SEPTEMBER 27, 1890.

Two Little Hands.

Once on a summer day divine, Two iitile hands fell into mine: flow pink they were, hos frail and fine ! Each one a crumpled velvet ball. Se soft and so boundly small. Ab me! to bold within them all Life's iangled and mysterious skein, The mingied threads of joy and pain Whose hidden ends we seek in vain.

O, fast the years have field away; Two little hands, at work or pizy, Hill blde with me the ilvelong day; Now on some willful mischlef bent, And now to loving service lent. Now folded -sleepy and content— The dimpled fugers curled like those Sweet jealous leaves that cling and close About the red heart of a rose.

I kiss them with a passionate sigh; The quick fears spring, I scarce know why, In thinking of the by and by : *How will they build*, these little hands? Upon the treacherors, shifting sands? Or where the Rock Elevnal stands? And will they fashion, strong and true, The work that they shall find to do ? Dear little hands, if I but knew!

Could I but see the velied fate Behind your barrod and hidden gate ! Yet trusting *this*, my love muse wait. O, when perjexed no more by these Tear-olinded way, my wanderings cease I a the sweet valleys of His peecs ; Peyond the dark, some heavenly sign, Some clew, however *i* sint and fine, Shall guide these little hands to mine !

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A CHARMING CORRESPONDENCE. Ave Maria.

In a late catalogue issued by one of our leading publishing houses, there are no fewer than sixty volumes of "Latters" offered to the reading public. These let. ters represent the thoughts and sentiments of men and women in nearly every walk of life; they purpert to open wide the door that gives entrance to those inner chambers wherein is treasured all, whether of good or of evil, that makes the individ of good of of evil, that makes the individ-ual. How many of these letters have the note of sincerity? G anting that some are the exponents of the inner life of the writers, or are the expression of thoughts and desires, hopes and fears, really folt, the revelation is not always calculated to be either of interest or of edification.

In this vast garden of forced plants, however, there are beautiful blossoms of rare perfume ; and many a one has been encouraged to noble efforts by glimpses into pure hearts, whose charms are revealed in their letters, as the blue sky is reflected in the waters of a crystal lake. Such a blossem, breathing the sweet odor of Inno cence and simplicity, once reached His Eminence Cardinal Manning, under the following circumstances : The little daughter of a prominent

physician in New York while attending a convent school conceived the idea of writ-ing to His Eminence, and immediately put her thought into execution, sending an account of her father (a convert to the Church), her brothers, and herself. Child-like, she omitted to sign her family name, and the letter was directed simply, "Car-dinal Manning, Eogland." The sweet simplicity of the little girl touched the great, tender heart of the English prelate, who, like the Master he has served so well, has a loving solicitude for the lambs of the flock; and, notwithstanding his many cares and duties, and the fact that h's correspondent had sent neither nome nor address, an autograph letter was soon speeding across the At'antic to his unknown little friend, in care of Cardinal Gibbons, whose name the child had mentioned, in telling of her three brothers at Charles' College, one of them a protege His Eminence. This afforded a clue, St. Charles' College, one of them a protege of His Eminence. This afforded a clue, and the precious and no doubt eagerly ex-pected letter was soon remailed to its destination. A characteristically kind note from Cardinal Gibbons who even took care to write on the envelope, "If not delivered," etc, accompanied it. Here is what Cardinal Manning wrote, and it coart to show that what his corres-

and it goes to show that what his corres pondent was by nature he also is by grace. Of such is the kingdom of heaven :

Whiteunday. My DEAR CHILD-You ask me whethe I am glad to receive letters from little

I am glad to receive letters from fittle children. I am always glad; for they write kindly and give no trouble. I wish all my letters were like theirs. Give my blessing to your father, and tell him that our good Master will reward him a hundredfold for all he has lost for the aske of his fath. Tall bim that when the sake of his faith. Tell him that when he comes over to Eogland he must come

"Who are you, my poor child, and CARDINAL NEWMAN AT ROME. the reason why he raised me to this high position. His act, said he, was a recogni-tion of my zeal and good services for so they have left the reason why he raised me to this high position. His act, said he, was a recogni-tion of my zeal and good services for so

"Iam little James, Papa and memma bave left me alone. They went to Heaven. Mamma told me I would find them there. Where is this Heaven ? I am very tired, for I have walked so far seeking for it." "Come with me, my poor child, we will seek it together," replied the priest

It was thus he adopted the orphan, James lived more comfortably with the kind pricet, but his grief was always the same "Father," he said, " where is Heaven ;

wby do you not take me there, as you promised ?' " Pray to God, my dear child ; it is He

who will lead you thither, if you are good."

Thenceforth James addressed the most fervent prayers to God ; nothing was more touching than to see the poor child kneeling before the altar, with his little bands raised in supplication. The church was his favorite resort. Instead of playing with children of his own age he passed long hours in this peaceful for him a delightful picture book, and the statues of the saints becaue so amiliar that he regarded them as true

friends, and even spoke to them as true friends, and even spoke to them. But be loved, above all, a statue of our Lady with the Infant in her arms; this tender mother reminded him of his own. This status conclusion in mer din bis own. This statue, sculptured in wood, was very know, my children, that curiosity, but you know, my children, that curious things are not always beautiful. This figure of our Lady was a proof of this, for it was not only way and but most entered act only very uqly, but most extraordinar-ily thin, as the Infant was also. But, to return to James. The little

But, to return to James. The little hoy constantly stopped before the Blessed Virgin, whose aspect inspired the greatest compassion. In his childish simplicity, he one day imspired that the Holy Virgin was so thin because she was dying of hunger, and his eyes filled with tears at the remembrance of his mother's suffer-

nge. The next day he saved a portion of his dinner, and placed it at the foot of the statue saying: "Eat without fear, dear Holy Virgin and dear Jesus, I have deprived no one. It is from my own share that I give you this, and I shall bring you as much every day." When he returned the bread was not

there. The child, rejoting that his offer-ing was accepted, repeated it each day, and each day the food disappeared.

But after some time, James perceived that his dear statue had lost nothing of its sad appearance, and that it certainly grew

sad appearance, and that it certainly grew no fatter. He complained to the priest: "For many days, I have shared my bread with the Holy Virgin in the church, the poor Holy Virgin who is so thin, but she does not seem to be any better. What do you think is the matter? I believe she is sick from hanger." from hupger."

"But the statue of the Holy Virgin could not eat your bread !"

"Oh, yes ! she ate all that I gave her." The pricet, greatly astonished, resolved to investigate the mystery. He bade James offer his bread as usual to the Holy Virgin, and secreting himself in the shadow of the confessional, which faced

the statue, he set himself to watch the result. James had already left the church some James had already left the church some time, and nothing disturbed the silence save the distant sounds from the country, when the priest heard a furtive step. He saw a little boy, miserably clad, timidly

advancing. Reaching the statue the child seized the bread which lay at the foot of the statue, kissed it, and was on the point of leaving, when the priest came from his hiding place and stopped him. Then the little one, trembling with fear,

exclaimed : "Father, I am not a thief! come every day to take the bread which the Holy Virgin gives me?" "How do you know that the Holy

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

Special Correspondence of the Pilot.

Rome, Aug. 17. The week that has just closed has been filled with sorrow, beginning on Sunday, August 10, at Hull, in Massachusetts, and continuing almost throughout the week

continuing almost throughout the week and throughout the world. The announcement of Cardinal New-man's death in Rome, on August 12, was received with universal regret. Though much has been written since of the more remarkable events of his life, little, if any-thing the been wild about his last yight to thing, has been said about his last visit to Rome. The news of his death brought to me. The news of his death brought up to my mind in a most vivid manner the circumstances surrounding his visit to the Eternal City and his reception of the Cardinel's hat there. This is the highest, with the one exception of the Papacy, of the discussion of the papacy, of the dignities which the Churci. of his adoption and devotion has in her gift. The fast that Leo XIII, was but little note that that be variable of the Portficel throne when he expressed his intention of creating Dr. Newman Cardinal, and the privilege he extended to him of afterwards living in England, were indications of the effection the Delation of the affection in which the Pontiff held the

learned Oratorian. learned Oratorian. It was on the afternoon of April 24, 1879, that Father Newmen reached Rome, coming here to receive the dignity of Prince of the Church. An English Prolate and half a dozen laymen of various nationalities—Monsignor Stonor, Mesars, Grässel, Fatileigh and Mez'ere Brady, Papal Chamberlates, the late Mayonis D. J. Oliver, of San Francisco, and the Oor-respondent of the Pilot-were all that had gathered at the railroad station to meet this man whose name and fame were known and admired wherever the English language was spoken. And this was the appearance he then presented : an old man, with white hair, stooping somewhat, a gentle, resigned look in his eyes, as though his thoughts were far away from his immediate surroundings. He was then seventy-eight years old, and he may well have regarded himself, when this great honor came upon him, as nearing the end of his days. He wore a black overcoat, a tall hat with a broad brim on the back of his head, and he carried in his band a small, brown, well worn leather portmanteau. He did not indeed look like what fervent imaginations would pic ture a Prince of the Church, but rather a very meek, delicate old man, with a farway look in his eyes and an absorbed ex-pression on his face. The Marquis Oliver called his attention to more mundane matters, and broke the silence which had fallen upon all by saying: "Dr. Newman, you are welcome to Rome." A smile lit up the old man's face as the kindly words were uttered, and as he held out his hand to the speaker. The next time that he was seen in pub-

lic was on the morning of May 12th one of the large balls of Cardinal Howard's

residence, about four hundred persons from the United States, Ireland, England, and Scotland assembled to witness Dr. Newman's reception of the letter announc ing his nomination as Cardinal, and to hear his utterances on this occasion. It is difficult to describe accurately the impression this event left on the minds of those present, but it would seem that they all had a great sympathy and a feeling of most profound respect for the object of this demonstration. When Father New-man, vested in the old, plsin, simple sou-tage of the Priest of the Oratory, entered persistent, thou₁₅ a sympathetic, gaze on this crowd of persons, faw of whom he knew. He was very feeble, and from time to time he was supplied with smell-

time to time he raised his eyes and looked out at the people, and then there came a out at the mean them, which was soon broken

After such gracious words from His Holi-ness I should have been intensible and heartless if I had had scruples any longer. . In a long course of years I have made many mistakes. I have made many mistakes. I have nothing of that high perfection which belongs to the writings of saints, namely, that error can not be found in them; but what I truet I may claim throughout all I have written is this a honey interview. is this-an honest intention, an absence of private ends, a temper of obedience, a willingness to be corrected, a dread of error, a desire to serve Holy C urch, and, through the Divine Mercy, a fair measure of success. And I rejoice to say to one great mischlef I have from the first opposed myself. For thirty, forty, fifty years, I have resisted to the best of my powers the spirit of liberalism in religion." And then he formulated the dangers of this "liberalism in religion" in a series of arguments and examples which have since constituted a species of armory from which defenders of the Catholic Church

draw most treuchant weapons. Concluding, he said that he lamented this liberalism deeply, because, as he sor-rowfully declared, "I foresee that it may be the suit of the said that he lamented be the ruin of many souls; but I have no fear at all that it can do aught of serious harm to the Word of truth, to Holy harm to the Word of truth, to Holy Church, to our Almighty King, the Lion of the tube of Judah, faithful and true, or to His Vicar on earth. Christianity has been too often in what seemed deadly peril, that we should fear for it any new trial now. So far is certain. On the other hand, what is uncertain, and what is commonly a great supprice when it is is commonly a great surprise when it is witnessed, is the particular mode in the event by which Providence rescues and saves His elect inheritance. Sometimes core charges file elect interfance. Sometimes our charge into a friend; some times he is despoiled of that special viru-lence of evil which was so threatening; sometimes he falls to places of himself; cometimes he does into a such as the second sometimes he does just so much as is beneficial and then is removed. Commonly the Church has nothing more to do than to go on in her own proper duties in con-fidence and peace, to stand still and to see the salvation of God. Mansueti her editabunt terram et delectabantur in multitudine pacis.'

When the sweet voice had ceased, the eyes of many listeners were filled with tears. There was a silence as if more was expected, and then a great sigh took the place of what, in other circumstances, would have been a cheer or a burst of applause. Then each came up to the venerable Cardinal-elect to kiss bis hand, receive his blessing and interchauge a few words with him. On May 15, he was again visible, feeble and slow in move-ment, in the halls of the Vatican, when together with the Pontiff's brother, the late Cardinal Pecci, he received the red hat. That interesting event in no wise differed from similar coremonics described

frequently in these columns. Still later he again appeared before a Still later he again appeared before a number of English-speaking persons— English, Scotch, Irish and Americanas residing at Rome—who showed their deep and affectionate veneration for him by presenting him with a set of vestments. In the address read on that occasion mention was made of the value of Dr. Newman's admirable writings in defence of God and His Courch; and of defence of God and His Courch; and of the bonor done him and the English-speaking Catholics, "who have long looked up to you as their spiritual Father and as their guide in the paths of holi-ness. We hope," continued the address, " that Your Eminence will excuse the involution of this address, which is but the spactous and richly decorated using ' that Your Eminence will excuse the hush feil upon the crowd, and every eye ' that Your Eminence will excuse the was turned upon him. He, who all his implicity of this address, which is but the expression of the feeling contained Very Eminence's motto: ' Heart speak long won the first place in the hearts of all." This refers to the ing to heart;' for Your Eminence has all." This refers to the motio on the shield that Cardinal Newman has on his ing saits and with a glass of water. The long interval of wating was evidently titular church of St. George in Veliabo:

"How do you know that the Holy weatsome in the task dise eyes and looked virgin gives you this bread?" "I had been repulsed at many houses, and was dying of hunger. I dared not allow the people, and then there came a silence upon them, which was soon broken brigged the Holy Virgin to give me some thing to eat. She did not turn me away— the good Mother ! I raised my eyes and look do to r. Clifford, Bishop of me the same every day." With the same sweet voice and impressive time to time the raised his eyes and looked out at the people, and then there came a sile to time to time the people, and then there came a sile to time the people. At length the Pontifical messenger arrived, bearing the document announcing the creation of a some of those strange favors of Divine Cliffon, who was standing at the right of me the same every day." "Most men, if they do any good, die without knowing it; but I call it strange that I should be kept to my present ag an age beyond the age of most men, as if in order that on this great spot, where I

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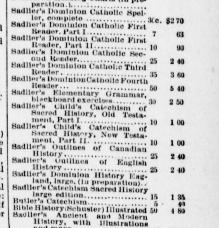
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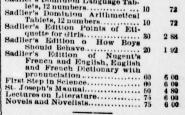
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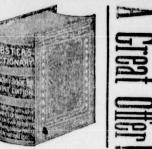
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The poor little boy, only six years old, was left alone in the world. A charitable neighbor took him to her

A charitable neighbor took him to her home, but no matter how well he was treated his thoughts ever wandered to his parents; he yearned for their caresses. "This Heaven," thought he, must be very beautiful, since pape and mamma have left their little James, whom they loved so much, in order to go there. They must never feel hungry or cold in Heaven. But why did they not take me with them ? How I would like to see them and kiss them !" At last little James made up his mind

At last little James made up his mind to go to Heaven, and set out following the road before him. Arriving in a little town, he fell exhausted before the door of a small house, surmounted with a cross. It was the priest's dwelling. The good curate, hearing a sob, opened

the door, and found the poor child lying

on the step,

for the first time : "Dear child, it is God Himself whom you have nourished under the form of this poor child. You have found what

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THE ANGELUS BIRD.

When travelling in the forests of Guiana and Paraguay, it is not uncommon to meet with a bird whose music greatly meet with a bird whose music greatly resembles that of an Angelus beli when heard from a distance. The Spanish call this singular bird the bell ringer, though it may be still more appropriately designated as the Angelus bird, for, like the Angelus bell, it is heard three times a day—morn-ing, noon and night. Its songe, which defy all description, succeed one another every two or three minutes, so clear, and in such resonant manner. that the listener. in such resonant manner, that the listener, if a stranger, imagines himself to be near a chapel or convent. But it turns out that the forest is a chapel and the bell a bird. The beauty of the Angelus bird is equal to his talents; he is as large as a jay and as white as show, besides being swift in motion. But the most curious orna-ment of the Angelus bird is the tuft of

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James, who was approaching, heard the last of this touching explanation. He stood, stupified, before the poor child, while the good priest said, with as much emotion as he felt on the day he met him for the first time.

the momentous occasion. It was for this moment the people had waited so patiently during the long, hot hour and a half. Here were given the means of measuring the inflaence of that voice of which so much had been written and said by the most intellectual men of the day. Amildet profound silence he began; and, after a faw words in Italian to the bearer of the Pontifical message, he seked permission to continue his address in his "own dear mother tongue," be-cause, as he said, "in the latter I can better express my feelings on this most gra. clous announcement which you have brought to me, than if I attempted what is above me." At first the sound of the is above me." At first the sound of the word reminded one of a school boy readword reminded one of a school-boy real-ing in a sort of sing-song tone, As, how-ever, he proceeded, the emphasis upon a certain word struck the attention and set thought in action. There was a humility and tenderness in his next words that subdued hearts and minds alike, and criticism went to the winds, and the influence over

the listeners of words and sense was now complete. The music and impressiveness of his voice were how subsidiary to the sense, as he said : "First of all, then, I am led to speak of the wonder and profound gratitude which came upon me, and which is upon me still, at the condescension and love towards me of the Holy Father in

It was a great surprise. Such an elevation had never come into my thoughts, and seemed to be out of keeping with all my antecedents. I had passed through many trials, but they were over, and now the end of all things had almost come to me and I was at peace. And was it possible that, after all, I had lived through so many years for this? Nor is it easy to see how I could have borne so great a shock had not the Holy Father resolved on a second con-descension towards me, which tempered it and was to all who heard of it a touch-

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"My dear friends, your present, which, while God gives me strength, I shall avail myself of in my daily Mass, will be a con tinual memento in His sight both of your persons and of your several intentions When my strength fails me for that great action, then in turn I know that I may rely on your taking up the duty and privilege of intercession, and praying for me, that with the aid of the Biessed

papers, from which the above extracts were copied directly after the Cardinal had spoken, were as clearly and beautifully written as they are clear and beauti-ful in expression. Since that period Cardinal Newman has not revisited Rome, and the news of his death has been source of sorrow to the Sovereign Pon tiff, and to all the Cardinals and Prelates here who have known his intellectual and singling me out for so immense an honor. moral greatness. P. L. CONNELLAN.

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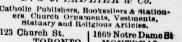
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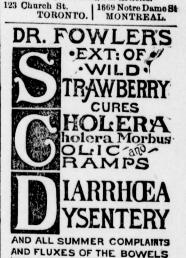
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