

plain that the working of the Land Act will make them candidates for the poor house. The alternative should not be too hard for them to accept. They were always ready to recommend it to their tenants, whom their exactions had reduced to poverty.

THE morbid love for atrocities is rapidly increasing. The columns of the press teem with accounts of murders, arsons, and deeds of violence, which have become the favorite reading matter of the masses. Editors and reporters vie with each other in representing these events in the most highly colored manner, interwoven with sensational comments and imaginary details. The evil effects are seen in the growing distaste for profitable reading, the low quality of conversational subjects, and in too many instances, degeneracy of public morality, especially among the young.

ON the second of February—on the morning of her Feast—Our Lady of Lourdes brought back to life a sick priest whose life was despaired of, M. l'Abbe Felix Buurmans, Vicar of St. Joseph, in Antwerp, Belgium. His zeal ruined his health, medicine failed. He determined to make a pilgrimage, to ask for life or death at Lourdes. When he left Antwerp, everybody said, "We will meet again—in heaven!" The cabman who drove him to the hotel declared that he would not ever again drive him back to the railway station alive; the carpenter at the hotel expected to make his coffin. But the Abbe Buurmans plunged thrice into the basin. The third time he felt something like a general tearing up in his chest. "I am cured," he said quietly. It was true.

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THE AVE MARIA, March number, Notre Dame, Indiana, Rev. D. E. Hudson, C.S.C., Editor.

THE CATHOLIC FIRESIDE, March number, J. P. Dunne & Co., 5 Barclay street, New York City.

DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE, April number, Patrick Donahoe, Boston, Massachusetts.

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MCGEE'S ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, 84 Warren St., New York city.

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MASSES FOR THE DEAD. An essay by Rev. A. A. Lambing. Published at Notre Dame, Indiana, by *Ave Maria Press*. 86 pages demi octavo, fine toned paper. This little work contains a great deal of useful and valuable information on a most important subject. It is well handled, and the reverend essayist never fails to give all necessary authorities for his essential statements.

NEW YORK TABLET. D. & J. Sadlier & Co., 31 Barclay St., New York. Current number contains the usual quantity of foreign and domestic news, editorial articles chiefly on Irish subjects, tales and sketches, poetry, useful information. The *Tablet* would be improved by a table of contents on the first page.

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