# THE PORTIUNCULA-

since 1228, 'may be seen in Franciscan Church and chapel world (and in some few other nes by special privilege), a pro ond nditions going in and out devoutly, some once, some twice, some permits and their plety suggests.

They are making the visits requir-

Portiuncula-the Grand Pardon Assist, as it is called.

Would that men knew and appr ated it more, as they certainly would if they stopped to think about it. But whether appreciated or not, there it is to be had "in perpetuity." great free gift within the reach of the st and the poorest.

That glorious son of St. Francis and seraphic doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventure, wrote glowingly of this wonderful privilege bestowed on men, through the mother of God and

That Irish Franciscan historian Luke Wadding, chronicled the won ders of grace that flowed from it. Famous Jesuit writers and theologians, Bellarmine, Suarez, Bourdaloue defined and defended it against the ignorant and incredulous of

We are told in the life of St. Bridget of Sweden, that she thought very highly of the great pardon of St. Francis, and even doubted the truth of its divine origin and efficacy Our Saviour appeared to her and

"My daughter, falsehood is found where the fire of divine charity dwells. Francis my faithful secvant, possessed the truth.' Seeins indifference to God and their passion for earthly goods, he asked Me for a token of love with which to extinguish the love of the world to souls and light therein the fire charity. The token I gave him was that all those who shall come with empty hands into his place will return full of My blessings and with the entire remission of their sins.'

And that is the whole of the Por tiuncula Indulgence. St. Francis praying for the conversion of sinners was told to ask a favor of Heaven and it would be granted. Whereupon he promptly begged that all who came there to that little Church. having confessed, would receive full pardon for their sins and full remission of all the punishment due to their sins. For well he knew that not all who go through the form of confessing their sins receive pardon and of those who are contrite and pardoned heavy penalties are still due to offended justice.

This special privilege and special token he asked in his great zeal for the welfare of his fellowmen. those who talk of the brotherhood of man lead the life of St. Francis and learn from him the true meaning of

Two years later the favor was granted and inaugurated with lemnity by the Vicar of Christ Pope Honorius III., and the little Church of Our Lady of Angels, Assisi-the Portiuncula of St. Francis and his brethren-the cradle of the great family of St. Francis was the centre of a great grace and like a lodestone, drew penitent souls in crowds from all parts of the world on that one day in every year. The annals of those early years of the thirteenth century tell of the throngs that bore down on the little town of Assisi from the evening of broke over the face of the young the day of "St. Peter in Chains" to the evening of the next day. All and again, and soon every one in the night the happy procession went and out the miraculous little church and next evening contentedly filed out of Assisi again, singing Te Deum as they went home, some of them to great distances. This continued for 200 years. So great did the crowd grow each year that the Holy Father the power to bind and 1 ded the Indulgence to loose, churches that had branched out from the Portiuncula. in time, as the great family of St. Francis grew and covered the earth with its branches, it carried with it by special leave of the Vicar of Christ the great privilege won for it by the holy foun-Entering the portals of a church under the patronage of St. Francis of Assist on the second day of August, with a contrite heart, having confessed his sins and the intention of, in obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff, seeking the grand pardon promised St. Francis, may feel assured of the words or our Divine Lord Himself, addressed to the man who, full of faith, sought a cure from Him, "Son, be of good heart, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Oh, that we could realize the true

value of that sentence! Oh, that divine assurance l We would go with our empty hands to the rich free trea sury of the Church and return silled with faith and hope and charity; with peace and patience and benignity; with gratitude to God for myriad everyday blessings of nature and graces and with contempt for the paltryness of the worldly gainthe husks of swine on which we feed too long, when we might enjoy our Father's table !

St. Francis is on earth still in his thousands of sons and daughters, and the age of miracles is not passed at Thousands of eager souls will on the coming second of August in all simplicity and earnestness don is held out to them and obtain for themselves and their departed friends from the generosity of Him who has said: "Ask and you shall receive" the wiping out of all debts except that of gratitude. That is the spirit of Portiuncula Indulg-

The letter of it is : The first condition is to make

contrite confession-for only in state of grace may a soul merit the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin even after it is forgiven. This confession may be made thre days previously to the day of the In-

The second condition is to receiv Holy Communion (this was added to the condition of confession for all churches outside the Church of Portiuncula) on the first or second of August.

The third, condition is to visit de voutly a church privileged with the Indulgence any time from 3 p.m. the first to sunset on the second

This visit may be repeated as ofte as one has time and inclination to return to the church and at each visit the Indulgence may be gained for a helpless soul in Purgatory. Only once may it be gained for one There is no prescribed length of time for each visit,

The fourth condition is to pray for the intehtion of the Holy Father Any prayers may be said, but it is usual to say five times the Our Father and Hail Mary—and these should be said with the lips, as well as with the heart.

It is at great opportunity to help the souls in Purgatory which humble, sincere Catholic may lightly neglect. Make an effort to find out the nearest church to you privileged with this singular indulgence, and without interfering with your business or even your legitimate pleasure you can pay a tribute of respect to the Giver of all good by claiming for yourself and for your beloved dead this great grace, the free and full pardon of all your sins and the penalties awaiting them in this world

### **QUR BOYS AND GIRLS**

A MANLY BOY. -Some of our boys in Montreal should read the following story and take the lessons it contains to heart :

Several days ago I happened to board a car which was crowded. A little man-perhaps he was twelve years old-offered me his seat with a charming bow and smile. He soon found a seat, but popped up when another woman entered, pulled off his cap, which was fringed with rags, and with such a jolly, wide smile, made room for the newcomer. Five hill times in as many minutes tha traveller as he gave his seat again car was smiling in sympathy. No one thought whether his clothes were whole or ragged, but some one said: "I wish my boys enjoyed being gentlemanly as much as he does,' a fine looking man remarked quite loudly to his neighbor: "That's the sort of manline ss that makes our great and good men."

The boy heard this remark looked around to see who was man-

ANXIOUS TO LEARN. - Many children consider it a hard task to study their lessons. Let them appreciate the opportunities they nov

enjoy after reading the following: Some years ago a few kind people made up their minds to try to get hold of all the chimney sweeps in

Dublin and give them an education.

One day a little fellow who came was asked if he knew his letters.

"Oh, yes," he answered.

"Can you spell ?"

"Oh, yes"
"What books did you learn from?"
"Please, sir, I never had a book."
"Then who was your school mast-

ed very strange that a boy should be able to read and spell, and yet never had a master. "Then how did you learn?" he asked.

The little boy smiled and linked his arm in that of a sweep somewhat older than himself. 'Please, sir, Jim heart, and 'if, you'd kindly let us have some books to read and teach us to do sums and writing, we'd be very

Can,t you fancy what good pupils

### A HERO OF DUTY

If Catholic men, and Catholic w men, too, would apply the moral of the following story to their own lives, how many troublous moment. Part of the north of Holland

not protected from the sea by a natural barrier. Some two hundred years ago the Dutch undertook big task of building enormops walls or dykes of granite blocks and clay to keep out the sea. Behind numerous villages arose which flourished to the present day. Alkmohd, in particular, which numbers ten thousand inhabitants, built a little below the dyke, which is kept in constant repair by hundred workmen under the direction of an engineer. One afternoon in November, a long

while ago, a furious wind was blowing from the northwest increasing every moment. The engineer charge was a young mah engaged to be married, whose friends and family lived in Amsterdam. He was to go to Amsterdam that very evening to join a great festival long looved forjoin a great festival long looked forpreparations were all made, and he was in high spirits, ready to set out Suddenly the sound of rising wind struck upon his ear; and he remem bered with a pang of anxiety that i was the time of the high tides. He thought of his dyke and all that depended on it. It would be a gread ful disappointment not to go. But the dyke ! His friends would all be expecting him, watching for him. What would they think? But the dyke ! There was a conflict between pleasure and duty.

It is six o'clock, The sea is rising. But at seven he must set out Amsterdam. Shall he go? His heart says Yes; duty says No. ooks at the rising sea, watches the rising storm, and decides to remain at his post.

He then runs to the dyke. It is scene of the utmost confusion. two hundred men are bewildered. The storm has become a hurricane. The supply of tow and mortar is hausted! They are at their wits' end to know how to repair the breaks -how to defend the place against the terrible enemy which is every minute gaining upon them. But as soon as the young engineer appears a joyou cry bursts from every throat:

Here is the master! God praised! Now all will be well!" The master places each workman at his post, and a desperate battle begins between man and the enraged ocean. About half past eleven there

is a cry from the centre : "Help ! Help !" "What is the matter?" "Four stones carried away at a

blow !" The master does not lose a moment He fastens a rope around four workmen do the same; and forty arms seize the ropes while the five brave fellows throw themselves into the waves to repair the damage. The mad waves struggle with the men wash them about, blind them. No matter; they have done their work and they are hauled on land again.

But the cry "Help! help!" arises fram all parts. "Stones," cried one.

"There are no more."
"Mortar!"

"There is no more."
"Take off your clothes!" cries the aster, tearing of his own, "Btop

the holes with them !"

Meanwhile the people of Alkmond ate and danced, little thinking that there were but a few inches of masor work between them and death. Thousands of lives had been saved because one man had done his duty.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Avoid as you advance in years the secial temptations that come to special temptations that come to young men. I am not going to men-tion all of them, only one-intemper-ance. As you go through the world and watch your fellow-men, you find the majority of failures in life dueBAILROADS.

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to intemperance. This vice of inter perance attacks the weak and the strong, the educated and the ignorant. It is generous, open-hearte men that are most exposed to this curse. Determine, then, to avoid that temptation. I would advise every young man to go forth armed -stop at once. Pledge total abstisence. A man is absolutelo secure with it; without it there is danger It is all very well for a young man to say: "I'll only take one glass; but will he stop at one? Pledge total abstinence, for there is in it discipline, and discipline makes character. The underlying principle of character is self-control. If we practice this self-control on one point we surely shall practice it in every-

#### ABOUT THE EYES.

Many people willfully or ignorant ly abuse the eyes more than any other part of the body. When there is a dull, heavy pain in the lower part of the head, with sharp irregular pains extending over the back of the neck, above the ears, also around the eyeballs, with more or less throbbing pains through the temples, you may be sure the eyes need rest and glasses.

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NOTES (

IRISH STATESMANSHI time has gone past for the are opposed to Irish Home I argue that Irishmen are no Government. The foremos tors of Great Britain have t men; and not because they men, but in spite of t they became the most pow lars in the edifice of the Take Edmund Burke for ex O'Connell. Had the situat reversed, was there ever in tish Parliament a man wh have done for England wha nell did for Ireland? Did look at it in that light? that England had been the land and Ireland had been tress of the situation, did exist a British statesman have won victories for Eng as O'Connell won for Irels feel able to say "not one." we look abroad over the Br pire as it is constituted t find Canada and Australia two great foundation stone might. Yet it is most r that two men, who were 1848, who were branded a and exiled as felons, should become, within twenty consolidators of both the and Australian Confederati Gee, in Canada, was one o thers of our Confederation of the main movers in the undertaking of binding vinces together in the bond single Dominion. In Austr Charles Gavan Duffy b Prime Minister and the one the foundation of the prese

> history combine to render IN FRANCE. -The desp last Sunday from France the note of M. Delcasse, the final rupture, in official between the Republic and can. The Papal. Nuncio 1 on Saturday on receipt of gram from the Papal Secr

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The promise of Christ as timony of the ages are bo prove that all such efforts.

We have no fear for the Cl cause she is imperishable.

While this condition of going on, we find all the France organizing a joint ter pilgrimage to Rome, take place in September in pilgrimage will leave Parimiddle of September, and seived by the Holy Father