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Let This Cup Pass.

So many times, dear Lord, I've come to thee Praying for this or that—help, sympathy, Courage or strength to bear that which must Now, O my God, let this cup pass from me? Have I not borne enough of sorrow yet?
Have I not walked with bleeding feet o'er wet
Hard roads? Have I not strained my nerve
and set
My muscles firm to crush the pains I've met?

O gracious God! have I not tried for years To keep my bitter troubles and my tears Just to myself, nor show the World my fears?— The laughing:World, that looks on wee and sneers.

Let this cup pass; I cannot drink its gall! Nay, wouldst thou leave me destitute of all— Take the last precious love I have? I fall Prostrate before thee, and for mercy call.

Yea, God, I've earned the right to call on By what I've suffered! Let not this thing Beat Death away, that her he may not see! Let, oh, I pray thee, this cup pass from me JAMES BERRY BENSEL.

CONFIRMATION AT INGERSOLL.

On Sunday last His Lordship Bishop Walsh administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to about sixty children, in the town of Ingersoll. At the High Mass, which was sung by Father Tiernan, of London, His Lordship delivered a very eloquent and impressive sermon; he spoke of the great compassion of our Divine Saviour for poor suffering humanity, as Saviour for poor suffering humanity, as was instanced in the miracle related in that day's Gospel, where our Blessed Redeemer comforted and brought joy to the heart-broken widow of Naim, by restoring her dead and only son to life. His Lordship exhorted his hearers to strive earnestly to gain eternal life for their immortal souls, and this they could do by faithfully corresponding with the graces God gave them, and by making use of the salutary means which Christ has left at their disposal, viz: constant and fervent prayer and frequentation of the holy Sacraments.

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CATHOLIC PRESS.

Boston Pilot.

The accursed spirit of sectarian strife has been finally killed in Ireland, after centuries of evil-doing. To-day the Orangeman and his Catholic neighbor have one common-sense purpose; they no longer quarrel with each other, because their requarrel with each other, because their remote ancestors were silly enough to fight for a dastardly Stuart or an usurping Nassau 200 years ago. It has taken time, but prudence and patriotism have at length overcome bigotry and folly. Now mark how the old policy of sowing discord is being employed in Scotland, the moment that Scotchmen begin to demand their rights. The cable tells us that a great riot occurred on August 29th, begreat riot occurred on August 29th, be tween Orangemen and Catholics, at Coat-bridge, Scotland. But what have Orangemen and Catholics to fight about in Scotmen and Catholics to ngnt about in Scot-land? asks the amazed reader. As much as they have had in Ireland, and that is just nothing. But the landlords, the rulers, the local holders of power and privilege have much to gain by disseminating discord amongst the people; and so long as Catholics and Orangemen allow themselves to be made parties to idiotic quarrels, in Scotland, or Ireland, or else-where, so long shall the privileged classes where, so long shall the privileged classes be able to ignore the real interests of the peasants. How long shall it be? Are the Catholics and Protestants of Scotland to be duped by their common enemy, as those of Ireland have been for ages? Now that Irish Orangemen no longer wear the false glasses of bigotry, but stoutly demand their material rights, Irish land lords have begun to evict Orangemen, and such a piece of news as the following is cabled across the ocean as a matter of

London, Aug. 20.—Three policemen have been shot during the eviction of an have been shot during the eviction of an Orangeman from his tenancy in County Down, Ireland. The shooting occurred at Bambridge. The man who was evicted is named Denis Redshawe. He has been arrested on the charge of having shot the policemen. While the evictors were advancing toward Redshawe's house a volley was fired at them. The head-constable was wounded in the abdomen and a policeman in the knee. Both men are in a dangerous condition. dangerous condition.

Scotch Orangemen will be treated with as scant ceremony the moment the land-lords find them of no further use as ele-

Freeman's Journal.

Freeman's Journal.

The newspapers are filled with accounts of suicides. Men, women, even children, are rushing into eternity. The mania is in the air, certain "scientists" say, in their eagerness to find a cause in the material world for every effect. There are many things in the air not analyzed by modern "scientists." Space is full of beings not material, but of these the "scientists" take no account. These have power; in this sense the air is full of malignant influences which are weak before the sign of the Cross or the blessings of the Church. In the columns of suicides given in the newspapers, there are very few attributable to members of the Catholic Church. Occasionally, a Catholic loses his reason. Occasionally, he denies the Church and rushes into hell. He gives himself over to the devil. But how unusual is this! The belief in eternal punishment by non-Catholics has come to be looked on as a dreadful story made to frighten ignorant cople in the Middle Ages. The sign of the Cross is, with most of them, no longer a symbol of any definite thing. As the non-Catholic world is to-day, without fear of God's justice, with but little belief in the supernatural, it is amazing that the spirits of evil do not rush with a greater number of human beings into the abyss of despair. Take away the belief of a life to come, the hope of a blessed immortality, and the fear of a misery that shall have no end hope of a blessed immortality, and the fear of a misery that shall have no end forever,—and the inducements to suicide forever,—and the inducements to suicide do fearfully multiply. Distress of ex-ternal circumstances, disappointments, shame for ignominy incurred, the cruelty of others, are evil promptings, but not the only ones. In the last two years, how many, not suffering physical torments, and with every means money could give, and the kind of friends money attracts,—cloyed with a satiety that is worse than physical want or pain,—"with pleasure drugged," and as if "for change of scene," have rushed unbidden to eternal woe!

Redpath's Weekly. There is nothing that angers the par-tisans of England more than for Ameri-cans to learn the truth—and to tell the truth—about British misrule in Ireland. Every one who does so is "spotted" by the Irish detectives wherever he goes. It is one of the most encouraging signs of the times that every reputable American journalist, who has recently visited Ire-land, although prejudiced before going faithfully corresponding with the graces God gave them, and by making use of the salutary means which Christ has left at their disposal, viz: constant and fervent prayer and frequentation of the holy Sacraments.

In the evening, at vespers, Father Tiernan delivered a discourse on the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, and on the love and respect which should be shown to this Most Holy Sacrament.

Father Boubat, the worthy pastor of Ingersoll, is deserving all praise for the very beautiful church he has erected in the town. It is one of the most devotional churches we have as yet seen in the diocese.

The singing both at High Mass and Vespers was very good. Miss Keating, of Ingersoll, presided at the organ, and the singing of each member of the choir was exceptionally good. nounce our citizens; but for an American to presume to criticise English misrule in Ireland, is regarded as an international offense! As long as Mr. Haydon does not urge violence, we hope he will speak as often as he is invited to do so, and tell the truth about Irish landlordism as seen

When England was detected smuggling the off-scourings of her workhouses into this country, she was promptly checked by the American Government. At the present moment another of her ships stands in moral quarantine in Australian waters with an obscene cargo of informers on board. Thus moralizes United Ireland on the situation: "If the Yankees or the colonists were only naked niggers, armed with spears, it would be easy to dispose of their scruples about admitting English exports. The trade in inconvenient paupers would be pushed like the rum and opium trades, if Uncle Sam were not a more 'awkward man in a row' than poor Quashiboo or Ah Sin. John Bull's arm has lost its pith, or he would not so tamely see his rotten goods returned on his hands like her bear and the presence in national life with such a comby American eyes. see his rotten goods returned on his hands like bad ha'pence. Emptying out Eng-lish teaships in Bos on harbor was surely no worse offence than seizing the pauper cargoes, labelling them in sight of the world, and dispatching them back to the English manufacturer amidst the grins and jibes of all nations. Yet we hear of no haughty protests from the convicted smugglers. And now a beggarly colony of theyes dares to sneeze at a British present of our worthiest citizens, the props and pillars of our rule in Ireland. And again John Bull meekly pockets the re-buff, and moves on with his menagerie from Green street, amidst the offensive remarks of a giggling world, that loves not godly John."

Ave Maria.

The following interesting account of the Catholic Indians of White Earth Reservation, Minn., is from the pen of the Rt. Rev. Abbott Alexius Edelbrock, O. S. B.: "The Indians are proud of their church, which they call in their language their 'citadel.' Amongst all the neighboring settlements there is at present a strong feeling towards the Church. The Episco-palians have not over 30 families in this o-called Protestant Reservation, and it so-caned Protestant Reservation, and it looks as though the day were not far distant when even these few will 'go over to Rome.' This can be clearly seen from the fact that Wababanoquat, the head chief of the Reservation, who is yet an Episco-

palian, not long ago assembled all his peo-ple and said to them: 'Do not be sur-prised at what I am going to tell you. I have decided to abandon the Episcopal Church and join the Catholic Church. I Church and join the Catholic Church. I have this long time past considered this step carefully, and I am convinced that the Catholic Church is the only true Church, the only one founded by God. In this Church peace and harmony flourish, in the Episcopal Church they are wanting. My people and my friends, I advise you to follow me into this Church.' From what has been said it is easy to see how to follow me into this Church.' From what has been said it is easy to see how things stand here. I am very much rejoiced at all that I hear and see, and I am firmly convinced that God, who has so evidently blessed our labors in the past, will also crown them with blessings in the future."

Antigonish Aurora. A Rev. Mr. Lane of the Methodist per-A Rev. Mr. Lane of the Methodist persuasion has created quite a splore in the good city of Halifax by a sermon which he preached on a recent occasion. He speaks of Halifax as a sink of utter, unredeemed villainy and profligacy. In this plainness of speech, he shelters himself behind the example of John the Baptist. We scarcely think that this is fair to the holy Baptist. There is a slight difference. holy Baptist. There is a slight difference in the circumstances of the times, and in the credentials of the evangelists. The the credentials of the evangelists. The Baptist was a very rare style of man. His very birth was preceded and accompanied by wonders. He broke his long fasts on a dish of locusts and wild honey. His shaggy coat and cord were better suited for the desert than for our modern cities. His mission was extraordinary and exceptional. And yet this martyr of chastity did not forget the gentleman in the preacher. And now glance at our modern aser. And now glance at our modern as-pirant to fame and distinction. He gets up of a Sunday morning, and a gentle, soft-voiced woman—the wife of his bosom superintends the work of fixing him up for the occasion. She combs his hair, parts it in the middle, and spairges it down with brush and aromatic dews. He arrays himself in fine linen, faultless broad-cloth, and pramella boots. No haircloth, no moccasins here. He fortifies his inner man with a tender mutton chop, peas and beans, and a slight decoction of brandy and water. He mounts the pulpit, groans over the degeneracy of the times, deals out promiscuous damnation, dubs the good promiscatous damnation, dutos the good people of Halifax as steeped through and through in profligacy. And all the while he imagines that he is a second and im proved edition of John the Baptist! Upon our word the very thought is diverting, and reminds us of the words of Burns concerning another rigidly righteous coof:-

Davie Bluster, Davie Bluster,
For a saunt if ye muster,
The corps is no nice of recruits;
Yet to worth let's be just,
Royal blood ye might boast,
If the ass were the king of the brutes.

With the exception of an expression or wo, to one of which we call attention in the text, we have no special fault to find with the following paragraph taken from the Churchman, an Episcopalian paper published in New York: "Cardinal Manning, while in the Church of England, ranked as one of its most logical theologians. In the Roman (sic) Church again and again he stood up for unpopular truth, and has won victories for it against decid-Once more he h this in the July Contemporary Review in an article in defence of the proposition that the social and civil commonwealth of mankind had its origin, and still has its perpetuity in God, and in obedience to Him springing from that knowledge.' In defence of this proposition his early power flories that the strength of the strength presence in national life with such a comprehensive conviction of the importance of the fact that his words have exerted a profound influence. It is not often, since he left the Anglican Church, that he has so voiced the thought of Christian people

How a Great and Good Man was Converted.

Joseph Cox Algar, M. A., of Oxford, gentleman of great learning, became a Catholic through the instrumentality of two little children. He was out walking two little children. He was out walking one day, when he overtook two children on the road. Entering into conversation with them, he discovered they were Catholics, and their sweetly innocent arguments led him to the bosom of our great mother. He joined Cardinal Newman's party, became a Catholic, and from that day devoted all his studies and manifold accomplishments to the grand cause of accomplishments to the grand cause of Catholic truth. He died a holy death on

MONSIGNOR CAPEL.

Sermon on the Priesthood.

Monsignor Capel preached last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, N. J. The little building, which will not seat more than five hundred people, was crowded before the bell in the modest steeple clanged the summons to the afternoon devotions. the bell in the modest steeple clanged the summons to the afternoon devotions. The day was a marked one for the parish, not only because the Monsignor was to preach, but also because it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of its pastor, Father Pattle. Every effort had been made to beautify the building in honor of the day. Here and there among the candles on the altar gleamed the red and white flowers. The choir of eight young girls sang very well. young girls sang very well.

THE TONE OF THE DISCOURSE.

The discourse of Mgr. Capel was almost purely doctrinal, yet was of unflagging interest. He did not address himself wholly to the members of the house. terest. He did not address himself whonly to the members of the church, though running like a thread through all his argument was a constant and implied reminder of the pastor's anniversary.

HIS MANNER AS A SPEAKER.

It was in the skilful adjustment of his hearers' mental attitude towards his argument that Mgr. Capel indicated the secret of his power. He did not treat his audiment that Mgr. Capel indicated the secret of his power. He did not treat his audience as controversial antagonists, but assumed that they wished to know the truth, that he was possessed of the truth, and that to their patient attention he would present that truth. Clad in a purple vestment, the first impression he gave was that of manly enthusiasm. His strong face, rounded in outline, but with projecting chin, mouth mobile, but firm, and square forehead overhanging eyes at once piercing and kindly, glowed with the light of fervor and an expression of winning persuasiveness. His voice had about it an indescribable charm. It was not wielded in the elocutionist's gamut, and there was in its inflections no more striving for effect than there was in his language. But the voice filled the church with exquisite modulation, never faltering in exquisite modulation, never faltering in its steady flow for lack of a word or groping for a phrase. His utterance was rapid, but his language was so idiomatic and his thoughts so clear that the simplest of his hearers could not easily lose the thread of his discourse. THE PRIESTHOOD ACCORDING TO MELCHISE-

DECH. For his text Mgr. Capel took Hebrews, v. 9, "Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech." The text, to the order of Melchisedech." The text, he said, which was suggested by a parish anniversary, was pregnant with a great Christian truth too often lost sight of. "It is not my wish," he gently said, "to enter into controversy with any, but I do wish to explain what is embodied in this great Catholic truth. Christ," he continued. "is spoken of as a vicin traced of the control of great Catholic truth. Christ," he continued, "is spoken of as a priest according to the order of Melchisedech. Now,how is this contrast to be explained? When was he a priest according to the order of Aaron, and when according to that of Melchisedech? It should be remembered that when we use the word "priest" we use terms which in logic are called connotative.

There can be no priest without analysis. There can be no priest without an altar.
Priest, sacrifice, altar—all these are connotative terms. In other denominations there is no priest, no altar, no sacrifice. Their highest ambition is to call this ele-

ment of worship a communion table.

When Christ hung upon the Cross the
Cross was the altar and He was Himself Cross was the attar and He was Himself the priest, Himself the sacrifice. When that blood of His was spilt, then and not till then was the race redeemed. As He breathed His life into His Father's hands, then and then only was the race redeemed; then was the priesthood of Aaron closed. The blood of calves had been shed, not for The blood of calves had been shed, not for their intrinsic value; because, had that been the case, man, the noblest of God's creatures, would have been the greatest sacrifice. They had their value as types of the great sacrifice which was to purify man and offer to an umbraged God the payment for the wrong-doing of our first payment and all most doing of our first parents and all who came after.

When, now, did the priesthood accord-ing to the Order of Melchisedech begin It must have been in some circumstance where there was made offering of bread and of wine. That was at the Last Sup-per, where he pronounces the bread His body and the wine His blood, "shed for you." At that moment he becomes the priest according to the Order of Melchise

THE PRIESTHOOD PERPETUATED. But how is he priest "forever?" How is his priesthood to be perpetuated? He says, "Do this in commemoration of me." At that moment the Apostles became priests. Just as they had received the power of teaching, so now they received participation in his power of priesthood. And this, in due course, they handed on to others.

Mgr. Capel declared that there was no cause for dissent from the dogmatic side of his argument. Even the Greek Church, which does not accept the procession of the Holy Ghost, or recognize the Pope as the head of the Church, does not deny this priesthood. Nor do those who assert that Christ had a double personality. Nor could the speaker find aught to controvert this doctrine in the early Christian

"But now," he said, with a sudden

Not prayer, not our best doing of good. How shall the Christians express to God His sovereignty and His duty? If there be the sacrifice according to the order of Melchisedech, then have we something stainless, which we may use as a true, pure and complete act of adoration to our God. Who can reach any conditions to our God. and complete act of adoration to our God. Who can reach any conclusion but that the earth is a stagnant pool, sending up an atmosphere of guiltiness in the sight of God? How can that God of goodness bear with such iniquity? simply because His Son perpetuates that act of sacrifice. By the consecration of the bread and the wine. the consecration of the bread and the wine, He once more presents himself before God, with the plea, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

THE APOSTOLIC POWER.

What must have been the power of those Apostles when they arose from that Last Supper with something akin to divine power? They were weak vessels strengthened. "It is this you have wished to begon to cheen in your property." to honor, to obey in your pastor. He is not only your preacher; he is also above the people, able to offer God that alone which can appease. He will be the first to plead his own unworthiness; yet he is to plead his own unworthiness; yet he is bound to proclaim himself, weak as he is, the priest of God Almighty, bound to offer to Him this priceless sacrifice in behalf of the whole world."

The discourse closed with a beautiful allusion to the work which Father Pattle had created, and with an anneal to the

had erected, and with an appeal to the congregation to renew their faith in the sacrifice and their determination to cling to Him who represents that sacrifice.

A LEAF FROM THE DIARY OF AN OLD PRIEST.

On a cold and darkish day in November, 1854, a young Irish priest sailed from Liverpool in the G—— B—— for Melbourne. The harsh, biting wind blowing over an angry sea, the wretchedly appointed vessel, the hoarse babbling of sailors and bewildered emigrants, curses loud and horrible, and all the other strange surroundings in that busy scaport, united in making him regret "the old house at home" and those sacred halls where literature and science met a holy welcome. For a moment "the blinding tears flowed o'er" as a homage to Innisfail and the memory of the past, while the ship was gliding swiftly on the waters of the Mersey with six hundred passengers. But the swittly on the waters of the Mer-sey with six hundred passengers. But the thoughts and sacred longings that had been so long preparing him for this departure from Erin quickly dried the departure from Erin quickly dried the tears and kept under the rising infirmity. When only a boy he had read the "horrors of transportation" by the learned Bishop Ullathorne. It was a thrilling statement, by an eye-witness, of cruelties and wrong doings of so dark a nature that you could only expect to find the like in Pandawat. only expect to find the like in Pandemon

Men, many of them brave and true, with aspirings pure and honorable, wrong-fully transported to Australia, were driven at early morning through the prison gates like beasts of burden, their prison gates like beasts of burden, their ears drinking in at every step the sounds of their clanking chains and the curses of their ruthless taskmasters. Their food was, indeed, little better than that of the Laplander's dog. Their coarse dress, partly gray and partly yellow, marked out the captive from the free. Here you met them yoked in couples, pulling loaded carts, under the direction of an inhuman driver, whip in hand. Again and again you saw them sink exhausted to the earth, you saw them sink exhausted to the earth. you saw them sink exhausted to the earth, not unfrequently to be caught up in the arms of liberating death. The lash was the only instrument of reform on which British authority relied. Sentenced often to fifty lashes, the poor captive, tied to a triangle, received them from some wretch recommended for the office by the strength of his arm and the brutality of his nature, the thrilling screams of the scourged and lacerated patriot gradually sinking into a low moan as his strength fainted away.

As the boy read this review his hands trembled, the blood flew to his heart, re-

trembed, the blood new to his heart, re-fusing to return, and a cold sweat spread over his whole body. And at once he re-solved, with God's blessing, to seek out in their prisons under the Southern Cross those victims of injustice and haters of oppression, and one day, with a priest's words, to console and strengthen them. That day had now come. After long and earnest entreating he had received the blessing of the holy Bishop Healy. From him and a host of clerical friends blessings nim and a nost of ciercal friends blessings had fallen on him as he left Carlow College, the cross of Christ pointing the way. 'Tis true the iron of slavery at that time had ceased eating into the captives' hearts; but there were other chains and a slavery still more galling. For these was he bidden to reserve his tears and his pity in the land he was going to.

From his eighth to his twenty sixth

year life's stream had flowed on without a ripple within the sacred inclosures of a ripple within the sacred inclosures of the seminary and the college. His young associates, during his collegiate course, be-sides giving promise of their own splendid careers, tried to enrich his mind with en-nobling ideas, and to stir within his young heart elevating aspirations.

heart elevating aspirations.

Dear Maynooth, his Alma Mater, could then as now boast of her learned professors as well as her mild, loving superior. But of all the virtues, fond memory loves to bring before him their changeless justice in word and act; their simplicity, made lovelier by a ripe scholarship; and their unaffected devotion to the best in-Cathofic truth. He died a holy death on the Feast of St. Thomas who doubted, but sealed his reconciliation with his blood.

Wrongs that are fostered in life become the instruments of torture in eternity.

The most difficult undertaking a man can attempt is to unlearn what he has already acquired. It is an admission of defeat that few men can bring themselves to acknowledge.

With now," he said, with a sudden change of manner and softening of voice, "permit me to turn from this, the dogmatic side, to another side which brings peace and joy to our hearts." No one, he suggested, would dare say that any of his acts was "completely holy." Even in prayer we are borne away in thought, and their unaffected devotion to the best interests of the students they truly loved. That harsh domineering spirit which so often renders authority repulsive and hateful to sensitive natures was far from gested, would dare say that any of his acts was "completely holy." Even in prayer we are borne away in thought, and their unaffected devotion to the best interests of the students they truly loved. That harsh domineering spirit which so often renders authority repulsive and hateful to sensitive natures was far from gested, would dare say that any of his acts was "completely holy." Even in prayer we are borne away in thought, and their unaffected devotion to the best interests of the students they truly loved. That harsh domineering spirit which so often renders authority repulsive and hateful to sensitive natures was far from gested, would are say that any of his acts was "completely holy." Even in prayer we are borne away in thought, so the superior lifted by some cruel imagination. "That is our weakness, that is our misery." What is it, then, what is the service which creating of the students they truly loved. That harsh domineering spirit which so often renders authority repulsive and hateful to sensitive natures was far from them. They ruled for God's glory, and the trule of the feather of the students they truly loved. That harsh d

able subjects, was abhorrent to their principles of justice and liberty.

The first three years after his ordination brought still greater happiness to one

tion brought still greater happiness to one by nature generous, and yet unacquainted with the world's crooked ways. They were spent in "Old Carlow," of which I have many things to say, but not in this paper. Nearly all the professors, then so happy and joyous in that venerable home of science and virtue, are dead. Only four remain—the present saintly Bishop of Kildare and Leigblin, and his gentle, charitable Vicar-General; the scholarly P. P. of Kildare, and the worried, wasted old priest whose feeble hand pens these saddening periods.

saddening periods.

But I'm forgetting the main purpose of this communication. Having arrived in Melbourne one day in February, 1855, the warm-hearted and generous Bishop of that See bade him a hearty welcome, making him feel at once that he was, though in a strange country, in a dear though in a strange country, in a dear father's house. The good Bishop thought of appointing him to his seminary; but at the urgent request of disinterested friends, he, much against his will, sent him to a lone mission in the bush. Of his arrival there, and how he spent his first night on that mission, I shall write in my next paper.— B., in Sydney Freeman's Journal, June

Hopes for Self-Government in Ireland.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal publishes a long editorial dealing with the Government's attitude towards Ireland. Government's attitude towards Ireland. In referring to the future the Journal says it has every reason to believe that should the Liberals be returned to power at the coming election, Mr. Gladstone will next year promulgate a scheme which will have for its object the complete local self-government of Ireland. This statement, coming from the Journal, which, in its prognostication, is usually markedly concoming from the Journal, which, in its prognostication, is usually markedly correct, excites no little attention, and is commented upon by many of the leading London journals, some of them treating the idea with respectful consideration, others making light of it, and exhausting their wit in recitals of some of the wild seenes in the Parliament House in College Green. The Journal does not predict that a perfect autonomy will be given to Ireland, or that the system will be the same as in the days before the Union; but that in local issues the people will have the power to regulate their own affairs without any interference from the officials of the Imperial Government as at present.

A True Father of the Poor.

It is not an unusual thing for persons reduced to poverty to ask the assistance of the Holy Father. A late case of this kind is related by the Unita Cattolica of Turin. On the 19th of July a letter from the Vatican reached the office of that journal, and this letter contained the appeal of a widow of Turin to Leo XIII. The widow's appeal spoke as follows:

"My poverty is sensitive. In the midst of my family there are a thousand privations on which we are silent for shame sake. . . You, Holy Father, whom God has made His representative on earth, pity the undersigned, and in your large muniffcence wipe away a widow's tears. I speak to your Holiness as I would speak to God." eak to God."

Mgr. Boccali, on the part of the Pope, wrote to the editor of the Unita as fol-

"His Holiness desires that you should

thand to the petitioner assistance to the extent you believe she deserves."

The editor found that the poor woman was in great want, and in the name of Leo XIII. handed her 100 francs.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 19.—Forty-eight novices at the Convent of Notre Dame took the black veil to-day.

Archbishop Bourget, of Montreal, is ninety years old. He has been a bishop for forty-six years. He resides at Sault et Recollect. The venerable prelate is the oldest wearer of the mitre in America, and has but two seniors in the world.

A Catholic priest from New Britain, on Aug. 13th, handed the Treasurer of the Hartford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company a check for \$100, saying that it was "conscience money," and explaining that the man who sent it did not belong to New Britain, but owed the Company considerable more money, which would eventually be paid in full. P. Stanislaus Simonetti, a Catholic mis-

sionary to Bolivia, has returned to Rome and delivered to the Pope various presents offered as tribute to the head of their Church by four Indian tribes, natives of the South American republic, who have been converted to Catholicism. Among been converted to Catholicism. Among the gifts were bows, arrows, battle shields, stuffed snakes, and other South American

Archbishop Croke, in a recent sermon, declared that, with all the efforts of the English for the last thirty years, there would not now be a Catholic church in the length and breadth of Great Britain worth noticing if it had not been for the Catholic children of Ireland.