

CHANT FUNEBRE.

FROM THE FRENCH OF THEODORE NISARD, BY THOMAS J. KERNAN.

The bell is tolling for the dead: Christians, let us join in prayer; Our kin are they who suffer there, Vainly striving—time is fled.

ADVICE TO GIRLS.

"Nobody Ever Went to the Devil Yet by One Big Bound."

There is one thing we sometimes see in the face of the young that is sadder than the ravages of any disease, or the disfigurement of any deformity. It is the mark that an impure thought or an unclean jest leaves behind it.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY TASTE.

A depraved Appetite for Soap—No Accounting for Taste.

Dr. R. Ellis writes in the New York Medical Record, as follows:—I should like to place on record the history of the following case of a mania for soap-eating, which I believe deserves the coinage of the word saponomania or a mania for eating soap.

Reasons Talking Foolishly.

The New York Times of Friday says that Owen Murphy, who some years ago, when treasurer of the excise board, fled with \$50,000 of excise funds, and who has since lived in Canada, where he was mixed up in the McGreevy scandal, has returned to that city to take up a permanent residence.

that there was no indictment of any sort hanging over him in New York, and that he was safe there. He claimed that he and McGreevy had escaped from Canada because they had been made the victims of a bitter political persecution.

The Wearers of Glasses.

The proportion of people who habitually wear glasses of some kind is very much greater in the towns than in the country. The sedentary employment, the close application to work and the frequent reading by bad light, which are all common in towns, are apt to have the worst effect on the eyesight, and probably at least three per cent. of the urban population wear glasses habitually.

Henry G. James.

Henry G. James, of Winnipeg, Man., writes: "For several years I was troubled with pimples and irritations of the skin. After other remedies failed I used four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and now I have been quite free from my complaint. B. B. B. will always occupy a place in my house."

Silly Bigot.

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The Depopulation of France.

French patriots are troubled—and with good reason—by the decrease of the population just revealed by official statistics. From 1851 to 1889 there was a slight increase in births over deaths, but last year the births were exceeded by the deaths.

Mrs. George Bendle.

Mrs. Geo. Bendle, Galt, Ont., writes: "I can recommend Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry as it is a sure cure for all summer complaints. We are never without it in the house." Fowler's Wild Strawberry. Price, 35c.

The Catholic Press.

In the last issue of The Monist the following complimentary paragraph appears: "The publishers and editors of The Monist are not Roman Catholics, but we suppose that the majority of our readers are not, either. But all the more it appears to us necessary to state as a matter of justice that the Roman Catholic publications (i. e. those which avowedly and confessedly represent Roman Catholic thought) are far superior to their analogous Protestant contemporaries.

Convent-bred Gms.

Send your girls to a convent school if you possibly can. There is no end of argument conclusively demonstrating the superiority of training received in these institutions over that obtainable elsewhere.

ject as applied to the education of girls, the conspicuous requirements, it will be perceived, inherently belong to the system controlled by Orders of religious teachers. The convent-bred girl invariably possesses a "manner" that distinguishes her from the less favoured of her sex in all surroundings, and a "manner" means a great deal to a woman, no matter what her sphere, especially that product of the high and sympathetic element of Christian culture engendered in the genial radiance of the religious academy.

Europe's Oldest Church.

The oldest church in continental Europe, says the Boston Transcript, is the Church of St. Maria in Trastevere, in Rome. In the year 221 Pope Palladius I obtained permission from the Emperor Alexander Severus to build a church. This church, it is said, was the first that was made public in Rome. It underwent a number of repairs, and was rebuilt from the foundation in 1189. If the foundation is taken into consideration it is the oldest. There is, however, another old church in the same city which has not been built over. It is St. Clement's, and is reputed to be on the site of the house of St. Clement; it was built in 417, and its primitive style is still preserved.

They Say.

Thoughtless, it is well to have a moderate regard for the opinions of good people, but how can a young man shape his course of life to satisfy everybody? "He who strives to please all pleases none!"

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The Holly Bush.

Now of all the trees by the King's highway, Which do you love the best? Oh! the one that is green upon Christmas Day, The bush with the burning breast! The holly with her drops of blood for me, For that is our dear Aunt Mary's tree.

The leaves are sweet with our Saviour's name, 'Tis a plant that loves the poor; Summer and winter it shines the same Beside the cottage door. Oh! the holly with her drops of blood for me, For that is our kind Aunt Mary's tree.

'Tis a bush that the birds are loth to leave; They sing on it all day long; But sweetest of all, upon Christmas Eve, Is to hear the robin's song. 'Tis the merriest sound upon earth and sea, For it comes from our own Aunt Mary's tree.

So of all the growth of the King's highway, I love that plant the best; 'Tis a bower for the birds upon Christmas Day, That bush with the burning breast. Oh! the holly with her drops of blood for me, For that is our dear Aunt Mary's tree.

Founded on a Cornish custom which makes "uncle" and "aunt" terms of affection as well as relationship. In old Cornish custom the Blessed Virgin Mary was called "Aunt Mary."

The best loved man is he who gives the most; he is also the one best regarded when he stops giving.

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A Curious Juice.

The Juice of the lacquer-tree (Rhus varnishifera) is the natural varnish upon which depends the famous lacquer work of the Japanese. Specimens of the tree were brought from Japan sixteen years ago and planted in the Botanical Garden at Frankfurt, where they have flourished and have yielded seeds from which thirty young trees have sprung. That place now has 34 healthy trees, 30 feet high and 2 feet in circumference near the ground. To determine whether the juice is affected by its changed conditions, Prof. Rein has sent samples to Japanese artists for trial, and is having comparative analyses made by eminent chemists. If the reports are favorable, it is expected that the lacquer-tree will be quite extensively planted in Germany, and that Europeans will be instructed in the art of lacquering wood by some skilled worker from Japan.

A Novel Suggestion.

Admiral Cochrane makes a novel suggestion in a recent issue of the London Times. He advocates an establishment of a free ferry across the Irish Sea, that England should undertake to give free passage to passengers and goods crossing the sea from and to certain ports in Ireland, via Liverpool, etc. "English Government aid," he said, "is given at times to railway undertakings in the far East, and foreign Governments have assisted in such great works as the St. Gothard Tunnel and the Suez Canal. The measure proposed would confer, I believe, an inestimable boon on Ireland and on this country, and would supplement the excellent and able measures recently carried out in Ireland."

Pre-Columbian Discoverers of America.

Among pre-Columbian discoverers of America the claims of the Norsemen, or, properly speaking, the Icelanders—who, by their low stature and features, are somewhat different from the characteristic Swedes and Norwegians—and of the Welshman under Prince Madoc are fairly well known, but those in favor of an Irishman, St. Brendan, Bishop of Clonfert, in Kerry, are not so familiar to us, although they are to the French. According to eleven different Latin manuscripts in the National Library, Paris, one of which dates from the eleventh century, St. Brendan left "Tralee Bay" about A. D. 500 on a mission to the un-discovered country which he believed to exist beyond the Atlantic. The vessel he embarked in with his companions, including five pigs, was caught in a current, and after a voyage of many weeks he landed in a strange country, where he taught the natives the truths of Christianity. After seven years he returned to Ireland, and subsequently tried a second voyage to the same country, as he had promised to revisit it, but was baffled by the wind and tide. He died in the odor of sanctity in 575, aged 74 years. The curious thing is that when Cortez invaded Mexico he found the natives in possession of some of the doctrines of Christianity, which they said had been taught them by a stranger clad in a long robe, who came to them from the Holy Land beyond the sea—a "boat with wings" many centuries before, and promised to return to them. The advent of Cortez was, in fact, hailed as a fulfillment of this tradition.

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All who have watched the flight of wild geese and ducks have observed similar discipline in their long flights, and even when they are in the water their movements seem often controlled by secret signals conveyed from members of the flock that have been placed assentinel at the points whence sudden danger might be expected. As self-preservation is the first law of nature, it would not be a fanciful assumption to suppose that the instinct of birds has led them to some mode of communication by which the common perils to which their kind are exposed are to be exposed may be averted or lessened.

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