

him shared the same ! t. Bessie Dalton coaxed her not so long to stay up and finish the "Blue Bells of Scotland" for papa, but nurse knew pretty well that the times were such as to debar for him child-like amusements, and that domestic pleasures must give way to a crowd of absorbing cares. She carried off Miss Bessie long before her father had solved his painful and perplexing problem.

Solved indeed it could not be, but next morning Mr Dalton had come to some conclusions. He exerted all his influence to obtain more work for Richards, and then he sent for his next brother, who was the only other partner then in England, and two more Catholic friends, of his acquaintance, and consulted with them on the formation of a Guild, which should possess funds sufficient to keep so many artisans during the intervening weeks, when work was not to be had. They unanimously agreed as to the excellence of the plan, but demurred as to the funds Mr Dalton engaged if they would put down a certain sum to fill up the remainder himself. The Guild of St Aloysius was accordingly formed, and submitted to the approbation of the clergy, who gave full consent to the plan. Paul Richards was the first man enrolled; his and other poor men's weekly subscriptions were small, but many more of their richer neighbours thankfully engaged to fulfil the terms of the Guild, which procured prayers and God's favour for them, and assisted in feeding and clothing working people and their starving and shivering children.

When soon afterwards Mr Dalton's carriage and horses were advertised for sale, and Bessie's nurse appeared to answer the door-bell, instead of a livery servant who had been accustomed to perform that office, many people wondered at his parsimony, and thought it a pity to bring up Bessie in such narrow ideas and deprived of her just advantages. Paul Richards and his wife went to thank him with tears in their eyes, for what had cost him dearer than they had been aware of. He smiled, and said it was no sacrifice at all, for it gave him greater pleasure than all the horses and carriages in the world. They then offered him their eldest boy, for no wages, to serve at table and do the house work, but this also he would not accept, assuring them that a footman in livery was not at all necessary to his happiness.

Paul, then, seeing that no human return could be made, took his wife and children to St Barnabas, and kneeling in the midst of them at the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, offered up the Sacrifice which was celebrating, and a devout communion; praying that he who in feeding the hungry had fed our blessed Lord, might himself be fed with imperishable blessings. Who can doubt that such prayer would be heard?

THE BEST DRINKING WATER.—"The purest water with which we are acquainted," says Sir Humphrey Davy, "is undoubtedly that which falls from the atmosphere; having touched air

alone, it can contain nothing but what it can gain from the atmosphere; and all artificial contact, even from the vessels in which it may be collected, gives more or less of contamination." In descending through the atmosphere, however, the rain drops absorb a certain quantity of carbonic acidity, for which water has a great avidity, and which gives its fresh and sparkling character, so that distilled, of any water deprived of its carbonic acid, is always peculiarly flat and insipid.

We read of St Ignatius of Loyola, that by the continual opposition which he had offered to himself in his mortifications and his adversities which he had to suffer, he had come to such a point, that he appeared no longer to have any natural inclinations. The same also has been seen in many other servants of God.

BIRTHS RECORDED.

AT ST. MARY'S.

- JAN. 10—Mrs. Ellen Lyons, of a Son.
 12—Mrs. Mary Malligan, of a Daughter.
 " Mrs. Mary Ann Keefe, of a Daughter.
 " Mrs. Mary Doyle, of a Daughter.
 14—Mrs. Catherine Quirk, of a Daughter.
 " Mrs. Ann Shenke, of a Son.
 15—Mrs. Henrietta Wilson, of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

- JAN. 12—Bernard Diggin to Mary May.
 " William Walsh to Margaret Dwyer.
 " Redmond Donohoo to Alice Power.
 13—Michael Dorgan to Margaret Connors.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- JAN. 10—Mary, wife of Thomas Waistecott, native of Waterford, aged 19 years.
 13—Mary, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Quinlan, aged 8 years.
 14—Mary, daughter of Michael and Mary Drohan, aged 1 year and 6 months.
 16—Walter James, son of William and Marion Jamieson, aged 1 year and 6 months.
 " Elizabeth Barry, native of Tipperary, Ireland, aged 28 years.

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