Writing from Rome, where he sc-journed for a while last month, Henry Watterson, Louisville's distinguished editor and lecturer, says: "No thoughtful man can look upon

the Church of Rome save with reverent respect. Nor can any such believe that its downfall would mend human conditions. But ever since the Ecum-enical Council revitalized the old feu dal standards, and applied new tests, the Vatican has changed the old lines

" Whilst the Church stands. Rome shall When the Church falls, Rome shall fall;

eaning by Rome unyielding Catho

flicity.

"The prelates of the Vatican, many of them great men and all of them great theologians, are quite one and whol y sinc re in the opinion that Pio wholy since re in the opinion that the None was right; and that in following in their footsteps the present Head of the Church is right; that Catholi ism has only to stand its ground, yielding not an inch or a rood; in a word, that innovation is not only hlasphemous, but impolitie. They point to the misadventures attending the Revised Scriptures. They point to the difficulties encountered by alll attempts to modify the Westminster Catechism. They point to the massive solidarity of the Roman hier

massive solidarity of the Roman hierarchy. It is not easy to meet and answer their contention, especially here in Rome itself, where the Vatican is so large and impressive, the Quirinal so unimposing, the Holy father so great a figure, the King such a small one.

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VIRTUE IS PEACE.

Be ours the blessing e er to know That of all things on earth below, Virtue alone will e'er repay Our efforts made to pass away. Our lives in beace o'ercome our care, Trials, hardships and stern.despair.

Virtue alone can sate the heart Which need at have full and frequent part In things not of this earth, but heaven, Whence all true joy and peace are given. Through life let's seek the golden goal And temporal peace eternal crown our soul,

These were the words of one of the world's greatest captains after con-quering, and when the vanquished came and laid down their arms at his feet: "Let us have peace," and he could have added, "You are broken and we are spent: the earth is strewn with the corpses of our brethren, land and sea are crimsoned with their blood: let us go back to our respective homes and firesides and strive to forget the horrors of war whilst tasting the sweets of peace; let us seek the work of de-struction and strive to build up anew our ruined fortunes. "Let us have peace." These words of the valiant Grant to the intrepid Lee spoken at end of the civil strife that stands as a blot on American history, are words that could be spoken with aimost equal force at the end of any war, for they be peak the remorse and the re-gret that war had ever occurred and betoken the resolution and the hope that it will never return, for man at his best wants no war; he seeks peace and ever pursues it, and often his re course to arms is but to ward off the enemies of his peace. War is of the eyil one; peace is of God. Satan showed his proclivity for war when he meditated rebellion against the Prince of Peace in the person of Christ the the first family of the human race, in-citing Cain to kill Abel. From that time to this there have been enmits and strife among men and amidst th nations, and whilst there may be some indulgence shown toward the belliger-ents in the time of the old law, because of insufficient light midst sin's prevail-ing darkness, there can be none for this the era of the new dispensation, illumined, as it has been by "the Sun of Justice, our Lord, the Light of the world."

In the time before Christ there was r waging somewhere all ost continu-y, but with His coming came peace to the world and this peace was to the world and this peace was to be shared in by all men of good-will. Thus were realized the words of the psalmist wherein he says, "Come and behold ye the works of the Lord: what wonders He hath done upon earth. Making wars to cease even to the ends of the earth." The temple of Janus, the god of war, was closed when Christ was horn to earth, and it was the inborn to earth, and it was the intention that it never be opened again by Christian hands. That peace and concord reign was to be the people's prayer among all Christian princes.

Arbitration was to take the place of war, and the Father of Christendom was to be the accepted arbiter of the nations. Behold the world as it might be, but see it as it was and is. War almost constantly. Bloody conflicts on every side have disgraced the ages. The world's history is written in blood. Every age shows us nation warring against nation, millions of men sacrificed to the vanity of proud and cruel rulers in the settling of their difference. ences. Nations impoverished by the expense of maintaining large standing armies in times of peace, and men de-based by their enforced idleness. To-day infernal machines mount hilltop and seacoast to do the work of destruc tion far and near; and floating for-tresses under the name of ships to anministe all that is within range of twenty miles of them. Thus war is brought to a fine art, and this in the boasted days of the world's best civilization and highest enlightenment. Thoughtful men stand aghast at the outlook and call the unthinking to their

concupiscences that war in their mem-bers, and the same is the rule, only on a larger scale, in the case of nations. It is anger, hatred and the rest of the seven deadly sins that are the causes of this deadly work on the body politic, and we must go to religion and the code of laws and morals established by Christ, its Founder, to find the cure for the world's ills, just as we find there the remedy for the evils of the individual man. The way of the trans gressor is hard. "O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments," speaks God to us by the voice of Isaias, His prophet. "Thy peace had been as a river and thy justice as the waves of the sea." As far as lies in you, says the apostle, have peace with all men. "Blessed are the peace-makers," said our Lord in His sermon on the mount, "for they shall be called the children of God." O for the spread of Christianity the world over through the spreading of the gospel of Christ, the evangel of peace!

Whilst this happy consummation cannot be hoped for among the nations, it can and should be more and more realized among the masses, and this will come to be realized the sooner when we find more individual men exemplified by their noble lives, for the world will in time be influenced by their character and shall adopt them as their leaders, and through them men will be led to Christianity, and to that peace which surpasses all understanding, peace with God, peace It is anger, hatred and the rest of the seven deadly sins that are the causes of

that peace which surpasses all under-standing, peace with God, peace with our neighbor, peace with our-selves. — B shop Colton in Catholic Union and Times.

THE MEDITATIVE HOUR. WE ARE LOSING IT IN THIS RUSHING

By Janet Sherman In the mad race that we call modern life, we ride rough-shod over the finer sensibilities, over the inward spiritual yearnings, over the deep mysteries of the human heart that would fain lead us "into the silence" now and again, for a brief space of self-communion. The march of progress is swift; the race is continuous, but is there no time to pause and listen for the rustle of an

angel's wing?
Steam and electricity have wrought marvelous changes in our social, com-mercial and industrial life as a nation, but not more so than in our individual existence. It no longer seems to be a question of how can we live the best and most profitable life spiritually, but of how we can crowd into life the greatest amount of worldly experience, of gratified ambitions, of the attainment of wealth and earthly power. It no longer seems to be a question of doing the best work of which we are capable but of accomplishing the largest amount of labor within a given time, regardless of labor within a given time, regardless of the consequences, physical, mental or spiritual. The machinery which is the result of man's invention flies swiftly at his command, and now he must keep pace with this new

pace maker.
Thus it has come to pass that the awful rush of modern life has influenced not only our physical being, and our mental powers, but its influence has entered into the innermost recesses of the human scul, and paralyzed spiritual development. Not only this, it is also deadening those sweet, sensitive traits that blossom and fruit only under peaceful conditions. It keeps us in such a state of haste and feverish anxiety, that love, kindness, sympathy, and the simplicity of true happiness are becoming as words without mean-ing belonging to an obsolete language. Thus we are being robbed of the joy the meditative hour which waters and

The Irishman sees everything through rose colored glasses, says a writer in the Guidon. He is supported, too, by a simple, sturdy faith, a spirit of resignation and unworldliness worthy of the

The dread blight had fallen on the The dread night had failed on the fields in most of the district where we were visiting in Ireland, and the potato vines hung limp and brown. No word of complaint was spoken, and when the likelihood of famine was men-

tioned the answer came:
"Danger, ma'am? Yes, there is, indeed, but God is good. He'll find a

So, too, about the hay. The summer had been terribly wet, and for days the new mown hay had lain on the ground. It was an anxious time.
"What will you do," I said to Mike,
"if this weather keeps up? Your hay

will surely be ruined. "Oh, please God, it won't keep up," he answered. He'll send us a bright

day soon, just to see how well we'll use

"What a glorious night, Mikey!" I said to the boy, as he and I and the donkey drove home under the August

"A fine night, indeed, ma'am. Thanks be to God for giving it to us!"
They showed us, on the road to town, a gentleman's place where, in a stretch of what not long since had evidently been thickly wooded land, stood stump after stump of giant trees. Four or five years ago, when the winter was exceptionally long and cold, the peasants suffered from scarcity of peat. They hoped this landed proprietor to sell be to God for giving it to us!

begged this landed proprietor to sell them wood, offering not only to pay his

price, but to fell the trees and carry them off. He refused. them off. He refused.

Again and again they begged, for the suffering grew intense, but he would not let his land be marred. One night there came a wind so frightful that it seemed for a time as if the "big wind" were blowing again. In the morning the history and the proprietor's the highway along this proprietor's domain was impassable. Huge trees,

Thoughtful men stand aghast at the outlook and call the unthinking to their senses and show them the crime and the folly of such refined barbarism.

Whence the cause, whither must we go to find a remedy? As in individuals, so in nations. The cause of wars and contentions between individuals are the

ma'am," I was told, "for, with all the wind, not a poor man's cot was harmed, nor another tree on the countryside, only those. God always looks after His poor."—Catholic Telegraph.

#### MORBID INTEREST IN CRIME.

The newspapers reported during the past week in great detail all that was said and done at the conclusion of a notorious murder trial in New York.

One would think that it was the one

One would think that it was the one thing most interesting to all the people of the country to know just how the attorneys for the defense and the prosecution treated the nauseous details of this degenerate's crime. Almost more sickening than this morbid interest in the criminal procedure was the news of the serious precattions that had to be taken to keen crowds from invading of the serious precautions that had to be taken to keep crowds from invading the courtroom and delaying or hampering the course of justice. One would think that a very large number of people had nothing to do but satisfy the pathological curiosity which prompts them to be on the spot in order to have at first hand all that is said about a crime and all that is done with rea crime and all that is done with regard to the criminal. This tendency to be interested in crime is one of the saddest features of our modern life. It shows that our people, or at least, a very large number of them, are essen-tially lacking in culture and real civilization. Culture means that the feelings are so refined that the ordinary barbarism of human nature has been cultivated out of the individual. The barbaric man delights in deeds of blood, in seeing others suffer and in inflicting pain. The modern man who reads mur-der trials and details of murder trials with avidity, may be too squeamish or cowardly to delight in the actual shed ding of blood, but he has all the barbarian's sense of pleasure at the con emplation of it.

There is a very serious side to these

sad manifestations of human nature. If such morbid tendencies are yielded to they grow in strength. Curiosity, instead of being satisfied, becomes more demanding. Morbid desire for the crude feelings awakened by deeds of crueity increases with each fresh indulgence in this degenerate form of pleasure. We may be one degree but pleasure. We may be one degree better than the Romans who looked at the gladiatorial shows and saw men kill one another, or be killed by wild beasts, while they gloated over the scene from their safe benches with delight, but if we continue to have served up for us every morning at breakfast, a series of dishes containing all the details of the scandalous cruelties of the day before, there will even be the chance that mere telling will not satisfy and that the actual deeds may have to be seen. This is not true for the generality of men, but it is for the weaker ones among our population, and undoubtedly many crimes are now less deterrent and ab-horrent to human nature because they have become familiar through reading about them. Familiarity begets con-tempt for such iniquities, and they

what we need at the present moment above all things in this country is a above all things in this country is a bridle to the license of the press. Liberty of the press is a boon. License of the press is the greatest social evil that we can have. Until an improve-ment comes fathers of Christian families should make every effort to prevent the coming into their homes of newspapers that give these nauseous details to-morrow every one who condemns them would only carry out this simple plan of refusing to read them or allow them to be read by their families, we would very soon have a number of respectable papers edited very carefully in this regard. It is only through his pocket that the manager of the ordinary news

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Heaven on Earth.

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A well-known priest had preached a sermon on the joys of heaven. A wealthy member of the church met him the next day, and said; "Father, you told us a great many grand and beautiful things about heaven yesterday, but you didn't tell us where it is?"

"Ah," said the Father, "I am glad of the opportunity of doing so this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a poor member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two child-

hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a poor member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two child-ren are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal, or a stick of wood, or flour, or sugar, or any bread. Now, if you will go down town and buy ten dollars' worth of things, nice provisions, fuel, etc., and send them to her, and then go and say: 'My friend, I have brought you these provisions in the name of God,' you will see a gliimpse of heaven before you leave that little dwelling."—The Christian Family.

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A LESSON FROM THE

An exchange informs us of the treasures of the Prote copal cathedral of New York nificently illuminated Bible of the monks of Cluny in t century." Little did they t monastic craftsmen, that this to their skill would, after the l turies, find its way into alien the manuscript, on which the such care and time, into which knows not the faith the them. But the fact may be those who believe D'Aubi, of Luther's " discovery " o This tale is frayed at the e is used now and then as a by those who cling with p sistency to any figment t anti-Catholic appearance. published the first Bible in t of the people is disproved b olic writers. Prior to L were versions not only in ( in other European countrie Saxon Bibles of the eight centuries. But it boots lit in this well beaten path. mark, however, that the Bi of the guardianship of the been subjected to many and periences. It has been ar support the most absurd to sponsor a hundred and mutually destructive an irreconcilable. Divines ated this and that portion notoriety-seeking preache it in the pulpit as a t shafts of criticism. It h tered among the nations, ens, as if they could u pages burdened with flecting all moods, and every condition of life. scattered to the multipli that fain would render i Lord's prayer for uni Church, the witness of death and resurrection of guardian and interpreter tures and defends it a slaught of both liberal Infidel. And the Churc barrier to the tide of in alone has authority and by the adversary as the can deprive him of triu the Church there is but and denial of all relig

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all will be well."

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