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You should see their grown-up sons THE REAL MEXICO. affectionately kiss their hands, and Quite a Different Place From that De-picted by the Ignorant or Bigoted American Traveler. witness the love and reverence given Mexico, July 6.-All the philoso-phers, from Diogenes to Emerson, have

them by their daughters. Mexico has produced something infinitely better than its silver and gold—its women ! In the humbler classes one finds this pointed out that the best way to be happy is to be content with little. same tranquil happiness. The poor woman, employed fifteen hours a day in a cotton mill, puts flowers in her win-

Theoretically we all prove the dicta of the men of thought, but as our modern civilization is founded on the principle cage on her wall. The women bearcivilization is founded on the principle of complexity of life rather than on its ing burdens from the hills come tottersimplification, we go on our way for-ever striving to obtain that which is of ing down the country roads with cheerful faces. These poor women throng on Sundays and at early hours little use to us when secured, and are vastly discontented during the period on week days to the little country churches, and are the better for the

I have frequently said that south of the Rio Grande one finds a whole nation of philosophers, on the whole sincerity of their faith. In every little town in Mexico you find flowers, a central garden or park, the most contented, tranquil people on the face of the globe. There is a Roses, red and white, climb the g birds. the face of the globe. There is a great peace pervading this pleasant and sunny land. You note the change immediately that you cross the bound-Roses, red and white, climb the garden walls and hang over the edge to salute you as you pass by. One comes to love the country lanes with their rose or geranium hedges or their lofty walls on either side hiding great cool ary river from bustling, energetic Texas into dreamy, happy Mexico. If, as we must believe, the acme of human felicity is attained when one gardens, where the fountains play all

has arrived at perfect content of spirit, then we must admit that the Mexican Everywhere courtesy ! from the peon in the fields of the hacendado on his caparisoned steed. A land of people are as near to the realization of the dream of Horrell dream of Howells and Bellamy as calmly flowing days, where hurry is unknown. Go to Morelia and Queremay be imagined. True, there are sharp divisional lines of caste here, tara, if you wish to leave the modern world of daily papers, telephones and and in this Mexico is not what the Altrurian Traveler has imagined or You will be in the railway rush. sixteenth century, where you may what Bellamy has dreamed ; but the rest.

Mexicans have reached the results imagined by these authors, without The happiest men I know on this planet live in Mexico. One is a monk who lives and meditates in an old making use of their leveling, commun-The separation of a nation into convent which stands in a great orchard, and the other is a blindman

TENDS TO CONTENTMENT.

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of sixty years, who is as cheerful as the unfailing sun of his land. Neither Born a peon, you expect so to re-Born a peon, you expect so to re-main, and, not being ambitious, you are happy in being simply what you are, and you have no notion of trying to be a caballero, or gentleman. The servant is a servant and will be noth-ing else, and enjoys being a servant in a cam, nurrified way that delights ment is in a calm, uuruffled way that delights monk is

A SAINT STRAYED FROM PARADISE. one to witness. I have had servants who lives here simply to let his light say to me that, when they died, they hoped to be relieved from the necessity shine, as is commanded. An artist would like to paint his plain, good of waiting on other people, and to be allowed to rest forever; but they said face. Young people go to see him and value his counsels and friendship. him this without the least mental irritation, The blind man is a welcome guest at a hundred tables, where his wit and as if expressing a desire for something only to be attained in the dim thing only to be attained in the time at a number tables, since the second seco which we are so well accustomed. Religion has a vast deal to do with do our bustling millionaires get out of

this contended spirit. It is a good life? thing for a nation to have its phil- My My monk says : "We have all of us, rich and poor, just twenty four hours

FORGIVENESS OF SINS ON EARTH.

Father H. Parker, S. J., Sermon by Liverpool.

At St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, on Sunday evening, Father Parker de-July 21. livered a sermon on the power of for-giving sins on earth. Taking his giving sins on earth. Taking his text from Matt. ix., 2, he said the power of absolving from sin belongs only to God. It is a power wholly divine - it is not human. To absolve from sin is an act of divine jurisdiction. For man to absolve from sin without having from God the divine authority and the divine commission is an act of downright blasphemy. Only consider what sin Sin is an offence against God ; it is an act of rebellion against His sovereign authority. It is an act of sovereign authority. It is an act of defiance against the will of God, as far as creatures can defy His will. Mortal sin strikes at the dignity and being of God Himself. It makes the creatures big down and the new; to the deep-seated feeling of dis-satisfaction everywhere so prevalent with the existing order of things; men's minds are disturbed by the agi-tations and conflicts relations and creature renounce his dependence on creature renounce his dependence on the God Who made him, and Who deeds of violence are of almost daily preserves every minute of the life he preserves every minute of the file he lives. Therefore it is clear that the power of absolving from sin rests with God alone, or if it be exercised by anyone else, it can be exercised only by him who has directly from God Himself the permission, the divine authority, or by one who fills for the time being God's office here. Mortal sin destroys the supernatural life of the soul — it takes away from the soul sanctifying grace, which is the super-natural life; and because it takes away this supernatural life of the soul, it takes away from it all the dignities and privileges that belong to that supernatural life. Mortal sin, therefore, takes away from the soul the dignity of being a friend of God-the dignity of being an adopted child of dignity of being an adopted child of God-the dignity of being able to claim by right the throne in God's Kingdom of Heaven, with His good angels and saints. Now, for a creature to pretend to be able to give back this supernatural life to the soul-for a creature to pretend to give back all these amazing privileges and dignities -would be an act of blasphemy than which none higher can be conceived. The pretention of a man who claims to be able to raise to life a corpse, to restore to full health and vigor the sick and the lame, without divine assistance, is far less than that of the man who assumes the power to absolve from sin, and who has not the divine author ity to do so. To forgive sins requires the power of God in a far higher degree than to work miracles. To for-

ministry of Christ had the divine Socialistic movements have taken on in the United States a political aspect. power to absolve from sin by virtue of the words used in the confessional-The Populist party advocates State socialism. It holds that the Govern-"May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee, as I by His authority absolve ment should take charge of the rail roads, telegraph lines and mining thee from thy sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the lands, and provide ware houses for the storage of farm products upon which Holy Ghost."-London Catholic News, the Government shall issue warehouse receipts to be used as currency. This GREAT TOPIC OF THE AGE. teaching, the speaker insisted, must end in communism and anarchy. Father Sheedy Lectures on Socialism at the Summer School. asked where this movement will end, what it will achieve, and predicted Plattsburg, N. Y., July 27. - On Wednesday evening Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, of Pittsbueg, delivered an important lecture at the Catholic Sum-important lecture at the Catholic Sumthat, no matter what might be the temporary success of the movement, it would not result in the permanent establishment of Socialism. The State

mer School, on "Socialism and Social-ists." He began by calling attention result in a tyranny far worse than the evils it would replace, and would in to the importance of the subject. He referred to the troubled condition of evitably provoke a revolution. At th same time there can be little doubt society both in the old world and the that the growth of Socialistic ideas wil introduce into our existing industrial system profound changes and modifica tions. It is equally probable that it will introduce a change into politics. It will give social questions precedence over those that are merely political. It will likely abolish present party disoccurrence in the very heart of our tinctions and divide politicians rather according to the social interests they civilization ; a wave of unrest per meates society. Socialism is spread-ing, socialist societies are established and Socialist organs propagate its represent than according to the principles which have hitherto divided them in the scramble for office.

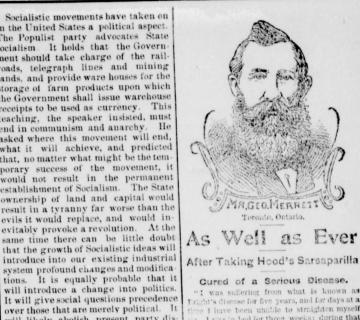
and Socialist organs propagate to teachings. It is too soon to say what may come of this movement, but it would be folly to ignore it. Some years ago it was thought that Russia was protected from Socialism by her rural communes, and Gameany by her lack of manu-The speaker then asked what part the Church is going to take in these movements, and how can she exert her influence for good in these troublous times.

The answer is, she can guide the and Germany by her lack of manu-facturing industries. Events have movement to ends of holiness and peace, as she has done in great crises shown how erroneous was this view. The people of the United States may possibly cherish a like error if they in the past. From his frequent utter-ances on this subject, it is evidently the wish of Leo XIII. that the Church fancy themselves to possess a sure pro should set herself to improve and edutection against Socialism in their praccate the masses, and thus aid in bringtical character and habits of free and iug about a peaceful solution of the open discussion. It is a subject of living interest. Leo. XIII. said it is social problem. This work is being done in Germany by Catholic associathe great question of our times, and so it is, for the social aspect of modern tions modeled after the ancient guilds These associations have grown strong and powerful and are the mainstay of conservatism in Germany. The thought lends color to the poetry, the art, the literature, the philosophy, the politics, and even the religion of the speaker then urged the students of age. Socialism in one form or another is the chief factor in the forces that the Catholic Summer School to become familiar with the facts and forces at are silently transforming the old order; work in our present industrial system to learn the nature and aims of conno student of contemporary events can fail to be interested in its origin and temporary Socialism, so that they may aid in making the transition The speaker then defined socialism from the old order to the new tranquil

in its general sense to be the attempt and beneficent. He concluded by saying that the Catholic Church, which has redressed to better the condition of the less for-It aims, he said, at making this earth "that for so the evils of society in the past, has many is a stepmother, a true mother for all who bear the human form." still the power to redress present evils; that there is no misery that the great mother of Christendom will not As there are various forms of social-sm so there are different kinds of

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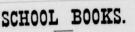
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locomotive has come, and, with its enornous voice, has awakened villages, confided to men who really enjoy gov-erning, who delight in having people towns, cities, and nations to the modern life of unrest and fruitless haste. sitting in ante-rooms, and who have the courage to get rid in an effective manner of people of reforming and revolutionary tendencies. Newspapers pillar of smoke is seen ascending from mountain side, from prairie and from crowded towns, and only a few charmed lands remain where even the the spell of peace. Among these bappy lands is Mexico. miracle as given in the 9th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew was wrought, when a man sick of the palsy was brought to Him, and Jesus, seeing his should be encouraged to discuss literature and new discoveries, and to criticise theatrical people. Politics, which is disquieting, and the tariff and silver questions should be dealt with merely

False Morality.

philosophically. There is something in the electrical, Never teach false morality. How highly oxegynated northern air which exquisitely absurd to tell girls that beauty is of no value, dress of no use ! infuses a subtle madness into the race. People are forever stirring about and cherishing ambitions and ideals, and Beauty is of value ; her whole prospect and happiness in life may often depend even the women get infected and go in upon a new gown or a becoming bonfor fads, and cultivate their minds in the midst of a clatter of clubs, and waste on innane "papers" the good ink which the wise Montaigne and the value, and that there must be somecheerful Cervants used to so much betthing better under the bonnet than a ter purpose. It is a delight to see pretty face for real happiness. But restful, tranquil women, and one finds never sacrifice truth. them in Mexico, and that, too, among

the higher classes who have traveled, have really lived in Paris, not merely Mr. Natanael Mortonson, a well-known citizen of Ishpeming, Mich., flitting through that brilliant capital, have breathed the electric air of New and editor Superior Posten, who, for a York, and looked on at the varied life of northern lands, and have come to rest and be happy the remainder of their useful, charming lives. They

are content to be merely women, wives and mothers, and the proof their happiness is to be read in their tranquil, cheerful glance. These women read, and often in dif-

ferent tongues; they have many accomplishments, and are always good housekeepers, and are hospitable host-essess in their quiet way. The great essess in their quiet way. content of this topical land rests on them, these

CHARMING WOMEN OF FAITH AND GOOD WORKS, of unvarying sweetness of character.

Messiah would be one who would "justify men before God." Jere-"justify men before God." Jere-miah said the time would come when God would forgive men their sins and remember them no longer. Father Parker then marrated Its the circumstances under which the miracle as given in the 9th chapter of

brought to Him, and Jesus, seeing his faith, said to him — "Son, have confid-social problem became still more comence, thy sins are forgiven thee." The man who was sick was strong in ent time.

The main who was not worthy that Our Lord that he was not worthy that Our Lord should work a miracle in his favor. The sick man sought an earthly favor, that was meant was this-that when the sinner has made his peace with God his sins are hidden by the merits In England the growth of socia

of men. Christ spoke of Himself as the "Son of Man"—as a member of the human race. As long, therefore,

The expression of the doctrine of selfishness as the basis of social life when carried into the political world, found vent in the terrible revolution with which the last century closed. Almost coincident with the practical application of the principles of individualism was the growth of capitalism. The inherent evils of the individual-

istic philosophy were intensified by plicated and still continues to the pres

The speaker then reviewed the con-dition of the workingman during the He traced the revolt against capitalism, referring to the socialistic socibut Christ, seeing his disposition, full of sorrow, and full of a sense of his land. He sketched the life of Karl unworthiness, forgive him his sins and wrought him the temporal benefit and outlined his theory of surplus and outlined his theory of surplus also. Some non-Catholics said that all that was meant was this-that when God his sins are hidden by the merits of Christ, as if our Lord could not see has been very rapid during the past

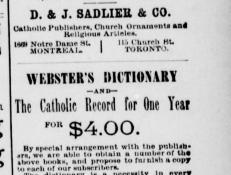
long time, suffered from the most excruciating pains of rheumatism, was cured, eight years ago, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, having never felt a twinge of it since
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