AN ITALIAN PRIEST AND HIS WORK.

The movement of Italian immigra tion to southern parts of this country makes particularly interesting the account in Maxwell's Talisman of the which owes its success in great measure to the energy, tact and good business sense of the Rev. Peter Bandini.

"In 1895 this colony began at Sunnyside, Ark., with 100 Italian families.

The attempt, for various reasons not

The attempt, for various reasons not eable to the colonists themselves, was a failure. Many of the families deserted the colony, and for those who remained, il with ever, unfit to work, too poor to move, there was little hope or encouragement. But the psycholo-gical moment brought forth the man. This was Father Bandini, the priest This was Fatier Bandini, the priest who, hitherto a man of God and a min-ister of spiritual comforts ister of spiritual comforts, suddenly showed himself a man of the world (in the best sense of that term) and the leader and manager of his people's temastrous for his people to remain in the unhealthy environment of Sunnyside. He induced them, therefore, to get together their few belongings, and he led them to Springdale about seventy miles north from Fort Smith, Ark. This was in 1897. Not one of the families was possessed of as much as \$25, them were absolutely des was possessed of as internal ad-and most of them were absolutely penniless. Barefooted for the most part, and with scant clothing to cover them, these poor strangers in a strange land pitched their tents about five miles from Springdale, and began laying down the lines of a settlement. They called the place Tontitown in honor of Enries Tonti, an Italian pioneer who established the first trading post in the Arkansas country.

THE PRIEST, THE LEADER OF HIS FEOPLE.

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"What followed—how the priest con-tinued successfully to direct their affairs, how he borrowed money, how land was purchased and paid for, and how for such a poverty stricken beginning the settlement grew from a mere cluster of shacks to its present prosperous condition -would be too long a story. Suffice it to say that the colony passed safely through all its discount agements, and is now a very creditable village-a community were peace and prosperity reign supreme. A general merchandise store has been opened, a post-office se sured, many orchards have n laid out, and dryers and wineries installed. The village also contains ar excellent telephone system, and boasts of one of the most beautiful rural churches in Arkansas. Every mortgage in the colony has been paid in full, and the only indebtedness is a \$400 lumber bill for the church, which Father Bandini gether too brief, gives his readers a has taken unto himself and secured little insight into the charming personality of a distinguished convert to the land in the settlement, worth now \$50 an acre, is under cultivation, and every family is possessed of some cattle, and at least one horse. A year ago Father Bandini organized and trained a brass band, which has taken several prizes in contests through the northern part of the State. Amateur theatricals are encouraged, and have been the means of raising considerable for public purposes. A good schoolhouse has been erected; another will soon be necessary (the Italians not being followers of the race snicide theory), and there is every assurance of village securing a branch of rail road in the near future.

SOME OF THE COLONY'S TRIALS. "Of the trials which these new Pil-grim Fathers faced, not the least was the hostility of the native Arkansas settlers, who presumably saw in these new-comers a set of dark-faced intruders not far removed from the despised "nigger." Added to this was the fact that these foreigners were Catholics. hostility toward the Italians mani fested itself in various ways. One time it ran so high that the native Arkan it ran so high that the native Arkan porter on a small newspaper, and his name is revered by people of denominations all over the Dominion to-day. and was saved only after heroic efforts

Sunday. A great many, other than his own congregation, faced Father Banown congregation, laced Father Ban-dini when he began to speak, and what he had to say was of interest to every one present. In plain terms he let it be understood that while his people were law abiding and indus-trious, and not disposed to look for congregals, yet, in case congregals should quarrels, yet, in case quarrels should be forced upon them, the other fellows had better lock cut. Most of his men. had better lock cut. Most of his men, he assured his hearers by way of friendly caution, were veterans of the Italian Army who knew how to shoot, and who would, if need be, protect their rights with their lives. This plain talk put at end to the hostility, and gradually the Italians have gained the respect and confidence of the entire community. "—Sacred Heart Review.

THE BOND OF PERFECTION.

"But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection: And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you the high road to joy and to the very summit of perfection. What is more helpful, more enlightening, more joyour burdens; how it causes us to overlook and forgive other men's defects; how it makes us run swiftly in the serious grant of courtoversy the brethren; how bright this earth becomes, when we live to love, and how attractive, how homelike, is heaven!

Secondly, we are to "let the peace of Chris: rejoice in our hearts." We must pay attention to that small word "let." For, when we come to con-"let." For, when we come to consider the facts in the case, we shall find that only too often we ourselves do not "let." or permit, the peace of Christ to rejoice in our hearts. We disturb its happy reign therein by our worries, our savieties, our lack of trust and our anxieties, our lack of trust and patience, our too frequent persistence in going against the boly will of God on account of some blind, stubborn resistwill which we set on ance of our own some object that is not good for us So absorbed do we sometimes become in these lesser things, that our hearts are in a turmoil; so blind do we become, we even imagine it is our love it that we even imagine it is our love it self that causes our trouble; that our love for our God or for our neighbor makes us anxious about our own conditional our friends, about our own conditions of the condition of the conditi We fail to remember that God is tion. We fail to remember that God is not the God of anxiety and worry, but the God of perfect peace. Arxiety is a temptation, to be treated like other temptations, banished, conquered, for gotten. We are to let, that is we are to allow and permit, the peace of to allow and permit, the peace of Christ to "rejoice in our hearts." Joy makes us run swiftly in the Chris-tian life; it is a great grace from God, a grace that we ough: to cultivate far more carefully than we do. This may be done by obeying those other words of St. Paul in the epistle of to day: "And be ye thankful." How apt we are to dwell on the dark side of things; how apt to be easily cast down and to complain! Let us ask for a grateful heart; let us count up, every day, the many, many reasons we have for sincere and constant thanksgiving. We shall find this practice, if sincerely and steadfastly pursued, a very helpful one. How much suffering God has spared us! Let us thank Him for this. How much patience He has shown to us, what kindness He has done us, what a Heaven He promised us! May we offer Him joyful, loving, grateful hearts, as our ardent return for His love. So shall we serve Him gladly and well .- Sacred Heart Review.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

REMINISCENCES OF THE DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN CONVERT TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

The January number of the Cana-The January number of the Canadian Magazine, published at Toronto Ont., contains a highly interesting article, "Reminiscenses of the late Sir John Thompson," from the pen of Hon. J. J. Curran. The able writer, who was a long time friend of the statesman whose career of usefulness was alto-Catholic faith.

When, at the death of Sir John Abbott, the brilliant Thompson succeeded to the premiership of the Dominion. he met with much hostility from the bigoted sects on account of his religion. Attack upon attack was hurled at him from unexpected quar ters, only to be met with silent scorn Ministers hurled invectives at him the opposite party thundered at him, but the brave, silent man heeded not the vaporings of his enemies. He dreaded his political enemies only be dreaded his political enemies only be cause they would become his enemies through no fault of his own, but he faced the storm bravely and bravely conquered all.

His journeying to England, his death in Windsor Castle, when a priest was brought to his bedside at his and the request of the Queen of England, is recent history. It is remembered that not since the days of the brutal King Hal had a Catholic priest been allowed to officiate within the historic castle walls. The highest honors were paid to the dead statesman whose career opened as a re-

on the part of Father Bandini, who
narrowly escaped with his life.

This incident showed the priest that This incident showed the priest that vigorous measures for the protection of his people and their hard won property must be taken. He therefore had a circular printed in English and distributed broadcast throughout the entire section, inviting everybody to attend Tontitown church on the following Schembar agreed ways other than big. Mother Church and later practiced liest of her members.
The letter follows

My Dear — : Words cannot ex-press my appreciation of your great kindness in writing to me, as you did about the extraordinary attack made on me by Dr Douglas. The noble words of your relative, too, were a great comfort and made me realize how many there may be among the \$800,000 for whom Dr. D. claims to speak, who have too much of the Christian to the company of the christian of th ian spirit to follow his uncharitable

tian spirit to follow his uncontribute judgment on one of whom he knows ab solutely nothing.

I have many indications of the same kind from my own province, where my life was spent until the last seven years, and there no enemy, political or otherwise, ever breathed of me any one of the slanders which the doctor has twice uttered in the West. One acquaintance, writing from Halifax a few days ago, declares that in the Methodist church where I worshipped when a youth, there are very many are called in one body; and be ye when a youth, there are very many thankful." A special lesson as to the means for obtaining happiness and content in our spiritual lives i to be found them, and that if I were to run an in those sayings of the great Apostle lection in Halilax to morrow, the St. Paul. In the first place, we are to have "charity, which is the bond of perfection." What a simple thing this is, when we stop to consider it! is, when we stop to consider it! doctor's two addresses was absolutely Charity, love—oh, surely, if we love God and love our neighbor we are on never taught any but a class of poor children who were learn ng to read. summit of perfection. What is more belpful, more enlightening, more joy-making and peace making, than true love 1 How easy does true love maken at the wildest Salvation of England and Roman Latholic services exclusively for upgards of four

FIVE GOLDEN RULES.

First-Eat only 3 meals a day, 5 hours apart.
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stomach to rest. Second-Eat nothing bet-

ween meals. If anything is taken into the stomach

while digestion is going on, digestion stops and may not start again for an hour.

Third—Eat slowly and chew food thoroughly.

This insures food being well mixed with saliva and partially digested before it reaches the stomach. Fourth-Drink little fluid

with meals. The stomach gives out about a pint of gastric juice to digest each meal. If you take another pint of tea, wine or water, then the digestive juices are too diluted to properly digest the food.

Fifth—Take one "Fruit-a-

tives" tablet about twenty minutes before meals. "Fruita-trues" tone up and sweeten the stomach - insure an abundant flow of digestive juices-and cure Dyspepsia. Follow these directions for a month and see how much better you are in every way. At all druggists

R. C. prelate. I had very few Catholic clients — no influential friends. Not my marriage relations—I had made the acquaintance of my wife after I had resolved to make the change; but I had been married a year before the change occured, as I did not want it to appear as though I had turned in order to be married. My wife brought me all the joys and blessings that have made my home happy for twenty-two years, but not one dollar of money. In fact I believed the day of my baptism was the day that closed my chances of professional advancement, or any other. I felt that I had but one re source left-my shorthand-at which I knew I could support my wife and my-self if matters came to the worst. But I felt that there was no use in putting all this before the public, in answer to Dr. Douglas, and that it was better to stand or fall by the certain right which I had to declare that there were not matters for public discussion, but matters of conscience only. If I had discussed them I must have added, that after more than twenty years of experience and consideration, I would do again, if it were necessary, what I did then, and do it a thousand times, if necessary, even if all the blessings and prosperity which I have had were turned into misfortunes and afflictions. This could not fail to offend many who, I telt, were willing to treat the matter in a broad and Christian spirit -or to lay it aside as one that should not debated. At any rate there would be no end of the controversy that would have ensued as to the "why and the

Permit me again to thank you and to wish you and yours every grace and blessing. Yours sincerely, JOHN S. D. THOMPSON.

VOCATION.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD. For the CATHOLIC RECORD.

"Arise, take the young child and His Mother, and go into the land of Egypt, and be thou there until 1 bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him."

My soul—Thy Heavenly Father, Who revealed to St. Joseph in a dream that he should take the young Child Jesus and go into the land of Egypt until he should bring him word to return, is

he should bring him word to return, is Mr Curran's article is worth reading, and not the least interesting part is the following letter, written by the dead following letter, written by the dead who sought to destroy the life of the could within Thee, by leading Divine Child within Thee, by leading thee into sinful and forbidden paths, though thou mayest not have been aware of it, and the place to which thou has: mercifully been conducted. man, and we can easily understand the great and wonderful character of the man who studied faithfully the dostrines of Mother Church and later practiced these doctrines as humbly as the low-liest of her members. until He shall bring thee word to de part out from it. Thy future, per-chance, is dark, and not yet clearly manifest to thee, and thou hast cried day and night unto God to reveal His holy will to thee, but no definite answer has been given to thee. Be of good cheer; remember St. Joseph, with the Holy Child and His Mother in the land of Egypt; their life in that country was a hiden life, a quiet and retired life, but they rested in the assuring words "Be thou there until I bring thee word," and apply them to thyself. That Divine Child had a special vocation, a special mission to perform, and this special mission was under the special care of His Heavenly Father until the appointed time, and He tade His guardian, St. Joseph, keep him in an appointed place, until those who an appointed place, until those who sought to hinder work had been removed out of the way. Thou art privileged, my soul, to have been made in thy baptism a member of that Holy Child, and provided thou remain a living member of His body, He has destined thee for a special mission too, how small and insignificant soever it may seem to thee.

Thou hast been called, with Saint

may seem to thee.
Thou hast been called, with Saint Joseph, first to guard carefully the life of the Divine Child within thee, and to protect the privileges of His blessed Mother by taking care that they are not violated by thyse f or by others, and to honor her with the honor that is due to her as the Mother of God and thy spiritual Mother, and in thine allotted sphere thou can'st do

task, until He bring thee word and say to thee, as He said to St. Joseph: "Arise, take the young Child and His Mother, and depart, for they are dead which sought the life of the Child. G. F. F.

MINISTER PRAISES PRIESTS OF MEXICO.

"Strong Men" was the keynote of the speeches at the recent annual dinner of the church Cinb, an organization composed of the Episcopal clergymen of the city of Wilmington, Del. Bishop Leighton Coleman, Judge of Superior Court, Ignatius C. Grubb, Mayor Horace Wilson, Archdeacon Hall and several prominent public men of the city were among the speakers. But an utterance of Rev. David M.

Steele is especially worthy of remark by Catholics. In depreciating the lack of strong men in the church he took occasion to laud the condition of the Catholic church in Mexico, attri buting it to the strength and carnest-ness of the priests, who labor there for the salvation of the souls entrusted to their care. He said that zeal and en-thusiasm had made Mexico a great country in a religious sense, so far as the growth of the Catholic church is concerned. He went back to the days of Cortez and his twenty three intrepid followers, the founders of the present regime in Mexico, and he declared that it was their zeal and the zeal of the priests who came later which has made Mexico the great country which it is to day. There are over fifty it is to day. 'There are churches in that country surpass any to be seen in this country. He said that two many people kep going to Europe to see novel and strange things, totally overlook-ing the interesting aspects of the the interesting aspects ing the interesting aspects of the foreign country on our southern border.

On the whole it was an exceptional testimony given by an Episcopal minis-ter in a stronghold of non Catholic

opinions.
Victor B. Wooley, a prominent attorney in addressing the club, took the opportunity to remark the devotion of a Catholic priest whom it was his good fortune to meet while on a trip to the West. This priest, according to Mr. Wooley, by the earnestness and zeal which he displayed, succeeded in converting a blasphemous, ungodly mining camp into a model village. The whole tone of the speeches were kindly to the Catholic Church.

PRESENTATION TO J. J. BEHAN.

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A pleasing event occurred at the regular meeting of the Young Irishmen's Carbolic Benevalent Association, Kingston, held in their hall on Monday evening, Feb. 5th. Near the close of the meeting on motion of Vice-President the regular order of business was suspended, and the Secretary, Goo. Hanson, read the following address to the President, J. Behan,
D. ar Sir and Brother — After twenty-five years of active service in our midst, and chiefly as an executive officer, we desire to show in a small manner our appreciation of your services and good fellowship. You have during your term of office seen many members join our ranks and enjoy the hospitality of this good old hall. You have also seen many leave us to better their positions under other sum, but time has permitted us to remain as Irishmen, at least in spirit, for there is not a member of the Association you has not a warm spot in his heart for the old Y, I. C. B. A., and if possible a warmer feeling for its president.

Since you assumed the position of our chief officer you have always given your advice cheerfully and wisely, working for the best if nossible a warmer feeling for its president. Since you assumed the position of our chief officer you have always given your advice cheerfully and wisely, working for the best interests of the members all the time, and although this symbol of appreciation of your services is small, it expresses in a measure the very best wishes of your fellow members. In presenting this cane and pipe, a slight token of our regard and respect, we sheartly wisn you and Mrs. Behan years of health and prosperity.

Signed:

Bro, Peter Ctarke on behalf of the Association then presented President Behan with a beautiful ebony cane, with a massive engraved gold head, a gold mounted pipe in case, a fine cigar holder and a box of cigars.

The presentation came as a complete surprise, so quietly had the matter been kept by the members. President Behan on rising to reply expressed his sincere and heart felt appreciation of the kindness of his fellow members for the magnificent presents, and also for the kind and complimentary sentiments conveyed in the address. He assured his brother members that he did not need these tangible proofs from the members assured his brother members that he did not need these tangible proofs from the members to assure him that he was honored by their devocion and confidence, for during the past twenty five years as an officer he had abundant proofs of it, and on many occasions but none the less did he appreciate these costly gifts as one crowning testimony of their good will. He "xpressed his gratitude to his brother members and assured them that he would ever remember their kindness.

That " Prayer " Again

That "Prayer" Again.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD—Enclosed please find a new edition of our old friend "Prayer to Sh. Joseph." As you see it is no longer. "In Chains but it is nevertheless the same old jumble of ignorance, nonsense and blasphemy. If you think it worth while to refer to it in your valuable paper it might be well to tell your readers that they may procure approved prayers to St. Joseph, or any other saint, in your cfibe, or in any Catholic book store so that there is no excuse whatever for people being imposed upon by the unscripulous humburg who persist in writing and circulating "fake prayers.

Surely Catholics ought to know by this t'me that they should make use of no prayers not approved by the Church. If the Abostles to teach them how to pray, surely ordinary Christians ought to be humble enough to ask the church, the spouse of Christ, how they should pray, or what amounts to the same thing, use only prayers approved by the church. Ard they may know that a prayer has that approval when the prayer itself or the book in which it is found, has the imprimatur of a Bishop or Archbishop!

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