

SISTERS AND THEIR COLORED CHARGES.

There is a pretty little story told in "The Josephite," a magazine published by the Fathers in charge of the College for Colored Catholics at Montgomery, Ala. The story appears over the signature of Rev. Francis J. Tobin, rector of the college, and is, of course, true in every detail.

Little Alma Lee Lyner is a colored child, aged eight years. She and her parents are Protestants. They live in Mobile, Ala. The little tot went to St. Anthony's school for colored children in her native city, Mobile, about one year. It was the school term of 1903-04. The Franciscan Sisters from Glen Ridge, Pa., conduct the school and achieving great success as well as making heroic sacrifices for the salvation of the souls of their colored pupils.

Little Alma Lee Lyner presented herself one morning to the Sisters and asked permission to attend the school. She was readily admitted because she had the appearance of a good child. During the term she attended class regularly and always seemed happy when she could linger in the company of the good Franciscan nuns. Like a great many other children, she realized that she got more kindness shown to her from the Sisters than she did elsewhere. Many of the poor colored children of the South have had parents who enjoy anything but what are called the pleasures of home life.

When the school term opened last September in St. Anthony's Mission the Sisters did not see poor little Alma Lee Lyner. After making inquiries it was learned that the child's parents had sent her, or rather compelled her to go to the public school. The obedient child followed the edict of her parents and up until last March the Sisters heard nothing of her.

On the vigil of the feast of the Annunciation, however, the convent bell rang, and much to the surprise of the Sisters, there on the threshold stood good little Alma Lee Lyner. And what do you think, dear reader, was the object of her visit?

"Sister," she meekly said, "is to-morrow the Blessed Virgin's feast day?" "Yes," said the Sister, "it is the feast of the Annunciation."

"Well," said the child, "is this not the day we must say one thousand Hail Marys? When I was at your school did you not tell us that it was a nice way to respect the Blessed Virgin by saying our Hail Marys?"

of one of the most important of those had a bright idea. He found that he could make a greater profit by selling the Catholic New Testaments than he had ever made out of his own stock, and he promptly bought up a supply and sold it. He failed to mention to his zealous customers, eager to spread the true Protestant Word of God among the benighted Italians, that the excellent little volume had come from Vatican itself, and they never found out. But the thing was to good to last forever, and one day a lynx-eyed member of a rival sect with a rival Bible discovered that the enterprising manager was feeding the Papists with rank Popery, while professing all the time to be endeavoring to convert them. The impassioned man was specifically denounced in public assembly and forced to return to his legitimate trade.

What Serving Holy Mass Means.

Theologians tell us that the more real the part you take in offering the Sacrifice of the Mass the more largely you partake of its benefits. They teach that the acolytes are especially favored in this respect. To serve Mass is the nearest approach one who is not a priest can make to celebrating it.

PROTESTANT TESTIMONY.

That any system of education from which religion is excluded will prove a source of weakness instead of strength to the State is demonstrated by the following expressions by Dr. Tharaud, a distinguished German Protestant writer:—

"Can it be to the interest of the State to disregard the wishes of Christian families and congregations? It is indisputable that the welfare of the State depends on the health of its separate organs—that is on that of families. In its own interest, therefore, it is impossible for the State to take a course through which family life is injured. Anything which injures all individuals can not possibly be useful to the State; for the State is nothing in itself but only the sum of individ-

uals. Nor can it be in the interest of the State to injure the life of religious organizations at the root, as on the health of that life rests the power and health of the national life. Where the spirit of religious indifference, the spirit of negation gains the upper hand, there the life of the nation sickens in its innermost core. If the State because it is not of any religion will not allow children to be of any religion so long as they are in school, it adopts the old tyrannical principle of 'Whose the religion, and falls below the moral level of Frederick the Great, who said: 'It is oppression if we deprive fathers of freedom to educate their children as they wish; it is oppression if we send children into a school of natural religion when their fathers desire that they shall become Catholics like themselves.'"

According to thy ability be merciful. If thou have much give abundantly. (Tobias 4.)

WHEN DOCTORS FAILED.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS BROUGHT NEW HEALTH AND STRENGTH. From The Post, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Reuben Lindsay, a fruit grower at Ridgeville, Ont., is one of the best known men in that section, having lived in the village or its vicinity all his life. All Mr. Lindsay's neighbors know that about a year ago his condition of health was very serious. To use his own words he "began to go pieces"—was all wasting away.

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