

NIAGARA.

The Cataract of Niagara has been well called "nature's high altar." The water, as it descends in white foam, the altar-cloth; the spray, the incense; the rainbow, the lights on the altar. One must cry out: "Great is the Lord, and admirable are His works. How great is Thy name through the whole world. Let us adore and love Him with our whole hearts and our whole souls." As the pilgrim passes over one of the bridges that span the islands he will see torrents of water rushing madly, as it were, from the clouds, the only background to be seen; and he is reminded of the cataracts of heaven opened, and the earth drowned on account of sin. Here the soul, overawed with terror, might exclaim: "Come let us hide in the clefts of the rocks, in the wounds of Jesus Christ, from the face of an angry God." New beauties are constantly discovering themselves at Niagara. The eye, wandering from beauty to beauty, compels the soul to salute its Maker, "As always ancient and always new."

WHOSE FAULT?

(From the Lake Shore Visitor.)

It is nothing novel now to see a Mr. or Miss Kelly, an O'Toole, or McCarty attending regularly at an Episcopal or or Presbyterian Church. Old Father Sullivan for years pounded the desks of country schools in this locality as a local Methodist preacher, and did his utmost to teach the way of the Lord according to Methodistic principles. It frequently happens too, that servants are found whose countenance are of the purest Milisian cast and whose brogue would indicate either foreign birth or immediate decent from a scion of the Green Isle, who go to place of worship where their forefathers would be ashamed to be found. Children of Irish Catholic parents baptized in the Chatholic faith, are lost to their religion and are found mid strangers in a strange land. To what are we to attribute this change, or rather loss of faith? In many no doubt the change was made when young. The parents passed away and left their offspring to the cold charity of the world. Protestants gave them a shelter or perhaps a home, and in return robbed them of a boon or gift more precious than