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After All.

Earth is sweet, but heaven is sweeter : Love complete, but faith completer : Close beside our wandering ways. Through dark uights and weary days, Stand the angels with bright eyes, And the shadow of the cross Falls upon and sanctifies All our pains and all our loss. Though we stumble, though we fall, God is helping, after all.

Sigh, then, soul, but sing in sighing, Sigh, then, soul, but sing in sighing; Dry the tears that dim thy seeing, Give glad thoughts for life and being; Time is but the little entry To eternity's large dwelling, And the heavenly guards keep sentry, Urging, guiding, half compelling; Till, the puzzling way quive past, Thou shalt enter in, at last.

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DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH. Go to Joseph, and do all that he shall say to on. (Gen. xii, 55.)

if they complied. But these rude men gruffily repulsed him. Thereupon the It is Joseph's nearness to Jesus and Mary during his life that leads us now, saint laid his mantle upon the water, when he reigns with them in heaven. and directing his course by means of a branch of a blackthorn which he had to confidently call upon him for succor in our needs, and especially do we go to him because to his patronage the broken from a bush near by, floated safely to the opposite side. The boatwhole Church has been commended, that by his intercession he may do for

her and each of her members what he did for Jesus and His Mother when He was in the flesh. Wisely has the Church made him her protector, for his power with God must be very great. Of this we can have no doubt, when we remember that to winter in honor of the saint.

his care were entrusted the purest and the best who have ever walked this earth—Jesus and Mary—Jesus, the Son of God ; Mary, His stainless Virgin Mother, whose chaste soul the Holy Ghost made His dwelling-place, de-

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lighted with its beauty. Above the seats of all the bright angels who serve in the courts of the to himself" the elements as attendants in the service of his Lord. Natural monuments are a distinguishing fea-Most High Mary's throne was raised, and one day she would be the angels' ture of St. Patrick's history in Ireland, and it is certainly very remarkable mistress and queen ; Jesus was their Lord, their Maker, before whom they that the same characteristic should attach to the record of his life in bowed in lowliest reverence. And yet Mary was Joseph's spouse, and Jesus rendered him the obedience a son France.

It is a fact, one for which science is should give a father. Very worthy must he have been who held so high still unable to give any satisfactory explanation, that a tree in a little town on the banks of the Loire, not far

Joseph was a necessary member of from Tours, named after St. Patrick, unfailingly, every year at Christmas, is seen covered with flowers. Some the family. He served as a veil to screen from the vulgar gaze the deep mysteries of the Incarnation and Nativity; he led the way into Egypt, few years ago the flowers appeared during the entire octave, when the mercury was constantly below zero. It frequently happens that the bush is and his faithful arm supported the Mother and the Babe during the journey; he brought them back to their own land and provided shelter for them; their daily bread was the fruit at one and the same time white with the snow of winter and the blossoms of its own flowers. Thousands came to gather these fleurs de St. Patrice, of his labor-in a word, during the boyhood and youth of our Lord they which are believed to be an undying witness of St. Patrick's connection with St. Martin of Tours. These trophies of the apostle of Ireland are were entirely dependent upon him.

Such, then, was Joseph's position in the Holy Family; he was the master and guardian of the household; and also objects of religious veneration. this is what the Church would have him be in every Christian family. It M. Dumont, better known as the holy man of Tours, always kept a branch of the fleurs de St. Patrice hung in his room. "The whole neighborhood," as Father Morris remarks, "is re-dolent of St. Patrick." Besides the is you, Christian fathers and mothers, who should be especially devout to St. Joseph, for he is your patron in a particular manner. You, like him, have the cares of the household upon village, the commune bears the name of the saint ; and the ancient parish you ; you must provide for the life and health of the children God has given church, dating from the tenth or eleventh century, is dedicated to him. you ; it is your duty to see that they are instructed in the faith and atten-The following account of the mys-terious tree, from the pen of Monsignor tive to their religious duties, and that they study their school lessons; you Chevalier, president of the Archaeologi-

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

as the shrub itself appears quite strong, it is probable that it is re-newed from the roots. However, this phenomenon is limited to the locality and to the shrub in question. Cut-tings transplanted elsewhere have

St. Patrick, it is said, came from Ireland to Gaul to visit St. Martin, at-tracted by the fame of his sanctuary lossomed only in spring. The incredulous will object that, and miracles. On arriving, in the midst of a snow storm, at the banks of The incredulous will object that, after all, this circumstance is not more extraordinary than the flowering of the lilac in November, when the buds, by an unwary mistake, suppose that in the still mild temperature, they have found the soft breath of spring. Our reader must not be deceived; the blackthorn of St. Patrick "grows, developes and bases (truit in the midst the Loire, not far from the spot on which the church now stands which bears his name, he sought shelter under a thorn bush. It was Christmastide, and the winter was a severe one. The shrub, out of respect for the saint, extended its branches, and shook off the snow which rested on them; when the servant of God arose to continue his journey, it appeared covered with snow-white flowers. St. Patrick crossed the Loire on his cloak, and, crossed the Loire on his cloak, and, arriving on the opposite shore, again rested under another backthorn, which at once burst into flowers. "Since that time," concludes the Chronicle, ' the two shrubs have never failed to

plossom at Christmastide in testimony of the sanctity of Blessed St. Patrick. Another version of this beautiful the proximity of a thermal spring ; the ground, he observes, remains covered with snow, and the other shrubs do not legend runs as follows : On his return to Ireland after a visit to St. Martin in Gaul, St. Patrick came to the left bank

of the Loire ; he requested some boat men to take him across the stream, promising them the blessings of heaven A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE P. P. A.

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principle for any employer of labor to act on. Incidentally, I might here remark that I do not think it is possible to separate Catho-lies and Protestants in the sense of creating Catholic interests and Protestant interests. Politically, commercially and socially, we are so interwoven with each other that a distinct and positive separation cannot be made. As for instance, the family of which I am one is an old and strong Catholic family, and the family with whom we have been and still are the most intimate is not a Catholic one, but a Presbyterian, and that, I believe, of the old school. The P. P. A. evidently intend to devise some attention to Separate schools and their trustees. The old saying of "save us from our friends" will apply exceedingly well to this aspect of their mission. I am and have been for years a member of a Separate School Board in our town, and the only thing in connection with either board that the P. P. A. or anyone else could improve on, and which would be quite acceptable, is to get a deeper interest taken in school matters, and prevail upon the several members of the boards to attend meetings oftener than they do. With regard to Separate (Catholic) schools, of Touraine, is given in and prevail upon the several members of the boards to attend meetings oftener than they do. With regard to Separate (Catholic) schools, a very wrong impressien prevails as to the education given there, and the standing of such, among very well-informed and well-meaning Protestants. I have attended as a pupil both Public and Separate schools, and I know the class of work being done in each, and in the schools I refer to, with which I am familiar, I can assure you the Separate school had nothing to complain of in compari-son with the Public schools, and atom regu-lar High School entrance examinations our Separate school children more then hold their own. No matter how desirable some Protes-tants may think it that there should be no Catholic schools, but only one Public school for all, we Catholics cannot assent to such so long as our Church says otherwise. The reason of the Church for taking such ground has been gone over again and again, in the public press, so that it is quite unnecessary for me to enter into any explanation of the same. I doubt very much the sincerity of the P. P. A. in their desire to elevate our Separate Schools, and assist the trustees in doing so, for the reason that such does not harmonize with the antipathy they display towards us. As Catholics, living in a country strongly Protestant, such as the province of Ontario, we still have rights, and if our Protestant friends and neightors feel that they cannot afford to be generous, we ask them to extend to us a treatment honorable, fair, manly and just. In a mixed community, to have har-mony and attain success, mutual forbearance met at times be induged in, and al good citizens desirous of the well-being of our Hood's Sarsaparilla is absolutely umwhich

country will, when the occasion demands it, practise such. To those of my fellow Catho-lic citizens who may read these lines, I would say, throw no obstacles in the way of the P. P. A. Simply leave it alone, and it will des-troy itseif. All such associations not founded on right principles contain within themselves the seeds of disintegration and of death. To those of our Protestant fellow citizens who will have Lone of us, we must still extend the hand of Christian, Catholic charity, and recognize in such our brethren, though mis-guided. A CATHOLIC CANADIAN. Jan. 25.

Bright Spring Days.

by an unwary mistake, suppose that in the still mild temperature, they have found the soft breath of spring. Our reader must not be deceived; the blackthorn of St. Patrick "grows, develops and bears fruit in the midst of the rigors of winter, in the most icy temperature." Although growing on the slope of the hill, this shrub is in no way sheltered from the north wind ; "its branches are encrusted with hear frost, the icy northwest wind blows violently against them, and it often happens that the shrub is loaded at one and the some time with the snow of the proximity of a thermal spring; the stowards of grateful and happy men and women can testify, and increased use of this ground, he observes, remains covered with snow, and the other shrubs do not

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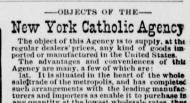
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But St. Joseph is the patron not of eads of families alone. The Church of the blossoming, in the midst of the rigors of winter, of the *prunus spinosa*, commonly called the sloe. We have heads of families alone. would have you all, dear brethren, "go to Joseph and do all that he shall lately verified this circumstance with our own eyes, and can vouch for truth From him she would have sav to you. without fear of contradiction. We can you learn a tender love to Jesus, a appeal to the testimony of thousands love manifesting itself in deeds, not who, at the end of December in each simply in words. Joseph devoted himself to the service of our Lord, and so year, are eye-witnesses to its repetition, and we have ourselves gathered should we. But how can we presume these extraordinary flowers. This re markable shrub is to be found at St. to say that we love or serve Jesus if we do not keep His commands ; if we Patrice upon the slope of a hill not far from the Chateau de Rochecotte. The neglect our duties as Catholics and as members of society? Let us show how much we love Him by doing something circulation of the sap, which should be suspended in winter, is plainly revealed for Him, as St. Joseph did, and let us, by the moist state of the bark, like him, be constant in our welleasily separates from the wood which it covers. The buds swell, the flowers doing, permitting no day to pass without some acts of love to God. And if we would hope to make progress in the expand as in the month of April, and ways of God, let us daily "Go to Joseph and do all that he shall say." cover the boughs with odorous and snow-like flowers ; while a few leaves timidly ventured to expose their deli-

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