

The Poets of Sottishness.

May God forgive the poets who have sung
Those pleasant songs in every human tongue
Which have, alas! too bright a halo flung
Around "the drink" of every taste and hue.

The English Pilgrims Startle the Italians.

A writer in one of our dailies last Sunday
contended that the Temporal Power
would soon be made the subject of an
infallible pronouncement by the present
Pope; and headed his article, "A New
Dogma." The Temporal Power is not a
theory of Catholic faith; but it is a condition
of normal Catholic life.

The other day the English pilgrims,
under the leadership of the Duke of Norfolk,
visited St. Peter's and read an address
to the Pope. In this address they denounced
the spoliation of the Papacy by the Italian
government and expressed the hope that the
new century would witness the restoration of
the temporal power.

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who hold them to their principles. They
dread the English and Americans because
these people understand what religious
liberty means. These gave the Church
freedom in their own territory and they
find it difficult to understand why the
Church is not likewise free in countries
professedly Catholic.

Dickensiana.

Thackeray offered his services to
Dickens as an illustrator, but his drawings
were rejected. If this be true, we cannot
be too grateful to Dickens, for had
Thackeray been retained as an illustrator
he might never have become an author.

It is astonishing what a human interest
the reading public takes in an author's
heroes and heroines. Mr. Snowden Ward
declares when Dickens was writing "The
Old Curiosity Shop," he was overwhelmed
with letters from the most distinguished
men and women begging him not to kill
little Nell.

The old Peggotty house in Yarmouth, in
which some of the most pathetic passages
of Dickens' celebrated novel "David Copperfield,"
took place, has been sold at
auction for £460.

Few of the public have any idea of the
sums paid by photographers for "sole
selling rights." Dickens is credited with
having been the first notability to exact
a fee for the privilege of taking his portrait.
A photographer kept bothering him for
sittings and Dickens asked and obtained
\$250. On learning of Dickens' triumph
Fanny Kemble refused to sit for less than
\$250, and then Ada Cavendish demanded
and received \$1,500.

Charles Dickens was one of the novelists
who seemed to live with his characters.
When he felt the necessity of accepting
the tragic ending to his story, "The Old
Curiosity Shop," he wrote to his friend,
Mr. Foster, as follows: "You can't imagine
how exhausted I am with yesterday's
labour's. All night I have been possessed
with the child ('Little Nell'), and this
morning I am unrefreshed and miserable.
I don't know what to do with myself.
The difficulty has been tremendous, the anguish
unspeakable."

An amusing instance of anticipation of
the penetrating character of the so-called
X-rays has been discovered in a most
unlikely place—i. e., in Dickens' "Christmas
Carol." It will be remembered that when
the miser Scrooge sees the ghost of his
former partner, Marley, entering the room,
Marley's body appears to be transparent,
so that Scrooge can see clear through him
and discern the two buttons on the back
of his coat. It may be presumed (says the
"Electrical Review") that Marley wore the
old-time blue coat with brass buttons, and
that flesh and blood became transparent
when metal buttons would not. It is now
in order for the Society of Psychological
Research to try the X-rays for the detection
of ghosts, but if they are successful they
must give the credit to Dickens.—Compiled
for Literary Life.

Portland's New Bishop.

At the last meeting of the Congregation
of the Propaganda, the Rev. Father M. C.
O'Brien was appointed Bishop of Portland,
Me.

Father O'Brien was born in County
Kerry, near Killarney, Ireland, Oct. 20,
1842. He finished his earlier classical
studies in Ireland, and in 1860 came to this
country, landing in New York. The following
spring he entered St. Charles' College
in Maryland, and remained there until
September, 1861, when he entered St.
Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

He was ordained in September of 1865,
at the Cathedral in Portland, Me., during
the term of Bishop Bacon, although he
was fourteen months under the canonical
age. The ceremony was possible only by
special dispensation.

He labored in different parts of the

Helpless as a Baby.—South American
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ailment and strikes it quick. W. R.
Wright, 10 Daniel street, Brockville, Ont.,
for twelve years a great sufferer from
rheumatism, couldn't wash himself, feed
himself or dress himself. After using six
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diocese and for a while was with the Indian
tribes at Oldtown, where he mastered their
dialect and made the researches into the
Indian tongue which have made him
famous among philologists everywhere.
He was unusually successful there. He
went to St. Mary's in Bangor in 1880. In
the following ten years he relieved that
church of a great debt and built a parochial
school.

He was appointed to Bangor more than
twenty years ago, and is now permanent
rector of St. Mary's parish of that city
and vicar-general of the Maine diocese.

Father O'Brien is a man of great ability,
and is renowned for his scholarly attainments.
He speaks seven languages fluently,
and is a master of English.

In September, 1890, Father O'Brien
celebrated the silver jubilee of his priest-
hood. In 1893 Bishop Healy appointed
him vicar-general of the diocese, as a suc-
cessor to Father John W. Murphy. Father
O'Brien is very popular among Catholics
and non-Catholics alike.

It is now proposed, if possible, to have
the Bishop's seat of the Maine diocese
removed from Portland to Bangor. Numerous
petitions to that effect have been
sent to the Congregation of the Propaganda
at Rome, and it is hoped that a favorable
verdict will be received. It is argued that
Portland is not in the centre of the diocese,
but that only one or two parishes are
located west of that city. The petition in
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Sailors at Rome.

The navy department has received a
report of a trip taken by Ensign Edward
McCauley, Jr., attached to the United
States steamship Dixie, together with five
warrant officers and 101 petty officers and
men of that vessel, from Naples to Rome,
early in December when the Dixie was
cruising down the Mediterranean.

The party was formed and conducted as
a pilgrimage to the city of Rome during
this, the jubilee year, and as such the men
were housed and cared for most hospitably.
The party was controlled as a military
formation, and carried the national flag at
the head of the column, which latter, says
Ensign McCauley, elicited considerable
enthusiasm and show of patriotism on the
part of resident and tourist Americans.

The party was given free access to many
famous places in Rome to which entrance
is, as a rule, prohibited. The appearance
and behaviour of the men while on their
tour through the city are described as ex-
emplary in every way. The American
rector, Monsignor Schmitz, was untiring
in his efforts to place all possible privileges
in the way of the visitors. As a fitting
climax to their stay in the city, the men
obtained an audience with the Pope.

Lord Erskine's Happy Retort.

In the course of an argument before an
English judge, Mr. Erskine (as he was
then) had occasion to use the word
"curator," which he pronounced in the
Scottish fashion "c'urator," accenting the
first syllable. Whereupon the judge, in
his ponderous and patronising English
way, interrupted the young barrister and
observed: "Let me call the attention of
counsel to the fact that the word which has
just been pronounced 'c'urator' should
properly be called 'cur'ator, thereby fol-
lowing the usage of the Latin language, in
which a long penultimate syllable receives
an accent." Quick as a flash Erskine
bowed low and replied with the blandest
possible manner: "I am profoundly
grateful for any correction at the hands of
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a 'senator' as your lordship." A neater
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