THE BICYCLE FACE.

I've a "bicycle face"
Which I wish to replace
With a face that is not of that kind; Provide me a plan
To exchange, it will quite suit my
mind.

I've been reading of late Some remarks in debate, As to whether or not it is true, That there is such a face, And I now have a case, Which settles the question clear through.

There's one eye that's black, On my cheek is a whack,
My forehead is scratched like a file; While my chin is a fright, And my lips are a sight, Less lovely whenever I smile.

My nose is awry, Of a tooth I am shy, An eyebrow is gone from its place; And one of my ears, I have serious fears, Will fall if it hasn't a brace.

There are patches galore, Till there couldn't be more, With plaster and splints and a strap; There are black-and-blue spots, By themselves and in lots, Till the face of me looks like a map.

They may stop their debate; I am ready to state,
It is true as I find in my case; For alack and alas, When I look in the glass, I am sure I've a "bicycle face."

L'ENVOL

"Ah me, what perils do environ The man who meddles with cold iron ;' I started on my flying wheel, The flush of exercise to feel, When, discontented with its load, It scattered me along the road, And though I lit on every place, The most of it was on my face.

A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION.

The following very interesting article appeared in a recent number of our esteemed contemporary the Canadian

History relates that 305 years ago yesterday Pope Sixtus passed away. His life and death were a striking example, inasmuch as it showed that the humblest child of the Catholic Church may raise to the highest earthly position in the gift of the true faith. Felix Perretti was a swincherd and he rose to the sacred between himself, Mgr. Grandin, Mgr. chair of the Vatican as the 230th successible to the sacred between himself, Mgr. Grandin, Mgr. Langevin and Hon Aldovia Onimal chair of the Vattean as the 250th succession of the spirit which rules the clurch's destinies as did which rules the clurch's destinies as did to a nominal rent. This tract would be mechanism continues to be governed by the clurch's destinies as did to a nominal rent. This tract would be mechanism continues to be governed by the clurch's destinies as did to realist tract would be mechanism continues to be governed by the clurch and the c which rules the charles a current and the Carist, her founder, without regard to station in life. While all the nations of the carth were following the principle of the carth were following the principle of religious agricultural establishment. hereditary succession, the Catholic Church stood forth alone as the model for the coming republics, on which were to appear with the advancement of modern civilization, and time and again she sat the triple crown of the Sovereign land. If the scheme does not succeed Pontiff upon the brow of those coming the land would revert to the Governfrom the humblest walks of life as well as those who had royal blood in their veins. ernment is still wanted. But Father La-Felix Perretti was born in extreme povernite in 1521, near Fermo, in Italy. His has told him: "To save these people father was a plodding swineherd, too will be for you an act of Christianity; poor to give his son an education, but the for us it will be an act of patriotism." hirst for knowledge asserted itself in the boy, who, while tending the pigs, used to read, study and meditate continually. His wonderful love of study attracted the attention of a Franciscan monk, who adopted him and gave him every facility for learning and for cultivating his talents. The young man entered the order of Grey Friars at the age of 16, and seven years afterward was professor of canon law at Rimini, and rose rapidly to the rank of Cardinal Archbishop of Fermo. Upon the death of Pope Gregory XIII., in 1585, he was chosen to succeed him, and assumed the title of Sixtus V. He displayed wonderful tolking the succeeding the suc ful talents for governing. By a vigorous policy he cleared out effectually the bands of brigands that infested the States of the Church. He introduced into Rome the most important public improvements in the form of aqueducts, monuments and institutions of art and education He completely reorganized the entire system

of both Church and civil administration,

and in the affairs of all the nations of

was he who solemnly excommunicated

unfortunate cousin, Mary Queen of Scots,

and also King Henry IV. of France, who

consult with the Pope about his recon-

ciliation with the Church. Olivares, the

Spanish Ambassador, on learning of the

arrival of the French commissioner, has-

tened to the Vatican and begged the

feet of His Holiness to seek absolution

and admission into the Catholic Church.

'Let him come! let him come! that I

Be who are a set of the form of a fortilla most of the broader day that was a first of

event of Henry's conversion, which did not take place till after the Pope's death, which occurred on the 27th of August, 1590, after a reign of five years. History ranks his name as one of the greatest men who have ever ruled the world.

TO SAVE THE METIS. The Aim of the Veteran Missionary

Father Lacombe. Rev. Father Lacombe, the veteran missionary of the Northwest, when in this city, delivered as ort lecture on the work of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. After reviewing the work of the missionaries all over the world he said:

"There have been great changes in the Canadian Northwest. When I went out there we were alone with the Indians and with the half-breeds. It took us fifty and even eighty days to travel to our missions. I will tell you, however, that we were happy then. We enjoyed it as an Eden. When we left with the great caravans of Indians and half-breeds for the summer's hunt on the prairies, in the excitement of the sport we enjoyed peace and calmness. Although there were no laws, no magistrate, no police, no chief but the priest, we returned to our winter quarters with a clean diary, not a crime.

"Civilization has made life easier, but it has brought large numbers of Catholics of all races. Our responsibilities have increased. We cannot forget our Indians, nor can we neglect the newcomers. We can no longer find priests enough. We are afraid that, as it has been the case in the United States, the immigrants or their children may lose their faith, because priests are not there to minister to their wants. If history should record such a thing here in Canada it would be

a shame. "You will ask me, perhaps, how things are going in Manitoba. I will tell you that things are going well. It may seem strange, but things are going well, I tell you, because the ecclesiastical authorities submit to the will of God, knowing well that His Church cannot be destroyed. We pray and we hope. We ask you to pray also, and a day will come when the dark cloud will be torn, and we will read by the light of the star of our hope that the Government has done that which we ask and has rendered full and entire jus-

The rev. father concluded by an appeal for what, he said, will be the last work of his life, the salvation of the Metis. Today they are doomed. They have sold their lands for a song; they are children, and they have been reduced to abject poverty. There are 9,000 of them. Father Lacombe proposes to form a syndicate Langevin and Hon. Alderic Onimet. These will lease a large tract of land in religious agricultural establishment, which it is proposed to place ultimately in the hands of the Trappists. All the Metis would be invited to take lots on this land for a nominal rent, but they would not have the right to alienate the ment. The sanction of the Federal Gov-

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CATHOLIC SEAMEN'S CLUB CONCERT.

The usual weekly concert of the above Club was held at their Rooms on last Thursday, Mr. J. P. Curran presiding. Happily these nice little socials open sharp at 8 to a well filled house, and the programme is carried out without intermission till 10 p.m., giving a very pleasant evening of two hours' pastime. The Club is indeed grateful to the many kind ladies and gentlemen, and parents who bring their little girls to assist, and especially our Protestant friends who attend frequently, and are ever ready to offer their services—to all for their kind encouragement. The following was the order of programme :-- Mr. Macanary, seaman. song; Mis Gracie Brown was very goo in her recitation; Charles Osborne, song Daniel Houston, song; Parizeau Bros., i: Europe he took a most active part. It their jig dancing; Harry Laycook, song. Queen Elizabeth for the murder of her Thomas Burke, song; Miss Tannenbaune recited in free and fine tone, and also gave piano selections; Mr. Morris and Mr. Geo. Grey, songs; Miss Lawlor, piano; afterward became a convert and was re-conciled to the Church. It is said that Miss Bithell, song;—this young lady, the firm stand taken by the Pope and his manifest sincerity in his efforts to upthough her first public appearance, displayed a sweet voice that certainly gives hold the dignity and interests of the Church had much to do with the confine promise for the future, and was at once a favorite, and of course she was voiciferously applauded and encored. It version of Henry IV., who was at the time one of the most powerful rulers of is whispered that the Catholic Truth Europe. Henry sent the Duke of Lux-Society, of which the Scamen's Club emburg to Rome as his ambassador to forms a branch, will soon prepare for their splendid annual concert.

Weakness is the symptom, impoverished blood the cause. Hood's Sarsaparilla the cure. It makes the weak strong. Pope not to grant the honor of an audience to the Minister of a Huguenot Prince. "If Your Holiness," said Olivares, "persists in admitting him, I shall be under the necessity of entering a formal protest in the name of the King, my master." "Protest!" replied the Pope, "what protest will you advance? You offend the majesty of your royal

THE CALL OF IRELAND FOR A LEADER.

Unionist England, as she values her re pose, must remain fettered by the undig-nified necessity of beseeching Providence You offend the majesty of your royal master, whose prudence I well know. You may retire." Luxemburg was presented to the Pope, and assured him the not to raise up a new O'Connell or Parnell. At this moment the various sections of the Nationalist party include sented to the Pope, and assured him the king of France was ready to kneel at the eloquence, men of striking business feet of His Holiness to seek absolution capacity; it is an instance of the ill-luck which haunts Ireland that no one of Let him come! let him come! that I them combines all the qualities needed may embrace and console him!" ex- for an Irish leader. England, in her may embrace and console him!" exclaimed the Pope, who was rejoiced at the possibility of Henry's conversion. The Catholic League, which had, under the Duke of Mayenne, been contesting the right of Henry to the throne, began to complain to the Pope of the favor adown to Henry, but the Sovereign Pontiff replied: "So long as we believe the league to be working for religion, we assisted it; now we are convinced that it is acting only through motives of ambition or under a false pretense, our protection is at end." It was not given to the immortal Pontiff to witners the

to appeal to the imagination, either by the burning eloquence and masculine bonhomie of an O'Connell, or with the magnetic influence and mysterious aloofness of a Parnell. Such a leader—who knows?—is perhaps approaching manhood to-day and is dreaming dreams of an Ireland made prosperous and contented by his guidance, or, perhaps, unconscious of his destiny, he is now being wheeled in a perambulator along the pavements of Dublin or of Cork. At any rate, appear he will-by the ordinary law of averages, which allots a hero to every nation now and again-and, when he comes, the problem of how to govern Ireland, unless solved already, will once more thrust itself before the eyes of the weary predominant partner.—From "The Outlook for Ireland," by the Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe, late Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in North American Review for September.

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INFALLIBLE SIGN OF DEATH.

A French Physician Gives a Formula for Putting Doubt at Rest.

Probably ninety-nine people out of a hundred have a terror lest they should be buried alive, and numberless have been the cases where a dying person exacted a sacred promise that a vein should be cut, or some means adopted by which death could be assured. From time to time we are horrified by learning that some person has been buried alive after assurances have been given of death. Under these circumstances the opinion of a rising French physician upon the subject becomes of world-wide interest, for since the tests which have been in use for years have been found unreliable, no means should be left untried to prove beyond a doubt that life is actually extinct before conveying our loved one to the grave. Dr. Martinot asserts that an unfailing test may be made by producing a blister on the hand or foot of the body by holding the flame of the candle to the same for a few sec-onds, or until the blister is formed, which will always occur. If the blister contains any fluid it is evidence of life, and the blister only that produced by an ordinary burn; if, on the contrary, the blister contains only steam, it may be asserted that life is extinct. The explanation is as follows: A corpse is nothing more than inert matter, under the immediate control of physical laws which cause all liquid heated to a certain temperature to become steam; the epidermis is raised, the blister produced; it breaks with a little noise and steam physiological laws, and the blister will commain serous matter, as in the case of any ordinary burns. The tet is as simple as the proof is conclusive. Dry blister, death; liquid blister, life. Anyone may try it, there is no error pos-

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BROTHER BALDWIN DEAD.

New York, August 29,-Richard Costello, known in the Church as Rev. Brother Baldwin, professor of English literature at Manhattan College, died at that institution on Monday, after a short illness. He was born in Ireland in 1846 and came to this country when quite young. On completing his studies in the public schools and at La Salle Academy, Albany, he entered the Order of the Christian Brothers. As a teacher he was successful, and was an enthusiastic advocate of his profession. He filled places in Utica, Santa Fe, Memphis, St. Louis College, Mo., Chicago, and later at the La Salle Institute, of this city. There he spent five years at the head of the commercial department, when he was called to Manhattan College, where he spent the last three years of his life.

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During the past seven days there were 222 failures in the United States, There were 234 during the corresponding week of last year.

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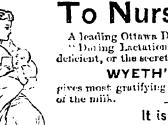
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