

FROM A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter from a doctor just received by the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Family, Cape Town, South Africa.

I hope our long letters of last week did not tire you. We are still busy with the poor wounded men, the half of whom are poor prisoners, and some of them are very badly wounded.

Another Sister from Kimberley writes: "One of the ordes (a Scotchman) he always heard that the nuns were a rich, idle set of ladies, but now he sees the difference."

IRISH ART AND CHARACTER.

John Ruskin, in his work "Sesame and Lilies," addresses the following remarks, critical of Irish Art and Character to Kilkenny.

The work which is commonly known as the "Book of the Hours" is a very good book and an interesting one.

And the fatal difference lay wholly in this. In both places of art there was an equal feeling short of the needs of fact, but the Lombardic style knew that she was in the wrong, and the Irish Angel thought himself all right.

AN HISTORIC ALTAR.

English history preserves many of the quaint, historic scenes and the incidents that have left their impress on the architecture, and associated with bits of landscape, which are of the deepest interest to the people.

"Many a harrowing scene has been witnessed between these walls, and many a cruel sentence executed. For us, however, the altar will look like a shrine in the English martyrs, sixteen of whom met their death at Lancaster."

"The brutality of Edmund Arrowsmith's trial surpasses belief. He was not heard in his own defence, and when Justice Telford told him he was to die on the Scaffold, he answered: 'And you my lord, must you die?'"

AN ENGLISH PRISON ON DEATH ROW TO THE SAINTS.

The worship of the English Church at Lancaster, in Yorkshire, has but passed with their late vicar, the Rev. E. H. Bryan, who is evidently a man of great force of character, a powerful preacher, and a very advanced High Churchman.

A ROMANTIC CAREER.

Pathos and comedy, romance and adventure are strangely mingled in the career which came to an end when Mrs. Bazaine died recently at a private hospital in the suburbs of the city of Mexico.

SAINT PANCRATIUS.

Great and universal in the Catholic Church is the honor given to the martyr boy, Pancratius, in Rome the feast of St. Pancratius is a joyfully celebrated festival.

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The youth was an applicant for a place in a big firm, where his principal duty would be to ward off by evasive answers the nuisances who daily haunt the place.

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Marshall Bazaine and his beautiful wife in and about the court. A child was born to them, and never was his hand more proud of wife and child than the young wife two years before his appointment.

Then came the most brilliant part of the career of the woman who died the other day in Mexico. Her husband was made a Senator of France; he was placed in command of the army corps stationed at Nauss, then Napoleon emphasized the high value which he placed upon his services.

The Franco-German War broke out. Marshal Bazaine, now about 60 years old, great in command of the 19th Army Corps. On August 3, 1870, he took command of the Army of the Rhine, though he afterwards claimed that he did so reluctantly, and only at the command of the Emperor.

Need a Divining Rod? Ho, there, Jilkins, have you got change for a twenty? asked Van Touch, rushing up to Jilkins, breathlessly.

THE FLAGGING EXERCISES REVIVED.—Constant application to business is a tax upon the energies, and if there be not relaxation, lassitude and depression are sure to ensue.

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