

A Beautiful Poem.

Many years ago Mr. Whittier wrote a poem on the massacre of the French in Palermo...

THE SICILIAN VESPERS.

Silence o'er sea and earth With the veil of evening fell. Till the convent tower sent deeply forth...

From the Catholic World.

A WOMAN OF CULTURE.

CHAPTER XI.

"It was the hour for late breakfast in the Fullerton household, and Olivia, fresh and sweet as a morning-glory, stood looking into her jewel of a dining-room with a very mixed expression of countenance...

"One would think he was an angel of perfection, and I the opposite, so many are the scorchings I get, so few are his, for shortcomings." Every sentence she pointed with my name, becomes immediately an epigram...

longer. Whose photograph have you there, love-lorn doctor, right up against the hottest part of your anatomy? The gentleman threw out a card carelessly, then took his seat at the table and made a politely vigorous attack on the steak and its accessories...

a dowry or a name could desire; nor was it entirely owing to the attentions of Sir Stanley, since it had been acquired through Nano McDonnell long before his coming. Yet his name had great influence in retaining and widening its members...

broken lances with some of them in the literary lists, and you can fancy who took second place in the combat. "It does not require a great stretch of the imagination, if you were judge."

Yankee shrewdness and cleverness and dishonesty. "Olivia, Olivia, you are forgetting yourself." Nano's voice came from behind in low and gentle reproach.

for those sad moments to send for the priest when the soul is hardly conscious. When you go to confession, time is set apart for due preparation. This is done and considered necessary when health gives you the best use of your mental faculties...

SICK CALLS.

The Preparation for the Sacraments.

No. I.

There are many things connected with the sick room that should be known by Catholics. The knowledge of them is of benefit to the sick, their friends and the priest of God, whose office brings comfort and consolation to the afflicted.

THE PREPARATION

that he may be able to make for the worthy reception of them. There are cases in which the attack is sudden and much preparation is out of the question. In those cases we must do what we can, and leave our cases in the hands of the kindest of fathers, our good God, who will accept our intention and out of his love supply our deficiency.

SUDDEN STROKES OF SICKNESS

frighten the afflicted and going back into their life, they find much cause. They tremble with the fear of what is to come upon them. Here then is the opportunity for the exercise of charity. God never abandons one who will call upon Him in the sincerity of his heart.

PAVE THE WAY FOR THE PRIEST

who is sent by God's love, with holy faith, bright hope and firm confidence, so that the sick one may wait for his coming with the love of anxiety for peace.

HE WILL SANCTIFY YOUR HOME

and the heart and soul of the sick one of your house, if you only receive him as you should when He comes in the Sacrament of the Altar.

THERE IS ANOTHER PREPARATION

to which I call your attention: things that are necessary for the decent and respectful administration of the Sacraments. You should place a table or something of the kind near the sick bed.

WHERE PERSONS ARE TOO POOR

to have all or any of these things, they can at least make what preparation is in their power.

THE WHOLE FAMILY AWAIT HIS COMING.

Besides the members of the family, some of the neighbors are present. There is hardly a case of this kind but at which there are some who are not Catholics.

GO DOWN ON YOUR KNEES.

when the priest enters your house carrying with him our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The doctor does not take the first place, when the priest enters the dwelling, but the second.