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By LADY GEORGIANA FULLERTON.

CHAPTER IV.

A VISIT TO THE PALACE.

Shone on her face and encircled her form when atter confession. Homeward serenely she walked with God's benediction upon her." "When she had passed," it seemed in-leed to him, "like the ceasing of exqui

A VISIT TO THE PALACE. Laurentia had accomplished her visitto the palace. The success of her brother's fans had been complete. She had dis-played the whole contents of the casket before the Empress and the ladies of the Court. The beauty of the paintings had been extolled, and the good taste with which the tassels were adapted to each, according to their shape and color, noticed and admired. When those which bore the emblems of the Christian faith were produced, some curiosity was excited. "When she had passed," it seemed in-deed to him, "like the ceasing of exqui-site music," He had seen her go into the abodes of sickness and proverty with a strange mix-ture of feelings, half disgusted, half ad-miring; the prejudices of his country and education striving with that intuitive sense of virtue which exists in the natural man when the practice of vice has not blunted its perceptions. "Strange! un-natural!" he would exclaim, as he saw her bending over some poor wretch covthe emblems of the Christian faith were produced, some curiosity was excited. The Empress looked at them long and earnestly, but made no remark. When Laurentia timidly pointed out the one which had been copied from King Bartho-lomew's favorite picture, she said with a sigh, "The King of Omura is a wise and valiant prince," and then hastily advert-ed to another subject. Laurentis, noth-ing daunted, spoke of the impression which that picture had made on the heart of that monarch, and of the share it had in his conversion. But one of the elderly natural?' he would exclaim, as he saw her bending over some poor wretch cov-ered with a loathsome disease, or gently closing the eyes of some dying sufferer. And yet he would not have interfered to withdraw her from those singular pur-withdraw her from those singular purwithdraw her from those singlist pur-suits. He thought she never looked so beautiful as at those moments. But he would not be touched; he would not ad-mit the first ray of light into his soul which by degrees would have enlightened it. He forcibly shut out the truth, "refus-ing to hear the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely." At last the in his conversion. But one of the elderly ladies of the Court dryly observed, "That the Kumbo-Sama tolerated, inaddes of the Court dryly observed, in-"That the Kumbo-Sama tolerated, in-deed, the foreign religion in such of his subjects as were faithful and useful serv-ants of the Crown; but that as a topic of conversation it was not acceptable at

ing to near the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely." At last the mental conflict grew too hard to endure, and he broke away from an influence which irritated his pride and wounded bis feelings Court." The Empress looked annoyed at this remark, and said to one of her attend-ants, "In return for the pleasure which the inspection of these ingenious works of art have afforded up as an ull forst of which ifflated his pride and wondet his feelings. The Japanese Embassy was at that time about to sail for Europe. He offered himself to accompany Mancia Ito, one of the envoys, as his page, and the offer was accepted. The ship set sail from Nanga-zaqui, bearing away one proud and ach-ing heart to those unknown regions which mercured to the Japanese alugest as uncertainty. The inspection of the set of the set of the set of the pres-maiden's eyes with the sight of the pres-ents which the youthful Ambassador Mancia Ito has brought to us from Mancia Ito has brought to us how Europe; one who has so much taste as she displays in setting cff these lovely fans to the best advantage cannot but be delighted with the beautiful things which our envoy has lately laid at our feet with seemed to the Japanese almost as un tangible as the world beyond the grave whilst another was left behind, steeped in so much sorrow and suffering that i required all the elasticity of youth and o a naturally buoyant disposition to over

our envoy has lately laid at our feet with loving messages from the European Sov-ereigns, and the blessings of the great high priest of the Christian faith." Two of the ladias in waiting complied with the orders of the Emprese, and hav-ing brought a large chest into the room, they proceeded to spread out on a gold fringed carpet the treasures to which she a naturally buoyant disposition to over-come in some measure the effects of that grief; but nursing at the same time a cherished hope, laid before God every day in prayer, and for the attainment of which, life, and more than life, was continually offered up. l carpet the treasures to which sh ffered up.

offered up. The report of the return of the Embassy had reached Meaco. The envoys had met the Emperor at Ozaca, and there laid at his feet the gifts which the European memory had been to the Second had alluded. When the Japanese embassy had been When the Japanese embassy had been mentioned, Laurentia's cheeks had flushed, and as she stooped, to hide her face, the beating of her heart was almost audible. She vainly tried to wrap in silan information in the sent to the Sovereign of Japan. None of the Ambassador's suite had yet arrived at the capital. Lauren-tia had only heard that Mancia Ito had ver-paper the fans that were lying near her; her hands trembled too much. entered the novitiate of the Jesuits, and

It was now more than two years since the day that she had stood in the port of was residing at their house at Ozaca. Of his page she could learn no tidings. The sight of the curious and beautiful articles Nangazaqui watching with straining eyes the ship on board of which Mancia Ito Augustuff and the second of which Mancia Ito, his colleagues, and his suite, had set sail for Goa on their way to Europe. Amongst the pages of the young Ambas-sador was Isafai, the son of their next door neighbor, and the playmate of her childhood. They had loved each other since the time that from each side of the trelised barrier which divided the two little gardens of their respective homes they had pelted each other with the fallen blossoms of the peach and almond trees, shared their sweetmeats, or played at ball with oranges and pomegranates. of European manufacture now spread out before her seemed a reminiscence of him whom she had accompanied in thought to those distant climes which had been to those distant chines which mis body to her like a land of dreams and shadowy visions. One by one she examined them with an admiring curiosity. There was the casket enriched with jewels and sur-mounted with the initials of the Catholic King; the vase from the royal manu-factory at Sevree, the present of his most Christian Majesty; the inlaid marble table from Florence; the rare and quaintly-mounted gems from Venice; the copies of famous pictures from the galler-ies of Rome and Bologna; but what, above all, riveted her eyes and engaged her at-tention was the Missal which the Holy Father had destined for the late Emperor, who, when the Embassy had sailed from Japan, was on the verge of becoming a to her like a land of dreams and shadowy

blossoms of the peach and almond trees, shared their sweetnests, or played at ball with oranges and pomegranates. When they grew up, Isafai would fain have wedded the companion of his child-ish sports, but Laurentia turned a deaf ear to his suit; not that she had ceased to have being the daughter of the Capulets ear to his suit; not that she had ceased to love him—the daughter of the Capulets was not more tenderly attached to the heir of the Montagues than this Japanese maiden to the highly gifted and spirited Isafai. The glance of his dark eyes, the manner: 1. Yearly subscriptions, ranging from \$5 to 2. Legacies by testament (payable to the 3. Clothing, new or second hand, material 3. Clothing, new or second hand, material 4. Promise to clother a chuid, either by fur-the summer lightning in the western sky. 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, either by fur-the summer lightning in spring. She would willingly 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, either by fur-the summer lightning in spring. She would willingly 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, either by fur-the summer lightning in the western sky. 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, either by fur-the summer lightning in the western sky. 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the her shy fur-the summer lightning in spring. She would willingly 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the charge of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the diverse of a border and toid 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the diverse of a border and toid 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the diverse of a border and toid 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and a diverse and the summer lightning in the western sky. 5. Devoting one's self to the education of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and a diverse and toid 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the charge of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the charge of 1. A promise to clother a chuid, and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of 1. A promise to clother and the charge of the and the an joyment this world could allord; but her heavenly hopes, her faith, her divine privileges, she never dreamt could be foregone; she could not have wounded the Sacred Heart which had been wound-ed for her for the sake of any human affec

Schemes in his mind which your religion stands in the way of, and in consequence he is beginning to hats it, though he is personally much attached to your fathers, especially to his interpreter, Father Rod-riguez. But hearken now, Laurentia, to what I am about to say. I should like to have a Christian near me who would sometimes speak to me in secret of Him whom you call the only true God, and who, if I was in danger of death, would open to me the gates of heaven by the means you spoke of a moment ago. I will attach both you and your brother to my service. In a few days the Emperor, attended by all the Court, proceeds to Faximi, there to inspect the preparations he is making for the reception of the Chinese Ambassadors. Nothing that the eye of man has ever yet witnessed ap-progeneses to the meantifenese which he is that had she bent the knee to the divin-ities of Japan, and joined in the worship of Arima and Cosca,—that had she been under the influence of the low-minded, though often learned and eloquent, minis-ters of that foul superstition, she would have lost in his eyes, if not the beauty which attracted, at least the charm which subdued his heart. Often and often he had watched her on her way back from the Christ Church, and wondered, to borrow words from the American poet, That a celestial (brightness, a more etheria

Chinese Ambassadors. Nothing that the eye of man has ever yet witnessed ap-proaches to the magnificence which he is about to display on this occasion. Thou-sands of palaces are rising at his bidding on the plains between Meaco and Ozaca. Theatres of a size which baffle all concep-tion. Templas more gorgeous by far than Theatres of a size which bains all concep-tion, Temples more gorgeous by far than those which Nobunanga destroyed on the hills of Frenoxama; and on an altar raised above all others, amids the time-honored images of the divinities of Japan, one larger and more stately than the rest, that of the rejering governion is to be set up

larger and more stately than the rest, that of the reigning sovereign, is to be set up and worshipped by his people. Laurentia turned pale, and the Empress perceived it. "Child, what ails you?" she kindly said. As the maiden did not immediately answer, she added, "We Her great allies and firmest friends were Matthew the blind comb-seller, and immediately answer, she added, "We wish you to accompany us in this jour-ney. We choose your brother also to atanother old man, an itinerant musician who, by charming the ears of the peasant which you to be your brother also to at-tend us. Go home now and announce to him that he is to follow in our train, and take sketches of the gorgeous scenes which will unfold themselves before his which will unfold themselves before his eyes during this royal progress. The governor of our household will furnish you both with the necessary equipments for your new position. I shall commit to you, maiden, the custody of the imperial fans as your ostensible office in my house-hold."

Laurentia knelt at the feet of the Em-

press, and touched the ground with her forehead. As she passed on her way home through

As she passed on her way home through the noisy streets it felt as if her brain could hardly master the multitude of thoughts which were crowding into it. Ozaca, was she indeed to travel thither, where, in spite of herself, her mind was ever dwelling? Then the Empress! what a task was before her: to win, by word, by example, by daily silent property

ever dwelling? Then the Empress! what a task was before her: to win, by word, by example, by daily silent prayer, that soul which was struggling for free-dom, but held in the iron bondage of terror and human respect. Her brother, too! to be about the Court, and have full scope for the exercise of his really re-markable taients: this had been long the object of his ambition; with what joy he would receive the announcement! Then there came a thought which froze the blood in her veins—that daring act of idolatry! That open outrage about to be offered to the Majesty of the Eternal God! It seemed to cast a dark shade on her spirit; it oppressed her with a strange, dull, heavy weight. She could hardly ac-count to herself for the way in which it haunted her, for she lived, alas! amongst heathens, and daily witnessed their idol-atries without the sickening feeling that came over her then.

came over her then. She had no sooner reached home, an Mathias the news of his appointment and her own, which was received by him with the most rapturous delight, than an with the most rapturous delight, than an officer from the Court arrived and con-firmed the news. The brother and sister conversed long and earnestly that eve-ning. It was a great change that had come over their lives. Both indulged in a variety of anticipations connected with it. He rejoiced in his sister's courage in going to the palace. He owned that her boldness had been far more successful in every sense than his prudence would boldness had been far more successin in every sense than his prudence would have been. He congratulated her on the good she might do in her new position, and expressed an earnest hope that he might also serve the interests of religion by the exercise of his art and the assist-ance he might afford to other Christians when such is releate head secured him ful infant lying in this sad cot dressed in when once his talents had secured him influence at Court. He was full of good resolutions and fervent thoughts that night. If things went well with him he

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FIVE . MINUTES' SERMON. Second Sunday after Pentecost,

FREQUENT COMMUNION.

"A certain man made a great supper, and nvited many." (Luke 14, 16.)

to ride, and to shoot with how and arrow. In no country was nobility of descent more in esteem than in Japan; but the loss of fortune in no way diminished the respect with which a man was treated whose rank in the State had been at any time acknowledged. Andre was greatly looked up to, not only by the Christians, but by his countrymen in general. His father, who had been a renowned warrior in his day, and was now in his eightieth year, had been recently received into the Church. His wife, the good Agatha, had long been regarded by the Christian women of Meaco with the sort of love and veneration which St. Frances of Rome in-spired in her day, or the pious Madame Acarie at that very time in Paris. She was the leader in all charitable undertak-ings; the advocate of the poor, and the The great supper spoken of in the gospel of this Sunday, is a figure of that heavenly banquet which our div-ine Saviour instituted on the eve of His passion, and to which He invited all, who by faith have become His disciples. Why is it that so few appear at this heavenly banquet? Why do the majority, like the invited guests in the gospel, make excuses and refuse to come? Ah ! it is because they do not was the leader in all charitable undertak-ings; the advocate of the poor, and the consoler of the afflicted. She oftened tra-velled great distances, suffering the while incredible hardships, in order to visit some of those small communities of Christians who seldom could enjoy the ministrations of a priest, but who patient-ly kept the faith and supplied by religious exercises, humbly and faithfully per-formed for the scanty amount of sacra-mental advantages afforded them. She gave them every consolation that symconsider the great dignity of Him who prepared the banquet, because they do not comprehend the inestimable value of the Food prepared for them, and because they do not realize the corporal and spiritual misery into which they are plunged. For if they realized all these things, they would certainly ap-proach the table of the Lord more fregave them every consolation that sym-pathy and encouragement could offer under such circumstances, and thus requently, with true devotion and earnest desire to strengthen their souls with this Bread of the Angels. mained in active communication with

No matter from what point of view we consider our life, we shall find it surrounded by miseries of all kinds and threatened by innumerable dangers. If we examine our hearts we shall find it filled with evil inclinations, and assaulted by wicked temptafect passion, often found a way to their hearts, and won them to the faith by his touching, expostulations and sweet words about God. Weakness and indolence totions. wards doing good, are the marked features of our hearts. If we look around us, we find bad examples, scandals, allurements and proximate about God. Meeting as usual in Agatha's humble abode, the little band of Christian women rejoiced that day at the return of the long absent daughter of Justo Uconccasions of sin. If we consider our ody, we find it subject to ailments the long absent daughter of Justo Con-dono. She did not speak of the dangers she had been exposed to, but only asked that some prayers might be said in thanksgiving for a great mercy received. Laurentia's appointment in the Empress' household was then discussed, and ad-vice given to her as to the line of conduct to pursue in that difficult prefile. Comsickness, exposed to dangers of life and limb, and daily, nay hourly approach-ing the grave ; and if we contemplate eternity, must we not fear and tremble at the thought of what our judgment will be and if we shall gain eternal to pursue in that difficult position. Com-bining, Agatha said, with a smile, "the wisdom of the serpent with the simplicity blies. Now, my dear Christians, where can we find a better safeguard against all dangers and temptations, where find a better, greater source of spirit-ual strength, were find a surer remedy " Mother." said Grace to her friend, for she always gave her that name, " can you call to mind the circumstances which Anto heal the wounds of the soul than at

selm, the flute-player, related to us, about five or six years ago, about a child whom he rescued from a watery grave in the the table of the Lord ! In the Blessed Sacrament, says St. Jerome, our Divine Saviour is all for us, all for body, all for soul, all for time and all for eternity.

he rescued from a watery grave in the kingdom of Arima?" "That is indeed taxing my memory severely, dear Grace. We have, thank God, rescued so many infants since that time, that I can scarcely remember the circumstances of each particular case." "It was almost the first time I ever came to your house that Anselm, who happened to be present, related this story, and so I suppose it has remained fixed on my recollection. He said, I think, that one morning, at break of day, he was walking by the side of the river which flows through the town of Arima, and that much lower down, and nearer to the sea, he saw something floating on the If the devil tempts you with his allurements, if concuspiscence assaults you, if the wicked world lays its snares, behold in the heavenly manna of the Blessed Sacrament you will find rest and security for your soul. In Holy Communion, Jesus, the mighty God, comes into your heart saying as He did to His disciples on the stormy sea : Why do you fear, you of little faith, it is I who am with you, and I will not permit you to perish. I preserved the sea, he saw something floating on the water which resembled one of the little osier boats in which infants are so often left to die. It was far beyond his reach; three young men in the fiery furnace at Babylon, and I will also preserve and protect you. My dear Christians, would that you might listen to this he could not swim, and no boat was at hand. In the very centre of the wide stream, borne onward by the current and the breeze, that tiny craft was making its straight and fatal way to the ocean, voice of grace, that you would fre-quently receive our Lord in holy Com-munion ! You would then receive from straight and fatal way to the ocean, freighted, it might be, with the dying body and the unbaptized soul of a child. He told us, in his simple way, that he the Sacred Heart of Jesus all the graces you need to obtain your salvation. You would receive heroic strength to combat Satan and sin ; divine protecmelt down on the shore, and invoked tion in times of perils and temptations; heavenly joy in the performance of good works, and the grace to walk perseveringly and steadfastly in the thorny road to Heaven. Your Saviour Father Francis praying him by the great love he had for souls whilst he was on earth, to obtain, that if a child was indeed thus drifting to destruction it might yet be rescued and baptized. No sooner had he uttered the words than a gust of wind changed the direction of the floating cradle, and soon it lay entangled in the rushes of the shore. He found a beautihas prepared all these graces for you at His heavenly banquet, why then will not you, His disciple, accept His

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before you. It is the Sacred Body, the notably Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus own co Christ. Would it not be the most ter- An a Christ. Would it not be the most fer-rible insult to God, to have an abhor-rence for this heavenly food? Con-ider diligently what is set before you. We per Must not its infinite value rouse your every Must not its infinite value rouse your every heart frequently to taste its sweetness? such a Consider your own weakness, the dangers and temptations surrounding acts by dangers and temptations surrounding you, and you will most earnestly de-sire the heavenly food which will bring you strength, consolation, help and protection. Yes, consider dili-gently, what is set before you ; your faith must indeed be weak, if you do sodalitor, the set weak is a solation of the strength of the solation of the s not strive to receive more frequently our Lord in holy Communion, this pledge of your glorious resurrection. the D.

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Opening under such auspices, the deem religious rites with which the Catholic so ide Church will mark the progress of time His t cannot fail to sanc: ify her children and exile impress most favorably those who stand perse apart from her. The march of the cen- Euro uries will be made the occasion of migh many imposing celebrations ; the na the tions of the earth will join together to record exhibit the proofs of their progress ; of the the world's religions and its sects will pessi appear collectively and separatively as final on a theatre with their several doc-trines and rites; vast bodies of men izati DOAS and women representing various little human interests, societies international been and local, organized for commercial, sotrue cial, scientific or purely benevolent have purposes, and every form of secret and how esoteric body as well as associations how which men and women can honestly izat izati oin, all will strive to make this an opportunity for recommending and advancing the objects they have at heart. The nations and sects and sign other purely human societies will meet the

cher purely human societies will meet the as so many units, with interests rem. widely divergent and often con-eart flicting, lacking the common bonds of authority, belief, or mutual interest; may the Church alone can present the spectacle of a world wide society, com first posed of men of every race and nation under heaven, bound together in be-PAD lief, keeping a common law of moral-ity, living in the closest ties of mutual affection, and looking to one supreme authority to preserve them in this of unity, and that there may be no doubt whence this august authority is de-Chu soci rived, its present possessor, Leo XIII., plot

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Ition, however ardent, however pure. It was not a sacrifice she made, for it had never occurred to her as a possibility that a Christian could marry a heathen, a child of the Church one of its enemies.

doms of the Continent. The other ladies gathered round Laurentia, who related with touching simplicity the history of the birth, of the miracles, and of the Pas-sion of Christ. It seemed to her incredi-bly strange to be speaking, within the very palace walls, of those glorious truths, and to be holding in her hands the very book which the Vicar of Christ had with his own hands given into Mancia Ito's care, for the Empress had told her this, and repeated the Holy Father's words; how he had blessed the young envoy, and told him to assure his countrymen of the love he felt for them, his new children; how he prayed for them every day at the tomb of the apostles. Vainly did Isafai plead long and earn-estly; in vain did he promise her the free exercise of her religion, and that he would never bring to his home any other wife but herself, and never on any ac-count divorce or forsake her; in vain he wept at her feet and implored her to re-lent. She looked upon him with a pity-ing tenderness which gave an almost heavenly sweetness to her countenance, but it was the look which the angel at the gate of Paradise might have turned upon the children of men pleading for en-trance to the Eden they had forfeited. She did not, she could not, have yielded. Nor would he seek the only means through which he might have obtained the bless-ing he so earnestly desired. He would not examine into the truth of the Chris-Vainly did Isafai plead long and earn how he prayed for them every day at the tomb of the apostles. "The bearer of that message," said Laurentia, "has devoted himself, if report speaks truly, to the delivery of Christ's message to men. He has laid aside the robes of state, and all the courtly splendor which has so long surrounded him, to put on the black robe of our Fathers, and sit the their foct is humble sphicition." ing he so earnestly desired. He would not examine into the truth of the Chris-tian religion. He refused to study its laws, or to confer with its teachers. In common with many of his countrymen, a proud sense of honor was the ruling pas-sion of Isafai; and though he did not rank with the nobles of Japan, he shared in the spirit which prevailed amongst them and senumed to make a concession

at their feet in humble subjection "It is as you say," answered the Em-press; "and passing strange is such an act in a man in the flower of his age and

act in a man in the hower of his age and on the high road to fortune." "This book," said Laurentia laying her hand on the Missal, "this book speaks of a broad road that leads to destruction, and a narrow one that leads to life. Perthem, and spurned to make a concession which he considered degrading. He pre-ferred any amount of suffering to aught that savored of humiliation. In abanand a narrow one that leads to life. Fer-haps Mancia Ito preferred the latter." "Child," exclaimed the Empress, half provoked and half amused, "it hardly be-comes your youth and sex to discourse so like an aged bonza." Laurentia colored, and said, with a sweet smile, "It is also written in this book that God choses the weak and the doning Laurentia he was offering up a greater sacrifice to his pride than is often made by men to conscience and to God. It is not always true that men sin be-

the not always the that then sin be-cause they will not submit to suffering; they often suffer, keenly, cruelly, under the sway of the father of lies. Since the day that he fell himself, like lightning from heaven, it is his policy to blind mon in order to rain them. pook, that God chooses the weak and the foolish ones in this world to confound the wise and the strong."

The Empress sighed, ar I ordered her Proudly and silently Isafai took leave attendants to remove the regal presents; and whilst they were doing so, she beckof the Christian maiden whom he had loved long and well; whom he had loved oned to Laurentia to come nearer to her. "Maiden," she said, "I have been ere now almost persuaded to be a Christian, and loved long and well; whom he had loved for those very virtues, that sweet modesty, that tender womanly charity, that nobil-ity of soul, which were due to the very faith he so intensely hated. Nor was he altogether ignorant of the cause of her superiority to the heathen daughters of the land. He would not, strange to say, have had her renounce the Christian faith. Like so many inconsistent men, table fin Christ and act in opposition to His laws. He had an instinctive feeling

prayed was at last afforded. The elderly lady in waiting had withdrawn when the was willing to pay tribute, as it were, in the shape of pious feelings and virtuous intentions.

European treasures were produced. She hated the very name of foreign lands, and had never ceased to lament the inter-course recently established with the king-doms of the Continent. The other ladies His sister was less excited, more His sister was less excited, more thoughtful. She made fewer plans for the future; and when she was once more alone that night, if any one could have seen her face they would have wondered if it was joy or fear, or hope or grief that was causing such swift shadows to pass over her brow like the clouds over the mean on a stormy night.

over her brow like the clouds over the moon on a stormy night. The day before her departure from Meaco and her entrance on her new poei-tion in the Japanese household, she had the happiness of once more beholding Grace Ucondono, who had returned with her grandfather to his palace in that city. These two Christian maidene, of very different rank, but united by the bond of their common faith, had maintained a strict friendship since the days of child-hood, when they had both attended the catechism class in the Father's chapel. Both had also long been devoted to the work of rescuing abandoned children from an untimely death, or, if that was impossible, of opening heaven to them work of rescuing abandoned children from an untimely death, or, if that was impossible, of opening heaven to them through the sacrament of Baptism. Under the guidance of a pious matron, the wife of Andre the archer, they had formed an association for this purpose. At the feet of Father Organtin they had iofrend themselves, in God's presence and in the sight of His holy Mother and all the men and women saints in the heavenly court, to imitate Christ in bearing injuries, in leading a life of poverty, spiritual or act-ual, and especially to labor for poor chil-dren. This promise they regarded as a solemn dedication to a most holy work. They felt that it was recorded on high. Often their minds were haunted by the thought of the perishing infant; the un-baptized babe, the lonely riverside, the dark dismal marsh where human life and human esols were in jeopardy. Alas! the same cries ring in our ears even now ! The same dismal echoes rise not from the sciltery muid ease

even now ! The same dismal echoes rise, not from the solitary muir, or the wild sea-beach, but from the foul alleys and dark beach, but from the four alleys and dark recesses of a densely-peopled city. We, too, have to mourn not so much for children left to die by unnatural parents; for, alas ! such is the misery and the crime that surges around the homes of our poor, that death in infancy we must often look upon as one of God's highest mercies—but over those doomed to vice and unbelief by fatal neglect.

This little band of Christian women

were wont to meet at the house of Agatha, the wife of Andre Ongasamara, a man of high birth but decayed fortunes, who supported himself by teaching young men

Grace," said Agatha, "exactly as you re-late them. They had quite escaped my memory; but what makes you revert to them now?" the table of the Lord is again the refuge of the afflicted. As the fatal fruit of the tree in the garden of Para-

"I have a reason, dear mother, for greatly wishing to discover what became of that infant, and whether the clothes dise, brought not only death to the soul, but also sickness, distress, poverty, and all the ailments of the body and the miseries of the world, so will which it wore have been preserved. Do you soon expect to see Anselm?"

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of the dove.

EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD.

Sacrament, give not only spiritual graces to the soul, but also temporal blessings for the body, provided they are beneficial for the soul. For what In the current North American Reblessing; may we not expect from that view the venerable Mrs. Davis-the mother of Richard Harding-protests against purely secular education, Divine Saviour who brought so much relief to the sick in the distant land of Judea. If health were restored to those who only touched the hem of His which, she says, has reduced the num-ber of thieves and drunkards only to garments, how much more relief, conincrease the number of forgers and counterfeiters. "Perhaps the falsest solation, and strength may not we expect when we receive in our hearts the God of all consolation ! value," writes Mrs. Davis, "is that which we set on mere book learning. The Blessed Sacrament is, moreover, Without religion, it only qualifies the thief to be more expert in his thievthe pledge of our everlasting happiness. If, during this life, we fre-quently receive our Lord into our ing." An experience that she re-counts is a fair illustration of the pre-

earts, we have, as it were, a right to valent Protestant idea of civilization expect to be received by our Divine Guest into His heavenly mansions. Mrs. Divis found, in a lonely corner of Louisiana, an old Catholic settlement This He has promised when He said : where a little schooling went a long 'He that eateth My flesh and drinketh way, but where no offence nor dis My blood, hath everlasting life, and I meanor had been committed for years. will raise him up on the last day. "They worked enough to keep them (John 6, 55.)

from want; they went to Mass in the morning and to a dance at night. Truly, should not we have a happy They were faithful husbands, loyal friends, tender mothers; a single-minded, honest, merry folk." Shortly a terward Mrs. Davis returned North, death and receive eternal happiness who has always dearly loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, who has fre-quently been united to Him in Holy Communion and who has thus made and heard a philanthropic lecture his whole life a pious preparation for make a most pathetic plea for missionaries -- childless and creedless Yankee missionaries-to go down to Louisians death ! Behold, my dear brethren, how im-

neasurably great are the benefits of and civilize those very people !-Ave Maria. frequent, worthy communions. Should iot an earnest desire, a zealous fervor DYSPEPSIA is the cause of untold suffer ing. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla the digestive organs are toned and dyspepsia IS CURED. be awakened in our hearts for this source of all blessings ! Let us often approach the table of the Lord with angelic preparation, where we receive So rapidly does lung irritation spread and Jesus Christ, where the soul is filled with graces, where we receive the pledge of eternal life. He who loves God and is desirous of saving his soul,

So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepee, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay, get a bothe of Bickle's Anti Con-sumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful inflaence in curing consumption and all lung diseases. will not only understand my words, but will also follow them. Hence, in conclusion, I will remind you of the words of the Holy Ghost ; "When thou summon his faithful subjects to begin the celebrations of the coming year by solemnly and publicly dedicating inv themselves to the Heart of Jesus Christ. mo A sublime spectacle it is, surely, to that of the venerable Pontiff, a sp that of the venerable Pontiff, a spin prisoner in the Vatican, living as if rid by a miracle, after having conciliated by his wisdom and forbearance for the past two decades the esteem and sympathy of all good men, devot-ing what he considers his expiring energies to a solemn and universal protestation of love, reparation and gratitude to the Heart of his Divine Master. The world would make him one of its idols, but he loyally points to Christ as the true object of our worship. While all men praise him, he humbly bids them to praise the One whom he represents and to whom he owes all his dignity and influence. Truly may he, as the vicar of Jesus Christ, to whom he has consecrated a life long devotion, call upon the faithful at this solemn moment to consecrate themselves likewise to their Lord and Master.

It is now twenty five years since the proposal was made for the first solemn consecration of the Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Already at the time of the Vatican Council many Cardinals and prelates and over ten thousand priests and laymen had requested the Sovereign Pontiff that such a consecration might be made by the Church throughout the world. Whilst the Congregation of Rites was considing the postulate the request was re peated, and in April, 1875, fully five hundred and thirty-four Bishops for-mally petitioned the Holy See to sanction it, and on the 22nd of the same month the petition was granted, the Sacred Congregation formulating the prayer by which the consecration was to be made. Those who took part in that solemn ceremony cannot readily forget the enthusiasm with which the clergy and faithful alike entered into it. The whole Catholic world seemed to derive from it a new spirit of faith and hope and charity, and this spirit has been constantly renewed in many places by an annual repetition of the ceremony on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The evidences of this renewal Heart. are plain to see as well in the stead-