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forgotten. So ever since July, when forgotten. So ever since July, when you left us, we have all remembered you in prayer, and have been keeping count of the petitions and sacrifices offered to God for you, that he might bless you and your work and reward one for what you did for us. The any bless you and your work and reward you for what you did for us. The en-closed card represents this spiritual banquet, and we send it as our Christ-mas gift, praying our Infant King to send you a happy festival and asking you sometimes to think prayerfully of your dear friends and children.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S PENITENT CLASS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT IN-,

In silence Rob glanced at the Christmas card, tastefully lettered in gold and read:

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" Phil," said Rob, after a long pause, "that is simply divine ; let me kiss your hand, and never again consider a form of the earth like me your competitor in anything."

"No, Rob, I still say that according to the standard that Father Baxter most likely had in mind, you have won. But, Rob, dear," and there was a light not of earth on the young priest's face as he raised his swimming eyes to his friends-" Rob, dear, I wouldn't swap."-Roselyn Bayard

A TRUE TEST OF RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES.

Biassed or ignorant writers are not Biassed or ignorant where are not infrequently found insisting on the superiority of Protestant countries, in the matter of morality, over Catholic ones. The natives of Spain and Italy and other hot countries are held up as especially lax, as contrasted with the pulations of the sterner North. Byron, who ought to have known Byron, who used to better, as he had seen so much of both, encouraged this fallacy by some of his lines, notably this :

hingle had " The cold of clime are cold of blood," e than twice Were the facts really in accordance young mis-ristmas holiwith the theory, one might reasonably ask why should the Catholic Church be g letter : er 21-

held accountable-for such is really the design of those who use such an argupray ! Can't at it is, but pened. I've ment-for what ought to be ascribed to climatic conditions. But the theory is all wrong, as every honest statistical t Presidency inquirer has long ago found out. The run down te countries fringing the Arctic Circle are those whose people are the most im-moral. Norway, Sweden and Scot-land stand highest in the discreditable morrow and at! my boy, re done for. my egotistu ; plane of illegitimate increase ; and rest friend ; plane of highting are almost entirely rotestant. Talleyrand, the cynic, was credited with the dictum that virbe more full Goodby till BOB. tue in woman is a matter of temperament; your materialist says it is a matter of climate; truth-seekers have found that it is a matter of religion. The perpetual lesson of the holiness of purity is inculcated in the Catholic Church with such an emsmiled tenapered as he ar Rob, God

to know the nother," said the Catholic Church with such an emer an effusive phasis that it can never be eradicated d young bar from the mind. Purity is the human keystone, indeed, of the whole Catholic d that," and

structure. The spotless innocence of the Blessed Mother, her irresistible stamp of the corner. In a claim to the Almighty favor, is ever resent to the mind's e

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The Oxford movement in England

not only in the Catholic ranks, but

even amongst those of the Protestants.

The importance of the testimony given

by Mr. Capes, one of those who fol-

lowed in the steps of Newman, has

been somewhat overlooked. He was a graduate of Oxford, and a clergy.

man of the Established Church, but

was compelled by his conscience to throw up his office and join the Church

to which he was, by Divine grace, led.

"As to the present comparative state of English Catholicism and Pro

testantism in this momentuous element of Christian morality, I have been im-

pressed in the profoundest degree since I became a Catholic with the immeas-

urable superiority of the former over the latter. \* \* \* I know by long

experience what are the real habits of

Writing in the year 1849, he said :

should be treated as a deceiver for at-tempting to persuade them of what they account an impossibility. \* \* \* No person can become familiar with a Catholic college or with Catholic boys at home under the parental roof withat nome under the parental root with out remarking this extraordinary con-trast. However deficient may be the Catholic seminaries in many things which cultivate the intellect, however far they may occasionally fall short of that perfection or discipline which the Catholic Church requires of them, no man can compare their inmates with the inmates of Protestant schools and with the general run of young men of respectable character and fail to be astonished at what he sees. My read-ers may be assured that a Catholic boy

as such, is generally a different species of being from the Protestant

position, is speaking of one country only with the different denominations hich and the respective influence of which and the respective influence of their systems upon the people, he is personally cognizant. But he is not satisfied to leave the inquiry at this point. It is not sufficient that he has stablished a difference ; he must as-

certain why the difference exists and explain its causes. Further on he says : "I must remind the Protestant read-

ers that the Catholic Church claims to possess a power of communicating to her children a certain definite spiritual gift which she terms faith, by which a pious Catholic is not only morally certain of the truth of all Catholic doc-

trines and contemplates the actual spiritual realities which these doctrines speak of as realities, and not as mere opinions, figments of the human mind or logical deductions having no existor logical deductions having no exist-ance apart from the reasonings which prove them. This faith she professes to communicate originally at baptism i by a worthy participation in the sacra-ment of penance. It is the result of that indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the soul which accompanies baptism in the soul which accompanies baptism in the case of all infants whatsoever and of all adults who receive baptism with

In the case of an adult receiving this new gift through baptism the results as described by Mr. Capes-speaking, dcubless, from his own mantal experience and the second the proper dispositions." mental experience as well as that of others whom he knew-are wonderful. others whom he knew—are wonderful. Such a one, he says, ''has literally acquired a new faculty; the unseen world has become to him what it was not before; the range of his intellect. ual vision is not only far wider, but far keener and more sure than while he continued a member of any Protestant communion.

This side of the Church, its supernatural attribute, is too often left out of sight in these practical busy days of the world. It is well to be reminded by those who once were disbelievers in the Church altogether that such a grace accompanies admission into it when the mature mind in search o truth is honestly and receptively absorbing what it learns and perceives. - Philadelphia Catholic Stand-ard and Times.

and Evangeline are too widely dis-similar to allow a close comparison. similar to allow a close comparison. Both were true women, cut around the one hangs the gloom of an early New England settlement, and the cold rigidly of Puritanism; the other's story lies in the quiet, peaceful shade of a tranquil Catholic community in the fair land of primitive Nova Scotia. Nothing can be better conceived nor more truly nictured than the tales of Nothing can be better conceived hor more truly pictured than the tales of that Canadian colony with its simple, happy, un worldly people; it shows the radiance of the golden age with its music and poetry around us as we read,

and as the soft, gray shadows of the twilight steal from the mind all thought of the day's strife and care, so this charming Acadian tale lures us species of being from the Protestant boy. He frequently preserves his in nocence, his simplicity, his openness and guilelessness of character to an extent which I believe to be wholly without parrallel among the best of Protestants." Herein there is no room for fallacies founded upon theories of climate or difference of latitudes as affecting the moral system. This gentleman, a man of unexceptionable character and position. is speaking of one country

sorrow here are mingled-the word is poetry itself. So Longfellow must have thought when he first heard Evangeline's sad story and resolved upon con-

Among Longfellow's shorter Catho-

lic legends may be mentioned "St. Francis of Assisi," and the birds that ame and listened to his teachings ; 'The Ladder of St. Augustine, which, although not exactly a legend, which, although not exactly a legend, is sometimes classed with them; "King Robert of Sicily," and "The Legend Beautiful." In the opinion of most critics, "Robert of Sicily "is the best tale told in "The Wayside Inn." Al though shorter than the others, in diction classrages of armsesion and

diction, clearness of expression and beauty of meaning it certainly leads the rest. Like the "Legend Beauti-ful" it is known and admired by every

child at school old enough to under-stand its meaning. Told as only that stand its meaning. Tota as only that sweet singer could tell a Catholic legend, is it any wonder that its melody sinks deep into our hearts and finds there an answering chord, for the music that Longfellow wrote is all lying unwritten within every one of us. We may not be gifted with his powers of expression, but we can sing it in our lives, even as he sang it from his pen. Perhaps the most beautiful passages in this famous Scicilian tale

are those lines which show the poet's love and reverence for the holy and sublime.

And when they were alone the angel said, "Art thou the King ?" then bowing down his head, King,Robert crossed both hands upon his breast And meekly answered him, " Thou know-est best !

est best ! My sins as scalet are ; let me go hence, And in some cloister's school of penitence, Across those stones that pave the way to heaven, alk barefoot, till my guilty soul be Walk

shriven ! Never perhaps was a title more fitly bestowed on a poem than that of "Legend Beautiful" on the theologian's tale. What could be more beau-tiful than those words of the Blessed

Vision :

Without these legends literature families of drunken parents shows 113 would have lost much that is grand and elevating. Take from his works "Robert of Sielly," "The Legend Beautiful," "Evangeline" and "St. Francis of Assisi," and you take from the crown its richest jewels-the poet is no longer "golden mouthed." Therefore as long as his works are drunkards. read, as long as his peerless legend-ary, characters hold their supremacy among all others, the world will owe to the Catholic Church a debt of grati-

A. GERTRUDE LYNCH. tude. Lynn.

## A FATAL LEGACY: "HIS FATHER DRANK."

The following paper under the title "Heredity as a Factor in Mental Da-fisiency" was read recently before the Modeling New York Academy of Medicine. In its preparation ten thousand children were examined :-

Were men as careful in laying the foundations of a good posterity as they are of maintaining the lineage of a horse or the blood of a barnyard fowl, such a human monstrosity as the sixteen year old murderer executed in Connecticut last July would become an impossibility. This lad, held in the hereditary

clutch of two or more generations of depraved ancestors, started life a moral pervert, cruel and remorseless. His father was weak-minded and a

verting it into verse.
"Under the towering oak, that stood in the midst of the village, is not be reacted to be ack-robed chief with his childer. A crucifix fastened
Looked by grapevines, is nother trunk of a tree, and oversinder with its agonized face on the multitudes kneeling beneath it.
This was their rural chapel. Aloft through the intricate arches
Of its aerial root arcse the chant of their vespers.
Mingling its notes with the soft susurus and sighs of the branches."
Pervert, cruel and remorseless.
His father was weak-minded and a drunkard; his father's brother was feeble-minded, a prostitute, and died drunk in the street; his mother's sisters were all drunkards; his mather's brother was an epileptic; his maternal grand-father died insane; his maternal grand-father died insane; his maternal grand-mother was an epileptic, a drunkard and a prostitute.

Heredity prepares the soil and im-plants the tendencies ; environment

the sum total is mental deficiency, loss of organic integrity, dipsomania, epilepsy and other psychoses. In no less unmistakable a manner does mental deficiency point to a de-fective origin. This is evidenced by the results of an investigation con-ducted by the writer for the purpose of a determining the bearing of heredity upon dulinees. Despite the difficulties a stending such an investigation, we have accurred data of 10.000 children. have secured data of 10,000 children. Of this number 855, or 8.8 per cent. showed more or less marked mental deficiency. The dullness of 40 is re-ported as due to environment and phy-The Canse of Dyspeptic Pains. They arise from the formation of gas owing to improper digestion. A very prompt and efficient remedy is Polson's Nerviline. Itrelieves the distention instant-ly, and by its stimulating action on the stom-ach, aids digestion. Nerviline curse dys-pepsic pains by removing the cause. Ner-viline is also highly recommended for eramps, colic, summer complaint and in-flammation. Sold in large 25c bottles every-where. sical conditions, in which are included poverty, defective sight, deafness and general constitutional weakness; 221 are classified as due to heredity; 471 others as children of drinking parents of the remaining 153, no definite in-formation was procured. The children examined, with few exceptions, had where. Severe colds are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medi-cine of extraordinary penetrating and heal-ing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children. good hygienic surroundings, many of them had defective eyesight corrected, difficulties of hearing removed, and other physical infirmities improved, but the mental deficiency remained ;

distress to the parent, and a constant irritation to the teacher. We have been able to trace the fam-

ily histories of 463 children in 150 different families, through three generations. Seventeen (2 males and 15 females), were precocious in some one thing, as music, drawing, etc. Four hundred and three were generally deficient (193 males and 210 females) : 17 had neurotic fathers; 78 mothers. Three hundred and thirteen

mothers. Incee numared and unreesh had drinking fathers; 51 drinking mothers; 43 had neurotic grand parents; 256 had drinking grand-parents; 246 had drinking parents It's curious to see the result. parents. Two per cent. of and gran these children had parents of less than average intelligence. A most notable fact in these families was the constant relation of alcohol in the ancestry to abnormal physical conditions in the descendants. While 87 per cent. of these children of drinking and neur otic ancestry were mentally deficient, 76 per cent. suffered from some neur osis or organic disease. The contrast between these and ab staining households is very striking. I give you the results of a study of 51 families of 231 children having total abstinance antecedents. Of these, less than 3 per cent. were dull, and but 18 per cent. suffered from any neurosis or organic disease. Such facts as these stamp heredity as a most important factor in mental deficiency, and alcohol as a most active agent in the production of hereditary degenerations. The records of the following three classes of parents and their families

Torpid Liver children, of whom 93 had organic diseases, 66 mentally deficient, 7 idiots, Is sometimes responsible for difficult di dwarfs, 7 epileptics and 16 drunkards. Seventy six families of moderate gestion, that is, DYSPEPSIA. When it is, drinkers had 236 children, of whom 186 had organic diseases, 196 mentally What headache, dizziness, constipation, 4 What fits of despondency, What fears of imaginary evils, conduce deficient, 8 idiots, 8 insane, and 21 with the distress after eating, the sourness

Thirty one families having neither of the stomach, the bad taste in the mouth, neurotic nor drinking ancestry, had 116 children ; 20 had organic diseases, and so forth, to make the life of the suff ferer scarcely worth living! Dyspepsia resulted from torpid liver in 3 mentally deficient, 1 a drunkard. In other words, while the children of the case of Mrs. Jones, 2320 N. 12th St. drinking parents' show less than 12 Philadelphia, Pa., who was a great sufferer, per cent. normal in mind and body, the children of total abstainers show over 82 per cent. normals. Thus the families of drink imbibers in large

Her statement made in her 77th year is that she was completely cured of it and all its attendant aches and pains, as others have been, by a faithful use of measure augment the number of drunk Hood's Sarsaparilla ken, diseased and defective members That acts on all the digestive organs, gures dyspepsia, and give permanent vigor and tone to the whole system. of society.-Dr. Macnichol.

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Christianity without the Cross, is close of a life of rejection, scorn and defeat. But in no true sense have these things ceased or changed. Jesus is still He Whom man despiseth and bevitalize the system in one or the rejected of men. The world has through successive generations, and the sum total is mental deficiency, loss age is yet needed in every age is yet needed in every one of its high places by him who would "con-fess "Christ. The "offence of the Cross," therefore, has led men in all ages to endeavor to be rid of it, and deny that it is the power of God in the world.-William H. Thompson.

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t. Christmas -Father Desmond may remember, Dear Father, us, and showed The good Sisters s every tender e seem to have r us at all. Yet more than othr it. You, kind we have never Legendary Lore. Poston Republic

LONGFELLOW.

The Great Poet's Debt to Catholic

I am not going to tell the story of Longfellow's indebtedness to the grand old faith. To do this even superficially would require a deeper range of thought and expression than I propose to cover. My theme is a narrower one-his debt to Catholic legendary. There have been great writers who, delving deep into the resources of history and romance, have brought forth the gold nuggets and woven

them into verse. Such a one was Longfellow. It is said that all great men owe their success in life to the seizing of a golden opportunity. So Longfellow owes his everiasting fame to his exquisite rendering of the quaint old Catholic legends that he loved so well. Into their narration he puts the noblest and best of his genius; his fairest and sweetest of thoughts. For their inspiration was his master opportunity, which, seizing as he did, has immortalized his name. Had these legends not been in exist tiad these legends not oeen in exist ence, or being in existence had Longfellow passed them by, he would never occupy the place in American literature which he holds to day and will hold forever. He took the tide at its flood, and it led him on

to greatness. Because Longfellow was of Puritan Because Longfellow was of Puritan ancestors does not necessarily imply that he was a bigot. He was too high-minded to admit of ignoble feeling, and being gifted with wonderful powers of perception and that love of the beautiful which is innate in every thought and recognized principles of decent and respectable Protestants of every rank. I know what boys and Youths and grown up men and per-sons of venerable age are in the pub poet, he could not but admire the grandeur of the Catholic Church, which lis schools, in the universities, at the is the soul of poetry. There is poetry in her glittering candles burning upbar, in the Protestant ministry and in the higher ranks ; I know what is the tone of thought and feeling which is accepted by them all as natural, in-evitable and allowable through the in her altars ; in the grand old master paintings that adorn her walls ; in her melodious strains of music-the

" Hadst thou stayed I must have fied." They tell the whole story of the nonk's obedience to the voice of duty whispering within his breast, and his reward when the Vision awaited his return from the convent portals.

"But he paused with awe struck feeling At the threshold of his door, For the Vision still was standing As he left it there before, When the convent bell, appalling, From its belry, calling, calling, Summoned him to feed the poor."

After Longfellow's death many re ligious denominations claimed him as a sympathizer, and is it any wonder that all wished to claim so rare a flower as he whose whole life was such an open sermon? According to his biographer, however, he was not a regular attendant at any Church and belonged to no school of dogmatic theology ; but if we are to judge his religion through his poems (and he, who was sincerity itself, could hardly have written what he did not believe), have written what he did not believe), in spirit, and sympathy, if not in practice, Longfellow was a Catholic. This is not asserting much, for any-one not blinded by religious prejudice must see it for himself.

In his Catholic legends the poet dealt not only with the æsthetic aspects, but with the grand spiritual truths which awaken the noblest impulses of the soul.

Many writers assume a so-called religious style, and in a misty, obscure manner speak of incense, myrrh, light-ed candles, statues of the Virgin Mary and altars of the saints-they are all part of the religious picture, and. as such, are indispensable, but in the des-cription of the true and the sublime in the Catholic Church Longfellow excelled. For my purpose I have chosen only

the discipline of the Catholic Church is founded upon a depth of practical wisdom and accompanied by a super-natural influence which places her children, when tolerably obedient to her commands, so far above the level of these legends that bas made Long-they live that by most Protestants I is diverted that the the fact of his indebtedness is too obvious to need further exposi-tion.

would be of more than passing interest in this connection. A study of 24

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