THE GRANDFATHER.

The grandfather calls to the children; In the world he loves them the best; They do not know why he strains them So close to his world-wounded breast.

With innocent faces uplifted Down deep they gaze in his eyes, And one of them says to the other, "How funny! Our grandfather cries!"

The grandfather's bosom is shaken With sobs that he cannot suppress; It seems to him terribly mournful, For bairns to be left motherless.

His thoughts go backward and backward For many and many a day. Until it seems he is watching Their mother, a child, at her play.

His tears like the rain-drops are falling, Fast over each time-withered cheek, And then, in the midst of his musings, His wondering grandchildren speak.

·· Oh, grandfather, why are you sorry?' To him they tenderly say. .. We, neither of us, have been naughty, Then why are you crying to-day?

They do not know that an angel Has pressed a kiss on the brow of her, who was grandfather's daughter-They know not they're motherless now.

The grandfather solemnly touches The gold of each little head, And says with a sob, as he tells them: "Because your mother is dead!"

SUSIE M. BEST.

A FABLE EXPLODED.

PIUS IX. AND THE FREEMASONS.

of Arts Reunis of Grenoble gave an illustrated account of the Pope's masonic allegiance, an apparent photograph from life disclosing part of the regalia beneath his soutane. The galantees were in attendance.

Social intercourse among the two classes whose religious views differ. As a mark of respect, the Protestant church bells were tolled and the ministers of the Protestant denominations were in attendance.

The work of the decorated denomination is a popular to the protestant denomination where the protestant denomination were in attendance. calmmy, says L'Etendard, is much older one very means taken to prove it. It appears that in September, 1865, at the funeral of Marcehal Magnan, Mgr. Darboy, Archbishop of Paris, was present and that, although the deceased had been grand master of the order in France and the order of the order in France and t atthough the insignia of his rank were

REPROVED BY POPE PHIS,

and on the 25th of the month in which the Archbishop had attended Magna's funeral, the consistory renewed the condemnations which previous Popes had pronounced on Masonry, and warned the faithful of the perils to which it exposed society. Soon after the Masonic lodges of Massina addressed a letter to the other lodges throughout the world, affirmother lodges throughout the world, affirming that Pius the Ninth had been him self made a Freemason, and that it was in Bishop Phelan and was also one of the Philadelphia, during his visit to the new Professors in the Regiopolis College. world with the legate of Pius the Se that the ceremony took place. In this letter what purported to be the very address delivered by the young Count address delivered by the young Count
Mustai in the lodge was reproduced and
it was asserted that the autographs of
the future Pope had been preserved as
a treasure of great price. This letter
was published in most of the papers of
the time. The Catholies naturally refused the time. The Catholics naturally refused to credit the statement, substantiated though it seemed to be by curious details, and in order to convince them of the reality of what the Messina lodges had alleged, the Monde Macounique, of Paris, applied to the Grand Orient of Pennsylvania for an

OFFICIAL REPORT of the event. The answer of the Grand Secretary of the Grand lodge of Philadelphia, dated November 30, 1868, was re ceived in due time and published by the Monde Macounique. It was to the effect that having examined the registers, Mr. Thomson, the secretary, had been unable to find the name of John M. Mastai Ferretti, as a member of any lodge within the jurisdiction of Philadelphia. The nome in the registers that most nearly resembled it was that of John Ferretty, who had been accepted in 1819 at Havana, Cuba. Evidently this could not be the future Pope, for although the latter had visited South America and had spent two years in Chili, and might therefore have passed by way of Cuba, it was not till 1823 that he left Italy with the Apostolic delegate, Monsignor Muzi. It is also worthy of note (though our contemporary does not point out) that at the very date in question Cardinal Consalvi, secretary of Pius IX., was waging war on the secret so-cletics and warning the various Governments against their insidious plots. The agitations that broke out in 1820 and 1821 in France, Spain and Italy were attributed to this very cause, so that in the very nature of things it is absurd to suppose that a protege of Pius VII. could (even if alibi and anachronism did not disprove it) have so glaringly transgressed the rule of

OBEDIENCE AND CONSISTENCY.

It was, possibly, a misreading of the name of Martin Ferretty (which might be taken for Mastai Ferretti) that caused the rumor in the first place-the whose shattered health and maimed patriotic and generous concessions with which Pio Nono began his Pontificate and his earlier sympathy with popular movements tending afterwards to give a certain likelihood to the statement. Anyone who reads M. Claudio Jannet's treatise on Les Societes Secretes will know

twenty-six years old when he took his jubilee. Had he lived on his anniversary would be celebrated in May next. Notwithstanding the contradiction of the Philadelphia lodge the statement that Piu: IX. had once been made a Mason continued to be repeated. In 1874 it came out in a new form in the ration of his early career. There is no

THE LATE FATHER McCARTHY

His Funeral Very Largely Attended-General expressions of Grief.

The death of Father McCarthy of Wilsanctuary of his parish church. So numerous were his sympathizers that every available spot had been secured long before the beginning of the Requiem mass. A very large deputation of the Catholic aldermen and school commissioners, of Brockville and of the C. M.B. A., arrived at Williamstown at an early hour to join in the general sorrow. Among the Rev. Catholic clergymen present were noticeable His Lordship Bishop McDonald, of Alexandria, Canon Leblanc, James Lonorgan, James Callaghan, S.S., Montreal; G. Corbett, Masterson, Duffis, M. McDonald, McKinnon, Spratt. D. Fitzpatrick, Tosmey, Fox, R. E. McDonald, de Zaunac. The Requiem mass was chantain the Carmen Lethers, assisted by Par A few weeks ago amusual excitement arose in the French Assembly through M. Floquet's extraordinary remarks re-

M. Floquet's extraordinary remarks re-M. Floquet's extraordinary remarks respecting the early career of Pope Pius the Ninth. The agitation reached a storm when he repeated the story (interrupting a Conservative speaker for that purpose) that the deceased Pontiff had been admitted into the ranks of the Freemasons. How did this story orignate? More than sixteen years ago a Lyons journal was condemned by the courts for serving it up to its readers. But it is at appers, at least ten years older than the Lyons trials. Five or six years earlier, at the very time, in fact, that the Vatican council was about to assemble, the lodge council was about to assemble, the lodge social intercourse among the two classes

calimnty, says 17 Edemard, is infinite order than the pictorial slander of Grenoble, and then it gives the circumstances in which it originated and its refutation by displayed upon the coffin His Grace designed by him are rich specimens of his artistic taste, His succursal church at Lancaster, which he also ministered at Lancaster, which he also ministered to, was his creation, while the history of his past life, in conjunction with his former mission at Brockville, Ont., is replete with interest, and displays admirably what small resources with mighty energies can effect. His great spirit of successful enterprise will, no doubt, contribute largely to encourage the zealous priests of the new diocese of Alexandria in the vast good which they are contem-

Good Doeds Done

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,-Will you give me space for a few words commenting on your editorial entitled, "The Waterford Election," which appeared in your issue of 6th inst. That we, in this country, are but mediocre judges of the happenings in Ireland is a truism few will contradict, and for the Canadian or American press to give the editor's incividual opinion as the ultimatum of right or wrong, is an error of judgment to say the least. But, in the present crisis of Irish affairs, it is pardonable to pronounce a verdict, premature perhaps, but none the less accurate—on coming events in home politics.

To the casual reader of Irish news, the result of the Waterford election may have been a surprise; but that the "Belfast of the South" was true to its ancient record in choosing a stripling like Redmond as its representative in-stead of the lion-hearted Michael Davitt, will be readily agreed to by the many who remember how Waterford treated another patriot—honest, pure-souled Thomas Francis Meagher. The result of the polling was not the surprise you assert; this county has always been the hot-bed of Parnellism. Joined to this mistaken feeling of loyalty to a shadow, the Davitt electors had to contend with physical force, bribery and corruption; and, sir, my word for it, the day will come when Waterford will rue her choice, will regret the folly which preferred an untried fire-brand to the man body are silent but eloquent proofs of

his devotion to Ireland. In assigning such an importance to this verdict of the Waterford electors, I regret to join issue with you. Mr. Dillon has been quoted as saying that if Waterford returned the Parnellite candidate that the thing was virtually impossible, there was no longer any hope in consti-At the same time it is worth remember-tutional legislation, and that he should ing that Pope Pius the Ninth was retire to private life," which line of con-

duct you assert would be followed by deacon's orders. Some of our readers others. If Mr. Dillon ever said anything can doubtless recall the celebration of so imprudent, the National Press failed to report it. I mistake the stolid patriotic nature of Wm. O'Brien's coadjutor, if such words ever passed his lips: but even suppose John Dillon did leave the ranks of Ireland's workers, the sacred cause of Home Rule would not be lost and the banner of Erin's hopes would be unfurled Masonic News. In 1878 it was published in the Chaine d' Union, and in the encyclopedia dictionary of Larousse, it is given as an on dit in the concise narmore be entrusted to the mercies of an

other Parnell. As to the "many among the Parnellites who are of great wealth and influence," the less said the better. The opulent among John Redmond's followers are Tories and landlords. Oh, the shame of that an Irishman should go to his countrymen, hand in hand, with the very men who fill their prisons with political liamstown has a ready been announced. men who fill their prisons with political The funeral took place on Tuesday, the felons, and dot their churchyards with body being buried in a vault beneath the premature graves. In conclusion, dear sir, Waterford is not to be considered the Sedan of Irish hopes. The vast majority of the men of Ireland are with McCarthy; and Right and Truth will, please God triumph in spite of a dozen Redmonds. Cork has spoken; Kilkenny, Carlow and Sligo have shouted in unmistakable tones the "Non Serviam" in answer to Parnellite appeals-and if Waterford has once again in her history preferred dross to pure gold, the loss is her own.

As a close follower of Irish politics and constant render of publications issuing from both factions, I beg of our people here to be slow in judging of home events from the distorted cablegrams flashed from the other side.

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Retracts.

The Toronto Globe in answer to the action taken by the Baroness Macdonald in regard to the paper's mentioning her as a participant in the Regina Leader's Dewdney scandal, said in consequence of the mandate of Lady Macdonald's law-yers. "The Empire and other journals are exceedingly angry with the Globe for baving said in commenting on the 7th on the telegraphic summary of the article that the Leader means Lady Macdonald when it speaks of one of Mr. Dewdney's partners as a person 'living in Ottawa and wielding great influence.' It will be seen that in more places than one the Leader points to a person of high position: moreover when the scandal was up before, for it is not a new one, the name of Ludy Macdonald was connected in the mouth of common report with these transactions. It was this which led the Globe to mention her name as that of | the person hinted at by the Leader. We are very sorry if we have given her pain by so doing, but the occurence has at any rate afforded her an opportunity of lenying the story point blank; and we and all others who desire nothing lut the elucidation of the truth in these painful scandals will henceforth acquit her of any participation near or remote.

Six Years' Suffering. DEAR SIRS,—I was troubled for six years with erysipeins, and two bottles of Burdock Blook Bitters entirely cured me. I keep B. B. Constantly in the house and think it an effectual cure for all diseases caused by bad blood.

MRS. M. Dowsett, Portland, Ont.

Almonte.

At the last regular meeting of the Father Matthew Temperance Assosia-tion of the town of Almonte, the followidg officers were elected for the ensuing

Spiritual director, R.V. Canon Foley. President, John J. O'Nell; 1st Vice-President (acc), Ralph J. Slattery; 2nd Vice-President, A. Kane; Secretary, P. J. Slattery; Asst. Sec. E.J. Smith; Treasurer (acc.), P. Daly. Committee of management: J. O'Relly, J. O'Heere, F. J. Laclaire, Geo. Hourigan, B. Boulton, J. A. Malone, E. J. Daly, D, Letang, D. O'Connor.

Electricity in Vegetation.

Electricity is more or less present in many plants, and some authorities aver that this is due to the chemical reaction in their tissues. The phytolacca electrica, and Indian plant, possesses to a very high degree astonishing magnetic power. The and which breaks a leaf from it immediately receives a shock equal to that produced by an electric coil. At a distance of nineteen feet a magnetic needle is affected by it, and it will be quite deranged if brought near. The singular influence varies with the hour of the day. It is all powerful about two o'clock in rolls, dust lightly with flour, and fry in the afternoon, but is ineffective during deep lard. Potatoes may be warmed the night. At times of storm its intensity auguments to striking proportions. During rain the plant seems to succumb, and it bends its head during a thunder shower; it remains there without force or virtue, even if one should shelter it with an umbrella. No shock is felt at that time in breaking the leaves, and the needle is unaffected beside it. One never by any chance sees a bird or insect alight on an electric plant; an instict seems to warn them that they would find sudden death. Where it grows none of the magnetic metals are to be found, neither iron, cobait, nor nickel, an undeniable proof that the electric force belongs exclusively to the plant.

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HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

Great statesmen govern nations, Kings mold a people's fate; But the unseen hand of velvet These glants regulate. The iron arm of fortune With woman's charm is puried, For the hand that rocks the cradie is the hand that roles the world."

Taking my little girl upon my knee to-night, I seemingly scan the future years that will see her daughter, sister, wife and mother. O, the responsibility that is even now resting upon those tiny baby shoulders!

Home, Mother and Heaven, those three sweetest of English words are to be made and gained by her; the home to be made so pure and bright that it will indeed prove to be a stepping-stone to heaven. She must be either the sunbeam making light and warmth for parents, brothers, husband and children, or she must be the sort of woman we oc-casionally meet—and thank Heaven they are few-who are forever dashing cold water upon all our little pet schemes, and are seemingly shut up within themselves.

I see much about the over-credulousness of woman, yet I think it were better

"Trust all and be deceived And weep that trust and that deceiving, Than doubt one heart, which if believed Had blessed one's life with true believing."

The little child that runs to mother to have a hurt made well by a kiss and a word of sympathy, should early learn the lesson of extending such compassion to each distressed fellow-creature.

How sweet are the recollections of a well-spent life" when on the eve of breaking up all home ties, the daughter is preparing to be the mistress of another home. The father, with tear-filled eyes, lays his trembling hand on her bowed head, and bids her to be as true a wife as she has been daughter. The mother, with quivering lips, kisses her and says the house will be so lonesome now, and to herself adds, "O, my little girl."

The young husband well knew how to choose from all his lady friends the one who would make home happy. Passing through the gardens, filled with flowers of priceless worth and unapproachable beauty, he passes all, straining his eyes for a glimpse of his favorite. His search seems fruithless, when sudden'y his eyes are gladdened by what at a distance seems to be the desired flower; nearness dispels the illusion—this is the full-blown rose while he wishes but the bud. Ah, apart from the cold, proud dahlias and stately lilies, he finds the object of his search, and murmuring, "I promise to cherish and protect," he plucks and places it in

Now the little queen of the domestic kingdom called home finds her duties manifold. The royal sovereign of her husbands heart and yet its willing and loyal subject, she realizes that "Joy is duty and love is law."

It is for her to lead her brother to the precipice and, gazing with him into the eddying circles of sins, teach him how to avoid the deathly vortex and how to gain the distant heaven of love.

We cannot all be Florence Nightingales, for whom the crowded wards of dying soldiers, but we can each do what lies in her way, and be ever willing to step outside the beaten track.

"Make home a hive where all beautiful feelings
Cluster like bees and their honey dews bring;
Make it a temple of holy revealings.
And love its bright angel with shadowy wings.
Then shall it ever be, when off on life's billows
Whorever your tempest tossed children are flung.

They will long for the shade of the home weap.

ing willow And for the sweet songs their mother had ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Sundries for the Farmer's Tea

Those farmer's wives who do not care to see fried steak and boiled potatoes appear on their supper tables, know well that to provide a substantial yet dainty evening meal is something of a problem. Let me offer my sister housewives a few receipts for dishes that find favor in the sight of my farmer after his evening chores" are done. Those who make a practice of always baving a ham in the house, will find it may be used to advantage in almost numberless ways. One of the simplest and best that I know of

CREAMED HAM .- Cut cold boiled ham into very thin slices. Put a tablespoonsful of butter and half a cupful of cream over the fire, and when very hot put in the ham. Dust with pepper, add the beaten yolk of one egg, and serve instantly.

HAM CROQUETTES. - The commonest error in making this dish is failure to chop the ham sufficiently fine. Take equal parts of cold boiled ham and rice, and chop and beat together until it forms a perfectly smooth mass. Season highly with pepper and sage; add a raw egg and a few spoonfuls of cream. It should be as soft as you can conveniently handle. Then form into small oblong over in many dainty ways, and housewives are too aft to restret themselves to frying and stewing, as the only simple and available ones.

Potato Klosse-Is a German dish very good a d easily made. Beat a suffi-cient quantity of boiled potatoes to a perfectly smooth pulp; add salt, pepper a general lump of butter, a little minced parsley, and one well beaten egg. Give the mixture a good beating, and then drop, a tablespoonful at a time, into plenty of boiling fat. Drain carefully and serve very hot, garnished with para-

ESCALLOPED POTATOES.—Slice cold boiled potatoes and place in a buttered pie-plate, seasoning with salt and pepper. Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter in half a cupful of rich milk, sprinkle part of it over the potatoes, put them in a hot oven, and baste every few minutes un-til you have used all the milk.

POTATO OLIVES-Are a little more ela porate, but repay one for the trouble of preparing. Pare the potatoes and out them into the shape of clives; drop into boiling, salted water, and cook until tender, but quite unbroken. Drain them carefully, then dip each one into beaten egg, and roll in a mixture composed of fine bread crumbs, half the quantity of

grated cheese, a little minced parsley, and salt and papper. Fry in deep fat, drain, and serve hot as possible. A deli-cious dish with which to serve these

potato olives is BLANQUETTE OF CHICKEN.—Cut into bits the chicken left from yesterday's dinner. Make a very nice, white sauce, using plenty of butter, also a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Now put in the chicken and let it boil gently for a few minutes. Season well, add the beaten yelk of one egg, cook just one minute longer, and serve.

These dishes will be found choice en-ough for "company" teas; but what is good enough for company is none too good for the daily fare of those nearer and dearer than any visitor could be-Lina Dalton, in Agriculturist.



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