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one must needs smile at the idea of a giant condescending to a pigmy. She says "the Pope might as well have fallen in with the procession to Brun.'s statue as easily as to the Queen's Jubilee." She taunts the ruler of Catholic Christen dom with inconsistency in "having sent one of his chief officers to congratulate the Queen on her fifty years of revolt." Sending congratulations to Victoria is one thing; taking part in a procession. In

boots was denied him. Then Miss Dodge worries because Cath-olic Christendom takes the Holy Father literally when he tells them of his being a prisoner, when there he has "not only a palace but a series of palaces," comprising, according to Lady Murray's actual count, 15,000 rooms, while 1,600 persons are re-quired to keep up the style of the Vati-can, etc. can, etc. "It is dishonest." she sobs, "to call him

self a prisoner. Devout persons in remote corners of the Catholic world to day are cherishing a wisp of straw as a part of the hard bed to which the Holy Father is re-

duced i" Must royalty sleep upon feathers if it really prefers straw for reasons occult to an unmortified person? Only recently Loo XIII., the Visible Head of the Roman Catholic Church, and Queen Victoris, Visible Head of the Church of England, celebrated an anni-versary memorable to each. I subjoin a few words upon those two occasions which appeared in the secular press from the

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lee and thanksgiving. His people over the earth laid before him gifts and ren dered him homage. The wealth and skill of the world were strained to the utter-most to do him reverence. What use undoubtedly his? Or does some nobler understanding of the duty of power rest with him—some clearer consideration of the divine right of kings to show human ity the royal virtues of kindliness, of generosity, of unselfishness? The daily press has already given us the answer. "The Pope gave to the churches of Rome whatever treasures were fitted to Rome whatever treasures were fitted to add beauty to the service of God; to the museums whatever could train to delight

and perfection the artistic sense of bi people ; and to the charitable institutions throughout Italy the millions of money which the millions of his people had pro vided for him." Miss Dodge affirms that "the Roman

world is learning to do very well without a Pope it never sees."

Statistics prove that the American Cath-olic world has flourished remarkably also, and it never sees the Pope. If Miss Dodge will not consult Catholic writers part or present Catholic and

tourists who have the fatal gift of heaven -a sensitive soul-and who are therefore more keenly slive to defects than to positive merits, to return to their native sod emotionally withered. If a monk be fat and healthy-looking

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Then Mise Dodge worries because around gour absence of lines denoting introspection of the panter, were desirous that Mary Howitt's daughter Margaret should become his blographer. They gave to her all his pri-vate papers, among which were numerous letters on disputed points of doctrine and Church history. Miss Howitt not only read these, but every accessible book to which they referred as well. In the end she became a Catholic in the year 1880. Her mother assisted her occasionally, acquired a tasts for Catholic literature, and read Faber's "All for Jesus." The chapter on Intercessory Prayer struck her with astonishment and filled her with delight. From that moment she devoted herself to the reading of Catholic works of devotion, but could not bring herself to a scept the Catholic faith, fearing that such a step would be disrespectful to the mem-ory of her husband, now dead a few years. She had a desire to receive baptism, and thought it might be received anywhere. Therefore she visited the Prince Bishop of Brizen, during one of her periodical visits to the Tyrol, and asked him to give her baptism. She was informed of the neces-sary conditions and went away astonished and grieved. To receive she must become a Catholic.

la vie contemplative ? I think not. Here is a beautiful defin-ition given by Cardinal Manning : "Meditation is the patient thought of wisdom musing upon divine things." Prayer and action are so akin that their double action need never interfere the one with the other.

The venerable scholar above quoted lives la vie contemplative. This fact did not prevent him from going forth among the turbulent multitudes in London,

receptly, and saying gently, "Peace ;" and it was still. That brave young martyr who is this very hour on her way to devote her life to the lepers of Molokal lived also la vie

ances of a cultivated traveller who made monasteries and monks the objects of twenty years' close studies—the Count de Montalembert, whose "Monks of the West" is such a delight and a mine of of the world were strained to the utter. most to do him reverence. What use does he make of it all? Does he, like Victoria, greedily fill the marble halls of the Vatican with the splendor which is undoubtedly his? Or does some nobler

chism was her constant companion, and she would have liked everyone she knew to possess a copy of it. There was noth-ing she enjoyed more than to converse with fellow Catholics on the great truths of her religion. Every day she seemed to become more strengthened in the faith and to realize in a striking degree the communion of saints, more especially the sbundant.

By very sure there were thoughts of wisdom in the mind of the "great, placid ox of a creature" undreamed of in her and Joseph, to whose protection, guid ance and intercession she would attribute the daily events of her life." A Protestant friend said : "While reworldly philosophy.

Far better, in its place, the lowliest bird Should sing aright to Him the lowliest Than that a seraph, strayed, should take the

And sing His glory wrong." The eminent scholars whose giant intel lects were the only lights in the darkness

A Protestant friend said: "While re-greating the particular direction that her piety was taken, I could not but feel that it was a step upward in the spiritual life. She was being delivered from the cold region of Unitarianism and the mias-matic bog of spiritualism, and finding a true peace in the Catholic faith." To this friend Mary Howitt wrote: "I thank you and bless you for the liberality of your faith, which allows you to give me credit for some good reason for setting in my old age at last, after having tried for half a century to find peace in almost every other shade Statistics prove that the American Cath olic world has flourished remarkably also, and it never sees the Pope. If Miss Dodge will not consult Catholic writers, past or present, Gaizot and Rauke, though opponents of the Church, could enlighten her upon the Papacy, which subject they have a tudied as a set of the data to be a set of the church.

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a Catholic.

she became a Catholic she used to speak of herself as a baby in the faith, learning day by day fresh truths and discovering new beauties in the faith she had adopted. Her whole countenance would become suffused with the peace and joy she had found in the one true fold, and she used to yearn after the souls she loved, who were still outside it. The Penny Cate-chism was her countant companion and

presence and communion of Jesus, Mary

constipation, INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HER NOT

FOUND IN HER AUTOBIOGRAPHY-HOW SHE LIVED AND DIED AS A IF not remedied in season, is liable to become habitual and chronic. Dras-tic purgatives, by weakening the bowels, confirm, rather than cure, the evil. Ayer's Pills, being mild, effective, and strengthening in their action, are gener-ally recommended by the faculty as the CATHOLIC. Not long ago in the Catholic Review we gave an (% ended notice of Mary Howitt's autoblography, and found fauit with the mesgreness of its account of her conver slon. Mr. James Britten, a well known Englishman, in a short article lately gave an account which will satisfy Catholic interest, and which we condense for the benefit of our readers. In 1872 the heirs of a Catholic convert, Overbeck, the noted painter, were desirous that Mary Howitt's daughter Margaret should become his blographer. They gave to her all his prially recommended by the faculty as the

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