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A Beautiful Landscope.

orld wherein we live, I that God doth give; rds and trees, and fi wers, ades and leafy bow, rr.

ful field, all clad in green, ful streams that glide between; ful banks, with primrose sweet, d old case, such moss grown seats.

tifal ferns in their mossy bed, tifal buebells overhead; little birds, all wild with glee, ing their songs op the bawmorn tr

Aful trees, in their budding green, Mul suushine streaming between; Mul fight from Heaven above, Mul fight from God's own love.

centiful sunset, crimeon and gold, oft, dim twilight, gray and cold; light puts on her mentle of gray, centiful davlight passes away.

stifat moonlight overhead, atiful stars their soft light shed; thed from their spangled home abo atiful thoughts of God's chauged

autiful rest from a day of care, autiful hour of sacred prayer; autifut houghts will our last one's be, ceping, or watite, if safe in Thee.-S. E.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW MASSES.

Counteract this immense evil and shame in any sector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y. MATTER, FORM AND MINISTER OF THE SACRAMENTS DEAR PROPLE: Before we come to consider the sacraments in particular, there are a few things which should be clearly understood concerning the sacra-ments in general. "Every sacrameut," ave Pope Eugene IV., "consists of three there are a few tongs which a bound of clearly understood concerning the sacra-ments in general. "Every sacrament," says Pope Eugene IV., "consists of three parts : certain sensible things as the matter, certain words as the form, and " minister who confers the sacrament with the intention of doing what the Church does. The three are so essential that, any one of them being absent, there is no sacra ment." This morning we will try to explain what is meant by each of these ential elements.

Matter, form and minister are terms that will be constantly recurring in these instructions, and for that reason we will ask you to try and get a clear idea of

ask you to try and get a clear idea of what is meant by them. By the matter of a sacrament is meant the element, or the thing employed in its administration. The matter of some of the sacraments is a material object, such as water, bread and wine, blessed oil. The matter of the sacraments of Penance and Matrimony is a moral act. These things will be explained in detail when we come

to treat of these sacraments. It might be asked : Why are these it might be asked: why are these exterior elements employed in the admin-lstration of the sacraments? Could not the Holy Spirit produce the effect desired in the soil without making use of any exterior element? Could not the Holy exterior element? Could not the Holy Ghost purify a child's soul without having water poured on its head? This question, which is a very old one, was answered in this way, more than fourteen cen turies ago, by St. Gregory. "Without doubt," he says, 'the Holy Spirit could purify the soul of the newly-baptized, and infuse His grace without the application of the baptismal water, but Carst wished that water be a sign, a symbol, an image of the eff ct produced." If God wished, He could at once develop and mature the child's intel ligence, but He does not; He allows the ligence, but He does not; He allows the fond father and mother to bring about this development of the faculties by making repeated use of external signs; and so He leaves to Mother Church the agreeable duty of developing in us the tife of grace by the frequent administra-

the words used by the minister in admin-istering it. The matter of a sacrament is something very ordinary. It is the words of the minister j head to the matter that

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His office is sublime ! Woe, a thowand times woe to him, if he be not holy while he dispenses holy things ! For, although interior sanctity is not necessary for the valid administration of the sacraments ; elthough the Kin g's Seal, whether it be made of iron or of gold, always gives the same impress; although a precious hquor, whether it be contained in an earthen or a cystal vessel, has always the same flavor; still, O pricet of God, dispenser of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. minister of the Holy Sacraments, thou shouldst be holy ! Breitren, dear, pray for him 1-N. Y Freeman's Journal.

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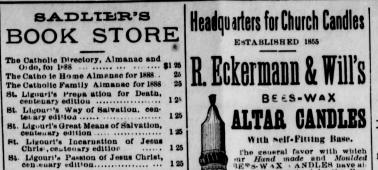
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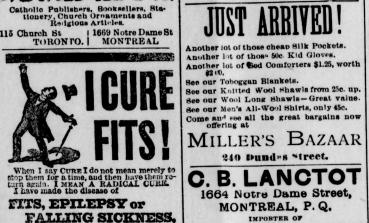
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