FOR THE POST. OUR LADY OF LOURDES. Once in the sunny land of France A little peasant dwelt; Peep poverty and want were hers, And hunger often felt.

No trumpet loud proclaimed her birth Nor banner gay unfurled; Yet Heaven's Queen a message sent. Through her to all the world.

Our Father Pius, choice crowned king, Our Lady's glory sought, And found her all Immaculate As ages, past had taught.

Loud he proclaimed the joyful truth,
And Heaven took up the strain
And echoed is through angel bands
Till it reached the earth again,

To Bernadette, dear little one, The humble passant child, The echo came from Mary's lips In accent sweet and mild.

Conceived am I without a stain From Adam's sin preserved; Great glory give to Christ, my son, And praise and thanks deserved.

Oh, happy Lourdes thy blessed soil The Queen of Heaven trod, And sent us thence her message sweet To lead us nearer God.

With Bernadette we raise our oyes And see thee through in state, Our Blessed, ever Virgin Queen, Conceived Immaculate.

E. STREET,

THE POPE AND THE PEOPLE. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMEROUS ADDRESSES TO THE HOLY FATHER.

In these days of congresses, of enthusiastic addresses and replies, it is a matter of imposeibility without overweighting our columns to give the complete text of the numerous letters which the Austrian Catholics, the Bishops of Spain, the Louvain House of Cratts, the Dutch Catholics and others have recently addressed to the Holy Father, or the replies of the Holy Catholics and others have recently addressed to the Holy Father, or the replies of the Holy Father to each separata assembly. Our Roman correspondent gives the full text of the Pope's letter to the Austrian Catholics, and this may be taken as a specimen of the other letters which in his own name or in that of Cardinal Rampolla the Holy Father has addressed to these different bodies, of the Catholic world. But though we cannot multiply our pages to the enthusiasm of loyal letter-writing, that enthusiasm is significant of much; it is significant of the smpathy which each day of hardship of the ampathy which each day of hardship increases among Catholics for the Holy Father. Probably never before has the enthusiasm of his subjects for their spiritual chief taken so decided and unanimous a form of expression, and proand unanimous a form of expression, and pro-bably never before has so personal a supervision and an interest in the separate and national objects of the Catholic assemblies been display-ed by the Pontiff who holds vested in himself the one universal interest .- Catholicity .- London Tablet.

A PLEA FOR CHEERFULNESS. Under the general heading of "Topics of the

Time," the Century for the current month has an article containing this passage: The intensity of modern life and the deepening of conscious-ness through intelligence breed sadness. We think too much and work too hard to have time for enjoyment, and if we suddently discovered for enjoyment, and it we suddently discovered that we have need for it, we take it in inordinate quantities, rabher in simple and natural ways; we go out and buy pleasures at so much the hour instead of somehow contrying to live a mirthful life. Close observers of modern society, like Walter Besant, have discovered that a main lack in the lives of the poor is that of theer, and he urges that philantrophic plans thered embrace measures for daily brightening should embrace measures for daily brightening the lives of the people by some simple experience of a pleasurable sort. It would be a sombre fact the number of those who live through a day without a laugh or even a smile could be ascer-ained—a strange miscarriage of nature, since man is the only being within her domain who is apable of that action. Christmas has rendered he world this good service, that now for many centuries it has called men to sympathic cheerniness. It comes, indeed, but once a year, but or some days the cloud on the brow of human ity lifts a little and the wail dies out of its ce. At times it has been too obstreperous in ts merit and called for puritanic check, but stirred the human heart to sympathetic gladbess and hope. We shall soon hear the growls of the pestimistic critic over the wastefulness of Christmas gifts and the irrationality of Christmas mirth. Heed him not; he does not know that the keynote of the universe is joy, and that Christmas laughter is only a stray echo of an ternal hymn, and nearly the only one that has reached us, and that it is well worthy of being aught if we would ever hear the whole. Therefore, fathers, give pitts to your children, even if the design of the content to be the co ore, fathers, give gives to your children, even in you have to lessen the daily portion, remembering the wisdom of Mahomet, who said, that if he had two loaves of bread he would sell one and buy hyacinths, for they would feed his foul." And, ye children, stir up your fathers omirth, and the years left to them may not he nany. For a secular view, the foregoing is a

CRUEL CHILDREN.

In the gradual development there is always a me of pleasure in the exercise of power, but easure has to be subordinated to the good society; and this is one of the first necessary teps to successful social growth. So the young oy who is, even among us, more frequently uel than sympathetic, may go brough a period bullying &c., to become a refined and symathetic man, full of generous impulses, I say is in the ordinary method, but, as might be rected, some boys never become kindly, and one, instead, grow from cruel to brutal, and das social pasts. It is supposed that the wer animal, especially the carnivora, are eased with the torture they cause, but I doubt this that the other they take the the tract. this is the only interpretation of the treat-ent of the mouse by the cat and of his victim the lion. There are children who inflict torre on every kind of living thing. Thus I have own a child of tender years begin by pulling the wings of flies, then proceed to bake frogs, d next take birds and bore out their eyes, and har shill try to injure any child who mightfall in his power. I have known such who migratar in his power. I have known such children kick cats id dogs to death, or set light to them, or pour illing water over them, the fiendish pleasure ing increased if the young of the animals rethus reduced to starvation. The morally haveloped child has been pointed out to me by veral devout friends as a proof of the exist-ce of the devil as of the truth of the doctrine ce of the devil as of the truth of the doctrine iniginal sir, and I own their actions go far to usify those who seek such support. I do not low of any age at which this brutality may oldevelop, I have seen brutes of this nature wing as four. In one such the vice and uning were extreme, that though many illand cruel deeds were done the culprit was windiscovered. Another most serious trait rundiscovered. Another most serious trait has these morally insane children will make accusations, and will even destroy their thes and produce the appearance of injury to sport tales of assault and robbery.—The Fortally Review.

C. M. B. A.—BRANCH 26. annual meeting of the above branch was ld last evening in the hall of the branch, St. mes street. President James Meek, president James Meek, president James Meek, president James Meek, president Branch 41; Chancellor Ford, Branch 54; tohers J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P.; Dr. dardy, C. Hart, J. C'Rourke, Thos. Dwane, Casidy, and over one hundred other members of the strengenting of routing husiness. a. After the transaction of routine business selection of officers was proceeded with and builted as follows:—President, Mr. James it, re-elected; lat vice-president, Mr. J. Mr. B. G. Lawlor, acclamation; and enlarged tonsils. I was very weak; I tetary, Mr. F. O. Lawlor, acclamation; accretary, Mr. J. T. Lyons; treasurer, to re-elected. The balloting for an operation, I tried B. B. Instead. One bottle cured me. M. A. Squelob, Ragian, Ont. After the transaction of routine business

UATHOLIC OULLINGS.

at the Vatican, has been recalled.

Catholicity is spreading in Scotland. An African Society of German Catholics has been started at Cologne. Herr Von Schlezer, the Prussian minister

The state of the s

St. Patrick's Church at Salamanca, will hold its two weeks' fair commencing January In Spain for the past 12 years nearly two

hundred monasteries have been built. Glorious Spain ! There are 2,377 Jesuit missionaries in the world, and the Destroying Angel has not yet

appeared. The Missions Catholique officially announces the bestification of Fathers Canel and Peboyre,

missionaries. There are 3,000 Roman Catholic parochial schools in the United States, with an enroll-

ment of 511,000 pupils. The Vatican has received bundreds of telegrams inquiring whether the Pope intends to

leave Rome. On November 25, a new chapel was attached to the convent and asylum of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

All Paris mourns the death of the venerable Abbé Crozes, the ministering angel of La Grande Roquette Prison.

The Holy League and Apostleship of Prayer has an enrollment of fifteen millions throughout the Catholic world.

At the Papal Consistory a number of Bishops will be conscorated, as noted several weeks ago in the Freeman's Journal.

Le Moniteur de Rome says the Catholics of the States will hold a congress on the Roman question, in favoring liberty to the Holy See. A solemn Requiem Mass was lately celebrated in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, for the repose of the soul of the Right Rev. Dr. Quinn.

December 3rd was a day of universal thanksgiving for the present jubilee, and it was observed in Catholic churches throughout the world.

The celebrated Jesuit theologian, Suarez, is said to have known the whole of St. Augustine's works, which consist of eleven large foito volumes.

The first Catholic paper in the United States was Le Propagateur Catholique, start-ed in Orleans in 1810. The Recorder, of Chillicothe, O., was the first Protestant paper, published in 1814.

trator in the person of the Pope, argues that the Pope cannot seriously undertake to arbitrate unless he be a temporal sovereign with complete freedom.

TALKING BACK,

"Contradicting" is the Latin of it. Some boys and girls have a bad habit of doing this. The habit grows upon them till they become quite unconscious of it. Whatever is said to them by parent or teacher, in requirement, advice, expostulation or reproof, those boys or girls have some defence or objection to the bye, seems to be the chief characteristic make.

What children eught to do is to receive adnonition in silence or else with a thoughtful altogether without its blurs and disappointspoken assent. There are children who never seem to regard a direction from father or ternal affairs are concerned. Nevertheless, mother as binding on them if they can only on the whole, Greece has made considerable think of something to say against it; and generally they can. The direction must be rection of Crete, which broke out shortly cause they have talked back.

Boys and girls do not "talk back;" It is miserable habit. Ask your friend if you do it, for if you do, it is probable you are not aware of it. So ask to be reminded when was met everywhere with a blunt refusal. It you talk back; then say nothing to the reminder, except "Thank yeu,"—The Angelus.

A SEVERE TRIAL.

Frances S. Smith, of Emedale, Muskoka, writes, "I was troubled with vomiting fer two years, and I have vomited as often as five times a day. One Bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters oured me."

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A POSTMASTER'S OPINION.

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AN EASY SOLUTION OF THE DIFFI-CULTY.

A man who wented to learn what profession he would have his son enter, put him in room with a bible, an apple, and a dollar all, if me toman him when he returned read- it has this advantage, you must come close to ing the bible, he would make a clergyman of him; if eating the apple, a farmer, and if in-terested in the deliar bill, a banker. When terested in the deliar bill, a banker. When he did return he found the boy sitting on the not by reasoning but by engacity. No person bible with the deliar in his pecket, and the bible with the dollar in his pocket, and the apple almost devoured. He made a politician of him.

BIRTHDAYS. Monday for health, Inesday for wealth, Wednesday best day of all,

Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses, Saturday no luck at all.

Monday's child is fair of face. Tuesday's child is full of grace ; Wednesday's child is merry and glad, Thursday's child is sorry and sad; Friday's child is loving and giving, Saturday's child must work for its living; While the child that is born on the Sab-

Is blithe and bonny, and good and gay.

THE RECTOR AND THE DUKE.

There is a good deal of interest in England over the position taken at the village of Woodstock by Rev. Dr. Majendie in regard to the Duke of Marlborough and his wife. The parish is one of the quaintest of all quaint English towns. Rev. Mr. Majendle lives on the thresheld of the duke's magnificent estate, in a charming rectory, almost adjoining the ancient church of his parish. If the man's face is any criterion, he has a will of iron,

"I refused to ring the chimes to welcome the duke home," he said, "because my creed and my church protest againt such a marriage. My principles do not permit me to do such a thing, and I resolutely refused to listen to the appeals from the mayor and from others who orged me to participate in a public re-

ception."
"Is it true that the duke has prohibited us from driving in Blenheim park, and that he will not allow you to enter the school at

Bladen?" "Yes, I have received notices from his agent to that effect. I have had no personal interview with the dake or with his wife either. From all I hear she is a charming lady. But my action is influenced by principie, not by personalities. It is the same principle that made the Episcopal elergyman in America refuse to marry them, and singularly enough one of the clergymen who refused to perform the ceramony in America was the Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Southboro, Mass., who used to be a curate with me here."

KING GEORGE OF GREECE.

SOME NOTES ON THE CAREER OF A SOVEREIGN WHO WILL RETIRE SOON.

The continental correspondent of a Dablin paper says of the King of the Hellenes:— King George has been rather a lucky man and in comparative poverty, he has mounted a throne and seen one of his sisters Empress of India. The second son of the Duke of Schieswig, he began lite as a simple officer in the Danish marine. Later on, when King Otho was dethroned at Athens, there was at first no talk of George as a serious candidate. The Greclan people, convoked to nominate a successor to the late monarch, voted 200,000 atrong for the Duke of Edin-burgh, who has solemnly proclaimed King of only six solitary votes, while the Duke d'Aumale obtsined only three. It is not The Osservatore Romano, commenting on d'Aumale obtained only three. It is not the importance to Europe of having an arbiwere recorded on this occasion in favor of Marshal MacMahon, whom his champions forwarded as "the lineal descendant of the old royal house of Ireland. England, however, having refused to allow Queen Victoria's second son to be crowned King of Greace, the great powers advised the inhabitants of that country to select George of Denmark for the vacant post, and he was accordingly raised to that dignity in 1863, on the condition that England should give up all future claim to the Ionian Isles. King George was then only eighteen years of age, but he had already a great fund of common sense, which, by a fine Japanite. It will be honored with a of the family to which he belonge. The history of Greece during his reign has not been ments, not only so far as external but also inon the whole, Greece has made considerable headway, not merely in material prosperity, after George's accession to the throne, cost the Greeks millions of money; and although the king pleaded at the different European was met everywhere with a blunt refusal. It may be worth while to remember that the same enthusiastic hopes which now great the marriage of the crown prince were also indulged in by their ferefathers of a generation which said their young monarch would be-come son-in-law of Constantine, brother of the Czar Alexander II. Royal matrimonial alliances do not, as a rule, coment the union of nations. The modern Greek may soon fied himself over-sanguine on the question of the sincerity of Germany's friendship.

WIVES OF TWO GREAT STATESMEN. TRIBUTES OF DISMARCK AND BEACONSFIELD TO THEIR INSPIRING GENIUSES.

Prince Bismarck, when speaking of his wife not long ago, is reported to have said "She it is who has made me what I am. There have been English statesmen who could say quite as much. Burke was sustained amid the anxiety and agitation of public life by domestic facilicity. "Every or re vanishes," he said, "the moment I enter beneath my own roof !"

His description of his wife is too lang to quote, but we must give an epitome of it. Of her beauty be said it did not arise from features, from complexion or from shape; "ahe has all three in high degree, but it is not by these that she touches the heart; it is all that awaetness of temper, benevolence, innecence and sensibility which a face can express, that forms her beauty. Her eyes have a mild light. but they awe you when she pleases; they command like a good man out of office, no by authority, but by virtue. Her stature is not tall, she is not made to be the admiration of everybody, but the happiness of one. She has all the firmuers that does not exclude delicacy; the has all the softwess that does not

imply weakness.
"Her voice is a low, soft music, not formed to rule public assembliez, but to charm those who can distinguish a company from a crowd; her to hear it. To describe her body describes her mind; one is the transcript of the other. no person was ever less corrupted by that knowledge. She has a true generosity of temper, the most extravagant cannot be more unbounded in their liberality, the most covet-ous not more cautious in their distribution. Her politeness seems to flow rather from a natural disposition to oblige than from any rules on the subject.

"It is long before she chooses, but then it is fixed forever, and the first hours of reman-tic friendship are not warmer than here after The lines refer to the days of the week as birthdays. They are, in idea, the same as her good nature by severe reflections on anythe more familiar lines: body, so she never degrades her judgment by immoderate or ill-placed praises, for everything violent is contrary to her gentleness of disposition and the evenness of her

virtue.' Lord Beaconsfield described his wife as the severest of critics, but a perfect wife." She was the widow of his friend, Mr. Wyndham Lewis, and twenty years his elder. The great affection which Disraeli entertained for his wife, who he always catesmed as the founder of his fortunes is well known. She was in the habit of travelling with him on almost all occasions. At a din-ner party a friend of the Earl had no better taste than to expostulate with him, for always taxing the viscountess with him. "I dannot understand it," said the graceloss man, " you know you make yourself a perfect aughing atook wherever your wife goes with | pennilest.

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you." Disraeli fixed his eyes very expresstvely upon him and said :—"I don't suppose you can understand it, R., I don't suppose you can understand it, for no one could ever in the last and wildest excursions of an insane imagination suppose you to be guilty of gratitude !"

On the 3rd of April, 1872 Disraeli made a great speech in the Free Trade Hell, Manchester. In the box at the end of the hall, opposite the platform, sat several ladies, confield. We are told by one who was on the platform that the next in interest to the great speech of the evening were the sympathetic face of the orator's wife and the way in which from time to the real of the analysis of the headenly, owing to this form time to the real of the analysis of the headenly, owing to the suddenly. in which, from time to time, the orator is a member of a very lucky family. Born lifted his head as if to ask for her approval. When all was over Mr. Disraeli proval. When all was over Mr. Disraeli walted in the retiring room for a short time Empress of Russia and another the future and was then driven rapidly to the house of his host, Mr. Romaine Callender, in Victoria Park. There Lady Beaconsfield was awaiting him, and no sconer were the carriage wheels heard upon the gravel than she hur ried from the drawing room to the hall rushed into the arms of her husband, em braced him rapturously, and exclaimed: "Oh, Dizzy! Dizzy! this is the greatest night of all ! This pays for all !"

-HE YEAR 1889.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZA TION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN AMERICA. The year 1889 to the contenary year of the Cathelic Church as an organized hedy in the United States. November 6, 1789, the American iderately was founded by the creation of the bishopric of Baltimore and the appointment thereto of the Rt. Rev. of the Jasuits. It will be honored with three day's colabration, beginning February 20 and clasing on Washington's birthday. There is a peculiar fitness in this coincidence of dates, for Washington was a devoted friend of Georgetown College and his interest in it was handed nown in his family for four

generations. Two of his grand nephews, Augustine and Bushrod Washington, were students there in 1793; George, son of the younger Bushrod, in 1830; and Henry, son of Lawrence Washington of Virginia, in 1834. The Jesuite had an earlier American town than Georgetewn, the first, indeed, of which we have record in the English colonies of America. It was at the junction of the Great and Little Bohemian rivers, and was called Bohemia scademy. One of their first pupils was John Carroll, afterwards first bishop of Baltimore.

Cardinal Gibbons, ninth in succession from oloncer bishop in the ace of Baftim will preside at Georgetown's centenary, and as large a representation as possible of the American episcopate and priesthood will gather at that place of hallowed memories to riples with the Society of Jesus that has given to the American church its first blahon and countiers other blessings.

THE VIRTUES OF CELERY.

New discoveries-or what claim to be discoveries -of the healing virtues of plants are continually being made. One of the latest is that colory is a cure for rheumatism; indeed, it is neserted that the disease is impossible if the vegetable be cooked and freely caten. The fact that it is always put on the table raw prevents its therapeutic powers from being known. The celery should be cut into bits, boiled in water until soft and the water drunk by the patient. Put new milk with a little flower and nutmeg, into a saucepun with the boiled celery, serve it warm with pieces of toast, est it with potatoes and the painful ailment will soon yield. Such is the declar ration of a physician who has tried the ex periment, and with uniform success. adds that cold or damp never produces, but simply develops, the disease, of which acid blood is the reimary and sustaining cause, and tingt while the blood is sikeline there can be neither rheumatism nor gout. Statistics show that is one year (1867) 2,640 persons died of rhoumstiem in this country, and every case, it is claimed, might have been cured or pre vented by the adoption of the remedy men-At least two-thirds of the cases tioned. named heart discase are ascribed to rhoums tiem and its occurring ally, gout. Smallprx, so much dreeded, is not half so destructive as rheumatism, which, it is maintained by many physicians. can be prevented in obeying nature's laws in diet. But, if you have incurred it, bailed celery is pronounced unhesitatically to be a specific. The proper wey to eat celery is to have it cooked as a vegetable after the manner above described. The writer makes constant use of it in this way. Try it once, and you would sooner be without any vegetable, with the single exception of a potato, rather than celery. Cooked colory is a delicious dish for the table, and the most conducive to the health of any vegetable that can be mentioned .- Leeds Mercury.

ELOPED WITH HIS SISTER.

Belleville, Oat., Dec. 14 .- Fred Acklin, of Ferry Point, firemen on the forry steamer Mary Ethel, has cloped with his eleter, the mother of six children. She has been living for esversi years with a man named. Davy at Niegera, and came home about three months ago on a visit to her brother, who is married and has three children. The brother fell pas-gionately in love with his own sister and the neighbors allege that their conduct has been unbecoming. Fred's wife dissented, but he turned a deaf ear to her pleading. Finally, Mrs. Acklin, becoming disgusted, left the house and went to Picton. Learning that his wife intended to return home, Acklin took a punt, and with his inamorata rowed across the bay and took the Grand Trunk railway train going cast on Tuesday night. This morning Mrs. Acklin arrived at Ressmore and was not surprised that the pair had eloped. Acklin has left his wife and children

THE CARE OF LAMPS. The New York Mail and Express says re-

garding the use and cleaning of kerosens lamp: :-The lamps should slways be cleaned in the morning, for if left until afternoon they are liable to be forgotten, and when wanted or use cleaned hurriedly or not cleaned at al!. Once the lamp is lighted, the wick ought not to be turned up to its full height at first, but turned down until the vapor of the chimney has disappeared and the glass is clear and to the suddenness of the heat on the cold glass. If new chimneys are first put into cold water and placed on the stove and allowed to come to a boil, then taken off and allowed to cool in the water, they will become very durable and are not easily broken. If the burner becomes clogged, boil it in soda water, wipe and then dry on the back of the ctove. New wicks should always be soaked in vinegar and dried before using, when they will give a clearer light and one not likely to flicker. The danger of allowing children to handle lamps cannot be overestimated. A teaspoonful of salt put in a lamp renders the oil non-explosive.

The proverb says that the good die young. But if that's co, what a hard lot of sinners these old felks must be,

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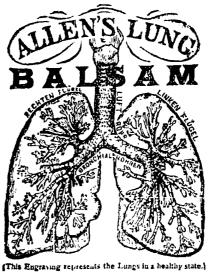
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