

A FAVOUR OF OUR QUEEN.

(From the *Ace Maria*)

A RECENT number of the *Ostschweiz*, a newspaper published at S. Gallen, Switzerland, relates the following remarkable occurrence:—

Three years ago Eugénie Bron, aged twenty-three, the daughter of poor parents, living in the Bernese Jura, was attacked by a distressing malady. Her jaws were held together as if the teeth were hooked into one another. It was impossible to open her mouth, and the physicians, to save her from starvation, were obliged to take out one of her teeth. Through the opening thus made liquid food was given her by means of a tube. The food consisted of tea or coffee, for her stomach would not retain either milk or broth. For two years the patient could not leave her bed, and during this time she suffered the most agonising pains. Her pitiable condition soon touched many hearts, and means were found to put the young woman in the hospital at Bern. She derived no benefit from the treatment there, and was afterward removed to Basle, where the best physicians interested themselves in her case; but their efforts were of no avail; the poor girl returned worse than she went.

More dead than alive, the poor sufferer resolved to go to Lourdes, and seek a cure in that blessed spot, since human science had proved entirely powerless. Toward the end of August she started, with other pilgrims, on the long journey; and her friends declare that several times they feared that the poor young woman would die on the way.

Having reached Lourdes, she was bathed in the piscina on two successive days, but without any result. At three o'clock on the afternoon of September 1, she was again carried to the Grotto. Having arrived there, she signified a desire to be taken up to the hallowed rock. At first no one ventured to comply with her request, the attendants fearing that she would die in their arms; but at last one of the gentlemen in attendance took courage and bore her in his arms to the spot.

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A DEVILISH MISSION.

(Irish World, March 3.)

A LAWSUIT in the Toledo court throws a strong side light on the character and aims of the A.P.A. The suit was for the recovery of a certain sum on a contract for a lot of rifles sent to a council of the A.P.A. One witness testified that he was appointed by a committee of five of the council to investigate various styles of rifles and make a contract for a certain number. Accompanied by the committee, the witness purchased the required number of rifles, which were afterwards distributed among members of the A.P.A., the Mayor of Toledo being one of the first to purchase one.

The motive that prompted these anti-Catholic bigots to arm themselves supplies us with a good criterion wherewith to judge of their intelligence. It does seem impossible that persons living in an American city could be so ignorant as to allow designing knaves to persuade them that their Catholic fellow-citizens, with whom they come in daily contact in business and social relations, were plotting to cut their throats. And yet such is the case. Here we are within hailing distance of the twentieth century, and still there are men, born in this country so incrustated with anti-Catholic prejudices as to be made the dupes of A.P.A. emissaries to the extent of believing that American Catholics are plotting to murder them!

Listen to the testimony, given in court by the witness we have already referred to:—"There were a lot of members of the A.P.A. who were afraid to go to bed last August, fearing they would be attacked in the night by the Catholics. We expected the uprising to take place first in Chicago and prepared ourselves accordingly. We heard, also, that there was a large quantity of arms concealed in several Catholic churches of Toledo, and once we came near getting a search warrant." This statement, which was made under oath, shows the sort of work the agents of the A.P.A. are engaged in. The poor dupe who gave this testimony believed the atrocious lies told him about the Catholics. The wretches who so grossly deceived

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She who for years was unable to move now walked to the office of the medical examiners, where a number of physicians, believers and unbelievers, examined her, and pronounced her cured. The doctors then dismissed Eugénie till the next day. She returned to the church, and afterwards partook freely of refreshment. Some days later a thorough investigation was made by the medical examiners. There were more than twenty of them present, and all pronounced the cure supernatural.

Too much caution cannot be used in publishing such happenings; but when, as in the present case, the complete and sudden cure is scientifically verified in detail, it seems almost a duty to make it known to the world. We trust it will have the effect of increasing devotion to her who is the Help of Christians, and in a special way the Comforter of the Afflicted.

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him counted on making him a staunch member of the A.P.A. by playing upon his fears.

In other communities they have practiced similar tactics in the hope of thereby carrying out more successfully their programme of sowing the seeds of discord and strife between American Catholics and American Protestants. Their mission is a devilish one, that deserves and should have the condemnation of every Christian and of every lover of American institutions.

Mr J. S. Atkinson, surgeon dentist, will be found at his rooms, those lately occupied by Mr Thomas, 11, Cathedral square, Christchurch, where patients will receive every attention that care and skill can bestow upon them.

The University of Minnesota is the latest collegiate institution of its character to possess a Catholic Club. There are about thirty Catholic students at this university, and they have recently followed the example of Catholic students at other non-Catholic colleges, and formed themselves into a club, which meets every two weeks, and already purposes a course of lectures by distinguished Catholic speakers.

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