CHATS WITH GOOD LISTENERS. THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF THE POOR OF ENGLAND.—THE NEED OF A ST. FRANCIS.

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The same old question that demanded an answer in the twelfth century, and demanded it imperiously, is occupying the attention of England to day. And this question is, "How shall the poor be saved from sinking to the level of brutes?" It was answered in the twelfth century by the appearance of St. Francis d'Assisi. In the eighteenth it was answered, Rousseau and Voltaire having neved the way by the

the eighteenth it was answered, Rousseau and Voltaire having paved the way by the fearful outbreak of the poor themselves, many of whom had become as bruter.

Another question which is forcing itself on all thoughtful people is: "how can the people in all countries be made more Christiau, more contented, more helipful to one another?" St. Francis, the merchant's ann, came out of the little town chart's son, came out of the little town of Umbria at the time when the hearts, of Umbria at the time when the nearts, even of Christians, seemed to tremble be tween the two Italian vices, avarice and revenge. Rome itself had been torn by warring rulers. But St. Francis came; the Holy Father, supremely directed, blessed a mission which, from the human poles of view, seemed hopeless. Pope Innocent did not jeer at the poor man who proposed to convert the world through his poverty. And from the moment that the Father of Christendom blessed Francis of Aselsi, the world felt more strongly a of As-isi, the world let mote the evangelical new force—the force of the evangelical life. St. Francis was a poet, but he held no

theories. The one great commandment of love was bis sole philosophy. It bound him to God, it bound him to man and to nature. He tried successfully to do what Wordsworth and our modern great poets have unsuccessfully tried to do—to bring his people nearer to nature, and to teach them that to love nature was to get nearer to nature's God. The lesson that Coler-idge teaches in "The Ancient Mariner' ght have been borrowed from a legend

"He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small; For the dear Ged who loveth us, He made and loveth all.

But St. Francis lived his poem, though he sung snatches of it in his beloved French, and afterward in the more beloved dialect of the Italian common folk.

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He made himself poorer than the poorest. His brown robe was all he had. To be the poorest of God's creatures, to be beaten about by the winds of heaven, to be like our Lord and to have no place on which to lay his bead, the motion made him the reguested of the Christian world, threatened each by Arabia and the motion made him the reguested of the Christian world, threatened each by Arabia and the motion world, threatened each by Arabia had been been said that without St. Francis. To said that without St. Francis. To said that without St. Francis. To said the which called for St. Francis. To said the said of Middle Age Italy kneed plague spots than death has revealed plague spots than glez spots than death has revealed plague spots than death and the post of many are, and ephemeria as their work many between the post of many are, and ephemeria as their work many are, and ephemeria as their work many between the post of the post and with the post.

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Convocation had decided that confession was not authorized by the Prayer-Book (the decree of Convocation being read), that it was distinctly condemned by the "Homilies," which were required to be read in churches, and that the Prayer Book contained not a word to guide either priest or penitent in ordinary cases. What should we think of the authority of a body of secular judges who collectively denied that they had any jurisdiction and habitually declined to act on the ground that they had none? If one of such judges chose to assert that he bad the power to act, surely no man would place much dependence on the validity of his judgment. Yet this is exactly what Ritualiated when they trust to the absolution of an Angiltan Can clergyman.—Liverpool Catholic Times

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"How about your headquarters at Hamilton?"

Mr. Baker—There we are also putting up a hew fireproof building with all the latest improvements, including provision for underground work in future in case we find it can be done successfully and at a profit we are always rebuilting some exchanges. The outer construction is in the latest style, and every place is receiving the same attention as rapidly as our large force and constantly improving facilities will allow.

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