INTERESTING MISCELLANY.

Great is he who enjoys his earthenware as if it were plate, and not less great is the man to whom all his plate is no more

The chief ingredients in the composition of thore qualities that gain esteem and praise are good nature, truth, good sense and good breeding.

Nearly everybody has it in him to be better than he is. Improvement is chiefly the regulation of the propensities and

STORIES OF MADAME DE STAEL.

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It was a high tribute that the most beautiful woman in France paid to the most fascinating of French controversial ists. "If I were Queen of France," said Medame Recemier, "I would command Madame de Stael to talk to me all the day long." This gifted woman was once driving with several distinguished mer. "suddenly they were surprised by a violent storm bursting over their heads. So absorbed were they by the vivacity of her conversation that not one of them

absorbed were they by the vivacity of her conversation that not one of them had noticed a sign of the gathering storm. A well-known writer says that Madame de Stael obtained her literary material almost exclusively by means of conversa-tion. When a subject occupied her thoughts, she systematically directed to it the talk of learned and brilliant men. As a fisherman uses a net to catch fish, so she used conversation to catch ideas and sug-

She would write a brief, rough draft of She would write a brief, rough draft of her intended literary project, which she showed to a few friende. Their hints were incorporated in a second draft, which was also shown to trusted friends. She inserted their suggestions in it, and then her secretary copied the corrected manuscript on paper with a broad margin for further additions.

During this process of incubation, the ingenious woman made every one of her friends talk who was likely to be of any use to her. What she heard she either wrote down on the wide margin, or incor-

wrote down on the wide margin, or incorporated in the body of the manuscript.

HENRY WARD BEECHER'S ADVICE TO

The following letter from the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to his son is published for the first time by an American contemporary, which remerks that it is reminiscent of the worldly good sense of the advice given to Lastes by Polonius, but is also permeated by the leaven of Christian experience: Christian experience :

Brooklyn, N. Y, Ostober 18, 1878.
My Dear Herbert—You are now for
the first time fairly launched into life for yourself. You go from your father's house, and from all family connections, to make your own way in the world. It is a good time to make a new start, to cast out faults of whose evil you have had experience, and to take on habits the want of which you have found to be so

damaging.

(1) You must not go into debt. Avoid debt as you would the devil. Make it a fundamental rule: No debt-cash or

nothing.
(2) Make few promises. Religiously observe even the smallest promise. A man who means to keep his promises can

not afford to make many.

(3) Be scrupulously careful in all statements. Accuracy and perfect frankness, no guesswork. Either nothing or ac

(4) When working for others sink yourself out of sight, seek their interest. Make yourself necessary to those who em-ploy you, by industry, fidelity, and ecrop-ulous integrity. Selfishness is fatal.

own proper business; do not turn on. De constant, steadfast, persevering, (7) The art of making one's fortune is to spend nothing in this country; any in-telligent and industrious young man may become rich if he stops all leaks and is no In a hurry. Do not make haste : he

(8) Do not speculate or grumble. You go to a land where everybody is excited and strives to make money, suddenly, largely, and without working for it. They blow soap-bubbles. Steady, patient industry is both the surest and the safest may. Greediness and haste are two devils that destroy thousands every year.

(9) In regard to Mr. B—— he is a Southern gentleman; he is receiving you

as a favour to me ; do not let him regret

(10) I beseech you to correct one faultsevere speech in others; never speak evil of any man, no matter what the facts may be. Hasty fault-finding, and severe speech of absent people, is not honorable is apt to be unjust and cruel, makes enemies to yourself and is wicked.

(11) You must remember that you go to Mr. B—not to learn to manage a farm like his. One or two hundred acres, not forty thousand, is to be your future homestead; but you can learn the care of cattle, sheep, the culture of wheat, the climate, country, manners and customs, and a hundred things that will be needful.

(12) If by integrity, industry, and well carned success you deserve well of your fellow-citizens, they may, in years to fellow-citizens, they may, in years to come, ask you to accept honours. Do not seek them, do not receive them while you are young—wait; but when you are established you may make your father's name known with honour 'in'Halls of Legislation. Lastly, do not forget your father's and your mother's God. Because you will be largely deprived of Church privileges, you need all the nerve to keep your heart before God. But do not desplae small churches and humble preachers. pise small churches and humble preachers.
Mind not high things, but condescend to

Read often the Proverbs, the precepts and duties enjoined in the New Testa-May your father's God go with you and protect you.
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FAMINE IN CONNEMARA.

Har Office, Stonecutter street. London, 27 h Ost., 1890.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record: To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

Sir—I have just returned from a six weeks' tour in Ireland. My letters to the London Star, which have also appeared in the Dublin Freeman's Journal and other papers, have drawn attention to the wretched condition of the peasantry along the western seaboard. Mr. John Morley and other distinguished visitors have fully testified to the fact that all along the coast from Cork to Donegal famine stares the poor peasantry in the face. That the potate crop in many parts of Ireland is an aimost complete failure is now a universally admitted fact, veracious Mr. Balfour alone contending that the failure is "exaggerated." Where the failure is most aggerated." Where the failurs is most complete, and where distress will undoubledig be most and soonest feit, will be in Counemare!

The projected railway from Galway to Olifden will, if started in time, be the means of warding off hunger from thou-

(5.) Hold yourself responsible to the distance of your personal standard than anybody else expect of you. Keep your personal standard bigh. Never excuse yourself to yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to yourself, but lenient to everybody itself.

(6) Concentrate your force on your actual kick against a goad as galling as ever drove a people into rebellion. For what was the system of landlordism in this region? Some twenty-five or thirty years ago the agent employed on these

IRISH CATHOLIC REPRESEN-TATION.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. FIZPAT-RICK, M. P. P.

Quebec Daily Telegraph, November 15. In view of the comments of a pote or less unfavorable character, which stil con-tinue to be made in certain quarkers and by a certain section of the press on the stand recently taken by the member for Quebec county and the Mercler Govern-

ment on the question of the representa-tion of minorities in the Provincial Cabi net—a stand which, we are free to simil, is not well understood generaly and would seem, at first eight and without rewould seem, at first sight and whitout re-flection, to lend some color to the hostile construction placed upon it—we have thought it desirable to get from Mr. Fi.z patrick himself an explanation of his action in the matter. Our representative accordingly sought out the member for Quebec county in the House this morn-ing, when the following conversation took place:

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declaration on your part, as an Irish Catholic, that the Irish Catholics want no representation in the Government and will be satisfied to let things remain as they are. Is such the case?

Answer—By no means, and those who say the contrary are laboring under an altogether erroneous impression. I am not time serving or mean-spirited enough to yield one into of any right which belongs to my own countrymen or any other element of the community, especially where the protection of minorities is concerned. The principle asserted in my sub-amendment was that the members of the Cabinet should be selected according to qualification and merit, but, in laying it down, I am far from admitting that the Irish Roman Catholics are so far inferior to men of other nationalities in point of ability or merit as to not to be able to hold their own, and to prevent their being chosen as advisers of the Lieuties of the Lieuties, not because of their want of qualification, but solely because of their nationanty, I would be the first to resent such boycotting not only by expressing my disapproval, but by reco-ding my vote in condemnsation of any Government, the present one not expected, which would attempt any such policy of sectional and narrow-minded exclusivism. In taking this stand, too, I believe that I consulted as much the legitimate national pride of my race as I did their best interests under the circumstances.

Question—Then, Mr. Fitzpatrick, it is evidently your conviction that the Government; intentions, but I am satisfied that it is its

CHATS WITH GOOD LISTENERS.

Maurice Francis Egan, in Ave Maria. Death is, after all, a great uniter of hearts. He comes; his scythe circles the air with the flash of lightning, and one of us falls. Or he comes like a thief in the night, or he steals gradually upon the one marked for his victim; his approach is like the approach of autumn: change others, and other front of the change of the deadle front the follows change until the deadly frost strikes with all its keenness. But, whether he comes swiftly or slowly, he draws closer all hearts that loved the one

he has taken.

Charitable thoughts are never so easy as after the stroke of death has fallen. The maxim that the deal shall not be spoken ill of seems for a moment to be transferred to the living; and there is no limit to the charity in thought and speech for the dead. This charity, also ! does not go very deep. It covers the coffin of the departed deep. It covers the coffin of the departed with flowers; it cherishes every scrap of sulogy that may be printed about him; it mourns and weeps—but too often it forgets more essential things.

There is a reason for this forgetfulness.

Non Catholics, who hold that the soul goes at once after death either to heaven or hell, satisfy their longing to do some-thing for the one who has gone by bury-ing his body under the lovellest blossoms they can find. But there, with yearning eyes, they must stop. The flower ladeu grave is an awful barrier between them and the soul they loved; they seem en-tirely helpless. They do not lift their voices in fervent prayer for their friend; they have no such consolation; the wealth

of flowers, the pomp of the faneral, the rhetoric of the sulesy, are all.

We, however, who know that the Communion of Saints is as real as the fact that we exist, have no need of exhausting our hearts in symbols that are only symbols Our Lord, in His mercy, gave us the most potent of all in-struments with which to reach across the mysterious chasm that separates us from the other world; and this instrument is prayer. He even gave Himself as a sacri-fice for those we love. He gives Himself for them and for us every day in the un-bloody Sacrifice of the Mass; and every day we can claim a special share in this universal, unlimited Sacrifice for our mysterious chasm that separates us from

We know that the Mass is inestimably while we throw garland after garland into the cold grave, we seldom think of asking the minister of God to have special care of our dead. We remember them with tears and sometimes with prayers—but only sometimes. Our tears and our praises can not help the soul suffering—as we all must suffer, for who can say that he is worthy to enter the presence of the spot-less Lamb of God?—but our prayers are as the dew of night to the parched flower. Who can picture the rapture of the sou when Mass is offered especially for him The fall of the flowers on his coffin made no echo beyond the grave, but the Holy Sacrifice and the prayers of faith bear him near to the beatific vision.

A Communion offered for a departed

friend is better than a wreath of orchids Grief among Christians is insincere when it limits itself to tears and signs, and to manifestations which seem to for this world rather than the next.

We are in the month devoted to the Holy Souls. There are many among our non Catholic friends who envy us the consolation the Church gives us in these days They stand afar, wishing that they, too, could grasp the "golden chains" which bind us and our suffering brethren in ourgatory to the nail-plersed feet of our Lord Himself. Let us remember: we are in a month which is not ours, but the dead's. They walt and suffer.

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Secretary.

A. P. BRADLEY.

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