise, and a little shade of dismay in her voice hoping you would stay here a week at

She was on the point of adding some

She was on the point of adding something about delaying as long as possible her meeting with any of the people at Rahandabed, but she checked herself, fearing that she might give him pain.
"I should be glad to stay a week, a year, if you wished it, Ned, but we both owe something to Ordotte for what he has done, and I have promised to meet him some time to day."

"Ordotte!" she remeated: "indeed, we

"Ordotte!" she repeated; "indeed, we do owe a great deal to him he has been the means of proving my innocence. Where are you to meet him?"
"In Berrytown; in Mr. Edgar's house."
"Mr Edgar!"

"Mr Edgar!"
A new, strange, and half melancholy light came into her eyes.
"I had forgotten about him," she continued," is he to be told of what his daugh

ter has done? ey had returned from their survey of the farm, and were about entering the house, when Ned asked the last question and Alan waited to answer it until both

turned to her: Ned; do you suppose Ordotte or mysel could permit Mr. Edgar to remain in ig-norance of his daughter's conduct, when Mr. Edgar himself, having heard the cal simple justice to you fally believed it? Simple justice to you demanded that he should be told. By this time, no doubt, he is in possession of the whole story." She colored a little, and the melancholy

light in her eyes increased.
"How must Mr. Edgar feel," she said softly, "if he has learned it all. He loved his daughter so well; he was so

proud of her.
"How did you feel, my darling, when your whole happiness was dashed by the very acts of this daughter he layed so well? It is but a just retribution perhaps, for the unmerited coldness with which he has alwas treated you."

She did not reply to his speech, only after a moment's silence she asked again:

"Am I to meet Mr. E tgar?" Yes; in company with me. Do you

shrink from the meeting?" A little; I fancy that even the knowledge of my innocence may scarcely change is wonted distant manner to me, since my guiltlessness has only been proved at the expense of his daughter's character." "Well, we shall see;" answered Alan, kissing her; and then he left her, to give an order to the hired man to be ready to take them to Sangerties, in time for the

next down train.

LVIII. It was Ordotte who met Mr. and Mrs. Carnew on their arrival in Weewald Piace, and after he had shaken hands with the lady, and bowed in grateful pleasure to her murmured thanks for what he had done, he begged to be excused while he drew Alan aside; there was a brief conversation between them in a very low voice, and then both rejoined Mrs. Carrow. Immediately after that Eigar en tered the room. Neither Alan nor Ned were prepared for the change in him; he seemed such an utterly broken old man. H's hair and beard were quite white, while his eyes, that had been so keen and large, seemed now to have shrunken in size, and to have lost their lustre. He was strangely stooped, and even his gait had a sort of totter; while his manner— that manner which had been so stern and so repellant -- was strangely, almost touch

so repenant—was strangely, almost touchingly gentle and submissive.

He came forward like one about to plead for some favor, and as Ned watched him, both shocked and touched as she was, tears sprang to her eyes. It was to her he came first, addressing her in a voice that was in full keeping with his appearance, cracked, and even husky. "Mrs. Carnew," he said, "I am such

an old, blighted man now, that perhaps you will waive the apologies I ought to make for my treatment of you in the past, for what I ought to say since you have been so wronged by one of mine." Ned could control herself no longer

the hand he had extended, and which she had warmly grasped, she bent her head and let her tears fall as they You weep?" he said in some sur

prise. For you," she answered, looking up; "I am so sorry for you."

He turned from her to the two silent

and sympathizing gentlemen, asking in the same cracked, husky voice: 'Has anybody told her? Does she know?

Both gentlemen simultaneously shook their heads, and he seemed to be satisfied. Withdrawing his hand from Mrs. Carnew, he crossed to Alan.

"Once before I bade you welcome here, when I did not dream of such a cloud as this, and thought perhaps to cement my own happiness before your visit should

He turned to each successively, and Ordotte, with a look at Alan, meant to convey to that gentleman that it was bet ter to consent, undertook to answer in the

affirmative for the party. Upon which Edgar ran rang for servants to Upon which Edgar rang for servants to conduct them to their rooms. It required all Alan's comforting powers his wife cease to grieve about 'I am so sorry for him," she said; "he

seems so utterly blighted. If the change had been described to me I could not have believed it. If Eina were to see him now it would surely break her was the first time she had mentioned

Mrs. Brekbellev's name since the subject of that lady had been closed between herself and Alan, and he could not refrain from saying:
"I doubt if anything this side of the

infernal regions could break her heart.' Poor old Edgar, as we also are impelled call him, since he has all the marks of to call him, since he age, met his guests at the dinner table. It was painful to watch his struggle to re-tain his old wonted dignity; and the very evidence that he gave of his own conscionsness that his old power was gone, made the exhibition still more painful.

Carnew and Ordotte, for sake of the

pale, troubled lady who sat opposite the host, endeavored to lighten the gloom of the meal by cheerful conversation; but

the weight still remained, and all were glad when they could retire.

Almost immediately after, a message

was brought to Alan, requesting him to meet Mr. Edgar in that gentleman's private study. He kissed his wife as he left her to obey the summons, and he entreated her to have out of her fare on his return, the troubled look that made him so anxions. She smiled as she promised to endeavor to do so, and in order to keep her word, she threw herself on a couch word, she threw herself on a couc er might dissipate her thoughts of Mr. Edgar.

Edgar was seated when Carnew entered his presence, and he motioned the young man to a chair near him. "Ordotte has told me that he made you

"Ordotte has told me that he made you acquainted with everything," he said, in the cracked voice that seemed to have taken permanently the place of his own. Carnew bowed an affirmative.

"And you are quite convinced of the entire innocence of your wife?"

He spoke with a slow, trembling voice that, in addition to his cracked tones, made it somewhat painful to listen to him.

him.
"I am quite convinced," was the reply. Edgar fumbled at something in his breast-pocket, and drew forth Mrs. Brek-bellew's letter. He placed it open before his companion.
"That, Mr. Carnew, will insure still fur

"That, Mr. Carnew, will insure start inter your convictions. Read and know how your wife has been wronged."
Carnew pushed it from him.
"I do not need to have my conviction still further insured. I know my wife's innocence, and I only regret my stupid hindness to it before."

blindness to it before. But read this letter, Mr. Carnew, in obedience to my desire to have you do so;" and E igar placed the closely-written ter under Alan's eyes.

Thus requested, Alan read it, his face flushing and his lips setting themselves more firmly together in the effort remore firmly together in the effort re-quired to suppress his indignation, as he learned the long tissue of cruel deceit that had been practised by the writer. When he had finished he made no comment, at which Mr. Elgar seemed relieved; and he hastened to prevent any remark t, for he said, as he took the letter and hurriedly replaced it in his breast:
"We will not refer to that subject again

Mr. Carnew."
Alan bowed; he could not trust himself to speak just then, for if he did, he must have given vent to his indignation, and that he would repress for the sake of the unhappy man beside him, whose stabs were deeper than any that had been in-

ted upon himself. Edgar spoke again TO BE CONTINUED.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SCOT-LAND.

Her Reconquests During the Nine teenth Century

Daring the recent visit of the Very Ray. Alexander Bisset, of Nairn. Scotland, to Boston, in the interest of St. Mary's College, Blairs, a representative of The Pilot obtained from him ome encouraging details as to the present condition of the Church in that

Ualess, perhaps, in Norway and Sweden, there was no country in Europe where the Catholic Church was appearance, so effectually up rooted and destroyed as in Scotland, though in the mountain fastnesses, hosts of sturdy Highlanders kept the faith. Eisewhere generations grew up who never knew that the Church had existed in their country.

At the beginning of the past century, the Catholic body was practically on-existent in the City of Glasgow. Uatil well on in the second half of that century, Protestant prejudice against all things Catholic-but especially against monks and nuns-was black and bitter.

When the Very Rev. Dean Bisset first went to Nairn the priest was glad of the humplest lodgin obscure street, and the Good Samaritan who let it to him was disciplined by his kirk. Dark looks followed the priest on his ministrations of piets By and by, as the fore of the Catholic Enancipation Act began to be felt, and the Benedictines returned and founded a monastery the dispassionate onlooker might sup pose from the popular agitation that the foundations of law and order were

For all that Catholics multiplied, and churches and schools were butte for their needs, it was only in 1878 that Pope Leo XIII. re-established the Scottish Hierarchy.
The Catholic population of Scotland

now something over 413,000 are are two Archdioceses, St. There are two Andrew's and Edinburgh, with four Suffragan Sees, and Glasgow, with an Auxiliary Bishop.

There are 455 priests, 79 of whom

are members of religious orders, Bene dictines, Jesuits, Redemptorists, Passionis s. Priests and people have been faith-

ful school builders, and of female re ligious teachings there are Benedictine nuns, Franciscans, Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Notre Dame, Faithful Companions of Jesus, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Providence of the Immaculate Conception; and for other good works, Nuns of the Shepherd, Sisters of Charity and Little Sisters of the Poor.

At Blairs, is St. Mary's College joint

Ecclesiastical Seminary for the six dioceses of Scotland, where besides natives of the soil, a number of gener ous hearted young Irishmen are preparing to exercise the sacred ministry in this land. In Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dankeld, the Catholics are a fairl compact and comfortable body; and are reached without difficulty. different is it though in other parts of the country, where the Catholics are widely scattered and poor. Those who love the extension of God's visible love the extension of kingdom can find no better field for their zeal than in helping the work of the Church in Scotland, where all the signs indicate that the people are ripening for reversion to the faith of

their forefathers.

Prejudices have softened greatly in Dean Bissett's personal experience, and the expressions of genuine good will from Protestants in private and in the press, on the occasion of his departure for a brief visit to America. are in striking contrast to his early

The Anglican body in Scotland is quite Ritualistic and is doing there, as in England, a great work for Catholics, in familiarizing the Protestant body with Catholic ideas and forms. Even the old Presbyterians are soften ing, and men like Ian MacLaren have done their part in breaking down prejudices.

It is a curious fact, and worth repeating here that the last lineal descendant of John Knox, who had so large a part in turning Scotland. from her allegiance to the True Faith, became a Catholic, and later a priest at Notre Dame University, Ind. Dean Bissett will spend a month or

addressed meanwhile in care of the He is a typical Scotchman, tall, clear-cut, clear minded and earnest with a suggestion in his face of his distinguished countryman, Sir Walter

Scott. -- Boston Pilot.

more in the United States, and can be

A DIFFERENCE OF BASIS.

"What is the difference between the inspired writings contained in the Bible and the equally good advice given in books published to-day? Why are they not both on the same basis? Are they not both inspired?"

The difference is that the former has God for its author while the latter has man for their author. When God reveals something by inspiring a man to write or speak it and guarding him from error in announcing it, we believe that something on the infallible authority of God, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived, and not because we perceive its intrinsic truth. a man reveals his thoughts we know that they come from a fallible mind, a mind as liable to err as our own ; and therefore we hesitate to accept them as true until our own mind after reflection perceives their truth. An uninspired man may state the truth, but we know that he may also state the false. cannot, therefore, accept his state ments on his sole authority. We must use our own judgment to determine We must which of his statements are true and which faise. It is then our own judgment, and not his, we are following

when we accept what he says as true But when God speaks through a man whom He has inspired, or through His Church, which he guards from error in delivering His Word, we know that He not only speaks the truth, but that He cannot deceive by speaking the false We are, therefore, not called upon to determine what statements of His are true and what false. As the false is absolutely excluded, we are bound to accept what is said as true, whether we perceive its truth or not. The highest conceivable evidence that it is true is that God has said it. There is no alternative but to accept it or deny the veracity of God; and to his is to deny God's existence, deny for if He be not infinitely perfect He

is not at all. To sum up. We believe what God reveals to be true because it must be true whether it meets with the approval of our judgment or not. And believe what man says as true, providing it meets with the approval our judgment. What is true is, of course, true by whomspever said. But our reason for believing it true is different when it is said by God and when it is said by man. Our reason in the first case is divine authority-infallible. Our reason in the second case is human authority-fallible, whether it be our own or another's private judg-Thus it is seen that the basis of belief is different in the two cases

But are not they both - the Bible and the books published to day - "inspired?

The word "inspired" affords another illustration of the inconvenience of words that have two or more meanings, and the care with which they should be used if we wish to avoid misunderstandings. The word when used in reference to the Holy Scriptures means that the writers of those books were inspired of God, and so under the divine influence that God Himself is the real author of the statements recorded in them.

The word when applied to other books of Homer, literature, such as the Virgil, Snakespeare, Dante, and other great men of genius, is not used in the above theological sense. When "inspired " is attributed to these it is in a figurative or metaphorical sense. They are inspired by the Muses, by genius, noble sentiments, love, anger, enthusiasm, but never in the sense that the writers of the Spriptures were inspired of God. The latter guarantees the truth of what is said; the former does

Men are said to be "inspired" by d, avarice, revenge, ambition, Here the difference in the meangreed, etc. ing of the word is apparent .- N. Freeman's Journal.

Two things are against all possibilty-to enjoy more of this world's goods than was from the beginning decreed, and to die before thine appointed time.

Were there but one virtuous man in the world, he would hold up his head he would with confidence and honor; shame the world, and not the world

Learning teaches how to carry things in suspense without prejudice till you resolve. - Bacon.

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A man has generally the good or ill qualities which he attributes to mankind. -Shenstone.

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