the power of the human will, and to

missionaries to convert the Philippinos, Cubans and Porto Riccans, who have already been made Christians, for the the most part, at all events. They might also, perhaps, find this work more fruitful of results than that of undermining the faith of Catholics.

There is this good feature about the matter, that the Catholic Church is undeniably progressing in these States, though they were at one time the stronghold of Protestantism. Our Baptist friends, however, need not fear lest the spread of Catholicism will hand over the United States to be governed by the Pope. During the late war it was made evident that the Cath olic body of the United States are at least as devoted and loyal as any class in the country.

We may also infer from the facts stated that the boasts which have been so frequently made by our Canadian Evangelization societies in regard to the vast number of French converts to Protestantism in New England are but empty vaporings. If they were true, Protestantism there would not have dwindled away so wofully.

CATHOLIC TERMINOLOGY.

From the Glasgow Observer

Last week we had something to say about the well-meaning newspaper which, chronicling a requiem service, announced that the officiating clergyperformed the ablutions sprinkling holy water on the bier." Reviewing Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel, a writer in the Bookman praises its accuracy in the matter of Catholic terminology, and sighs for the time when novelists who sought to treat of Catholic subjects will have their technique as well gotten up as in the case of the authoress of "Helbeck of Bannisdale." An exchange commenting on the point avers that one of the chief delights of modern literature is reading about bishops who wear "asperges on their head and of masters of cere monies who enter the sanctuary swinging thurifers in their right hands."

AN ECHO OF THE BOURGOGNE

The Dominicans of Rosary Hill, York, have heard from the lips of the sub commissary of the Bourgogne, the circumstances of the end of their shipwrecked brothers, As they were ac customed to sleep in their religious habits they hurried on deck, clad in their beautiful white vestments, by which they were instantly recognized and amid all the confusion and terror which prevailed on the ship, they looked like angels sent down from heaven to guide the souls of those

whom the sea would presently engulf. While the ship was still tossed to and fro by the waves, they gave absolution to their distressed companions and prepared them to meet the merciful Ruler of life and death. Father Florisoone, the prior, showed the most perfect self-control. When the Bourgogne was on the point of sinking, he asked the sub commissary if there was anything else to be done. "What I am about to do myself, jump into the sea." "We cannot swim," replied the heroic superior, "may the will of And then in order to die according to the rules of their order the Fathers began to chant the "Salve Regina," and thus chanting they went into the next world.

DOGMATIC TRUTH.

A writer who signs himself Jacques Novikov warns the Pope in the Riforma Sociale that dogmatic truth must fall away before Darwinism; that Catholicism is dead, and that the only course open to the Holy Father is to constitute himself the head of the European civilization. The power of the Papacy, he says, is greater than that any man or any nation in the world and he wants the Pontiff to be "president of a federation of Europe-an states, the arbiter of nations, and the maintainer of univer-sal peace." It is natural, perhaps, that sal peace." It is natural, perhaps, that observers like Novikov should be of opinion that dogmatic truth is being lestroyed; but it is only personal be liefs that are suffering. Truth i mighty, and its triumph will be com Truth is plete. Protestantism is dead and agnosticism has burned itself out. But it is plain that there is a strong reaction in favor of the one true Church in Denmark, Germany, and England and we in America are brimful of hope. It is more than likely that the popes of the twentieth century wil rule over a wider spiritual dominion than the Popes of the Middle Ages ever dreamed of.—Ave Maria.

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WE CLAIM OUR WANDERING SHEEP.

It is far better to assume an aggress sive mannerism in dealing with non-Catholics. Ordinarily we are loath to impose our religion on another; still there are many who are wandering here and there, like sheep without a shepherd, who will readily submit to be rounded up, and will be deeply grateful for the shelter and rest of the eepfold. The American people move in crowds. In politics, in society, and in every other sphere they follow a It is only the odd one who will step out of the mass and go his own way regardless of the rest. The remainder will have to be managed.

judices are allayed, the one who comes and can speak with authority, and who does speak with authority, is the one

whose voice they will obey.
Therefore the aggressive mannerism, and not the deprecatory, is the more favorable to convert making. Such a mannerism is the result of the theory that all baptized non-Catholics belong to the Catholic Church. They are sheep who are out of the fold through no fault of their own. The shepherd who owns them finds them wandering in strange pastures. The least he can do is to claim them and bring them back home. - The Missionary.

WHO ARE THE "PRIEST-RID DEN?

According to the New York Tribune the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed resolu " severely censuring clergymen who have voted for any candidates for public office except those of the Prohibitionist political party, and instructing them implicitly to vote the Prohibition ticket in future." Now, it is a noteworthy fact that in the "priest ridden Catholic Church neither Bishopnor Pope would impose any such obligation on a priest, for the simple reason that political questions form no part of the solic itude of Bishop or Pope. The Methodist sect, which has been as loud as any in affirming the political character of the Catholic Church, now assumes a political dictatorship which the universal Church would never dream of arro gating to herself. That the non Cath olic public is occasionally awake to sectarian tactics may be inferred from the editorial remarks of the Tribune on this very matter :

Suppose Cardinal Gibbons should write a letter in the next Presidental campaign saying that the interests of the Church and organized society required the defeat of the Populist candidates and their semi-Socialistic principles, and requesting all Roman Catholics to vote against them. There would be such a "no Popery" howl as this country has never heard. But how is Methodist better than Roman Catholic interference in elections? It does not do to say that Prohibition is simply a moral question. Every question of public policy is a moral one. One Church may think morality requires the triumph of a whole political retry with certain views about the liquor traffic. Another may think the good of mankind dependent on a new marriage law or on State socialism or on religious instruction in schools. If the Church can enter politics for anything, it can enter it for everything. Suppose Cardinal Gibbons should write can enter it for everything

-Ave Maria.

GOOD EXAMPLE A MISSIONARY POWER.

The conversion of Mr. Royal H. Thom. of Syracuse, who died recently, was one so plainly effected through the power of prayer and good example that the lesson it conveys brings home to us strikingly how much even the obscure ones among us have it in our power to win the grace of conversion for those about them, even for those in the seats of the mighty. Mr. Thom was one of the most popular men in his own city, and a staunch supporter of the workingman. The benevolence and upright ness of his character won him the friendship of those at home and abroad. There had been in the employ of his family for many years a Catholic girl, whose good example drew the attention of her employer to her religion, and interested him in its teachings to the point of making him seek admission to the Church.

This is but one of very many like instances of the missionary work done by the faithful domestic in the home of her master. Ages ago, when Christianity won many of its, first disciples from among Roman matrons and the first seeds were planted in this very ing life became a burning and a shining light among the luxuries and corruptions of a pagan household.

The Catholic domestic has a mission

all her own in this work of conversion. and the prizes she may win and has al ready won are worth striving for Many of these girls feel a deep gratitude to the employers in whose service they have, perhaps, spent the greater part of their lives for the kind, Christian treatment and generosity received at their hands, and very often do they think and say, "If they were but Catholics!" Their wish is not so far as they may think from being realized, and much may be effected to that end by their own prayers, good example, and earnest efforts to bring about the opportunity of a right presentation of the Church at the right moment. - The Missionary.

THE MEANING OF CONVERSION.

It has been said, by one whose religious outlook over the country is keen and far-reaching, that the number of formal heretics in these United States is very small. Those who are not formal heretics are said to belong to the soul of the Church, though they may not be gathered into the body of the Church. The full significance of this fact is scarcely ever remembered in dealing with non-Catholics. How few priests have been brought up to practically consider that all the baptized persons belong to him, and in a sense he will be just as responsible for those who are attached to other churches as he is for those who fill his

own pews.
This being so, conversion means simply teaching the truth and leading the ones who are astray back to the fold. Men who are working hard from Monday morning till Saturday night have very little time to investigate the subtleties of religious controversy. They must, to a very large extent, be drafted into the army of the Lord. In religious matters they are without guides, and in no sphere do they want leaders so much. Hence, if pre-

they think at all in their hearts, without having the great questions of the soul settled. The Church, then, who can settle all these problems and bring rest to the soul, must go out to these languishing souls and bring them to the fountains of life.

There is entirely too much timidity about urging the gospel truth on people. In all these matters they are like children, and like children they should be taken by the hand and led into the Church.

They must be convinced of sin, jus tice, and judgment to come. There must be a repentance of heart, but no need of waiting till one is perfect. s the business of the Church to provide the means of sanctification. It used to be harder to get into the Catholic Church than it was to climb to the top of Mont Blanc. But to a large extent all this has been changed. Any one now applying, after having investi-gated the length and breadth and depth of religious controversies and screwed up his courage to undergo the accompanying sacrifices, will find the first Catholic priest he meets ready to receive him after due trial. This much

has been gained. The time is coming when the fact that every baptized person belongs to the Church will be the spring of missionary zeal, and a priest will go out after these as he goes out after fallen-away Catholics to day, and after the necessary profession of faith is made reinstate them in the Church. -The Missionary.

A PROTESTANT'S VISIT TO LOURDES.

The following letter, which has appeared in the London Spectator over the signature of "M," gives us an idea of how that shrine is regarded by fair minded Protestants

It is a very beautiful and a very gracious place. I have no cause to plead, either of creed or of medicine. Only to record the fact that a visit to ourdes during a pilgrimage is something so singular in its nature as to impress our "curious hearts" nothing else in this world can, and to leave us pondering as deeply as Ham-let himself on the more things in heaven and earth than any philosophy has vet been found to dream of. Nothing that the miracle plays and mysteries can show can be so vivid and so mystical as this. We came upon the place this year on our return from a winter spent in Spain, which the present writer attempted to describe in this journal but a few weeks since. In the passing of a train we were plunged from war and rumors of wars, and the wild contrast of beggary and bull-fights, into what I may ture to call pure Bible Land. It was the pool of Bethesda over again. A large pilgrimage from Belgium arrived upon the same day as ourselves, biding their time for the waters of the Against the fairy back ground of the Pyrenean hills sloping up towards from the mountain stream which runs through the quaint old village, and brawls under the windows of the inns, an easy ascent leads through a new and cultivated garden up to the steps of the grand cathedra which surmounts the grotto of the Virgin, where the story runs that she appeared to Bernadette. All round and about the place are striking new hotels, which might be the sign of a new fashioned and fashionable health resort but for the character of the guests and the absence of all the usual tokens of pleasure. No man or woman at Lourdes remarks upon ancourts of the rich and powerful, the other's dress or wears a dress upon which a remark could be made. way by the example of the Christian business of the place is prayer. By serving maid, whose simple, self-deny-the side of the hotels are mighty hospitals, all built out of the funds which the rush of pilgrims brings, and admirably tended. Bands of delicately nurtured women and men officiate as nurses for the sick, bound by a tem-porary vow. On every form of porary vow. On every form of stretcher and of couch they carry their poor patients to the healing waters, in all the stages of suffering, of patience, and of pain. And as they go they chant in rhythmic time the Latin responses of the Litanies, which are celebrated all day long, and well into the night, both in the church above and in the grotto below. By hundreds and hundreds the visitors are all kneeling or standing round, with heads bare and in the deepest reverence, joining in the prayer or listening short and loving addresses of the officiating priests, with no sign of

> pathetic were many of the pictures that we saw. One old man brought down his son, who looked as old as he, and looked with blind eyes upon the spring.
> "Can you see now, my boy?" said he.
> "I'm afraid not, father; I'm afraid with blind eyes upon not." On the other side an excited group was forming round a quiet little nun, who, after paying a few visits to the well, suddenly threw her crutches away, and walked. A young priest who was with her turned very pale as he went with her to the medical office, where she was submitted to a strict examination as to her antecedents and place of birth, the length and nature of her illness, and everything else that might disprove a fraud. The doctors the theory of Dr. Charcot, who exam-

intermission or weariness. And from time to time all are drinking of the

spring, or dipping their cups into the

water to touch the afflicted part of the

body, for which they hope so much.

the effect of faith upon the course of healing. But on my return home, on board the ship which brought us from Bordeaux, I met with a pleasant and quiet Anglo Indian doctor, some time retired, old and matter of fact of manner, who was very full of the subjec when once I opened it. Lourdes had been a favorite study and a common haunt of his; and he professed him-self entirely unable to account for many of the cases for which the evidence was clearly too strong, in any known or reasonable way. A French friend of his, he told me, suffered from an affection of the eyes for which he had consulted the oculists. They had all agreed that it was a well known organic affection for which there was no remedy, and that blindness must certain result from it. The Englishman from his own experience could only confirm the sentence, but moved by his friend's deep dis-tress, he merely said to him, "Try Lourdes." "But I have no faith in these things," was the reply. "No more have I," said the doctor. "My faith is entirely suspended; but there are qualities in the Lourdes cases which I do not understand, not to be account ed for by any explanation within our present knowledge." The French man tried the waters. He went alone, not as a member of any of the pilgrimages. And after a few visits to the well the cloud passed suddenly from his sight, and he was cured. The affection did and he was cured. not recur. The Englishman examined his eyes, and found all traces of the malady gone. I tell you the story as it was told to me, but the character of my informant left me no room to doubt its absolute truth. The strangest part of the story was that, while thousands of the faithful appeal in vain, this was no case of faith healing but healing against the reverse of faith. "All I said the doctor, "that in this especial case anything like hysterical action was, and must have been, conspicuously absent. But I can gather for myself no certain conclusion, except the strengthening of my belief in agencies as yet quite unknown. There may be qualities in the water that cannot be analysed." "But that," I said, "scarce ly removes the wonder, it only shifts ground. Why should the water which sprang from the earth after the reported 'vision' act in this strange, capricious way? It is the faith of others, not the patient's own which is supposed to work these sudden cures from time to time for purpose and meanings which are dark to us. Now, as of old, the 'one is taken and the other left,' as if, above and outside the ruthless and unresting forces of Nature, there were some Power at work which can and does, set those forces aside for the hour, and lend a world of meaning to the Story of the Valley of Ajalon." But it never did, and probably never will, give any reason why, search and dive into the endless riddle as we may. cures of Lourdes, for merely to deny them is really idle, may be no more miraculous in the stricter sense, if al were known, than the cable or the tele phone. They may be merely the ap plication of an unknown law. Ther why the caprice of them? It looks, at all events, more like the setting of known laws aside, and it is there at present that the riddle of the healing lies. As to the mere question of th waters, it is, I believe, true that the springs of Wildbad in the Black springs of Forest, which bubble up about you as you lie upon a bed of firm white sand, have equally escaped the results of analysis.

ALONE AMONG THE SIGHTS OF THE

at times, the sellers rather tiresomely beset you. And the pickpocket is busy at the most crowded season, so I am told. But these draw-backs have been always with us, as much in the days of the Temple as in these times of our own, and though they jar, they do not affect the realities. Ridicule is powerless, too, upon a place like this; and one can only be sorry to see Lourdes written of in any flip pant vein, or to read clever remarks upon the wooden figure of the Virgin, which is so entirely beside the ques tion. It is not in the effigy that the suppliants believe. Ridicu

such a case as this, and falls away. The gravity of these things is too INTENSE REVERENCE AND SIMPLE FAITH It was the intense reverence and simple faith of all the worshippers that left the deep mark upon our minds at Lourdes. It did not appear to me that there was anything distinctly Roman Catholic about it—rather the

catholicity of the Christian world gathered at this little Mecca of the Christian's faith. Except for the words of the prayers and Litanies, there was nothing that should have failed to appeal to Protestant feeling, unless the fact that the Virgin, with the child at Lourdes are very strict, and not given to sentiment. But the sentimental amongst them finds argument together, should be read in any nar-sometimes at fault. It was, of course, row light. Some such thought, I suppose, must have been in the mind

crowd, when every head was bared and every knee bent, with his hat defiantly on, and his arms crossed, looking darkly on the scene. He may have meant well, but it was not calculated to promote a liking for the Eng-lish in the native mind. Though indeed Benedick-like, nobody marked him. Others of our clergy there were, and more than one, who passed reverently with the rest through the little grotto, and came thoughtfully away after joining in the responses and prayers. Rain fell much of the time when we were there, and prevented the great evening procession, which we had hoped to see. But it seemed effect upon to have no effect upon the gathered worshippers, who knelt uncovered in the we dark. "It is impossible," wet until said a young French lady to us, whose husband had been taken away from her for service in the East, and who had gone to Lourdes to pray for him and think of him, "that the good God should remain unmoved by such a concourse as this." So we all try to hope, even though the great silence wraps it all, and the very caprice of care seem to make dark darker to the outward It is, at all event, something, and more than something, to find out a day or two of retreat in a place so detached from the interests of the world. and in its tendencies so distinctly ennobling.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD, The Elm Top.

BROTHER REMIGIUS, C. S. C. There's a long, low beach where the eddys flow, Round the roots of an elm green.

I knew where it was in the long ago,
With its gnarled branches hanging low,
But to-day it was not to be seen!

came by the Maitland street avenu Where it wanders to meet the valley, And round by the fields where the hazels And the chipmonk chattered and laugh And the bees o'er the wild roses dally.

The well-worn pathway adown the hill, Wore never a blade of grass; It was beaten bare, to the bubbling rill That gave to the stooping boy his fill And reflected his face like a glass.

The old elm is gone, and the years have fled With the hopes that youth sought to fill, Of the old young boys, there are many dead, Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 8, 1898

For the Catholic Record.

Autumn Leaves.

BY THOMAS WHELAN, MONTREAL. What grander sight can eye behold. When mountain slopes and vales unfo Their many times, from green to gold. Of Autumn Leaves.

silv'ry birch, the wither'd pine, The six r₂ and yellow as a character The oak and yellow as a combine With crimson'd maples, to combine The Autumn Leaves.

But vain is all this kingly pride Diffus'd o'er vale and mountain side ; For soon the driven snow will hide Those Autumn Leaves

Then let us, during life's short stage, All strive to conquer sin's fierce rage; Our deeds will shine thus in old age, Like Autumn Leaves.

WEDDING BELLS.

HYLAND-DOWNEY. Hyland-Downey.

A very pretty, quiet wedding took place in St. Patrick's church, Caledonia, on Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, when Miss Ellie, dauchter of Mrs. William bowney, of Oneida, and Mr. Michael Hyland, of Wolpole, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by the Rev. Father Oleary. The nuptial party entred the church amidst the strains of the Wedding March ably rendered by Mr. P. Hayes, organist. The bride looked charmingly, and was attred in a pretty suit of blue priestly cloth, trimmed with fur, white slik, and chilfon, and had so match, carrying a bouquet of white File sisten Miss Vale.

nation match, carrying a bouquet of white roses.

Her sister, Miss Kate Downey, acted as bridesmaid, and was attired in a suit of brown breeaded cloth, trimmed with brown silk and bead trimming, carrying a bouquet of pink roses; while the groom was ably assisted by his brother, Mr. E. J. Hyland. After the ceremony the happy couple took their departure for Hamilton, and other parts, amidst showers of rice and bushels of best wishes from their many friends.

ALONE AMONG THE SIGHTS OF THE WORLD.

I hardly purposed to tell my little story when I set forth upon this letter, but it is too interesting and too characteristic to omit. I was glad, however, that I heard it after my visit in stead of before, as I was able to look at Lourdes without any prejudice the one way or the other and to regard it simply in its singular Biblical beauty. From that standpoint it stands alone among the sights of the world. There are, of course, the usual and inevitable signs of vulgarizing. Something like a trade is already driven in relics, and at times, the sellers rather tiresomely and the sights of the world. The signs of vulgarizing. Something like a trade is already driven in relics, and at times, the sellers rather tiresomely and the sights of the world. HANLEY-M'GUINESS.

CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIA-

TION.

The annual election of directors of the Catholic Literary Association of Peterborough took place at the hall of the Association, George Street, on Thursday evening, October 6.

The following gentlemen were elected:
Fred. McFadden, John Hanrahan, T. J. Begley, A. J. McPherson, James Simons, James Weir, Thos, Malonev, James Lymch, F. Hanrahan, E. Jones (teacher), Dr. T. J. Moher, Fred. McGrath, J. L. Picard, Al. Coughli, J. Devlin, J. Carroll, E. Lynch, John McCabe, J. O'Connell, F. McPherson, John McCabe, Jas. Dillon, P. McDonough, T. J. Doris and A. H. Lyhan.

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Ven, Archdeacon Casey was present and adtressed the meeting on the success of the
seciation in paying off a large portion of the
adebtedness during the past year, also urging
in the members to do all in their power to add
to the prosperity and welfare of the associaion.

Oct. 8, 1898.

L. K.

FIFTY YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE.

We beg to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of Rubidge Street, Peterborough, on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and wish them many happy returns, adding, as they are good Catholics, according to God's holy will.

They were married by Rev. Father Vaughar, on 1st Oct., 1818, at St. Joseph's church, Douro, where Mr. Sullivan taught school for upwards of twenty years—from 1817 to 1838—except one year he taught in Peterborough, where in 1850 he was the first teacher in the Separate school. Among his pupils in Peterborough was the Hon, Wm. Harty, present Minister of Public Works in Outario.

L. K. Oct. 8, 1898.

ATHEN'S CHURCH DEBT.

The debt on the church at Athens, for the liquidation of which Rev. Father Coilins has made an appeal to the Catholics throughout the country, has been reduced by \$100. It had been \$2,000, and is now \$1,600. The good Father purposes issuing from week to week a statement showing to what extent contributions have enabled him to lessen the heavy load he was called upon to carry when assuming the charge of \$81. Denis? Church, Athens, Please make orders payable at Athens, and address and address. F, G. Coade, Cashions Glen, Ont.

letters to Rev. J. J. Collins, Trevelyan, P. O.

C. M. B. A.

Resolution of Condolence. regular meeting of Branch 15, held on the notice of the death of Bro. George ire (at 195 Horton street, London, Ont. dt., 30.) was received with many expres-

niable disposition won for him the love em of all who knew him, which was

d by Bro, James Callaghan, seconded Daniel Kelly, that we, the members of 15, ofter to the bereaved widow and our sincere sympathy, coupled with the t prayer that eternal rest may be d unto the soul of our dear departed rother.

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