

life was "educated to enmity toward everything Catholic." But that we should be carried away by a mistaken admiration of this book, in which the writer's great opportunity to repair his sins of our Holy Mother Church, was egregiously passed by, I can not think to be the right attitude for us to take. Neither can I think we ought to praise Mark Twain without warning our people most carefully against his errors.

Very respectfully,  
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D. M. McFEE,

Toronto, May 18, 1911.

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Little Child o' Mine

Little child o' mine and gay,  
Let me sing a roundelay !  
In the fields the flowers fall  
From the boughs of May,  
And all the laughing streams  
Call the tender-hearted dreams  
From out the fragrant gardens  
Of my life now blossoms gray.

The bright day is rosy long  
And the sunbeams swirls, throng

O play thy curls among,  
And may thy tenderness  
Of the sunbeam—smiles that bless  
Glad believeth thee on life's way  
When a dismal song is sung !

O 't sweet to live and see  
How a good God watches thee,  
At evening when husband are all  
Life's busy, creeping things;  
When tired hands lay down  
Childhood's spotless, golden crown  
Thou driftest into angel-land  
Upon light, shining wings,

Little child o' mine ! my prayer  
That will follow everywhere  
Shall say, when thou art strong  
And keep thy young feet aright ;  
May the innocence of May  
That thrills thy soul to-day  
Hover round thee, little child,  
In the day time and the night !

—WILLIAM J. FISCHER

God's pity is not as some sweet  
cordial poured in dainty drops from  
some golden phial; it is wide as the  
wide scope of heaven : it is abundant  
as all the air.

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Mark Twain his real name—experience late life acute domestic trials; secondly, he had nobly striven, in life, to cancel debts that did not, in speaking, fall within the claims of duty. For such sorrows and for honorable deeds, Catholics will "speak good of the dead."

DOES THIS ATONE FOR FORMER ISLANDERS?

But these two things would have explained the peans rising around the grave from Catholic writers. What, then, does explain them? This reason, namely, that Mark Twain was published, while striving to cancel the aforesaid debts of honor, a life of Joan of Arc, which appeared in

lamenting your cruel iniquity the many years in hell! Yes verily, unless one has come to your help. There but one among the redeemed there would do it: and it is futile to hope that that one has not already done it—Joan of Arc.

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