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[Written for The Catholic Standard and fince by Rev. J. T. Roche, author of "The bligation of Hearing Mass," "Our Lady of suadaupe," "Month of So. Joseph," "Bellef ad unbellef "etc.]

THE PARENT SIN.

Missing Mass on Sundays is the parent sin. It is the cause of causes when there is a question of defection

Human respect, scandal, bad literature and evil associations have slain their

thousands; Mass missing has slain its

on Sandays; it distrusts the sanctity

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mess, is never 1 si upon the soul so long as a single particle of faith re-mains. Add to this the association of

the Church, with all that is holiest and best in childhood and youth, the rem-

embrance of the vows and pledges of naturer years, as well as the memories

of graces resisted and opportunities wasted. Add to all this again a

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ful a doctrine and act as he does; and

hence it is that scarcely any one can culpably omit hearing Mass on Sunday without giving grave scandal, whether it

or to others within and without the fold

who are witnesses of his example. One of the greatest victories the devil ever achieved in the world was

when he deprived poor heratics of the Holy Sacrifice. Catholics of the above

class relieve the devil of much anxiety

in their regard. He looks upon them in

the same light as he does upon those who are not devout to the Blessed

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cree was to the effect that the Lord's winter chill their fervor. There are child be carefully observed by children to take care of and household Day should be carefully observed by duties to perform. There are excur-sions for pleasure and business trips all, but made no claim to establish it for profit. There is physical indisposi-tion, which unfits for duty but never interferes with pleasure. There is sloth, which is dignified with the name ST. FRANCIS' METHOD OF PREACHING. of rest, and greed which is dignified with the name of necessity. There are Saturday night revels and Sunday Rev. Leo L. Dubois, S. M., in Donahoe's for October. Saturday night revels and Sunday amusements which are frequently fa St. Francis was a man of heart, and he put all his heart in his sermons, or from being innocent, but they are all rather exhortations. There was noth ing of the methodic, didactic, formal

sufficient to serve as pretexts for the careless and negligent. composition of the sermons of the time. He spoke what the heart prompted him There is the oid excuse, too, that the church is afar off, even though the same distance be regarded as nothing There were no arguments, no oofs to establish doctrines which all when it is a matter of business. Disbelieved, but a simple appeal to the hearts and to the wills of his hearers. tance is of little consequence when it is a question of pleasure or profit. It is was this which made one of Francis' grievous matter, when it is a question hearers, a learned doctor, say : "I have of saving one's immortal soul.

often remembered whole sermons, but I have never been able to re-compose THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN. The campaign to reclaim the ought to of Brother Francis after having be's must begin right here. Get them those of Drother Francis after having heard them. Even when some points had remained in my memory, I did not find any more the beauty which had charmed me." Francis did not wish to go to church on Sunday and the is easy. They must return along the high they left. Hear and there a conversion is miraculously made, but ordinarily the process re sembles that by which the sinner fell his hearers to remember a beautifully composed discourse : he wished them to remember only the lesson which he had from grace. The Mass is the sun and centre of

inculcated, and to carry it out in their lives. To attain this object he went Catholic faith and Catholic life. Men cannot draw close to its mysteries with out renewing their allegiance to Him straight to their hearts. He knew well that men of his time needed only to be put on the right track ; if he could only Who is the victim and the High Priest of the sacrifice. cause their natural enthusiasm would

THE "NON-SECTARIAN " PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Gretna, Man., Oct. 9th, 1905. The CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont .: Dear Sir .- Here is the milestone the unsectarian schools of Manitoba have now reached, as witness the following report of the laying of the corner stone

of the new Public school in Melita, published in the Morning Telegram, of Winnipeg, Oct. 4, 1905 : CORNER STONE IS LAID AT MELITA Masons Officiate at Founding of New School-Large Audience Attends

School-Large Audience Attends Ceremony. Melita, Man, Oct. 3.-(Special)- The cere mony of laying the corner stone of the new echool here was performed to day by J. A. Ovane, past Grand Master, assisted by other grand lodge officers and breihren. After the stone was well and truly laid, the Grand Master made a very appropriate and instruc-tive adress on the occasion which drew such a large crowd together, and beautifully llue-trated the symbolic significance of the or work was the principal object in the life of every person who endesvored to leave som las ing monument of his being of value to the world. The choir, under the leadership of Mark tens of thousands. The Church has no anxiety about sinners who hear Mass duty lightly. The reasons are plain. The Mass-misser deliberately cuts himself off from the very things which go to keep him faithful. Everything in and around the church reminds him of what he is and what he curch to be.

it only the nearness, the Divine tender ness and the unspeakable goodness of the Lamb of God ia the Eucharistic mystery — that would be more than encugh. The mute appeal of the Real world. The choir, under the leadership of Miss Smith, received well deserved praise for the numerous selections. The rundees beard pre sented the Grand Master with a silver trowel. It was done with the consent of the Preserce, with Its pathos and feeble

It was doard, as the after act of pre-senting the Grand Master Mason with a silver trowel goes to show. "Well ! what of this ?" say the bigots of the Rev. McBeth and McMillan stripes, there is no religion in the act. There was only an address from the Grand Master Mason, in which he elaborated on the principal object in life of every wasted. Add to all this again a species of pricity participation in the divine core nony of the Mass, the great sacrifice, in which the Victim lays aside the cutward ve ture of the divin being that of character build person, ing, and leaving some lasting monument of value to the world." People may conscientionsly differ in what they con-sider of value to the world, but a Catholic is taught that his principal object in life is to know God, to love and serve Him in this world, and that he and must take more care of his soul than of his body, because in losing his soul he loses God and misser cuts himself ou from the Living Word imparted in the sermons and instructions of the priest. This is almost as necessary for his persever ance as divine grace itself. Man is so constituted that he needs to be fre-quently reminded of the truth of salva-tion. Exceptibless as well as ignore losing his soul he loses God and everlasting happiness. That is faith. When will bigots recognize the Catho lie position? For Catholics to be ex-pected to trust the spiritual lives of their children to teachers of such schools is practically impossible. To force them, as some would do, is tyrauny

ance begets impiety. Many who were born and brought up Many who were born and the durch, Oatholics are now lost to the Church, because of their having been placed in circumstances that rendered difficult the julfilment of the obligation of in the truest and broadest meaning of the word—a tyranny that gloats over the power in its hands, that compels the the fulfillment of the obligation of hearing Mass; but many more were lost the fulfilment of the congration of the power in its manas, that compete the hearing Mass; but many more were lost because of their failure to realize its gravity. Any priest of experience will tell you that there are two classes is of their failure to the support of codless schools, and at the same time has no computation in handing over will tell you that there are two classes of Catholics to whose future he looks corner stone to the auspices of a secret niety of Free Masons forward with much anxiety This is the crop growing from the feed trough of the disgustingly coarse the offspring of careless parents, the other is the Mass misser. caricatures on the Catholic hierarchy and the educational clause in the auton A WORLD'S WONDER. Sunday observance among Catholics astonishes and edifies the world of our ony bill of the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, so predominant in the pages of the Toronto News, Winniday. Empty charches is the of the hour amongst non C problem of the hour amongst non Catholics. Without any attempt at sensationalism or the modern methods of pious adver-Those who are pleaching and trumpet-ing so loudly the Provincial Rights cry tising, the Mass continues to fill our in the West, in order to influence the churches. Outsiders, not understandelections, do so to conceal their own Ing the Mass, cannot understand why this should be so. Some call it super-stition, and let it go at that. Others elections, do so to concert under our practises of Provincial Wrongs. There have been many crimes committed in the name of Liberty, and Provincial ook deeper, but deem the doctrine en-Rights appears to be another good name shrined in the Mass too incredible for human belief. To all of them, how ever, to cajole and juggle with by the politicians in Western Canada just no the Mass misser is an object of scandal. His negligence is ever to their minds an LUDWIG ERK.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

very first paragraph where we read: "the medieval dispute as to the num-ber of angels who could stand on the point of a cambric needle implies that they are bodiless though sometimes appearing to terrestrial eyes in human form." Just where the word "cam-brie" appears in any of the medieval disputes regarding the angels would be hard to say. We have no quarrel with the Journal on this account. The editor is at liberty, beyond a doubt, to use any adjective he pleases to bring out clearly the niceties of a scholastic distinction. But we are entirely at sea to understand how the dispute as to how many angels could stand on the point of a needle implies that they

sometimes appear to terrestrial eyes in human form. The editor of the Journal is sadly in

error, also, when he imagines that angels are represented as human be-ings simply because the desire to hu manize them is very natural. Angels are not "humanized" for that reason at all. There is a deeper psychological reason for clothing the celestial spirits with the bodies of men. It is because of our inability to imagine them other-From faith we know that the wise. From faith we know that the angels have no bodies, that they are pure spirits made more closely to the pure spirits made more closely to the irage and likeness of God than we are. But as all our knowledge is essentially conditioned by sense relations it is impossible for us to picture to our minds an angel without the accoutre-ments of space. For that reason we reder them with bodies inst as we

ments of space. For that reason we endow them with bodies just as we represent the Holy Ghost as a dove. The sculptor who fashioned the angels as "fair women" on the new Episcopal Cathedral in New York, was not, therefore misled by "that ditty of our childhool which represented us as wanting to be angels." He is doubt-lace as dd and intelligent as the editor ess as old and intelligent as the editor less as old and interligent as the entor of the Providence Journal, and certain-ly more famous. He betrayed no lick of mature sense in carving the angels as human beings though he may have departed from tradition in making them "fair women." Nor have we heard of any one even a child who had come to the use of reason who expected to be-come an angel after death. Catholics, at any rate, know their religion too well to mistake the difference between We are exhorted, it saints and angels. is true, to become as far as we can like is true, to become as tar as we can like the angels, especially in the matter of purity. Nor, because to want to be like an angel is "to set up an un-realizable ideal," are we departing from common sense in trying to fashion our lives according to that ideal. We are instant as same in doing so as the are just as sane in doing so as the Journal is in trying to be like great daily newspapers in other large cities. -Providence Visitor.

CREEDS IN ROME.

A very interesting chapter of the

A very interesting chapter of the last Italian census is that which con-tains the religious statistics of Rome. The total population of the Eternal City, says the London Tablet, is given as 442,783, and about a tenth of these as 442,783, and about a tenth of these is made of foreigners residing here; the population has doubled in the last thirty years. The number of Catho-lies in Rome is given as 422,494 or 95.5 per cent. of the whole. The Jews come next longo intervallo, for the number according to the official returns is oly 7,121, or 1.5 per cent.; their own authorities assign to them about Is coly 7,121, or 1.5 per cent.; their own authorities assign to them about one thousand more, and probably with reason for many Roman Jews are reluctant to admit that they belong to the "chosen people." Their numbers do not seem to have varied much during the last contury, as we find during the last century, as we find that in 1871 they represented about 2 per cent. of the entire population, in 1862, 21-5 per cent., and in 1832, 31-3

per cent. The number of Protestants is 5,993, The number of Protestants is 5,000, or 1.1 per cent. Thicky years ago they numered about 4,000. It is quite certain that the great mass of these 6,000 Protestants belong to the 45,000 6,000 Protestants being to the 45,000 foreigners who happened to be in Rome at the time of the census; a consider-able portion of them is furnished by the Waldensian colony in Rome. It is a pity that we have no means of judging the exact number of "Roman Protestants" living under the shadow of St. Peter's, or of the number of good sovereigns and American English dollars that have been expended in "converting."

All Nature is replete with lessons Spring tells of Nature's birth, summer its life; autumn tells of its decline, and winter of Nature's death. There is something beautifully sad and touch ing about autumn, for day by day we see so many changes coming over Nature. The harvest is gathered in by the busy farmer, and soon the fields are laid bare; the trees put on varied tints of sober, quiet hue, and change and change till with a weird and faded look they yield to the surging winds and fall dead to the ground, and in a few days become as ashes of their former selves

and cramble into dust. No one can look at these rapid changes but what he will feel moved by changes but what he will feel moved by them; for they bear a striking resem-blance to one's life. If there is, as has been said, a sermon in every blade of grass, how many sermons there must be in every tree! Let us review the sermon the trees now preach to us, for it is seasonable. It is the sermon of the strengt leaves. Do they not tell the autumn leaves. Do they not tell us of the vanity of things of this earth, and that they soon must fade away and vanish in the dust? These leaves were These leaves were in the springtime the joy of all as they shot forth from the branches and grew larger day by day; and then, when summer came, they made a cooling shade for the tired and overheated traveler by the beautiful dew with which they were laden. But now they seen to lose their former life and vigor, seem to lose their former life and vigor, and day by day pass from hectic flush to saffron hue, and finally, wan and pale, drop lifeless to the ground. It is with all earthly things the same

way when they are earthly and nothing more. They are vanishing, short lived and nothing more. Thus pleasure soon vanishes and often leaves pain in its train. Thus go idle thoughts and thoughtless deeds—they leave no trace behind; and such, alas! make up a large part of the life of many persons in this world. But how different life can be and

is as we see it practiced by the wise and good who strive to turn to good and lasting account everything they think and do. Their thoughts are not concerned with the fleeting moments of tine, but look beyond this world to the endless years of eternity. The we see around us with more or less un the endless years of eternity. The same with their deeds-they respect not themselves alone nor the concerns of their fellowmen, but are always directed their fellowmen, but are always directed at the same time to God. The eternal good is what men should seek in all things, that in their immortality they may reap an undying harvest, the truit of their mortal years. All earth-ly things must perish, for God Who made them has made them only for time. They come and go with the seasons and the years. They live for their time and then pass away, bat man, for whose use all these things are made, lives forever. He is finally withdrawn from earthly things by the withdrawn from earthly things by the sleep of death which God sends over him at His own appointed time, and he passes into the realms of eternity. The hortness of time during which earth's shortness of time during which earth's productions last, teaches all a lesson. They come and go with the seasons. They fulfil their purpose and quickly give way to the things coming after them, and thus the years repeat them selves. The buds of spring bring the flowers of summer, ther follow anturn's flowers of summer, then follow autumn's fruits, and winter wraps all in its win ling sheet of death, only to shoot forth new life again in the coming years. But all is short and fleeting, to tell mankind that he is not to put his hopes in things of earth, nor to seek joys in them, but to have his hopes in heaven and to strive for its joys which will never end. Man's life is like Nature-

spring is its morning, summer its noon, autumn its declining years, and winter is its death. Youth and manhood, maturity and old age are the counterparts of the four seasons and mark life's stages on the journey to death and

eternity. Nature gives its goodly harvest in autumn that serves for the rest of the year. Does man's decline always bring with it the harvest for eternity? Alas! not in all cases. Some fail to improve



EXCLUSIVE SALVATION.

mean that he is guilty of the sin

is "One who despising the authority of

the Church which he has sufficient reason to believe is the true Church of

Christ, contrary to its decision obstin

ately adheres to false and impions opin ions." In other words, a heretic is one

who, through his own fault, is not in visible communion with the Church which is Apostolic, Catholic and Romae.

Such a one, in the language of theo logians, is a formal heretic; if he be

own fault, he is a material heretic. formal heretic, then, means a

outside the Church, but not through his

heretic; a material heretic, an apparent heretic. Who are the one and who are

Who reads the human heart can know

and therefore we can never pronoun ;

upon an individual case and say that

heart for all the sins whereby he has offended God mortally, he is saved. It

would be unreasonable to doubt that

the other, is something which only

the Pharisees of His time: "You shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you yourselves do not enter in and those that are going in you suffer not On many occasions we have explained what is meant by saying "Out of the Church there is no salvation," but at to enter." And we regard the sal-vation of such people as being as hope-less as that of those who merited that the request of one of our readers we shall do so again. Since there is one reader who has either not seen or not remembered our previous explanations, scathering rebuke from the Master's lips. Of course we do not pronounce it is likely that there are others in the on any individual case ; we can not say that even those Pharisees are enduring eternal torment, for they may have repented in the end. But if they are lost, we tremble for their modern imisame position. When we speak of any one as being out of the Church, we heresy. Now a heretic, as defined in the catechism of the Council of Trent, tators.

Bat even if we could, by a great effort of goodwill, find an excuse for the latter day Pharisees in the possibilits that they may really believe them-selves the oft-demolished fables which they give to the people as the trath about the "Popery," we cannot do anything of the sert for the Catholic who, born and brought up in the who, born and brought up in the Church, and to all appearances possess-ing the gift of faith, deliberately cuts himself off from the Catholic commun-ion and joins the ranks of Protestand-ism, indifferentism or agnosticism. If he be not a formal heretic then the to have no meaning phrase seems to have no meaning whatever. Faith is a gift of God and necessary for salvation. This being so, a man who has once received it cannot than who has once received it cannot lose it except through his own fault : the justice of God forbids us to think otherwise. What the fault has been which has involved the loss of faith, it such a person is lost. But in regard to the sin of heresy, as in regard to other sins, we are prone to speculate as to who are guilty and who are innocent. We set up our personal which has involved the loss of rath, it may be that God alone can tell. In many cases, however, there is strong reason for believing that it is laxity of morals. At any rate, once a Catholic leaves the Church he is treated by her reason. A man who outwardly con-forms to the laws of the Church we call a good Catholic; yet that man in her external relations with him as a formal heretic. Thus did she treat all heretics in the beginning, since they had all gone out from her. It is othermay be guilty of grievious sins of dis honesty or uncharitableness which he refuses to believe are sins even when wise with those who are born in heresy. For their benefit she has inserted in the form of absolution to be used when the teaching of the Church is specifical ly laid before him. Such a man is really a heretic, for "in spite of the the form of absolution to be used when they are received into the Church, the word "perhaps,"—"I absolve thee from the bond of excommunication which perhaps thou hast incurred." decision of the Church he obstinately adheres to false and impious opinions." On the other hand, a baptized non Such a word would never be used in receiving the submission of an apostate. Catholic who is devotedly attached to one of the Protestant sects, may be Nevertheless, even an apostate, dying reconciled with the Church, and rethoroughly convinced that this sect is the true Church of Christ, and equally convinced that the Pope of Rome is fused Christian burial by her, may have asked and received pardon in his fused Christian burial by anti Christ, as he has been taught from his childhood. Such a man, remaining firm in this conviction, cannot in good last hour, with the desire but not the opportunity to call for the ministry of a priest. And, therefore, not even of conscience become a member of the Church of Rome ; yet he is not really a such a one do we dare to say : "He is heretic at all : he is of the soul of the damned."-Antigonish Casket. Church though not of the body; and if he dies with perfect contrition in his

FACE TO FACE WITH THE AUTHOR OF "MY NEW CURATE."

Nowman and Manning were in good faith during their Anglican years, and yet what a weary length of time they Canon Sheehan of Doneraile, Ireland, took to reach the haven in which at last they found rest for their souls. is such an interesting personage to so many Americans that everything so many Americans that everything printed about him is eagerly read on this side of the Atlantis. Every reader of "My New Curate," "Luke Delmege," "Glenanaar," and his other books, is desirous of knowing as much as possible about their author. We are glad to be able to present from the pen of Mrs. Augustine J. Daly (wife of Mayor Daly of Cambridge) who was recently in Ireland, and who visited Faher Sheehan, a charming picture of the famous but modest priest. Mrs. Daly writes : "The Canon came in from his gar-But there are other cases where we are strongly tempted to doubt the good faith of non Catholics. At times it seems to be nothing but human respect which keeps them from entering the Church. Brownson told Bishop Fitz patrick that he would have been a Catholic twenty five years sooner only for this; he believed he would have

which it the narvest for eternity? Alas! larly fond of the Irish. If this were "The Canon came in from his g not in all cases. Some fail to improve their opportunities, and life passes to its end with little or no fruit to show "really believed, he was depriving him." " The Canon came in from his garquiet, graceful, cordial ; and made us feel perfectly at ease before him. We talked about the far-reaching good that might be accomplished by means of Catholic fiction, but when I spoke of his achievements in that line he blushed like a girl, declaring that the his success had been a great surprise to him, that Americans had been most some kind, and that his latest work had been noticed very flatteringly. Some one had sent him the Review's notice of Glenanaar,' and he was highly pleased with it: " He took us into his study, which is "He took us into his starty, which is also his library and dising room, a spacious apartment, book lined, with a desk at one end. Here at this desk was written most of 'My New Curate,' and here he sat to write for us his autograph on his photograph. From here we went into his garden, of which I suspect him to be more proud than he is of his fame. The wals that shut it in from curious eyes are covered with ivy, and with climbing roses which he regretted were not in bloom just but of whose past beauty he could not refrain from beasting. His geranium; and begin as famed up from the corners and centre of the soft, thick sward which had been, till his coming but a few years before, a mere potato patch. Here and there were charming vine covered shelters in which he wrote; and here was a rough table and chair, uncovered by any arbor. On this table, he told us, he wrote most of 'Under the Cedars and Stars.' "Ho is a tall spare man, with the slightest possible stoop in his shoulders. He has a handsome head, with its broad. high forehead, projecting much above the eyes which are brown, keen, kind and humorous. His nose, large but beautifully aquiline, indicates strength and refinement, while his mouth betrays his wonderfully keen sense of humor. It reminded me of that of Holmes. " He is scrupulously, tastefully neat in his attire, and in the arrangement of his surroundings, and he speaks musically, with the accent (or non accent) that indicates the highest culture."____

AUTUMN'S THOUGHTS

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several centuries time of Constan-Sabbath was kept nemorial day of the , and not because festival; but the rded as more holy, st mystery of the the Resurrection the Redemption of accomplished, and ry is the basis on in is founded ; for d if Christ be not ur preaching vain, vain."

re was a treatise exop of Sardis, on the rsally observed by stin Martyr, who A. D. 150, declares assembled for worhe Sun, or Sunday, a dispelled through osus. inth in a passage

ays that the Lord's holy. This was yr, who was put to es that "we (Chrisatize, but observe

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the observance of began long before , and goes back to In fact St. Ignaquoted above, was a disciple of the Constantine's de-

CONCERNING THE ANGELS.

It is little wonder when writers soal into realms far beyond their understanding that they effect nothing more than a display of their own ignorance. In such cases precisely we have the spectacle of mountains in labor and the spectacle of mountains in taob and the birth of a miserable mouse. An essay on the angels, for instance, might have racked the brains of St. Thomas Aquinas. Great theologians certainly

found much difficulty in trying to tell us what angels are not. The editor of the Providence Journal, however, or one his assistants has no hesitation in assuring us that the angels are "in a sense sexless," that to represent them "in the guise of fair women is a theo-

There are circumstances which ren-der the fullilment of this obligation physically impossible, or so difficult as logical error ;" that it is very natural "the desire to humanize these shining beings;" and that the popular confusion between saints and angels is "an error to be considered morally so. Physical absolutely without authority."

inability, a grave or urgent necessity, the duty of one's office and the claims of just obedience are universally re-So many startling conclusions would be apt to give us a high regard of the writer's scholarship provided we had no garded as exempting causes. There is means of knowing from what premises the little need of going more fully into this matter. The legislation of the Church is applied to common sense, and deductions were drawn. But here are the premises before us now; and we find loose logic the most characteristic demands the unreasonable or feature of the editorial on the angels the impossible. The excuses of the Mass-missers, however, are frequently pretexts. It is hot or it is cold: it is wet or it is dry. The heat prostrates them, the cold benumbs them, the rain dampens their ardor and the snows of

Convert Becomes a Nun.

idly away. Solemn and impressive were the peremonies which marked the taking of the veil as a novice by Miss Grace Medford, of New York, in the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, Thirteenth avenue and South Ninth street. Newark, N. J., on Sept 8. Miss Medford was a convert from Protestantism, having become a Catholic a year ago and among the guests assembled to see her publicly renounce the world were many Protestants.

The young woman is the daughter of a broker of New York. She is well educated and has travelled abroad ex-tensively. Of here fourther the shead extensively. Of her family there was present at the services only her sister, Miss Edith Medford. Her new name is Sister Mary Aloysius of the Blessed Sacrament. The address to the young novice was made by the Rev. John B. Young, S. J., of St. Francis Xavier's church, New York, Several other clorgymen took part.

A GLEAM OF SUNSHINE

A solid sky of leaden hue And earth so still and gray, Without God's sunshine it had been A melancholy day.

But with the sunshine's dreamy gold The hezy day was thrilled And all the long and silent hours With sweet content were filled

Tis thus in life : when cares surround seem gray, mmer sunshine come And all the days seem or sunshine ccms May gleams of summer sunshine ccms Like this September day. -MARY COFFEY.

There are no people so much to be bitied as rich men who do not love pitied as rich men who do not love God. There are people who do not love the good God, who never pray to Him, and yet who prosper. It is a bad sign. They have done some little good and a grant deal of our and God in

In a Christian, everything ought to carry him toward that perfection which the sanctity of his state requires; and every desire of his soul, every action of his life, should be a step advancing to this in a direct line.

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ies.

Do not climb the hill before you amid a great deal of evil, and God is repaying them for it in this life.—Cure of Ars. come to it; if you do, you may have to climb it twice.

for it. It is as the barren fig tree, and self of the privilege of good faith ; but it may be doubted whether he saw this the Divine Husbandman at last orders it to be cut down, saying : "Why should it longer encumber the earth ?" Some as distinctly at the time as he saw it afterwards. Even Newman did not afterwards. care much for the Catholics he fail to sow and hence they cannot reap. The springtime of youth is neglected and the summertime of life is passed knew before he entered urhCch. Still we have known passed Autumn comes and there is people, and have read of others, for people, and have read of others, for whose good faith we had serious fears : since, as far as we could learn from their own statement of the case, notting but worldly motives hindered the because Catheling only barrenness, and despair ends with Alas! this is the history of too many

lives. Whence comes this ? It comes from men living life independently of God, Who has said so truly, "He that soweth not with Me scattereth," "And them from becoming Catholics. Again, there are those who are vic-Again, there are those who are vic-tims of religious indifference. They frankly declare that the Catholic Church is the only one worthy of a man's allegiance, but they do not think soweth not with Me scattereth," "And as we sow, so do we reap." If one sows of earth he reaps of earth and his harvest is only its follies to deceive him, and its vanities to disappoint; but if one sows the things of eternity, or, in other words, sows with God the eards of atornal life, he will reap the it necessary to be a member of any church. So long as a man does his duty by his fellow-man, they say, he is all right seeds of eternal life, he will reap the fruit thereof in the endless happiness

his fellow-man, they say, be is all right. The situation of such people as these is exceedingly perilous. They are stil-ing the aspirations of what Tertullian called "the naturally Christian mind." Their conscience must tell them that f heaven. Let us, realizing the shortness of life, make haste to improve its opportunithey have duties to God as well as to their fellow man, and that the man who Our Lord has told us to not seek the things of this life, but to seek the things of heaven: "For what would it never lifts his soul to his Creator in prayer, never joins in any form of pub-lic worship, is not fulfilling the purpose profit a man if he gained the whole profit a man if he gained the whole prayer, new world and loss his soul," or "What should a man take in exchange for his soul?" And thus he counsels us to lay up our treasures in heaven, where the he may be. for which he was placed in this world, no matter how good a parent or citizen moth doth not enter nor the rust con More hazardous still is the lot of

sume, and where thieves do not break those who rest their hostility to the Catholic Church on what they know to be a groundwork of falsehood. This So let us live and do, that when the autumn of our years comes we shall have a full harvest of good things to we do not imagine to be the case with we do not imagine to be the case with the masses of non Catholics: they firmly believe the falsehood with which they have been fed from in-fancy. But we do imagine it to be bring with us, that our death may usher us into eternal life and the fullness of the joys of heaven.-Bishop Colton in Catholic Union and Times. the case with many from whom, by reason of their education and better opportunities for knowing the truth,

better things might be expected. When we find such people as these reiterating statements which have been

clearly proven to them to have no foundation in fact, and using these

statements to keep others more ignor-ant and more bonest than themselves from being Catholics, we are irresist-ibly reminded of our Lords's words to