

JACK AND TOM.

(Written for THE JOURNAL by NAWM.) (Continued.)

"That sounds nice and plausible, Tom, but for my part, I think it's all a lot of mummery. I want to see what a preacher is doing; I want him to talk to me, not to a pile of wood or some images, or something else. And, of course, this stuff about Christ being in the church in person. I think the thought is sacrilegious, if He be all that Christians believe Him to be."

"Hold on a moment, Jack; I don't like to interrupt you, but you shock me."

"It's a pity you were born with such sensitive feelings," was the cool, impudent retort.

"I'm not over sensitive, as you well know. But there are some things I cannot hear but they grate harshly on my ears. And when you talk about a priest 'praying to a pile of wood or some images, you manifest so much ignorance that I want to enlighten you. Do I look like a driveling idiot? Do you think I pray to senseless things of stone and wood?"

"No, Tom, I don't think you do. But I do think you are better than your leaders."

"Nothing of the kind. I am proud to follow in their lead and wish I followed them closer and better. I am a Catholic and proud of it, and I accept the teaching of the Church absolutely and in toto. When the priest has his back turned to me I know he is offering up to God the unbloody sacrifice of His Blessed Son, and, as I know the sacrifice is acceptable to the great Father, I join him in prayer and assist, in my poor way, in offering the Holy Mass. This is the greatest privilege accorded to the Catholics."

"By the way," Tom remarked, looking at his watch, "it's time for supper. We will have to postpone our talk as I have an engagement this evening."

"Ah, that friend of yours takes up a good deal of time. See how much better off I am. I can come back here, put on my slippers, and smoke and read all the evening."

"What if you do? I must confess I think I will derive as much real pleasure and more benefit out of my visit than you will out of your book. There is nothing that so refines and softens the hard lines of a man's character as the society of a pure woman. A young man is a boor if he forswears feminine society, and I have no ambition to be gazetted a misogynist."

"Hold on, old man. Do you think me a boor?"

"Not altogether, Jack; but I think women's society of the right sort would improve you immensely. It would remove a great deal of your cynicism and a young man you know, has no license to be a cynic. You are a person of fairly good attainments and can be a good conversationalist if you choose. I can't see why you eschew society as you do. You haven't been crossed in love, have you?"

"The gods forbid? No, I am heart whole and fancy free and expect to remain so."

"Pshaw, man, you have schooled yourself to be a stoic, but your turn will come some day. Some thing or some one will touch that hard heart of yours and you will wake up to the consciousness that you have been misleading yourself all these years and be sorry."

should not read. The Church is our spiritual parent, therefore, she has a right to lay down the same law for us."

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Books and Magazines.

"Forbidden fruit for Catholics," is the expressive term applied to the growing evil of mixed marriages, in a little brochure just received from Fr. Pustet & Co., New York. It is entitled "Mixed Marriages," and is translated from the German of Rev. Alban Stolz by Mgr. H. Cluever, D.D. The little pamphlet has reached its fourth edition. It should be in the hands of every Catholic young man and woman. A more extended reference to the subject matter of this book will be found on the editorial page next week.

From the same house comes a neatly bound book of 222 pages, entitled "Short Sermons on the Gospels." As its name implies it consists of a series of short sermons on the Gospels for every Sunday in the year. These discourses, or talks, were originally written by the author, Rev. N. M. Redmond of the diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for publication in the Dakota Catholic, to serve the needs of those parishioners, who, by reason of residence at a distance from a church, are deprived of hearing a sermon every Lord's Day. We remember reading them with interest in the Catholic and are glad they have been printed in book form.

From Benziger Bros., New York comes a little book containing photo-reductions of their Catholic National Charts. The latter are intended for the use of teachers in the instruction of primary classes and appear to be very useful.

John Murphy & Co., Baltimore, send the American edition of the Month, the English organ of the Jesuits, for October. The opening article, "A Father of Souls," is a touching tribute to the memory of the late Cardinal Newman; P. J. O'Reilly's paper on Ober-Ammergau in 1890, No. 2, is full of interest; "De Luberman of Mainz," by Rev. Ignatius Grant, relates how Rev. Dr. Lieberman, the well-known Catholic theologian, received into the Church Dr. Lieberman, the Jew of Mainz; J. F. W. Howley continues "The Phenomena of Hypnosis," Rev. Charles Coupe discusses "Sir George Stokes on Immortality," Very Rev. Canon Brownlow, V. G., treats on the "Abolition of Serfdom in England," "Glencoeage," is continued; the Reviews and Literary Record, as usual, furnish excellent reading.

Benziger Bros. Catholic Home Almanac for 1891 is a handsome number. In addition to the calendar, articles appear from the pens of Sara Tanner Smith, Dr. John Gilmory Shea, Prof. Maurice P. Egan, Amy C. Fowler, Wilham J. Onahan, Christian Reid, Anna T. Sadler, and a poem by Eliza Allen Starr. The almanac is embellished with pretty cuts and its frontispiece is an exceedingly pretty oleograph representing the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

From the Catholic Publication Society company of New York, comes the Catholic Family Annual for 1891. It is a handsome volume of 152 pages, neatly bound and prettily illustrated. Besides the Calendars it contains a large fund of interesting reading matter. One feature is a list of all the Catholic papers and magazines in the United States and Canada, in which the JOURNAL is quoted. From it we learn that there are 61 weekly Catholic papers in the United States and 11 in Canada. In the United States there are also published 7 annuals, 6 quarterlies, 9 monthly magazines, 14 society journals, 9 juvenile monthlies, and 22 school papers. Truly the Catholic press is developing much strength.

We acknowledge the receipt of a handsome picture from Doyle & White, Boston. It consists of miniature pictures of the 236 Popes from St. Peter to Leo XIII, taken from the Mosaic portrait of St. Paul's at Rome. This is the American edition with the Chronological text according to the "Gerarchia Catholica" published at Rome. As a work of art, it is worthy a place in any home.

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A FEW MINUTES WITH GOD.

Our churches are open all the year, and Our Blessed Lord is ever present in the tabernacle waiting for us. How easy it is for you, dear reader, to just step in a moment, and in less time than you waste in talking with a friend, ask God for help, for strength and for mercy. Think of those less fortunate than you, who live in some remote part of the land, where perhaps they never see a church or priest. Remember, to-day you are here and tomorrow may never come for you. Many a one owes his salvation to making frequent visits to God's house, and there, prostrate at the altar, ask forgiveness. You would be surprised to see the people in the different stations of life who daily visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. Try it and ere the year comes to its close you will find the benefit of it.—Pittsburg Catholic.

Self Winding Clocks.

A chain of synchronized self winding clocks is being established here through the efforts of Henry Denver, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. The time pieces do not obtain their motive power from electrical action, thus being subject to hindrances resulting from entire dependence on electrical currents, but instead gains the necessary force from the action of a fine spring, as does an ordinary clock. Two small cells of battery are placed in the top of the case, connected with a magnet secured to the lower part of the movement. As the center wheel, driven by the unwinding of the spring, advances, a lever is raised that unlocks the armature and allows it to spring back into position ready for winding. When the lever drops the circuit is instantly closed, the spring being wound by the pawl fastened to the armature.

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The Wilderness Cure for Impaired Sight. Edward Sturtevant, son of D. W. Sturtevant, of Albany, has been sojourning in the wilderness all summer near Old Valley Dodge, northerly of Boonville. He lives in a shanty alone, save for occasional visitors who share his hospitality.

Mr. Sturtevant entered the woods last June, at the advice of his physicians, to seek restoration of impaired vision. The experiment has proved so advantageous and beneficial that Mr. Sturtevant proposes to remain there during the coming winter. He has sent home for his winter clothing to be forwarded to him. Mr. Sturtevant is a machinist, and was employed in the Edison electric light machine works at Schenectady. In his sylvan retreat he whiles away the time in reading, fishing and hunting, and seems entirely content with his surroundings. The former vigor of his optic nerves is rapidly returning, and he has concluded to remain in the woods until a perfect cure is attained.—Amsterdam (N. Y.) Sentinel.

A Kitten's Journey.

Miss Amelia McLogan resides on Fourth street. A couple of weeks ago an old cat which made its temporary headquarters in the house in which Miss McLogan lives, was found to be the mother of a dozen or so kittens one morning, and four days after the arrival of the brood Miss McLogan left for New York to make some purchases for the firm she represents. When she had gone the old cat discovered one of her kittens missing, and had been in a great stew about it ever since. The young feline was industriously searched for, but no trace of its whereabouts could be found until a letter was received from Miss McLogan saying that on unpacking her trunks she found the little one curled up and in good physical condition. She gave the kitten to a chambermaid, as she did not care to bring it back. It seems strange that a kitten less than a week old could live in such a place.

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Whereas, John C. O'Brien, the executor named in a certain instrument in writing, bearing date December 14, 1888, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Dennis Doyle, late of the City of Rochester, in said County of Monroe and State of New York, deceased, and returning to both real and personal estate, has lately made application to the Surrogate's Court of our County of Monroe, to have said instrument proved and recorded as a Will of personal and real estate, you and each of you are cited and required to appear before the Surrogate of the County of Monroe, at his office in the City of Rochester, in said County of Monroe, New York, on the 27th day of December, 1890, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend the probate of said last Will and Testament. And if any of the aforesaid persons are under the age of twenty-one years, they will please take notice that they are required to appear by their general guardian, if they have one, and if they have none, that they appear and apply for the appointment of a special guardian, or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so, a special guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceedings for the probate of said Will.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the county of Monroe, to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. J. A. Adlington, Surrogate of said county, at the city of Rochester, this 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

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