THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S DEATH. HoW the Absence of st Thomas then made known her Assumption.

Oral tradition which is confirmed by the writings of Nicephorus and Juvenal Bishop of Jerusalem, says that when the Blessed Virgin died, all the Apostles ex cept Thomas had the consolation to be present at her death bed; but when St. Thomas arrived she was already dead and buried, that in his grief he asked his fellow Apostles to the burial show him place that he might look on her sacred remains and that they repaired thither opened the sepulchre and found it emp ty of the sacred body.

The discovery, while it brought joy to their hearts, in that Jesus had taken his Blessed Mother into heaven, soul and body, brought sorrow also of having been deprived of such a sacred treasure. With a mixture of joy and sorrow they scattered over Mount Olivet to visit the different sacred spots. But it was quite different with St. Thomas: he was incon solate at having been deprived of seeing the Blessed Mother of his beloved Master. He could not depart from the vicinity of the sepulchre, but sitting on a rock not far from it he was bewailing his misfortune. But lo! while his eyes were directed to heaven. as if imploring consolation from the Blessed Mother she appeared to him in the midst of glory and let her girdle or Cincture fall down which was treasured by the Apos. tle with the greatest consolation, Thus the same Providence that disposed to confirm the resurrect. ion of Jesus by the incredulity of St. Thomas disposed also that. by his absen ce, the assumption of the blessed Virgin body and soul into heaven, should be confirmed.

The sacred relic is preserved with great veneration in the city of great Prato, Tuscany.

Like the devout pilgrim, we also will kiss in spirit the sacred rock entreating the Blessed Virgin to appear and com. fort us in the most critical moment of

THE ILLOGICAL REASONING OF SCIENCE

It seems strange to us that scientific men, who are concerned principally with observing the operations of nature and the development of the material univer se, should have eyes only to see from the material point of view. As a rule, they are very highly educated men and enjoying all the benefits of mental train ing and constant occupation of the intellectual faculties; and yet they seem ed determined to iguore all the knowled ge supplied to mankind by the sciences of logic and metaphysics. All that which they cannot examine under the microscope. everything which they cannot observe with the spectroscope, facts and things, which they cannot meas ure or weigh, are to them as if they exis ted not: and we see that because they cannot explain on a human basis on prin ciples acceptable to pure reason, unaided by revelation, the march of human affairs throughout the world, the constant occurrence of labor and suffering, the universal law of growth and decay, the ever recurring cycle of loss and gain to mankind, they deny the existence of a Creator and subject everything in the world and out of the world, in the heavens and on the earth, to inexorable laws which they consider inherent to the material existence of things. Even the events of history they would explain on principles purely human and would deny any influence upon human affairs of any causes but those arising from the passions, good or bad, of mankind, including all influence upon the life of men and of nations, of a Providential caus

They are willing to admit that with the coming of Christ there came also a indeed, too easily and too early gained new order of things. That the teaching which seemed so admirable on the lips of a few exceptionally gifted philosophe s had become the common inheritance of mankind, that the law of love and char ity was preached to the multitude and accepted by them, that slavery was mod ified, its harsh condition softened for the benefit of the worker and then tot ally abolished, that warfare has lost thousands of its horrors, that authority has been stripped of its tyranical prerogatives, that the rights of mankind have been proclaimed throughout the universe, and that now the whole system of law and government tends to make all the citizens of a State more prosperous and more happy

That a wonderful transformation has been effected since the sermon on the Mount and the sacrifice on Calvary, and that such transformation has been effect ed in accordance with the doctrines of Him who spoke upon the Mount and at toned up on the Cross; they will not deny and yet they cannot explain it from the deductions of their materialistic philosophy. but whilst admitting the effect, they persistently reject the cause. Does it not occur to them that He who made these changes, who thus transfor med the world, has given in his own words, their explanation and their phil osophy? And isit not on their part ignoring the laws of logic and the princip les of metaphysics, refusing to accept. explanation of events through their caus to admit the facts, and by denying the divinity of their anthor, to refuse to accept the reasons he has given the re for?_Dublin.

A CHILD'S TRUST

The child's trust is generally a fair in, dex of the parents truthfulness. Where a child accepts at once a parent's word and leans upon it as one would lean upon a word of the living God there, be sure, the parent's truthfulness has been a sacred thing, not profaned by idle privileges of a Belgian doctor.

words or unkept promises. But where a child listens to the promise of a parent and attaches no more value to it than the passing wind it is almost equally certain that the trust of the child has been destroyed by the untruth of the parent. There is hardly a deadlier in jury that a parent could do to a child than that: for there is no heavier loss to which a child could be subject than the loss of trust. How great the crime then, when the hand that robs the child of that priceless treasure is the hand of a parent.

GEMS OF THOUGHT,

The firmest friendships have been formed in mutual adversity, as iron is most strongly united by the fiercest flames.

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many_not upon your past misfortunes, of which all men that fill the hearts of parents and guard.

Good temper, like a summer day, sheds a brightness over everything. It olic home, Preserve the Catholic family is the sweetner of toil and the soother of disquietude.

'I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.'

Never part without loving words for your loved ones to think of during your absence. It may be that you will not meet again in this life.

There is no condition of life that excludes a wise man from discharging his duty- If his fortune be good, he tempers it; if bad, he masters it.

The only freedom I care about is the freedom, to do right; the freedom to do wrong I am ready to part with on the cheapest terms to any one who will take

'I never saw an author in my lifesaving perhaps one_that did not purr as audibly as a full grown domestic cat on having his fur smoothed the right way by a skillful hand.'

Inestimable are the advantages of old age, if we consider it as delivering usfrom the tyranny of ambition; from the angry and contentious passions; from every inordinate desire, in a word, as teaching us to retire within ourselves and look for happiness in our own bo-

Another young man becomes enamored of a 'fortune.' He waits upon it to parties, exchanges billets-doux with it pops the question to it. gets 'yes' from it, takes it to the parson, weds it, calls it 'wife' carries it home, sets up an es tablishment with it, introduces it to his friends, and says (poor fellow!) that he too, is married and has got a home. But when it is too, late for escape, he finds out his mistake. Friends congratule him and he has to grin and bear it. They praise the house, the furniture, the cra dle; the new baby, and then bid the for tune' and he who husbands it good mor ning. As if he had known a good morn ing since he and that gilded fortune were falsely declared to be one.

Do not believe those who too lightly say nothing succeeds like success. Effort_honest, manful, humble effort_sucds by its reflected action, especially in youth,, better than success, which, not seldom serves, like winning the first throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge- all you can, and the more you get, the more you breathe upon its nearer heights. their invigorat ing air, and enjoy the widening views, the more you will know and feel how small is the elevation you have reached in comparison with the immeasurable alti. tudes that yet remain unscaled. Be thorough in all you do, and remember that, though ignorance often may be innocent pretension, it is always despicable but be strong, and the exercise of your strength to day will gain you more strength to motrow.

NOTES.

The National League has ordered its branches in County. Kerry to prepare for a general strike against the payment

Permission has been given for the sale of liquors on the Canadian Pacific railway dining room cars while passing through the North West Territories.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal has discovered that Lord Aber leen. the re, tiring Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is a descendant of the Royal house of O'Neill

It is reported that through the influ ence of Prince Bismarck a German firm has obtained an eight years monopoly for supplying rails for Japanese railways

Miss Isota Van Diest, M, D, the first woman to take a medical degree in Be l gium, has been for years trying to ob, tain the necessary authorization to practice and has just succeeded. She is now in the full enjoyment of all the

CATHOLIC HOMES.

The Pittsburg Catholic in its last issue publishes the following article on the subject of Catholic nomes. It is so full of good sense that we reproduce it in

How few of them' comparatively speak ing there are! If homes are made Catholic, they are made happy. If not-if the entire responsibility of properly ed, ucating the children is left to the teach. er and the Church, as in so many in, stances it is, then the number of happy homes is diminished. The influence of home life is sensibly growing less in America. The sacred tradition of home are not venerated as they used to be years ago. In fact, if the truth were spoken, Americans, Catholics as well as Protestants hardly understand what veneration means. The root of the evils ians of souls with sorrow, is in the ne. glect to make the home a Christian Cath and there need be no tear for the future of the Church in this or any other land.

To some it seems that the decline of family life, home life among Catholics is more to be dreaded than even the in. crease of bad literature. The father who spends his evenings at home and in terests himself in the proper training of his children, is the exceptional father. The Catholic parent thinks he has done his full duty by sending his child to the Sisters' school and to mass and cathech. ism on Sunday. The father who reads good books or papers to his assembled family on evening after his day's work is a figure of the past. He who recites at night prayer, the Rosary and has all the boys and girls off the streets or from visiting in due time is regarded as very 'old.fashioned' indeed. It would be easy to number in the largest congregation the heads of families who occupy their pews at the Sunday services; surrounded by all the members of the family. Home for a great number of young people, means a place for eating and sleeping. The time for recreation is spent else,

The home should be made cheerful and pleasant. The father should and can do much to make the home the most attractive place on earth for his children, To preserve the family, to preserve society, the bond of home life ought to be strengthened in every pos. sible way. Make the homes truly Cath, olic homes, and you will make them happy ones.

HOW THE POPE RECEIVES VISITORS Pope Leo XIIL is more fond of cere mony than his predecessor, as the following account of a private audience il. lustrates; As soon as the Pope is at lib. erty, Monsignor Macchi opens the door and announces the visitor. Entering the room, the Pope is found seated in an arm chair, and as soon as he raises his hand in act of benediction, the visi. tor falls on his knees once near the door the second time in the middle of the room, and the third time immediately in front of the Holy Father. who extends his foot for the visitor to kiss the gold cross which is embroidered on hi slipper. After subsequently kissing the superb sapphire which forms his pas. toral ring, the visitor rises and remains standing during the interview. The Pope himself generally likewise rises and leans against a large table which constitutes almost the sole furniture of this apart ment. Only the Cardinals are allowed to sit in his presence on two stools which are placed on either side of his armchair for the purpose. The Pope always begins the conversation. He talks much and at great length. He seems to listen to the sound of his own voice, and his conversation which becomes animated fre. quently struck me as being remarkable for a picturesque eloquence which he is careful to avoid in his public speeches. When he motions that his audience is at an end, the slipper and the ring are again kissed while he is in the act of pro nouncing the benediction, and then one has to back out, making the same three genuflexions as on entering.

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