KITTY NEIL.

MacCarthy. Observe with what fidel kingdom of heaven." (John III. 5.) ity the poet has pictured one of the brightest and most characteristic in the last verse of the poem an example of the extravagant hyperboles which an Irishman will use when the firmed this Apostolic tradition by his madness of love has fully warmed the current of his veins

No one can surely fail to appreciate every line of this beautiful lyric:

"Ah! sweet Kitty Neil, rise up from your wheel, Your neat little foot will be weary from spinning;

Come, trip down with me to the sycamore tree. Half the parish is there, and the darce is beginning.

The sun is gone down, but the ful harvest moon Shines sweetly and cool on the dew whitened valley;

While all the air rings with the soft loving things. Each little bird sings in the greer shaded valley."

With a blush and a smile Kitty cose up the while, Her eye in the glass, as she bound her

hair, glancing: Tis hard to refuse when a young lover sues.

So she couldn't but choose to go off to the dancing.

And now on the green the glad troops Are seen. Each gay-hearted lad with the last of his choosing; And Pat without fail, leads out sweet

Kitty Neil. Bornehow when he asked, she ne'er thought of refusing.

Now Felix Magee puts his pipe to his knee. And with flourish so free sets each

couple in motion; With a cheer and a bour patter the ground:

The maids move around just like swans on the ocean.

Oheeks bright as the rose, feet light as the doe's Now coyly retiring, now boildly ad vancing:

Search the world all around from the sky to the ground. No such sight can be found as an Irist

lass dancing.

Sweet Kate, who could view your bright eyes of deep blue. Beaming humidly through their dark

lashes so mildly. Your fair-turned arm, heaving breast rounded form,

Nor feel his heart warm, and his pulses throb wildly?

Young Pat feels his heart, as he gazes, depart. Subdued by the smart of such painful yet sweet love;

The sight leaves his eye, as he called with a sigh,

"Dance light, for my heart it lies under your feet, love."

HOLY WATER.

purposes is very ancient. It is older than Christianity, for it began in 'he Old Law. God himself is the institutor of it. He gave command to Mosser healed unto this day, according to the and Aaron about the "water of asper. | word of Emseus which he spoke." (1V. sion," and told them to put "in a most Kings ii., 19-22.) clean place" the ashes of "the cow The following prayer, translated burned for sin:" "And they shall from the Roman, show what the take of the ashes of the burning, and Church prays for, in blessing the waof the sin-offering, and shall pour liv- ter, and what we may expect to gain ing waters upon them into a vessei." from the plous use of it. In blessing (Num. XIX.) By the sprinkling of the salt the priest says: "I exorcise Dewey, who is touring Europe on his this water all "defiled" or "unclean" thee, there creature salt, by the living way to the United States, will visit persons were to be "purified." "He God, by the true God, by the holy Rome and seek an audience with the that touchest the corpse of a man, God, by God who commanded thee to Pope. and is therefore unclean seven days, be cast into the water by Eliseus, the shall be sprinkled with this water on prophet, that the sterility of the wathe third day and on the seventh, and ter might be cured—that thou mayst so shall be cleansed." (Num. XIX.) become sait exorcised unto the healing man somewhat austerely. "it is only And not only such persons were to be of the faithful; that thou become the early bird that catches the worm." sprinkled with this water, but also health of soul and body to all who use "Yes, and so does the early fish, any their dwellings, furniture, etc. "And thee; that every phantasy and wick- you know what he gets;" "What, my a man that is clean shall dip hyssop edness and snare of diabolical cun boy, does he get?" "He gets the in it, and shall sprinkle therein all ning, and every unclean spirit may de- hooks." the tent, and all the furniture, and all part from the place in which thou the men that are defiled." (Num. XIX.) shalt be sprinkled—adjured by Him try for spiritous and malt liquors, the So important was this sprinkling that who is to come to judge the living Chicago News says that twenty cents anyone defiled "and not sprinkled with and the dead and the world by fire. is spent for tea, and coffee. The this mixture, shall profane the taber- Amen." Then, blessing the water, he amount of money squandered by the ancle of the Lord, and shall perish out says: "I exorcise thee, thou creature American people for tea and coffee is of Israel, because he was not sprinkled water, in the name of God the Al- really astonishing. with the water of expiation." (Num. mighty Father, in the name of Jesus XIX, 13.) In certain public ceremon- Christ His Son our Lord, and in the their history as a nation, the Spanish ies "the priest shall take holy water power of the Holy Ghost, that thou be achieved a maval victory. That was in an earthen vessel." etc. (Num. V. made water exorcised for the avoiding 17.) In many other places of the Old of the enemy, and that thou mayest Testament the sprinkling of water as eradicate and extirpate the enemy a religious rite is mentioned.

Catholic Church comes to us with all Jesus Christ, who will come to judge that in its favor which we read of in the living and the dead, and the world the Old Testament. It still signifies by fire. Amen." cleansing or purifying as did all the | Then putting the blessed salt into

ing the feet of his Aposties the night of the raging enemy, who powerfully of the Last Supper; and he made bap. truest of Irish poets, Denis Florence again of water, he cannot enter the

scenes in Irish life-a country dance the centuries back to the days of the Nor does the author fail to strike of Apostles, and is mentioned in the "Apostolic Constitutions. Pope Alexander who died in " .

> portifical decree. He says: "We bles: salt and water for the people, that all who may be sprinkled therewith may be cleansed and sauctified." St. Justin the Martyr, who died in the year 163, reigneth forever. Amen." says, in his Apology, that the faithful in his time were sprinkled with holy water every Sunday in their assemblies. We find it spoken of in the writings of St. Cyprian in the third pentury, of St. Basil in the fourth, of 3t. Jerome in the fifth, of St. Gregory he Great in the sixth, etc.

Holy water is one of the "sacramentals" of the Church. Sacramentals are "things made sacred by religious rite." All religious rites and all sacred things used in administering the sacraments are sacramentals: e. g., holy oils, chrism, blessed salt, holy water, the sign of the cross, etc.

Sacramentals differ from the sacraments because (I) Christ Himself instituted the Sacraments, whereas it was the Church, in the exercise of the authority He gave her, that instituted he sacramentals; because (2) the sacraments of themselves infallibly confer that particular grace which Christ attached to each of them, and which he promised to those who receive them worthily; but the sacramentals do not confer, but obtain grace, as prayer does. They who piously use them have great advantages from them. They excite plety, and thereby cause the remission of vental sins. They also cause the remission of temporal punishments due to sin. They put to flight and restrain the plower of demons tempting us. Be, sides, they obtain bodily health and other temporal benefits. These blessings and beneats follow as the effect of the prayers of the Church, used in Dissolng and consecrating the sacrais received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." \(I. Tim. IV. 4-5.)

Cleansing or purifying is not the ony signification attached to the sprinkl. ing of holy water, it also signifies the of life. !Watered by rains, the earth brings forth each year, in newness of life, its flowers and fruits. Hence the Church, in her funeral service, sprinkles the dead bodies of her children to signify her faith in their resurrection, to show that they shall come forth, again from the earth fto

In blessing water, the priest, as the minister of the Church, first blesses the water. This blessing of salt and casting of it into the water is done following the example of the Prophet Eliseus, who, by God's command, took salt and cast it into the unwholesome waters of Jericho, and made them good. "And the men of the city said to Eliseus: Behold the situation of this city is very good, as thou, my lord, seest; but the waters are very bad, and the ground barren. And he said: Bring me a new vessel and put salt into it. And when they had brought it, he went out to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt into it, The use of holy water for religious and said: Thus saith the Lord: I have healed these waters, and there shall be no more in them death and barrenness. And the waters were

himself, with all his apostate angels Hence, the use of holy water in the by the power of the same our Lord

ablutions commanded by God in the the water in the name of the three Old Law down to and including the Divine Persons, he prays: "O God

subduest malice, Thee, O Lord, trem-The following poem, entitled "Kitty tiem of water a condition necessary to bling and suppliant, we emplore and Neil," is by one of the sweetest and salvation: "unless a man be born treat to look benignly upon this Thy own creature of salt and water; that thou may est enlighten and sanctify Holy water, as used in the Church with the dew of Thy clemency whereat present, has been used through all ever it shall be sprinkled, through the invocation of Thy holy name; that every atack of the unclean spirit may be repelled: that the terror of the ven. emous serpent may be banished, and that the presents of Thy Holy Spirit may deign to be everywhere with us who seek Thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee in

> These exorcisms, prayers and blessngs of the Church so solemnly worded, show us what great and good effects must follow from the plous use of holy water.

> the unity of the Holy Ghost liveth and

Bishop Wigger, of Newark, and Rev. L. C. M. Carroll, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Jersey City, have made arrangements for a trip to the Holy Land next fall.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Ten students of the Boston College eft Boston last Monday to enter the tresit novitiate at Frederick Md. They tre John H. Merrill, Joseph A. Corcorin John E. Powers, John D. Reagan, Frederick W. O'Brien, John Cannon and Henry J. Wessling, Roxbury, lames J. Maloney, Dorchester, and Francis T. Enwright and Edward P. Tivnan, Salem.

It was amnounced some months since hat M. J. K. Huysmane intended to to into retreat in the montstery of letermination, quitting all the interests of Paris for the life of a Benedic-

leath of Cardinal Mertel, the Pope ex-:laimed: "shall I really remain the sides the Pope are now left.

M. P., for Tiverton, the Chief Viscount Southwell two years 220.

irst meeting was held on Monday, infidel than a protestant. July 81.

salt which he afterwards casts into after the counvention is over he pro- indeed most agreeable gentlemen. poses following the star of the emhe will spend a few days.

at the Catholic University in Washing. | are undergoing considerable suffering. ton, has been elected Dean of the When the new Bishop arrives we hope theological faculty of the Academy of all will be well. The parish priests do Muenster.

The nursing sisters of Bon Secours de Trayes have recently received a of their congregation. The Sisters great inconvenience, I would be most Belgium, England and the United send me some intentions, or if you

President McKinley, who is stopring at Plattsburg, N. Y., upon invitation of Rev. M. J. Lavelle, president accepted the same, and will pay the is hood a visit the early part of next

The dispatches from over the water cay that it is probable)that Admiral

"My boy." said the clerical looking

For every dollar spent in this coun-Once upon a time, and only once in

at the battle of Lepanto in 1571, when, with the aid of the Venetians and Genoese, they annihilated the Turk-

Arthur W. Bonnell of Brooklyn,

A HOPELESS MISSION.

PROTESTANT PREACHERS RETURN FROM PORTO RICO DISGUSTED.

Letter From the Canon of San Juan Cathedral

to Rico, by a prominent gentleman of faith in the power of Ste. Anne was shown how utter has been the farmer all the way to Quebec to supplicate the of the protestant missionaries who aid of the saint. Absolutely unable to heels of the United States troops, to was carried into the shrine by four of protestantize the Porto Ricans. in his friends. After the Mass he was themselves are embracing the tue choked with sobs, he prayed to Ste. faith. The writer encloses a card, up. Anne to cure him of the paralysis ben Vining, First-Class Sergeant, Sig-sensation and almost immediately, nal Corps, U. S. V., San Juan, Porto stood upon his feet and walked quite he is himself instructing. A transia- praises of the Virgin's mother. The tion of the letter is as follows:

Louis, Mo., U. S. A.:

Esteemed Sir and Brother in Christ -Your sentiments of love for the m. of a sudden and remarkable cure it terests of the church in Porto Ricc reported from Chicapee Falls, Frank have been made known to me by Dubour was thrown violently from a Monsignor Valdes. I therefore deem team about four years ago and receivit timely and well to inform you of ed injuries that left him partially parliguge. He has just carried out that the condition of Church affairs as they alyzed with a slightly twisted spine now are here.

With American domination in Porto went on the recent pilgrimage to the Rico came quite a number of Protest shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre and It is reported that on learning of the ant ministers. As in their usual ex- was almost entirely cured. perience in Catholic countries, they had been a familiar figure at the Falls. soon discovered how absolutely fruit- as he supported himself, when getting ast survivor of the Cardinals created less were their efforts, and quickly about, by means of a stout came in by Pius IX" In fact, only three be- departed, doubtless to whence they each hand. At the close of the ser on with awe and revergee. The

onversion of Lady Southwell. She is knowledge and belief there is not a without the aid of his canes. He had number brown class and belief there is not a he daughter of Sir William Walrond, Protestant preacher on the island, not used them since and in a well man ploughing, pruning and grafting, or ith the exception of a few who are with the exception of Ministerial Whip in the House of acting as chaplains to the soldiers, ness that causes a hitch in his water. At close reads that Commons, and was married to the Like their brothers and sisters of other lands, the Catholics of Porto Rico tism. He says that he is constantly Sister of St. Dominic at some in Preparations are being made for the know well what is truth and what is improving in health. national synod of the Irish bishops error. God forbid that any of his which is to be held next year. A com- children should ever lapse into infidelfruitfulness and revival or renewal nittee of the bishops has been ap- ity, but I can assure you that it would pointed for the purpose, and their be far easier in Porto Rico to make an

> To us, as to all Catholics, our Holy Bishop Tierney of Hartford, who is Faith is our life, our light, our hope he head of the C. T. A. U., is out in our first and our last thought. It may Chicago this week, attending the an- be of interest to know that that a aual convention of that organization number of American Protestants have He is accompanied to the West by embraced the Catholic truth since wo of his priests, Rev. Walter J. coming to Porto Rico. I personally Shanley of the Cathedral and Rev. have had the pleasure of instructing John T. Winters of Hartford, and two. I enclose their cards. They are

Before American domination the pire westward as far as Denver, where Spanish government supported the clergy. Whereas the American Gov-Mgr. Schroeder, formerly professor ernment contributes nothing, hence we not experience as much inconvenience as the Canons, by reason of receiving some aid from parishoners. Personal-Papal brief which definitely approves ly, I am without funds. If it is not & thankful if in your charity you would would make the request of your friends.

It will at all times be a source of pleasure to me to afford you any information you may desire. Look forward with eagerness to an early rep;y, and I pray God and the sweet Motner of the Catholic Summer School, has Mary to bless your undertakings. Sometimes remember me at the aitar of the Lord, and know that I have no greater pleasure than when telling you how much I have the honor to be, etc. (Rev.) SALVADOR CASTANY,

Canon, Cathedral of San Juan,

San Juan, Porto Rico,

How He Was Converted. influence of good literature cannot be overestimated. A little incident that happened in Cleveland a short time ago is an illustration in point. A young non-Catholic gentleman chanced to call upon a Protestant family in a suburban village a few years ago, at the very time when the family was preparing to attend a lecture on Catholicity, one of a series given in that town by an Apostolate father of Cleveland. The young man was favorably impressed by some of the remarks made on that evening, but further than a vague notion that the Catholic Church was one to be reckoned with when casting about for the truth, the lecture seemed to have produced no effect upon him. He was sickly then, and later went into a decline. It was easy to see that the end was not far off; so a Catholic "cquaintance, who had seen him at that lecture, presented him with two books that had been distributed at the miswhose son had been struck with an sion. Father Searle's plain facts and umbrella by a 7-year-old boy, recent- an inquirer's Cathecism. The fick ly took it upon himself to spank the man read them carefully; and when offending youngster, the latter's par- he had finished them, he added the fients having refused to administer the nal and best chapter to his own life. Fled by him for more than forty years, claims for the

Good faint Anne.

The shrine of Ste. Anne de Baupre in Canada has been the goal of pilgrimage for a large number of the French Catholic population of this vicinity, says the Springfield Republican, for a number of years, but never before have so many miraculous works been reported. The increase in Have Proved a Failure-An Interestors the number of American pilgrims has been exceptionally large this year and at least two western Mussachusetts The following self-explanatory let people have been greatly benefited. ter, says the Church Progress, was re- Hector Poulin, of Fittsfield, claims a ceived recently from Canon Castany wonderful cure. For thirty years he of the Cathedral at San Juan, in Por- has been a confirmed paralytic. His St. Louis. In the letter it is ciea: ty so strong that he resolved to travel flocked into the island on the very move himself the unfortunate man stead, it is stated by Father Caston; supported to the altar rail, and there. that many of the protestant sold.err his face bathed in tears and his voice on which is inscribed the name of M. that prevented him from working. Walrod Harrington and that of Reu-Suddenly he experienced a strange Rico. These two Father Castany says easily about the church, singing the miracle was witnessed by thousands San Juan, Porto Rico, July 8, 1899 in he large congregation, among whom To Mr. ---, Secretary of the Catnonic it created a profound impression. All Colonial Union of America, St. joined in singing a "Te Deum" of thankegiving.

> Another apparently authentic dase and chronic rheumatism. He also and of occasional twinger of theums. striking effect in the appearance of

Death of Father Kelly.

last week in St. Mary's Hospital, Sonditions. Brooklyn. He was formerly rector His mind began to fail shortly after good sense, the was practical, and taken to several hospitals and receiv- man nature and a sense of humos that thought that a course of electric baths tour of impraction of vines, trult the tion in the Eastern District, and was with a strong trame, the side of well known in the diocese as an ora- poarded and the whole surround tor, writer and lecturer: with with a red empote, with matter

Heart, to open a school in the lower tion of votaries of Vulcan. part of New York city for Italian child Tethered to a strong oaken race in as well; hence they are peculiarly well of tongs was fitting a red-hot those f litted to have charge of this work the scorching hoof. With the same Catholic Music.

to give splendid musical performances horse, the proceeded to lift and the in the great church of St. Enstacue, noof and repeat the performance. Paris, during the exhibition of 1900, a second shoe Three hundred executants will be em. Once or twice a nun drove a ployed, and it is proposed to give in a direction that did not satisfy as Haydn's "Creation," Bach's "Passion," Buch she withdraw, but at last, Mozart's "Requiem," the Messiah of thos was firmly nailed, nails clinched Handel, the "Mors et Vita," of Gott and that corners all neatly rase nad, Wagner's "Supper" and Massen down and the big borse was should et's "Vierge." The orchestral con- neatly and as well as the average ductor will be M. Eugene d'Harcourt blacksmith could have done it The large orchestra will be placed whe den the organ loft of St. Eustache's church, and the oratorios will take langes hooks and staples rings place every evening during the earlies and other articles of boilders; weeks of the exhibitions. The idea ware out of small rod and bas has been suggested by the sacred con-certs recently given in the Cathedral perimental facility, and facility of Dresden and the Church of the Holy hiblied her work to the suggested. Apostles in Rome.

'At Secul, the capital of Kores, an upon knotty points self-times electric railway was been established art. Another nun was repaired and has thus far managed to kill machinery and seemed to enough people to cause an insurrection it the work among the natives who captured and burned a car.

"Rit Carson's vine, which was care sessor of a mount

NUNS AT THE ANVIT

IN SOUTH AFRICADOMINICAN SISTEMS WORK AT BLACKSMITHING.

In Their Zent For the Evangeliating of the l'euple of the Dark Coulinest These Gued Watney Take Upon Themselves Hany Luberlous Tusks

The Sisters of St. Dominio, near King William's Town, Cape Colony, South Africa, have established a blackswith shop, and have adopted the role of the new woman in a bland new character. The Sinters of Bt. Dominic, eager to sow the scede of religion in Africa, turned their backs on the time-honored convents of Burupe and established a settlement in Cape Colony, where they purchased an extensive farm. Finding that farm lahorers were scarce in a land where most of the digging was for gold and diamonde, a far more profitable use of the spade than digging for potatoes, the nuns quietly put their hands to the plough. But socidents will happen even in a convent, and in time the Dioughshare was broken.

There being no blacksmiths in that region, the nume sent to Cape Town and got the materials to build and the tools and implements to supply a smithy. A blacksmith as a tutor was secured, and how the nuns have learned how to do their own smithwork. They have thus far aroyes not only their equality with man, but their superiority to him, for, when the blacksmith, disregarding his religious environments and the respect due to the noble women who hired alm. went on a prolonged spree, they

bounced him out of the settlement. In the new country where the nume have set up their habitation the Hoer. neighbors regard their work with sec-Dictors and resentment, the lingiles stand and wonder and the natives look vice of the Mass at Ste. Anne de Bean, itor who rides to the souvest free From England comes news of the At present, to the best of my pre he left the church able to walk King William's Town somes upon the Africa; is her rosy, tanked free, ap the ferent from the bloodless, white we Rev. J. M. Kiely died Wednesday of plexion of the new lander ordinary

The feminine blacksmiths of the of the Church of the Transfiguration Dominious Convent are experts. at Mercy avenue and Hooper street preplation of the hammer swinging in that city. He had been in a dying punk stems to exercise a nort of them. condition for nearly a month, and had civation over the rest of the disterbeen a physical and mental wreck for bood, for they will so out of their way more than a year. He was deaf, dumb on their daily walks to gate at their and blind all that time. Father Kiely hard-working staters of the smithy. in October, 1898, drove over to the A recent visitor to the Bisters of Church of St. Anthony, in Manhattan Dominio, who had the good fortune to avenue, Greenpoint, to see his friend, possess a letter of introduction from Rev. P. J. O'Hare. When returning to a hishop to the mother superfer, the his home his horse swerved at Bedford tared the occasion in detail in the avenue and Rodney street and the diary. The abbent proved to priest was thrown out on his head woman andowed with 'encouraged ward, and he gradually lost the power personal apirituality was an aided an of hearing and of speech. He was tempered with the knowledge of hear

ed the best of treatment. It was she captivated the visitor. After would improve his condition, but they and growing crops, he abben drove proved detrimental. He was formerly him to the blacksmith shop. In attached to the Church of the Visits whithy was a loss, marrow building through which the smoke of the drifted. Within were I well Archbishop Corrigen has authorized brick force, a strong, capacions bel the Rev. Mother Cabrini, Superior of lows of orbids, and all the outcomer, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacret paraphernalia incidental to the recay

dren. Such an institution in thecrowd the centre of the shop was a draught ed tenement district will, the Arch horse, whose his bones and share bishops believes, he instrumental it fetlocks proclaimed the Flemish and preserving the faith in thousands of mal. With nailbor healds her a august souls. Many of the Italian Sisters of hent over the right hind foot, with the this order are fluent English speakers foot resting in her lap, and with a sales ance of a sister, the num nation Canon Gaultier de Claubry proposes shoe, and patting the side of the

While the horseshooling was in a ress-another hun was busyonski shod the horse, seeking