# AUNT NORA'S CORNER. \*

ber of her correspondents and the evident interest they are taking in their department. This is as it should be. The TRUE WITNESS in giving us weekly two or three columns of valuable space makes a great financial sacrifice, and the least we can do is to prove we appreciate this kindness.

preparing to visit the children's department. That is right, come along and be sure of a royal welcome from all the cousins. But what is the matter with the boys and the girls of good old St. Ann's, once upon a time they did not wait to be invited. The young people of St. Mary's are doing nobly. St Patrick's also, are evidently determined keep up the good work.

So you see boys and girls that when all help, the labor is light. It would not be fair to let an old lady do all the Corner work. Aunt Nora has her knitting to do, her canary and cat too feed, and then, she likes to have time to read the TRUE WITNESS to enable her to keep up with the busy world around her.

Aunt Nora would like to hear fre quently from her country correspond ents, so far letters from cousins at a distant have proved very interesting. Letters descriptive of their school and place they reside in will make the history and geography lessons of city cousins more interesting, and will help them in many ways, for instance, when the question arises "Where will we spend the summer holidays," some bright cousins will say, let's go to such a place, it must be very pleasant there. See what a nice description of it was sent to Aunt

The other day Aunt Nora heard a young friend tell a companion that the young people's department in the TRUE WITNESS was only for boys and girls attending school, and that he guessed working boys were not wanted. Now this is a great mistake. When the TRUE WITNESS first thought of giving the through force of circumstances were compelled to leave school and join the noble army of workers, of course the majority of our young correspondents are at school and Aunt Nora is proud of their letters, but she has a very high regard for the working boy or girl, all honor them! as is far from wishing to exclude them, on the contrary she promises to pay special attention to their feels sure that when her young friend joins the other cousins in their good work he will not use slang. He did not know Aunt Nora was so near when he said the corner was for School "Cisses" only, and that working boys were "not

An interesting sketch of the Hotel Dieu appoared in a recent assue of the TRUE WITNESS, which Aunt Nora hopes all her young friends have read carefully and put away for future reference. As already promised Aunt Nora intends offering a prize for the best essay on Maisonneuve, and you must all know that the Hotel Dieu plays a very important part

in the early history of our city. If the boys and girls would cur out any items, historical or geographical or anything of interest likely to be useful, that they see in the papers and put them away in an envelope or box properly labelled they would have at least a ready reference which would prove very useful to the future essayist." The school history and geography do not contain all the information to be gained on these subjects.

#### KITTY KNEW.

Seven sheep were standing By the pasture wall; "Tell me," said the teacher, To her scholars small. "One poor theep was frightened, Jumped, and ran away; One from seven-how many Woolly sheep would stay?"

Up went Kitty's fingers-A farmer's daughter she, Not so bright at figures As she ought to be.
"Please ma'am"—"Well, then, Kitty

Tell us if you know,"

" Please, if one jumped over, All the rest would go."

DEAR AUNT NORA,-I was fortunate enough to be present at the festival held in St. Patrick's Academy on the eve of the celebration of the Golden Wedding of St. Patrick's Church, and it was one of the prettiest scenes I have ever witnessed. I shall not attempt a description of the programme that was presented, because I could not give any idea of its impression or effect, but I want your little nieces and nephews to get a little glimpse of the beautiful hall that held the assembly of guests, teachers, and

pupils. The hall is a pretty one, even without any added embellishment, but when the pale subdued green of its walls was dot-ted with the vivid green of patriotic banners placed at intervals bearing golden devices of harp, and cross and shamrock and the rich oaken brown of the window embrasures was trightened with baskets plays and studies with all his might, of trailing vines, a back-ground of beauty was formed for the group of bright faced pupils ranged around the walls. The lovely shrine of the Immaculate Mother was laden with rare plants, displaying a wealth of bloom, and a festooned network of evergreens and roses was the

canopy that hung over all. The older pupils were robel in black with shamrock bouquets pinned on their dark attire, and the younger ones wore white dresses with pink shoulder knots of fluttering ribbons and crowns of gold-he's too good to be in politics, or de man en shamrocks and the little "tots" of dat's so bad he has ter be put out." the kindergarten were distinguished by Washington Star.

Aunt Nora is delighted with the num- knots of dainty green on their shoulders. It was a feast of color to the eye as well as of culture to the mind.

> [Your description of the happy festival held by St. Patrick's pupils is a treat in itself. Our Catholic children are fortunate in the possession of such instructors.

DEAR AUNT NORA,-I have been A little bird told Aunt Nora that some reading the letters of your neices of St. Gabriel's bright young people are and nephews in the "Corner" for some time, and I have often felt that I would like to join your happy circle of young people, but I never seemed to be able to think of anything that would be interesting enough to admit me among your smart girls and boys that know so much Canadian history and are able to tell it all so easily with their pens. I am just an every day sort of a boy; l study pretty hard, but I am afraid my teachers find me very dull at times I am telling you this right straight, dear

Aunt Nora, so that you will not be so greatly disappointed in me as you might be if I did not prepare you a little bit I was in the procession on St. Patrick's Day and wore a big green badge, but oh! did'nt I wish that I was one of the

boys on horseback, curvetting and

prancing around when the music played. One of your nephews had a lot to say about the dog in his last letter, and I enjoyed reading it, but I think just the same that the horse is the noblest animal in the world and when I am a man I mean to own a dandy and take everybody out for a drive.

Please excuse tais letter and I will write a little better next time.

Peter Joyce. Well, Peter, we are very glad to welcome you to the Corner, but we hope your ambition will rise higher than a horse before you are a man. I

DEAR AUNT NORA,-I am a very little niece to come to your Corner with a letter, but perhaps some other little girls will come after this as well as all the bigger pupils that write such nice letters.

Our teacher told us the other day that everybody could do some good, no matpoung people a department of their own, ter how small they were, just by setting Aunt Nora is sure that it was intended a good example, so I just thought that to help and encourage those, who may be if I wrote a letter to you, I would be doing something that other little girls ought to do too.

I am ever so glad that the snow is going away for very soon the sun will be bright and the dear little spring flowers will come up and smile at us again, and all the dark ice will float out of the river and leave the blue water free to dance again in the sun. Oh, the summer is a mises to pay special attention to their lovely time, but perhaps we would not letters. Now isn't that fair? Aunt Nora like it so well if we had not the winter

> My papa showed me the pretty Souvenir—I am airaid I did not spell that right-number of the TRUE WITNESS and it was lovely. Mama is going to frame the big green picture that came with it, because it has an Irish cross on it.

Good-bye, dear Aunt Nora, I am afraid have written my letter too long.

MARY MOONEY.

You are a verythoughtful little Mary, and the Corner will always have a seat

#### ready for you when you come with a nice letter.

A REMARKABLE DOLL.

At a recent doll show in Boston a remarkable doll, authentically in existence for more than 171 years, was on view. It wis brought from France to Salem in 1724 by a sea captain for his little daughter. The doll seemed so wonder ful to its small owner that she scarcely dared to use it for a plaything, keeping it as a rare possession not to be lightly handled. It virtually became a heirloom in the first generation, and the toilet in which it arrived from France was never disturbed by its original owner or any of the long line who have succeeded her. The doll wears the gay costume of silk with court train made after the fashion of a time of Louis XIV., every detail of which is still perfect. Even the pink shade of the fabric holds after the many years since it left the dyer's hands.

## BEAUTIFUL LEGEND.

whatever cost to our own inclination. A beautiful vision of our Saviour had appeared to a monk, and in silent bliss he was gazing upon it. The hour arrived in which it was his duty to feed the poor of the convent. He lingered not in his cell to enjoy the vision, but left to perform his humble duty. When he returned he again saw the blessed vision, and heard these words: "Hadst thou staid I should have left thee."

#### POINTERS FOR BOYS.

The character grows. That it is not something to be put on

ready-made with manhood, but day by day it grows with the growth and strengthens with the strength, until good or bad it becomes almost a coat of mail. That it is well to learn a lesson of the successful man of business, and you

will find that he is prompt, reliable, con-scientious, yet clear headed and energetic and that he developed these qualities, not after he became a man, but during his boyhood.

That when a boy of 10 gets up as soon as he is called in the morning and works, you can get some idea of what kind of a man he will make.

That the boy who is late at breakfast and late at school stands a very poor chance of being a prompt man.

That the boy who neglects his duties be they ever so small, and then excuses himself by saying, "I forgot," or "I didn't think," will never be a reliable man.

"I dunno which is de wust o' de two.' said Uncle Eben, "de man dat t'inks he's too good to be in politics, or de man

# THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Between 6000 and 7000 men marched in line in the St. Patrick's Day procession at Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Queen received, in special audience, the Rev. Prince Max of Saxony, assistant priest in the German Church in Whitechapel, London.

The Hon. Ignatius Donnelly was the orator of the day at the recent Emmet celebration in St. Paul, Minnesota. His theme was "Memories of Emmet." Robert Gillespie Blaine, the last cur-

viving brother of James G. Blaine. died at his residence in Washington, March 9, after a week's illness. He was about 55 years of age.

Bowmsnville was the scene of a sad fatality on March 10, when the three eldest children of Mr. Frederic Luxon, were drowned through a hole in the ice at William's Flats. An Oratorio, composed by Prof. J. W. Grover of Dublin, entitled "St. Patrick

at Tara." was produced at New York for the first time on St. Patrick's Day. It was a grand success. Rev. Dr. McGlynn lectured in Boston

before a large audience on the evening of March 14, for the benefit of St. Cecilia's Church fund. His subject was "The Celt in the English-speaking World." Argentina, South America, is suffering from a plague of locusts, which are destraying all forms of vegetation, and it is

feared they will cause an epidemic, as the wells are blocked with the swarms of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean of Ottawa celebrated their golden wedding a tew days ago. Mr. McLean is 88 years of

age and he is one of 162 living descend-

ants of his father in Canada and the United States. A new instrument known as the stethophone which it is believed will completely supersede the stethoscope in medical examinations, has been invented by the Rev. Daniel Brand Marsh, a Pres-

oyterian minister in Ontario. Mr. Justice Loranger, president of the parent French-Canadian National Society, has issued an invitation to the various officers to attend a meeting this evening, for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Hon. Bellamy Storer, the new first assistant in the State department, appointed by Secretary Sherman, is a recent convert to the Catholic Faith. On the occasion of Archbishop Elder's golden ubilee, Mrs. Storer offered a gift of a fine house in Cincinatti for an episcopal resilence, but the generous offering was delined by the distinguished prelate.

Bernard McKernan, an aged hero of Balaklava, died Sunday at Phoenix, Pa., with the medals of honor won in the famous charge of the Light brigade on his breast. Mr. McKernan was born in Ireland and served for many years in the British army. During the Crimean war he was in the lancers attached to the Light brigade, and charged with the 600 at Balaklava.

Rev. Basil W. Mathurin, a former rector of St. Clement's P.E. Church of Philadelphia, was received in the Catholic Church at the Jesuit College of Beaumont, at Old Windsor, Berkshire, a few weeks ago. He is 50 years of age and was born in Dublin, Ire., where his father was rector of Grange Gorman, a suburb of Dublin. He has the reputation of being a powerful orator.

Brother Casimir Zeigler of St. Stanislas' Polish Church, has invented a remarkable cloth that has the peculiar quality of resisting bullets. The Chicago police have tested the bullet-proof material and tound that after an hour of shooting but one bullet had pierced it and the force of this had been so spent that the board behind the small square of cloth was scarcely dented. The fabric is somewhat thick, resembles leather in texture, but in time the invention will doubtless be perfected and this drawback dimin-

At the next annual State elections, a proposal, having for its aim the re-organization of the City Council of Boston, will be submitted to the judgment of the electorate. The plan proposed does away with one branch of the City Council substituting a single body comprised of twelve Aldermen at large and twenty five elected by wards, with a president of the City Council elected also at large by the people. The president is to have a salary of \$5,000 and the members \$1,000 each, with \$20 a month for expenses.

A Mr. William Nethercott, a farmer There is a legend illustrating the living in the vicinity of St. Thomas, had blessedness of performing our duty at a very peculiar experience resulting from an attempt on his part to don a novel style of head-gear. He had borrowed a pot from one of his neighbors and placed it on his head as the easiest mode of carrying it home, but while jauntily leaping a fence, the pot slid down over his ears and face and he could not remove it again. He wandered about through the woods and fields saveloped in the pot for hours, and suffering ter rible pain until relieved by a gentleman who met him and found it necessary to

break the pot before he could remove it. Captain Alfred Dreyfus, who was sentenced to transportation for life on the accusation of having sold plans of French forts to Germany, is now believed to to be innocent; his imprisonment is considered the result of grave judicial errors. The Czar, the German Emperor and Leo XIII. have been petitioned, in his behalf and the wife of Captain Dreyfus, who is a Jewess, concludes her appeal to the Holy Father thus:—"I kneel at the feet of the Vicar of Christ in sorrow and tears, and beg his compassion, as the daughters of Jerusalem once looked in the face of Christ himself to pray for His sym-

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THE NARROW ESCAPE OF A FER-GUS MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER.

HAD BEEN WEAK AND SICKLY FROM IN-FANCY-NEITHER DOCTOR NOR FRIENDS THOUGHT SHE WOULD SURVIVE-DR WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS SAVED HER LIFE -ADVICE TO PARENTS.

From the Fergus News Record.

Mr. C. M. Post, fruit and confectionery lealer, St. Andrew street, Fergus, last week related to a representative of the News Record the sad story of the terrible suffering and sickness of his little daughter Etla, his only child, now a strong and healthy little maiden of ten years of age. At the time of the child's liness Mr. Post was a resident of Hamil ton. His story is substantially as tol- lines. lows: "My daughter had been very delicate from childhood until about three years ago, and the money it cost me for doctor bills made me poor as it was seldom she was without a doctor's care, and at times we have had as many as three doctors in attendance and hope of saving her despaired of. The doctors succeeded in keeping her alive, but she was gradually growing worse and we all thought she was going to die. Our regular physician had given up hope of saving her life and remarked that if it were only warm weather, (it was then in a neighbor's child. I thought I would doctor, but he only laughed at the idea view. of them helping her. However I bought a box of the Pink Pills, and began giving them to her, half a pill at a time. After a short treatment there was such an improvement that neither her mother nor could doubt that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were helping her, and I decided to The Pink Pill treatment was continued and although the progress towards health and strength was progress towards health and strength was progressive. none the less certain, and it was continued until she is as well and strong as say she has had no occasion for medical treatment since. I am a strong believer in the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for weak and delicate children, and I firmly believe it was this medi-

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#### OUR REVIEWER.

Benziger Bross, the well-known Cath-olic publishers of New York, Cincinatti, and Chicago have brought out two little works that will immediately recommend themselves to Catholic families as practical guides to devout lives. "Popular Instuctions to parents" by Rev. Ferreol Girardey, C.S.R., is a brief but full outline of the duties and rights of parents with suggestions and advice to them on the wise bringing up of their children. The chapters devoted to the education of the young are of particular interest and afford a clear view of the sort of knowledge that should be imparted for the forming of a true Catholic character. Child-life in all its phases is thoroughly understood by the writer and his work will prove a valuable aid to the Christian father and mother in discharging their obligations towards their children. The price is but 35 cents.

"How to make the Mission" is the title of the second of these new publications It is the revised edition of the work o A Dominican Father and in a conversational style explains the essential disposition necessary to obtain the fruits of a mission. Confession is carefully and minutely explained and suitable prayers complete the little book which may be purchased by the small sum of ten cents.

The Catholic Book News just received contains a long list of new Catholic publications issued on both sides of the Atlantic within the last few months.

An error crept into our Souvenir Num ber in the statement that the Rev. Sisters of the Sacred Heart conducted the St. John the Evangelist Academy in St. Gabriel Parish. The Rev. Sisters of the Holy Cross are in charge of this educational establishment which ranks with the best of our Catholic schools.

The Catholic Reading Circle Review in its March number presents its neual monthly offering of high-class and instructive literature to its fortunate subscribers.

"The Non-English Origin of American Institutions" is the opening article and is contributed by Henry J. Heidenis,

"Wordsworth's 'Recluse,'" by Rev. Edmand Hill, C.P., is a brief but very interesting sketch of the great poet of Nature long withheld work. The First Book of "The Recluse" which has but recently been published. Miss Helena T. Goessman, the brilliant young Catho lie writer and lecturer contributes the fifth of her "Summer Screeds" which embody a great deal of bright thought on current topics in their clever, chatty

"Darkness" is a plaintive little ament from the poetic thought of Julia

Jean Mack's translation from the French of Paul Allard of the History of the Persecutions during the early centuries of the Church has reached its ninth chapter and is a valuable record for the Student. "Current Notes and Opinion" the gatherings of a Philistine, are crumbs tult of interest.

The Teacher's Council edited by Marc F. Valette, LL.D, contains the recent winter) there might be a chance. But able deliverance— 'The Present Peril in seven summers had passed since her College Education" of Rev. T. J. Campbirth and she had gradually become bell, SJ., and several brief articles of feebler, and my wife and I thought value to teachers. The Reading Circle it was just a matter of time until Union, "Studies of American History the child would be called to a better and Thomas O'Hagan's American Literhome. About this time Dr. Williams' ature," ably supplement the teacher's like her faith—Catholic and worldwide. Pink Pills were prominently brought to work. Mr. O'Hagan is an Irish Canadian It is written in the legends and tradiour notice through a cure they wrought and we are naturally interested in all his tions of the past; it is inscribed on the successes, none of which are greater than give them a trial and so informed the his excellent contributions to this Re-

The Real Relations of Labor and Capital and several other features serve to make the number a very interesting one indeed.

The industrious and indefatigable Rev. Father Touin, S.J., of St. John's College, Fordham, N.Y., has given us

put into the 100 pages which it contains without any appearance of overcrowdyou see her to-day, and I am thankful to | ing, or marring the clearness and completeness of the exposition of such an important subject.

The book may be obtained from the Sacred Heart Library of 29 West 16th Street, New York, and the price is only 10 cents.

The Dominican Fathers in Ireland intend publishing a magazine shortly. It will bear the name of the Irish Rosary. Mrs. Alice Meynell, the brilliant Cath-

olic writer who has recently published a series of essays entitled "The Children" which display her wide sympathy and knowledge of unitd-life and her charming literard style in a marked degree, is a sister of Lady Butler, nee Thompson the famous painter o "The Roll Call."

The Ave Maria's "Notes and Re-

marks" are always bright and to the

#### AN IRISH ATHLETE.

THE CHAMPION HAMMER THROWER OF THE WORLD NOW IN NEW YORK.

Irishmen have always been prominent figures in the leading American Athletic Associations. The latest arrival in New York is Mr. J. Flanagan of Kilmarrock, Muneter, Ireland, the world's greatest amateur hammer thrower, who intends to make the States his home in the future. Flanagan stands 5 feet 91.2 inches, and weighs 210 pounds, and is reputed to be also a capital runner and iumper.

His two best performances, which stands as world's records, are . 16-pound hammer, 7 foot circle, 147 feet; 16 pound hammer, unlimited run and follow, 156 feet 4 inches, both made on April 6 of last year. He will become a member of the New Jersey Athletic Club.

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### DULUTU IRISHMEN CELEBRATE

The National Festival by Holding an Entertainment on the Eve of 't' Pat. rick's Day-An Eloquent Address by Rev. Father Mackey.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The entertainment held on the eve of St. Patrick's Day at the Great Eastern hall, West Duluth, was largely patronized and was a splendid social and financial success. Of the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the recitations and national songs it is enough to say that they did their work in a manner which fully upheld their reputations. A special expression of praise is due to the l'recter nott band and the contingent that camewith them for the enthusiastic manner in which they contributed their full messure to the success of the entertainment.

In the unavoidable absence of Bishor McGolrick, Father Mackey was called upon to address the large gathering, and it is needless to say that despite the fact of being called upon at short notice he delivered a spirited and able speech during the course of which he eloquently dwelt upon the characteristic traits of the Irish race at home and abroad and the eminent part they have taken as churchmen, soldiers and statesmen, not only in the civilizing development of Europe, but also in the Australian colonies, New Zealand, the Canadas and here in the United States.

In concluding his admirable address. the rev. speaker said: "The glory of Ireland is not simply national. It is crumbling ruins and decaying monuments of her former grandeur, and it is preserved to us in her ancient language and literature. It endures in the tame of her bards, the prowess of her chieftains, the devotion of her patriots and the memory of her martyrs. It lives in the eloquence of her orators, the exquisite fancy of her poets and force and brilliancy of her writers. Painters and sculptors have made it enduring on the canvas and in monumental marble. The virtue and constancy of her daughters, the wit and valor of her sons, preserve and perpetuate it in the faith that has consecrated her past and the patriotism that illumines and guarantees her future..'

THE FRANCHISE IN AUSTRIA.

The Austrian Parliament, which was dissolved in January, consisted of the members, chosen by three classes of voters. About 5000 great landed proprietors elected 85 members; the Chamber of Commerce, 21; the 1,700,000 male taxpayers, 247. To these three classes of voters has been added a fourth, with 3 600 000 males, entitled to send 72 representatives to Parliament. The elections began on March 4 and will end on

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