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Dear Hands.

BY SUSAN MARE SPALDING.

Roughened and worn with ceaseless toil and
care,
No perfumed grace, no dainty skill, had
these;
They earned for whiter hands a jeweled
case.
And kept the scars unlovely for their share.
Patient and slow, they had learned to bear
The whole world's burdens, but no power
to seize
The flying joys of life, the gifts that please,
The gold and gems that others find so fair.
Dear hands, where bridal jewels never
shone,
Whereon no lover's kiss was ever pressed,
Crossed in unworldly quiet on the breast,
I see, through tears, your glory newly won,
The golden circle of life's work well done,
Set with the shining pearl of perfect rest.
—Atlantic Monthly.

RENEGADE CATHOLICS.

Why They Abandon the Faith for Transitory Honor.

One of the strange things of the present age is the tendency of Catholic public men to become indifferent to their religion. In Europe, the Gambettas and the Berts and the Baras and the Garibaldis and the Cavours were at one time Catholics. They listened to the instructions of the Church, and were taught that she is the one and only true Church; that there can be no other; and that they believed during the years before their rise to the position of recognized public men. But as they grew to prominence, and were passing through the preparatory school of what is now called statesmanship, they gradually yielded up their faith, forgot or ignored their early instructions and became enemies of the Church. These men seem to be one of the strange things of the present age. It is necessary, in order to become a popular favorite, a prominent public man, a "statesman," that a Catholic shall abandon his religion and turn his back on the Church of his fathers, and of his own early years? Is it necessary, even, that he shall become an avowed enemy of the Church? We admit that there are influences in this country which operate on Catholics who seek popularity or public office to become negligent, or indifferent, and even to desert the Church. The total indifference of most Protestant politicians to the distinctions between churches enables them to make canvasses and "run campaigns" without falling foul of any of the difficulties that arise in the path of the man who has, and is known to have, fixed and clear religious principles. The candidate for office, or the seeker after political prominence who is less religious, so long as he is not openly irreligious, is likely to be most successful. Even the Protestant, who is a strict and steadfast adherent of the creed and practices of his denomination, is to some extent handicapped in a race against a man who is known to have no creed attachments and hails from no particular church. But comparatively few of those whom the Protestant church goes people would call "good" church members seek public office, or ambition public prominence. They seem to have come to the belief that politics and religion are in nature opposed to each other, and so the political Protestants are, generally speaking, men who care little or nothing for the differences between church creeds, though they are still, in their prejudices, clearly pronounced Protestants. But such Protestants are the very worst kind of Protestants for Catholics to associate with. Their easy indifference to the requirements of creeds enables them to move about among men of all denominations and to be "hail fellow well met" with all of them. To allude to religion among such men would be, if not to offend them, to make them feel uncomfortable, and to lessen the welcome at the next meeting. They may allude to religion, and they do, very frequently, but all their allusions, and all the comments are of a kind that Catholics either cannot join in at all, or if they do, must join in such a manner as not to offend the "good fellow" who must not be offended.

Now, Catholics in this country have as much right to be politicians and prominent men as any other people, and it must be conceded—not at all to their discredit—that they are not better public prominence as any other of our citizens. But their right to be politicians, and their fondness for public prominence and public office necessarily bring them into intimate connection and association with the kind of non-Catholic politicians and public men we have above referred to. As we have said, to allude to religion—except, perhaps, to sneer at it in the society of these men—would do "it" might, possibly, make one look narrow-minded, illiberal, unfit for this post or that—it might, in fact, ruin one's political prospects. And thus it will be easily seen, the Catholic politician or public man—the holder of, or the seeker after, public office—is subjected to the influences that are constantly operating in this country to induce him to become negligent or indifferent to his faith—even to abandon it altogether.

But we have failed to find the Catholic that could keep his conscience in any kind of peace who abandoned his faith—or, even, become a "liberal" Catholic—for such reasons. We have heard men say—and Catholics, too, may God enlighten them—that a man can change from being a Catholic to being a Protestant, and yet be conscientious. We say no; no man can ever do this, no change. No man ever abandoned the Catholic Church from motives of conscience. This may appear to non-Catholics a bold statement, but we make it with the greatest confidence. The man who has been reared and instructed in the Catholic Church until manhood, and then abandons it, does so from motives unworthy of respect;—nay, from the motives of a moral coward, a moral poltroon, worthy of nothing but contempt. They may have done as bad acts as Julian the Apostate, and they will be judged as severely (if not more severely) for them; but they never openly recognized the equality, much less the superiority of another church. The men in this

country who abandon the Catholic Church and openly enter another are worse than the Gambettas, and should stand lower in the esteem of Catholics.

In the ages of faith, when men were willing to lay down their lives for the Church; when men did lay down their lives for her, fighting against Mohammedanism, the renegade was the object not only of the hatred but of the contempt of Christians. The man who deserted from the Christian ranks to those of the Mussulmans was not only looked upon as one who renounced the faith of his fathers, but also as one who deserted because of rewards or benefits offered him by the enemy of the Cross. Renegades of the present age, who desert the Church for Protestantism, are renegades still, and are unworthy of anything but contempt. They do not, as the old renegades did, go over to the Turkish enemy on promises of Turkish gold, but they go over to the Church's Protestant enemy in search of rank and name and wealth. Such men worthy of respect!

Every man should be estimated for his individual worth. The moral coward is worth nothing but contempt. And the man who has lived until manhood in the faith of the Catholic Church, and then deserts her and becomes a Protestant, is the most contemptible kind of moral coward.—Catholic Chronicle.

A REMINISCENCE OF PAREPA ROSA.

New York World.

The season of music was closing. Standing with praise, Parepa Rosa drew her fur wrap around her shoulders, and, stepping from the private entrance of the "Grand," was about to enter her carriage when "Please, mi ladi," in low, pleading accents, arrested her attention. It was only the shrunken, misshapen form of little Elfin, the Italian street-singer, with his old violin under his arm; but the face upturned in the gas-light, though pale and pinched, was as delicately cut as a cameo, while the eager, wistful light in the great, brilliant eyes, the quiver of entreaty in the soft Italian voice held her for a moment against her escort's endeavor to save the annoyance of hearing a beggar's plea.

"Well!" said the great singer, half impatient, yet full of pity.

"Wouldst mi ladi please?" in sweet, broken English, and the slender, brown hands of the dwarf held up a fragrant white lily, with a crystal drop in its golden heart.

"Do you mean this lovely flower for me?" A passionate gesture was his answer. Taking the flower, Parepa Rosa bent her stately head. "You heard me sing?"

"Mi ladi, I hid under the stair. 'Twas yesterday I heard the voice. Oh, mi ladi, mi ladi, I could die!" The words came brokenly from quivering lips passionately in earnest. The loud voice of the world she had just left had never shown Parepa Rosa the power of her grand voice as she saw it now in those soft, dark eyes flame, and in the shining, broken words, "Mi ladi, O mi ladi, I could die!"

"Child!" and her voice trembled—"meet me here to-morrow at 5." And, holding the lily caressingly to her cheek, she stepped into her carriage and was driven away.

It was Parepa Rosa's last night. In a box near the stage sat little Elfin, like a Graceland. Grandly the clear voice swelled its triumphant chords, and rung amid the arches with unearthly power and sweetness. The slight frame of the boy swayed and shook, and a look so rapt, so intense, came on his face, you knew his very heart was stilled. Then the wondrous voice thrilled softly, like the faint sound of bugles in the early morn; again its sweet voice stole over you like the distant chiming of vesper bells. Encore after encore for the lowed. The curtain rolled up for the last time, and as simply as possible the manager told the audience of last night's incident, and announced that Parepa Rosa's farewell to them would be the simple ballad warbled many a bitter day through the city streets by little Elfin, the Italian musician.

A whisper beside heard that Parepa Rosa meant to educate the boy musically, the generous hearts of a few opened the gates of fortune for little Elfin. To-day he is great and famous, "the boy violinist," and they call him to play before princes.

Parepa Rosa! God called thee in thy perfect womanhood, but thy voice lives in our hearts; and at the last great day it shall be written in shining letters on thy name: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Sick and bilious headache, and all derangements of stomach and bowels, cured by Dr. Pierce's "Pellets"—or antilithic granules, 25 cents a vial. No cheap boxes to allow waste of virtues. By druggists.

SILVER CREEK, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1880.
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W. H. WELLS.
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Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bethwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render his life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.
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CLARA E. PORTER.
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THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

ENGLISH DEMOCRACY.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS MUST GO.
This branch of the legislature is composed of hereditary landowners who collectively own 14,255,527 acres of land, and whose collective incomes are about £19,200,000. They have persistently opposed, so far as they dared, every measure of reform brought forward during the present century, and more especially every measure that has militated against their own class interests. Not only are they Conservative in the real sense of the word, but in the party sense. When a Conservative Ministry is in power they are useless, when a Liberal Ministry is in power they are actively pernicious. Notwithstanding their wealth they are not independent. They are place hunters; they are clamorous for decorations, and they dip heavily into the public exchequer. In pay, pensions, and salaries, they annually divide amongst themselves (including the salaries of the Bishops) £221,336 per annum. It may be an open question whether the system of one or two chambers is the more desirable. No sensible person, however, can advocate a chamber, destined to act with controlling impartiality, composed of enormously wealthy men, draining vast incomes from land, absorbing large amounts of public money in pay and pensions, and perpetually intriguing to secure the triumph of the party to which the great majority of them permanently belong. It is surprising that so astounding a legislative assembly as the House of Lords can have existed so long in a country inhabited by sane human beings, and its existence in any country where the paramount assembly is elected by a numerical majority would be of course well out of the question. "THE FIGURE HEAD" WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW.

The forces of Democracy being thus organized, the traitors having been expelled from the camp, and a legislative assembly having been elected which would be the direct reflex of the national will, we may anticipate that no time will be lost in bringing the country into line with the spirit of the age. What will follow, however, is too wide a subject to enter into in this article, although a few of the political and social problems that are now before which it will devote its energies may be briefly alluded to. It is doubtful whether even amongst Democrats the majority regard the issue between a monarchy and a republic to be within the realm of practical politics. So long as a monarch reigns, but does not rule, the question is an academic one. To demolish the monarchy, and to place the figure-head of the State in a living human being, is a matter of exceedingly small importance in their eyes. Moreover, they recognize that the human figure-head has its advantages in a state such as ours, where the tie that unites the metropolis with its colonies is the slightest. What they object to is the needless and foolish expenditure which is arbitrarily connected with the institution of monarchy in this country. The monarch and the monarch's family now cost about £800,000 per annum; and without any impeachment of the personal respect that is felt for the Queen, this expenditure is regarded not only as excessive, but as one for which there is no more inherent necessity than there would be to encircle the mace with strings of diamonds,—were it, instead of an individual, our figure-head.

WHAT IS COMING INSTEAD.
That Conservatives, that Whigs, that great landowners, and that millionaires should regret the advent of all this is scarcely conceivable. They have drawn a prize in a life's lottery; like Doctor Pangloss, they consider that all is for the best in the best of worlds; they are convinced that legislation by them and for them is in accordance with the fitness of things. It has ever been so. An individual can seldom free himself from the illusion that a system is sound and good for all if it is to their interests, but so serious a mistake is not, there is a wide difference. Democrats are told that they are dreamers. And why? Because they assert if power be placed in the hands of the many, the many will exercise it for their benefit. Is it not a still wilder dream to suppose that the many will in future possess power and use it, not to secure what they consider to be their interests, but to serve the use of others? Did the landowners act thus in England as long as they were the possessors of power? Can any instance be shown in history—except in Rome when votes were bought and when we are seeking in every way to render bribery impossible)—in which a democracy acted with such astounding abnegation? Is it imagined that artisans in our great manufacturing towns are so satisfied with their present position that they will hurry to the polls to register their votes in favor of a system which divides us socially, politically, and economically, into classes, and places them at the bottom, with hardly a possibility of rising? The schoolmaster has been abroad. The artisan no longer is an ignorant, besotted beast of burden, he is a man, he has his head, he has his heart, he has his hands, he has his voice, he has his power, no longer regards his squire and his parson as beneficent beings, whose will is forever to be his law. For the moment, we demand the equalization of the franchise; we regard this as a step on the democratic path, from which there is no turning back. Our next demand will be electoral districts, cheap election, payment of members, and abolition of hereditary legislators. When our demands have been complied with we shall be thankful but we shall not rest. On the contrary, having forged an instrument suitable for democratic legislation, we shall use it.

The Editor of the Grand River Sachem says:—"We are usually sparing in our encomiums toward patent medicines, but observation and enquiry has satisfied us that the preparation of Messrs. T. Milburn & Co., styled 'Burdock Blood Bitters,' as a blood purifying tonic is worthy of the high reputation it has established among the people."

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JOAQUIN MILLER'S OPINION OF CONVENT SCHOOLS.

I want to call the attention of parents to those plain but simple schools of the Loretto Order. I do not know that they are better than all the other schools of the States, but they seem to be much cheaper and simpler, more severe and old-fashioned. Perhaps, I should say, that I like them better. And I think many a poor man, like myself, who cannot afford high-priced schools, will thank me for the bit of information I can crowd in this paragraph.

Four years ago I took a little girl of mine from Oregon, and put her in the Loretto Convent School at Guelph, Ontario. She was a wayward little thing, quite without culture, discipline, or any idea of obedience; then she was all shaken up with the age; and the long journey made her quite ill, too. But the place is so high and dry, and entirely healthy that the child soon became strong and healthy and happy. In the whole four years I have not paid over \$10 of doctor's bills. And this girl who so liked the freedom of the hills and was so lawless, soon became one of the most patient, industrious and well-disciplined children in the world. All by kindness too; not one hard word was ever spoken to her, as far as I know. And she came back to her mother a different person from the first. In love with these gentle teachers all the more from the Mother Superior down. As to the dread some Protestants have of their children becoming Catholics, I can only give my experience here for the information and guidance of others. I am not myself a Catholic, nor do I profess any particular creed; although I think I see some good in all. But holding with that eminent Englishman—that "the most religious animal"—and knowing in my own heart that religion is as strong an element for good as is necessary to the perfection of a soul as is the element of love, I desired that my daughter should be religious. And I desired, too, that, after some years of reflection, she should choose her own religion. After a year or so of observation and reflection she chose to be a Catholic. But so far from her being persuaded or influenced to this, she was put on a probation. And even then I had to give my written permission before she could be accepted. Pardon this detail, but it is important for all to know these facts.

And now I come to the practical part and the purpose of this item—the cost. Briefly then, in round numbers, it is \$100 a year for board and tuition! This nominal sum seems startling. And it is because it is so cheap, so good and perfect in all respects, that I publish it to the world. You see these gentle Sisters seek no commercial advantage or profit at all. They only want to make excellent use of as they pay out nothing to speak of for rent or for clothes, and dress plain, live plain and simple, their expenses are very light, indeed; and so it is that they can afford to take a girl and keep her at school for \$50 the half year.

Of course there are other incidental expenses, such as washing and so on. And then a young lady, as she advances in years and culture, will require higher instructions in music and the like than is given in the general course. So that the bill can be easily swelled to \$200 a year, but not well above that.

How an Act of Kindness was Remembered.

John Winslow, of Boston, was fond of telling the following incident of his mercantile life:

During the financial crisis and crash of 1857, when solid men were sinking all around us, and banks were tottering, our house became alarmed in view of the condition of its own affairs. The partners—three of us, of whom I was the senior—met in our private office for consultation. Our junior had made a creditable inventory of everything—of bills receivable and bills payable, and his report was, that \$20,000 of ready money, to be held through the pressure, would save us. Without that, we must go by the board,—the result was inevitable. I went out upon the streets, and among my friends, but in vain. Two whole days I strolled, and begged, and then returned to the counting house in despair. I sat at my desk, expecting every moment to hear our junior sounding the terrible words, "Our paper is protested!"—when a gentleman entered my apartment unannounced.

"Mr. Winslow," he said, taking a seat at the end of my desk, "I hear you are in need of money."

The very face of the man inspired me with confidence, and I told him how I was situated.

"Make your individual note for one year, without interest, for \$20,000, and I will give you a check, payable in gold, for that amount."

While I sat gazing upon him in speechless astonishment, he continued: "You do not remember me, but I remember you. I remember when you were a member of the school committee of Bradford. I was a boy in the village school. My father was dead; my mother was poor; and I was but a shabbily-clad child, though clean. When our class came out on examination day, you asked the questions. I fancied you would praise and pet the children of rich and fortunate parents, and pass me by. But it was not as I thought. In the end you passed all the others and came to me. You laid your hand on my head, and told me I did very well, and remarked, 'I could do better still if I would try.' You said the way to honor and renown was open to all alike; no one had a free pass; all I had to do was to be resolute and push my life. From that hour my soul was inspired, and I have never reached a great good without blessing you in my heart. I have prospered, and am wealthy; and now I offer you but a poor return for what you gave me in that by-gone time."

"I took the check," said Mr. Winslow, "and our house was saved. And where, at the end of the year," he added, "do you suppose I found my note? In possession of my little orphaned granddaughter! Oh, hearts like that man's bring earth and heaven nearer together!"

The Bravery of the Catholic Church.

After an individual has wandered for years in the wilderness of Protestantism and unrest and at last finds a sweet, restful home in Catholicity, his attention is attracted at once to certain salient points, certain prominent characteristics of the Catholic Church. Amongst the first of these is her heroism. As a recent convert, please allow me to ask you to look for a moment at this conspicuous quality which makes her the wonder of men and of angels as a positive, aggressive, missionary power. Behold her method and its divine philosophy. By her authority she secures obedience; by her authority she secures strength and harmony; and by her heroism she secures invincibility. Authority, obedience, unity, strength, harmony, heroism and invincibility,—the seven strands of her mighty cord with which she binds the world to the throne of God and lifts it aloft to the skies.

She is brave enough to carry the gospel to the poor. She fulfills the sweet words of Jesus to John in prison: "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." No curling of the lip of scorn, nor scanning of dresses, nor looking for the man with the gold ring on his finger, when the poor in this world's goods approach her sacred altars. Thank heaven, the sunbonnet is welcome in her temples as the latest *coiffure* of fashion. At her holy communion rail, we see meekly kneeling side by side the deacons of the garret and cellar along with the lords and ladies of the palace, realizing the old-time prediction of the prophet-king: "The rich and the poor meet together, for the Lord is the maker of them all." The little orphans are her peculiar treasure.

She tenderly takes the place of father and mother, hangs up the little one's stockings at the glad Christmas time, and fills them for the parents of these precious darlings have gone away to "the everlasting holidays on high;" but God, in the plenitude of His mercy, has loaded His Church with heavenly charity, to supply their wants and meet their necessities. The truth of the old saying that "the adoption of an orphan brings good luck," she has verified thousands and thousands of times. In her way of thinking,

"This better in its place the loveliest song
Should sing aright to God the loveliest
That that a scrap strayed should take the
And sing his glory wrong."

Oh, it seems to me that her disinterested love of her poor should endear her forever to all noble, philanthropic hearts: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren," says the Saviour, "ye have done it unto me."—Church Progress.

The Danger of Irreverence.

Unbelief comes oftener from irreverent association than intellectual doubt. The sneer of a Voltaire has killed more than all his arguments. A jesting tone of talk on religious truths, is to take the name of God in vain, as truly as the vulgar oath; and when I hear him who calls himself a Christian, or a gentleman, indulging in a burlesque of this sort, I at once recognize some moral defect in him. Intellect, without reverence, is the head of a man joined to a beast. There are many who think it a proof of wit; but it is the cheapest sort of wit, and shows as much lack of brains as of moral feeling. I would say with emphasis to each Christian who hears me, never indulge that habit, never allow sacred things to be jested at without rebuke; but keep them as you would the miniature of your mother for no vulgar hands to touch. There is an anecdote of Boyle that he never pronounced the name of God without an audible pause; and whatever you think, I recognize in it the reverence of a wise heart. We need this reverence in the air of our social life, and its neglect will pale our piety.

A Lesson For Girls.

Girls who aspire to and cultivate side-walk flirtations with "mashers" they know little or nothing about, can learn a valuable lesson from a divorce suit now pending in a district court, that of Annie L. Savage versus William Savage.

Six or seven years ago Annie was a gay, handsome, coquettish, ripe little girl of sweet sixteen, the daughter of a prominent merchant of Detroit, named Manning. She was giddy enough to engage in a street flirtation with a fellow who gave his name as Wm. Savage, and he stuffed her so full of nonsense about his wealth, position, and so forth, that she agreed to an elopement and they were married. In three days he was in jail for burglary, for he was a professional burglar, thief and—murderer, if the occasion called for murder.

He became acquainted with the penitentiaries of Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and so forth; and her married life had been a round of misery, particularly when he was at liberty and in a position to make her heart and pocket book bleed.

Had Annie Manning taken her mother's advice, she would be the mistress of a happy home, or she might be happy beside her father's stove, helping her mother run the house.

Advice to a Boy.

Get away from the crowd a little while every day, my dear boy. Stand one side and let the world run by while you get acquainted with yourself; and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man people say you are; find out if you are always honest; if you always tell the square perfect truth in business deals; if your life is as good and upright at eleven o'clock at night as it is at noon; if you are as sound a temperance man as a fishing excursion as you are at a Sunday school picnic; if you are as good a boy when you go to Chicago as you are at home; if, in short, you really are the sort of young man your father hopes you are, your mother says you are, and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself my boy, and believe me, every time you come out from one of these private interviews you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this, Telamachus, and it will do you good.—Burlington Hawkeye.

HALF HOURS WITH THE SAINTS

Saint Mathias.

THE WILL OF GOD.—When the arch-traitor Judas had put an end to his days by self-inflicted death, and while the apostles were awaiting the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, they bethought themselves of replacing him who had accounted himself unworthy to live, to the end that the mysterious and hallowed number established by the Saviour might remain undiminished. But might they arrogate to themselves the right of making an apostle? They could not bring themselves to think so, and hence reserved to God this high prerogative. They selected, then, from among the disciples the two most worthy, and, after having besought the Lord to mark out His own choice, they drew lots: the lot fell upon Mathias, who thereupon took the rank of apostle. St. Mathias is believed to have preached the faith in Palestine and Ethiopia. According to the unvarying traditions of the Church, his apostolic career was crowned by martyrdom. The Greek Church holds his festival on the 9th of August, and the Latin Church on the 24th of February.

MORAL REFLECTION.—From this example let us learn to consult God in all our undertakings. Our own will may lead astray and deceive us; but God will give us this light if we utter, with a perfect heart, "Our Father, who art in Heaven. . . . may Thy will be done."—(Matt. vi. 9.)

Saint Tarasius.

SIMPLICITY AND FRANKNESS.—St. Tarasius, elected patriarch of Constantinople towards the middle of the eighth century, succeeded in establishing among his clergy a simplicity of manners and life whereof he himself, brought up though he was in the lap of affluence, and accustomed to the pomp of worldly dignities, afforded the true example. Not content with banishing luxurious living, he shared in his own person the humblest functions of the sacred ministry. He restored the purity of the faith and the practices of the Church in all that regards the veneration paid to the images of saints, which had been so grievously changed, in consequence of the iconoclastic heresy. Such an undertaking, never before carried out, would of itself have immortalized him; but this was one of the least difficulties which he had to encounter. The Emperor Constantine V. raised up a thousand obstacles in his path; and, after having repudiated his legitimate wife, the Empress Maria, in order to espouse a concubine, indulged in the most violent persecution of Tarasius. The latter, without ever failing in respect to the emperor, was not wanting in firmness towards a Christian thus forgetful of his duties. Tarasius died in 806, after a protracted and arduous ministry.

MORAL REFLECTION.—The highest praise which Scripture pronounces on the holy man Job, is comprised in these words:—"He was simple and upright."—(Job. i. 1.)

Saint Porphyrius.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY PLACES.—St. Porphyrius, born at Thessalonica, of an opulent family, quitted his own land at the age of twenty-five, in order to retire to the monastery of Scete, in Egypt, where he passed the five succeeding years in pious practices and the discipline of a monastic life. He then went to visit the holy places in Palestine, and fixed his abode in a cavern on the borders of the Jordan, so as never more to separate himself from a land which our Lord had hallowed by His presence. His austerities weakened him to such a degree, that it was necessary to lend him a helping hand to enable him to walk; but he failed to slacken his earnestness in continuing his pious pilgrimages. He was supported to Jerusalem, where God miraculously cured him in a vision on the very mount of Calvary. The patriarchs, edified by his piety and great learning, made him bishop of Gaza, a town then filled with unbelievers. The ministry of the holy bishop was not barren, for, at the time of his death, which happened in 420, Gaza was almost populated by Christians.

MORAL REFLECTION.—The soul dilates and piety expands on contact with places especially sanctified: God there confers more abundant graces, as seeming to say, even as He did of the Temple of Jerusalem: "I have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice."—(2 Paral. vii. 12.)

A Clever Shot.

Ingersoll!—At the advent of Christianity, in all pagan countries, women officiated at the sacred altar.

Comment—Yes, Strabo relates that there was a temple of Venus at Corinth so rich that it maintained above a thousand harlots, sacred to her service. That is the way they "officiated." It was high time for the advent of Christianity.

Ingersoll!—They guarded the eternal fire.

Comment—And they will probably continue to do so.—Father Lambert's "Notes on Ingersoll."

Wickedness cannot find a resting place in the heart that is filled with love for little children.

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