

alone, wondrously delivered them through his means.

"Oh," said she, clasping my hand, while her eyes streamed with tears, "O, that my husband and I only knew how we could express our gratitude in a fitting way to you."

I was deeply affected.

"The joy of your mother's heart, and your gratitude," said I, "are reward enough for me. At present I want for nothing, but should I ever require your aid, I shall turn to you and Signor Bellini."

"I trust so," said she, turning to the little boys. "And what will you, Anthony," said she to the elder, "what will you give to the gentleman?"

"My trumpet," said the boy; "and the nice little squirrel that I have at home."

"And what will you give him, Frank?" said she to the other.

"I'll give him all the Christmas boxes I get next Christmas!" said the little fellow.

The ladies smiled through their tears.

"But our tea has been forgotten with this affecting story," said Mr. von Walther, "though we have not had a day secure, withal," added he, wiping his eyes. "But I must not let so affectionate a mother, and such darling children, go away with wet eyes and dry lips; you must sup with us to-night."

The lady declared that she was engaged to supper, and that some friends had been invited to meet her.

"Well, then, you shall dine with us to-morrow," said he.

She was engaged to dinner on the morrow also, and her husband had arranged to come for her that evening, and bring her home at day-break the following morning.

"Well, then," said von Walther, "you and your husband must come to sup with us to-morrow. I shall not take any excuse."

Madam Bellini accepted the invitation, and we all accompanied her to the hall-door.

Good night, dearest mother, for I always write at night, being constantly occupied during the day. I hope, much as I was affected by the lady's story, to sleep soundly notwithstanding. It is always pleasant to think that one has done some good in the world.—(To be continued.)

A petition to parliament is in course of general signature in Limerick city and county. The object of it is to place the regular clergy or friars of the Catholic clergy upon the same footing of civil and political rights as the seculars, or parish priests and curates.

A branch of the Sisters of Mercy is about to be established at Dingle, county Kerry.

## A CHARITABLE APPEAL

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In favour of the doctrines of

The Catholic Church.

"Return back to judgment."—DAN. xxxi. 40.

"To the law and to the testimony."—ISAIA VIII. 20.

NOTE. The scriptural quotations by which this appeal is enforced, are taken from the Protestant Bible.

### POINT IV.

Protestants hold, That in controversies and disputes of religion, we are not bound to submit to the judgment of the pastors of the Church; but the contending parties ought to consult the Scriptures, and, that each party has a right to decide the controversy by the *written word*, as each one shall expound it to the best of his judgment.

Contrary to the many texts of the *written word of God*.

1. 'As my Father sent me, even so I send you.'

John xx. 21.

2. 'As thou didst send me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world.'

John xvii. 18.

3. 'Go therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

Matt. xviii. 19.

4. 'He that heareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me, and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.'

Luke x. 16.

In other sciences, not so much the authority of the masters, as the doctrine they teach, is to be regarded; because, it is not authority, but reason chiefly, that teaches truth in human sciences. But, as to revealed truths, these not being discoverable by reason, they must be learnt from such pastors and doctors as God has appointed to teach them. Therefore, it pleased God, that their authority should be very great; even his own authority our Saviour committed to them, and gave the most solemn sanction to it that was possible; as the texts above cited witness. So that now, in vindication of the authority they come invested with, they rightly style themselves, "Ambassadors from Christ, dispensers of the mysteries of God, and their word, the word of God, the word of Christ, God, as it were, speaking by their tongues." 2 Cor. v. 20.—1 Cor. iv. 1.—1 Thess. ii. 13.—Rom. x. 17. In consequence whereof, they required a most strict obedience from all people, to what they taught, denouncing anathema even to an angel from heaven, that shall teach contrary to their doctrine. Gal. i. 8. Not like the pastors of Protestants, who, to please their flock, style themselves advisers only, and counsel-