acts of this kind as does "A Backwoodsman." | will only release him. Poor man! There is the country, in a geographical point of view, Joseph. He goes to heaven ple, the action of the present Government in and a fair discussion o' these questions. I think, however, that if "A Backwoodsman" upon the wall and let it rest, for whatever may be the faults of the Joly Government, and especially in doing away with some " Backwoodsman."

Yours, &c., Another Backwoodsman. Rawdon, December 7th, 1878.

THE LONGER POINTS LUNATED ASYLUM.

Visit to the Establishment-The Inmates-Scenes of Misery-Causes and Effects-Dr. Howard's Theory of Insanity—The Infirm—Jolly under the Circumstances.

may be of some interest to the public, we give the following short sketch taken from his notebook, which is however, necessarily the two hours he spent there to do justice to such an important subject :-

Longue Pointe Asylum is nine miles east of though it is only three years ago since two gave the numbers the building contained as fellows: Sisters of Providence, forty-two; employees, fifty; pauper lunatics, seven hundred and fifteen, in private rooms-including inebriates, twenty-four. The institution is a birth, and that he should not have ever been public one, though in reality built and owned by the Nuns. The government can compet admission, and allows one hundred dollars per annum for each patient, which, considering the terrible tearing of clothes, is little enough; while, of course, private patients and inebriates pay their own way, the terms being according to treatment and accommodation. There are two hundred acres of land attached

to the building, which adds to its revenues. After entering his name on the book the sister on duty said to the reporter, "come up stairs and see Dr. Howard," and up accordingly he went and was-before he had time to make the sign of the cross-in the midst of from forty to fifty men and boys of different shades and degrees of lunacy, but all as mad as March hares. They leared and mouthed at the reporter as if he had fallen from the sky. One of them crew like a cock, another van furiously up and down, snorting and blowing like a steam engine (he had been a brakeman on the Grand Trunk Railway,) others made noises peculiar to themselves, and most of them asked for tobacco. When the visitor saw Dr. Howard calmly writing prescriptions and the sister cheerfully chatting, his shattered the way looked more like a girl-possessed nerves composed themselves, more especially

THEY WERE OF A HARMLESS CLASS.

There were fifty-three patients in this corridor, which is styled "St. Joseph," each corridor by the way being called after some saint. Two men keep watch over each ward day and night alternately and, substituting women for men, the same may be said of the the other side of the road is a dependency of female wing of the building. There are twenty-eight rooms, fourteen on either side. each rooms contains two beds, and beds. rooms and corridors, though exhaling an unpleasant odor, are scrupulously clean. This cleanliness, as may well be imagined fierz the sisters, who delicately nurrured and if not of an alarming, is not of a reassuring the style of the occupants, is neither an easy nor a pleasant task. The place is kept at a healthy degree of temperature by hot water but by their labors contrast light with dark- some very ardaous and gallant work, will not pipes. But let us return to our friend the ness the most gloomy, and expect not their receive a recognition at the hands of the audoctor and his interesting family, half of reward in this world, nor their names in the whom are by this time clamoring to be dis- daily papers, showing the merciful deeds that charged in tones more or less respectful Dr. they do. The lunary of the "miserables" in Howard talks encouragingly to some, soothingly to others, while to all he is cheerful and absolute idiocy, is due to a cause of major to volunteer. We trust that neither polite, as if he were addressing men of sane intellect. He seems to have been cut out for ard, still consistent in his hard-shell science, "administering to minds deceased," for, while he is utterly devoid of the sham and pomposity semetimes assumed by shallow members of a noble profession to cover their ignerance. them by their parents hanging round their he possesses a clear, penetrating understand- necks. It was now dark and our reporter was ing and is thorough master of the subject he treats. He certainly entertains original bleas on psychology and physi-ology—among the body are identical, and that lumities, like poets, are born, not made; that is to say, except by some physical revolution, such as the splitting of a man's skull, he cannot lose his reason. The discuse, he contends, is inherent in the patient, and is gradually developed, or brought out suddenly by extraneous circumstances-always supposing our reporter understood him correctly; and certainly, to look at the jabbering idiots around, it would be hard to imagine that

THEIR INTELLECTS

had ever been of the clearest. They assumed all manner of positions. Some stood upright and talked the wildest nonsense, others cowered pitiably in the background, while the faces of nearly all wore a sodden, gloomy expression sorrowful to behold. Still there were a few exceptions. One man in particular, who arrogated to himself the high-sounding title of "Roi d'Augleterre," seemed to be Very jolly under the circumstances. This individual, who is an old habitant with a nose red enough for an emperor, let alone a king, stood upon a table and made a long and by no means a bad speech, in which he enlarged on the extent of his dominions and abused Austria and Russia to his heart's content. His chief difficulty, however, lies in Ireland, which he says is half the time in rebellion and always troublesome, but some tine day he will astonish those

MAUVAIS BRLANDAIS.

A great many people will agree that there was method in this old fellow's madness. There is another remarkable case here of the name of Beaudry. This man was, nineteen years ago, sentenced to penitentiary for life which amount he proffers every visitor if he hang down in long pendants.

But the general character of this part of still another old man who fancies he is St. not its past, but its present resources, the night and comes down for his break-character of the generality of the settlers fast bright and early in the morning. This back here, as an honest and law-abiding peo- poor fellow is also cheerful, but he and the King of England are exceptions, for those two dispensing with unnecessary officers that there are fifty others whose lives are but a took away a large amount of revenue of the perfect misery. There is a patient in this country; these, Mr. Editor, are fairly debute- corridor whose case fully bears out the stateable questions, and should you deem it pru- ment of Dr. Howard in his printed pamphlet dent to leave your columns open to "A intituled "The Medical Jurisprudence of In-Church of England by more than three to Backwoodsman" to debate them with myself sanity," in which he asserts that men are one; in which the Governor-General has conor others, I will not flinch from an honest punished by the judges and magistrates for stantly received Catholic Bishops as such. acts done while in a state of unsound mind. honoring the late Apostolic Delegate as a re-This man's name is Pierre Morin, and the is wise he will hang up his theory readers of the Post may remember that some three or four months ago he was sent to jail for devouring offal of the most loathsome it is certain that its action in economizing nature—large quantities of which were found and especially in doing away with some in his house at Hochelaga. When his term the St. John Freeman, the Cat offices that were only a burden to the Governhad expired he consumed the same food tially an established Church. ment and a nuisance to the settlers, has been as ravenously as ever, was again convicted, more fully appreciated and meets with more but in a week was removed to Longue Pointe, approval from the generality of backwoods- where he should have been sent in the first men and many others than it seems to have instance. Wholesome food has now to be acmet with at the hands of this particular tually forced down his throat, and he looks as An Evening Post reporter paid a flying patient for whom the physican has visit to the above-named institution last the most fear. Another man in this week, and, as what he observed there corridor-Homer March-is awaiting a imperfect, as it would take a longer stay than | tentiary, where they had been under death Montreal proper, and is a large, handsome and even nuns. There are six notaries in brick building, erected by the Providence the asylum. Cases of epilepsy are very com-Nuns in 1873, and still under their charge, mon. There is a butcher named William wings were added, giving to the structure its invariably results in death. This class of ence to Turkey. present stately appearance. It was 2 o'clock | patients have always an exalted opinion of when the reporter made his appearance, an themselves, and speak lavishly of money and exce lent time, as Dr. Howard was going his property. The disease is also shewn by a rounds, and would be able (as he is always stoppage or wavering of the speech, which in the war just commenced has been that of willing) to give every information to the fails altogether as the fearful end approaches. public. The Superioress of the establishment | The Sicilian Calabria, Hogged three years | as second in command to Major Birch, a de-

even political excitement develop insanity. and the 12th of July before the last sent four

handsome balance was left to be carried into the new year. The President, Mr. P. J. Barry, then delivered his annual address, which was well received. He reviewed the workings of the society from the time he came into office up to the present time. He thanked them for re-electing him for 1879, and hoped to prove by his actions in the coming year that their confidence in him was not misplaced. After some other important business the meeting adjourned.

Indestructible jardiniers are the latest novelties in decorative art for either indoor or outdoor embellishment.

French gold and silver necklaces have several rows of small coin-shaped pieces, with fancies (or he may be right) that he has a cerhighly polished surfaces. The ear-rings to trouble, unless these gentlemen propose to the sum of money buried near Quebec, and match have two strings of coins which look give the residents of Brooklyn an exhibition, has the amount, £693, written on a card, as if they were passed through the ear and

The Auti-Catholic Oath in Canada.

Canada's new Governor was called upon to take an oath, aimed specially at Catholics, to the effect that no foreigner has a right to have any jurisdiction, spiritual or ecclesiastical, in the realm; and one would suppose from its wording that the Catholic Church had no recognized footing in the Dominion.

Such a formula is wholly absurd in a country in which the Catholic Church has a million and a half adherents; oftnumbering the Church of England by more than three to presentative of the Holy See; and in no part of which a royal exequatur is necessary to enable a Bishop to enter into full possession of the temporal and spiritual prerogatives of his See. In a large portion of Canada, says the St. John Freeman, the Catholic is essen-

yesterday, as it was rumored that O'Leary and Campana were going to walk their match in the vacant lot adjoining the City Hall. An application was recently made to the Board of Supervisors by a David Hatfield, of Washington, for permission to use the lot for a reputable purpose. The matter was referred to the Court House Committee, and as one of the members had heard that the ground was wanted for the O Leary-Campana walk a subcommittee was appointed to wait on Mr. Hutfield. The gentlemen appointed on the committee are Messrs. Quick and Cullen, and they will see Mr. Hatefield to-day and report on Thursday. If the lot is wanted for O'Leary and Campana they may spare themselves the Gilmore's Garden.

FATHER BURKE

An Able Sermon at Lurgan.

OHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

WHAT THE WORLD WOULD BE WITH-OUT IT.

Worthlessness of Education Without Religion.

The cloquent Dominieun, Father Barke, preached on Sunday, November 17th, in St. Peter's Church, Lurgan, on behalf of a no less important work than the nurthering of Catholie

inglit the gallant Irish heart was first and foremost in the fray. The lamented young officer was one of those heroic Munster men who have so well sustained their country's fame in great deeds of ederring do." He was the brother of the present Knight of Glin, with whom we cordially sympathize in his grief, which must find some relief in the fact that the tears shed over a soldier's grave are not all bitter

Socialism in Prussia.

Hitherto the Prussian Socialists have rarely shown any collective interest in the municipal elections. Now matters appear very different, and the Socialist deputy (Hasselmann) amnounces a new paper under the title of B reliand Ortan for the grant for the title of B reliand Ortan for the collective of the such as the face of Lesses in the amounces a new paper under the title of B reliand Ortan for the collective of the cleak and her dead hand with its revived sense first of all the touch of Cod.

1000 Alone works migacenes, so go and the could revive her—one alone could revive her—one alone could command her to two again, and that one houst be God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and it was told who stood there by the God; and the sold with the souch of the dead. He touched her with His hand, and the wonent the dead left the touch of the dead. He touched her with His hand, and the wonent the dead left the touch of the hand of the son of God, that momens she opened her eyes, she put on the hand of the son of God, that momens she opened her eyes, she put on the hand of the son of God, that momens she opened her eyes, she put on the hand of the son of God, that momens she opened her eyes, she put on the hand of the son of God, that momens she opened her eyes, the free came had the touched her, and the first sight that

THE MEDEMPTION OF MAN.

For four (housand years this poor nature of ours by upon its had of death, and during that time many a voice spoke and many a hand touched it, but no voice or hand could give back that life which washet. Philosophers came with their vain recipes of human vision; they could not quicken the dead. Prophets came, and though their voices were inspired, yet they could not give back the life which it had lost. At length He came, for whom patriarchs and prophets had spired in vain for four thousand years; at length He came, the Son of the Virgin—the Son of God, the Eternal God Incarnate, and He stood over the dead, and in His presence the dead was but sleeping. He touched us with this hand, spoke to us with His voice, and with the sound of that voice and the touch of that onrulpstent hand on eyes were opened, and we the sound of that voice and the tonch of that omnipetent hand our eyes were opened, and we were awakened to the love of God, and Jesus Christ. The pulses of our soul quickened again under the touch of His omnipotent hand; new life was restored, and we awakened to the love of God and beheld the light of grace and Jesus Christ, and man, who had died in Adam, rose out from his hed of death—rose up in the glory of grace and Jesus Christ.

WHAT THE DEAD GIRL OF THE GOSPEL NOW

WHAT THE DEAD GIRL OF THE GOSPEL NOW REPRESENSTS.

The dead girl in this day's Gospei not only symbolizes and represents our nature, fallen and dead in Adam, reviving and living again in the second and better Adam, who is Jesus Christ, but the dead girl in this day's Gospel represents also the human soil and the body of the young child waiting for the voice and touch of life, which God alone can give. Therefore this day's Gospel is most apposite for the very charlty for which I am come here to appeal to you to-day. I am come here to speak to you on a question of the utmost importance—the most absolutely vital that could occupy your attention—your

mind—as Christian men and children of the Church of God.—namely, the question of religious education. I am not here to stir up your zeal for a work which is yet to begin; I am not come here to describe in fanciful and, it might be, exaggerated language the object of things that ought to be and are not. No, my dearly beloved brethren, it is my first privilege to come to speak to you rather in words of congratulation, and to ask you to rejoice with me that the work has been done, and is behing done; that the buildings are already erected; that the children are already gathered in to the number of more than six hundred; whilst those who cannot attend throughout the day have their night-schools prepared for them, and took there also in their numbers; that the work is in full operation, but at the risk and responsibility and sore anxiety of the zealous priest who ministers to the spiritual wants of this congregation, and to call upon you to-day, in the name of God and in the name of those young souls for whom he has labored and is laboring, to free from his hands and lift from off him the heavy burden of £500 which has been incurred in the cause of religious education. religious education.

THE SOUL IS DEAD WITHOUT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

for decouring offield free most bothooms of the temporal and saintout precigatives or natural large quantities of which were found to be a second and the same food that the same food t ition; no rotating touch; no humanizing in-fluence to restrain one single passion, to guide one single inclination, to lay down the law for one single passion in the mature which asseres itself in the ignorant man.

iust and pure companions, upon whom you may rest in the confidence of Christian friendship? All these are things—something far more than the secular education can supply—are the work of the grace of God, and that grace only comes with religious education. They will not have God in their knowledge. Let them keep their knowledge, if too be not there. I say to you and to my soul manceams in simplicifact nostm—let us do, in our simplicity and in our ignorance, as our fathers did before us, keeping only the golden promises of God, and adheding only to the divine knowledge of the Church of Christ. And whilst statesmen and philosochers come into the halls of our colleges and schools and prefer their promises and advance their claims, the Catholic Church stands there, a messenger of God and the spouse of Jesus Christ, the true and only and real mother of all those who by divine buptism have the habit of faith and the character of Christ stamped upon them. She stands there, who ought to be the joyful, but, sh, me, is too often the weeping mother, and she says sintle paraloxed me remire—"Let the little ones come to me; let them come to this bosom of mine, for here alone shall be taught the true knowledge that there is nothing higher than God; let them come to me—all, the world teaches them I will cach them, and where the world ceases I will only begin to teach them of the higher things that are of heaven and of God."

Education Alone Is not sufficient for the

EDUCATION ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE MORAL LIFE OF MAN. Therefore, In the Catholte system of editeation | Improving it

grace and divine knowledge accompany human knowledge. The child is taught just as much, and perhaps more, of the Kingdom of Heaven as it is of the earth. All human haw and human authority are derived from the higher chilms of God, and man's first duty is to his God. Man's life is a brief one at the most; we cross the stage in a few short steps, and the life that is beyond the grave and the eternity that there awaits us are opened up to us. The true and real life lies in that eternity with God and the saints in heaven. Not only are these divine principles of the love of God and the love of man communicated through the tove of God, involving gentleness, prudence, meskness, forgiveness—not only are these things faught, but there is another development of which the enemies of Christ are ignorant. Teaching, alone, no matter how high it may be, no matter how instinct with faith, no matter how strictly orthodox and correct in every detail—teaching alone was never yet found sufficient for the moral life of man. Teaching must be accompanied by actual grace. The child newly born, the child crawling about and notyet able to stand, will be on the ground before you, and no amount of exhortation on your part will enable it to rise. It is in vain that the father says to the little child, "Rise up and walk." He must itrs take and help the little one and guide its lottering says, be must lend his own manly strength and chable it to walk.

THE ADVANTAGES OF AN EXPLY REGISTED OF RELIGION.

The Abvantages of an giveny Reconstruction of the full meaning of the gird and what it implies—manuely, the tall alloing up of the intellectual and moral nature of man. Christ must come; God Himself must ectae, and must take the child by the hand and must sucke the child by the hand and mist sucke the child by the hand and mist sucke the child by the hand and mist sucke of God's perfect love. How is this done. Not hy teaching, it is done by sacramental gracultices. No somer has the young child got be the use of cod's perfect love. How is this done. Not him he becomes conscious of a persony-leadaction, and he makes preparation for and first confession. I remember if we'l. The little child, inneous-close sous of a persony-leadaction, and he makes preparation for any olding alloins, gradually and slowly begins to had at things in moral aspect, and to paid it if it this life we have some obligations. Suckeedy a voice speaks to him and says. Therefore, the wall have to remove an necount to Almighty God, an awful sense of the dyna account, taking in the uninete particular expanding to Annual to Find to Almighty God, an awful sense of the dyna account, taking in the uninete particular expanding the catholic school, when the words are disting a knowledge of thim. This is R. L. L. in a Catholic school, when the words are disting a knowledge of this that he must prepare the artist confession. And with the knowledge of the child into the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain obligation of the child from the days of the strain of the strain of the third of the strain of the stra eating power is allowed to have this play?

THE CATHOLOG CHURCH WHE MOTIFIE AND EX-TRON OF SCHENCE.
Have you never seen Carbolle, children excitic

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Ecuador.

This little Catholic State, which was so prosperous under the lamented Garcia Moreno, has, under its revolutionary rulers, who appear to rule by the dagger and the revolver, become a very paradise of the assassin. Signor Vicente Piedrahita, the most eminent member of the Conservative party, being obnoxious to the party in power, has followed Garcia Moreno and Mgr. Checa, and been waylaid by six men and shot on his own domain. Signor Piedrahita was formerly Governor of Guayaquil, and, under the administration of Garcia Morene, represented Ecuador in more than one Foreign Court. He was the author of Studies on the Social and Political State of Ecuador until on the Means of