



OTHER EXAMPLES OF FRENCH CHRISTIANS.

It is not necessary to have the hen that lays the golden eggs in order to be able to do good; a common hen may procure for us a reward that will be great in heaven, as we learn from the conduct of a little boy of Puyo, in the diocese of Poitiers. So great was his zeal for the Holy Childhood, that no obstacle could damp his courage, but on the day on which the subscription became due he was without a half-penny! What was he to do? He could not tell. But his tears were soon dried up, for his guardian angel must have whispered in his ear a message of hope, as he went to his mother with a face radiant with joy, and said, "Mother, you give me an egg for my breakfast every day please; to give it me raw for the next week." "Why do you wish to have it raw?" "Because I want to sell it." "To sell it!" "Yes." "And what do you intend to do with the money?" "To give it the little pagans." "But in that case you will have to eat dry bread." "Yes, mother!" Dear child, your request was granted, and the Lord will reward you.

A brother of the Christian schools in the above place, said to one of his pupils, "I have noticed that you give three farthings to the Holy Childhood every Sunday; what do you do with the fourth?" "Ah," said the boy, "I buy an apple with it, and I enjoy it more than if I had four, when I have made a sacrifice of the other three to the little Chinese!!!" Behold that poor old woman of eighty, tottering slowly along with the assistance of a knotted stick, towards the residence of her