

Family Circle.

HE UNDERSTANDS US SO!

When tempted, sore, and puzzled,
With mysteries within :
My heart disturbed and darkened,
Beneath the mists of sin :
I always go to Jesus
With what I do not know,
For he is full of wisdom,
And understands me so.

And when the world around me
Perplexes and involves,
When doubts and dangers thicken,
In vain earth's wisdom solves.
I cannot comprehend it,
The wherefore o' my woe ;
But Jesus knows the darkness,
He understands me so !

Each sigh that others censure,
And griefs that cannot sigh :
Each sparkling little pleasure,
Each thought aspiring high :
Infirmities of feeling
That bend my spirit low —
For these his hand has healing,
He understands me so !

No other hand so comforts,
Though tenderly they try :
No other heart can ever
In pity thus draw nigh.
So then, in joy and sorrow,
Let us to Jesus go :
Whatever be our story
He understands us so !

—Sel.

A WARM HANDSHAKE.

A Pittsburg pastor writes us : " It was at the close of the evening service last Sunday that, according to my wont, I stepped down from the pulpit and moved toward the door to greet old friends and welcome strangers. Presently there stood before me a shy, intelligent looking lad, who grasped my hand with so much cordiality that looking him in the face, I said : ' What is your name ? Do you live somewhere near by ? ' ' My name,' said he, with a charming accent, ' is John Silas. I do not live here ; I work at the K—hotel. ' How did you find your way here ? ' ' I look for you many days,' responded the boy ; ' I come from Germany one year ago—no father, no mother. I meet you one night you preached at W— [one of our suburbs], you shook hands with me, and I've been looking for your church ever since.' The incident deeply touched several who were standing by, and hospitality to strangers will seem to us all more valuable than before."—*Phil. Pres.*

They tell us that in the great Mohammedan mosque of Damascus, on the lintel beam of an ancient portal, in dimmed letters of Greek, is the inscription, Thy kingdom, O Christ, is the kingdom of the ages, and Thy dominion is throughout all generations." For more than a thousand years the followers of the false prophets have passed beneath that word, carved there when the mosque was a Christian Church. The while they have dreamed of a world wide conquest. Their dream shall be forever vain. The lines of that trustful inscription shall not wholly fade, until Crescent yields to Cross, and Christ is all in all.—*L. T. Chamberlain, D.D.*

A ROMANIST OUTRAGE.

ON THE *Patriotic American* of Detroit, Michigan, publishes the following letter from Elroy, Wis. ;—

" There are thousands of people in the East who will be loath to believe the high-handed manner in which the representatives of Rome conduct themselves where they get the opportunity ; but the case which has been decided in the Circuit Court here, and which has been appealed to the Supreme Court will give them authentic information and open their eyes.

" This town has a very large Roman Catholic population. It is not a large place, having a population of about 1,600, and is located on the C. and N. W. Railway in Juneau county, about seventy miles west of Madison. They have one public school with four rooms, in charge of four teachers. There are three School Commissioners elected by the voters, and last fall two of those elected were Roman Catholics and one a Protestant. They met, and elected one of the Romanists president and the other secretary.

" At the regular meeting the two Romanists would not attend, so there would be no quorum ; then they would call a special meeting and not notify the Protestant. They appointed three Roman Catholic teachers, and retained one lady who had long been teaching there, and who was a Protestant, though there was a clamour among the Romanists of the town for her removal also—but they seemed satisfied with 75 per cent. of the teachers.

" Then came the priest of the Roman Catholic Church and ordered the Bible out of the schools. This was done. Then he ordered that the Roman Catholic catechism should be taught in the schools ; the Protestant teacher objected, but she had to submit or resign. Then came the crowning outrage of all. One morning the priest came into the school and ordered the three Roman Catholic teachers to take all of their scholars over to the church at once.

" He then went into the other room and notified the lady to take all her pupils over to his church, as some interesting proceedings were to take place. She protested ; but he marched every one of the scholars off, and, taking every child over to his church, he publicly ' consecrated ' or baptized them into the Roman Catholic faith, Protestants and all, and many of the little folks did not know what was being done to them.

" This last indignity was too much for some of the Protestant parents, and with the Protestant School Commissioner they applied to the Circuit Court for an injunction to restrain the priest from further interfering with the public school. The court has granted the injunction, and the priest and his backers have appealed the case to the Supreme Court. This is the Supreme Court that last year decided that the Holy Bible was a sectarian book, and must not be read in the public schools.

" The Supreme Court decides such appeals on the briefs submitted, and the Roman Catholics have plenty of money to retain the best attorneys to fight their case, while the Americans have no such powerful organization.

" In the case the Supreme Court decides in favor of the priest, what will he do next ? And what will every priest in Wisconsin do if the people submit ? This is in America in 1892.

" The records of the Juneau county, Wis., court will verify every particular as given above.

Let Canada beware. Give equal rights as citizens, to all, but special privileges, on account of race or religion, to none.