## A timbit abtionta

## Our Blaghta as Cotholfos.

 Our Holy Father; Leo XCII, is an admirer of our Amerioan institutions. There is fair play for genius and virtue in this iand. Here we see the realization of the poett dream of freedom. Our that will make us free." Truth in the ond provails. It may for a time be obacure, but like the clouded sun, it will shine out again, and no man can lookgtraight at it and be not overoome by its straight at it and be not overoome by ity effingence. The Catholic Church in this oountry has long been under a cloud. The time was when the prevailing ides of it was that which was aspociated with the typical Irish immigrant or railroad
builder of forty years ago. He came here builder of forty years ago. He came here the victim of a robber and tyrannical go-
vernment without book or businees eduVernment, without book or business edu-
calion, and despoiled of the goods of this cation, and despoiled of the goods of this
world with which God had so lavishly Forld with which God had so lavishly bleased his native land possessed by the
stranger and the enemy. Yet he carried stranger and the enemy. Yet he carried
with one gift, and, being a supernatural with one gift, and, being a supernatural
one, it has conquered. It was the gift of Patrick'A faith. It has in this country led the Irish to emizence in every avocation that is honorable. When fierce strife, the result of an ardent nature nursed in a land where individual bravery held sway, stirred up Irish blood to
revive, amid the upbuilding of the raitrevive, amid the upbuilding of the raitroads of the country, the spirit of the
faction fight-the relic of the cunning faction fight-the relic of the cunning diplomacy of the Saxon enemy-it was the supernatural reverence for God's priest that restrained and controlled the ardent nature und helped to direct it to subserve the inter-
ests of the country. When, again interests of the country. When, again, internal discord threatened to disrupt the Union, which is the bulwark of this country's grealness, the irishman was
formost in the van "of danger's wild caformast in the van "of danger's wild ca-
reer." The supernatural element of his reer." The supernatural element of his
character was made manifest when, be character was made, he knelt to the priest chaplain to confeas his sins, and arose prepared to meet the great inuge Savior, who had come to call the sinners not the just to repentabattefield tas effectually presier on the battlefield thas effectually preached the cur Pagarity lielped to conquer this country to the Hruth of Catholicism, until to day the Catholio dhurch stends prominently before the thinking portion of the A meri. can people as the only positive religious can people as ainst the waves of pagan infidelity and barbarian morals. The atormof conflict is on the horizon. The church of confliot is on the horizon. The cluurch Fouth hold in their hand the destiuies of the future. It depends on their education. If it be godless, pryan, without cation. If it be godless, prgan, without recognizing God in his place, shaping the it will lead to ruin. Our Holy Father has sounded the alarm. It is time for has sounded the alarm. It is time for all hands to unite to prevent the threatened catastrophe. The country demands
public education. It is not yet prepared public education. It is not yet prepared to accept the Catholic idea on the matthe discussing minor points. Catholics help, as other citizens do, to educate the help, as other citizens do, to educate tine
public. The public system of education is not good enough for Catholics. It is is not good enough for Catholics. It is deficient and dangerous. Ve have, however, a right to reap the benetit of the
taxes we pay. This right must be made taxes we pay. in fis right must be made We pay for them, but we demand the recognition of our right to impartrecognition of our right to impart-
without expense to the State if 80 de-sires-more knowledge to pupils than the curriculum of the present public school system affords. Our Catholic schools, and grand ccrps of teachers, are prepared to teach everything the State desires, and to make the Catholic schools public schools in this respect. We have a right to demand of the State recognition as public educators. The justice of our claim will yet be recognized. Catholics desire to help the State to éducate. They are prepared, at their uwn expense, to furnish to the pupils, aud parents 80 desiring it, an extra education, outcome of the public school curriculum, in these matters which pertain to the doctrine, faith and morals deemed most desirable: from a Catholio standpoint; for good citizenship and for the maintenance of the blessings of Ohristian oivilization.From Facts.
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A moments impatience ; s jidiaing to engry impulse, ind the recult may bo a lifolong sorrow and regrot. The follow. ing pathetic
She was the wife of a laboring man, a good wamen who struggled hand to keep her house neat and her childran welldreseed, but she had a vialent temper. It was Baturday, and the wo chidren, Johnnie and Mamie, were already for an
excuraion. Johnnie wore a white suit, excuraion. Johnnie wore a white suit, which his mamma had made for him with much pains and labor. While dressing the litkle follow she cautioned
himseveral times to be careful about himseveral times to be caraful about soiling the pretty whiteauit, andanced admade eager answer, as be glanced admiringly at himsel
But juretul.
But jugt as Johnme was leaving home an unsightly spot was discovered on the White suit. $N$ for his bad shed hunting for his ball.
mother asked, anarpls
"Only a dease spot mamma-'trill tome out; 'tis only a dease spot," said the little man coaxingly, trying to pro-
nitiate the coming cloud on his mother's pitiat
"Ill make a grease spot out of you !" she exclaimed angrily, trying to strike him.
Little Johnnie dodged, but ran his head againat the sharp edge of the bureav. Whan his penitent nother picked him up the little lad was unconscious.
long hours Johnnie lay while and unconsoious, then roused only to delirium. The physician pronounced the case one of brain fever, It was quick in its work, of brain fever, It was quick in its worx, in death.
In a darkened room sat the mother by the side of the litcle coffin. Mamie stole in quictly and tugged at her dress. "Mamma, darling, is Johnnie a dease spot now?
Sobs, chroking sobs, only answered her.

HOW THEY SAID GOOD-BY. AND THE FUNNIEST Part is teat oniy one OF THEM WAS A WOMAN
Presumably the woman who leaned lightly against the steamer rail was toe wife or the man They talked in an easy, familiar vein.
"Guess the boat is going to start," she observed, glancing at some deck bauds who were tugging at a rope.
"Yes, I guess its going all right enough," the man
"Well, good-by."
"Well, good-by."
"Write every day."
"Yes, I'll write every day."
" Don't forget."
"No, I won't forget."
"By."
"By"
The deck hands abandoned the rope. "Guess the boat ain't going after all." "No, I guess it ain't going just yet. until the cavtrin was seen to be moving toward the pilot-bouse.
"The boat's going," announced the woman coutidently.
"Yes, it's going," acquiesced the man.
"Well, good-by""
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The captain returned from the pilothouse and threw himself into a dhair on the lower deck.

Guess it ain't going:
"No, it doesn't seem to be going."
And when the boat finally did depart half an hour later the woman who leaned lightly on the rail and the man on the deok who was presumedly her husband had said good-by fortyseven time each, according to the actual count of the colored cook who chanced to be near.-Detroit Tribune.

 Teaoner to olass : In this stanga what it meant by the line, "The shades of night were falling fast op Bright scholar: The people were pulling do ini the blinds.

