Practicully, however, it may turn out

we must breathe cold air. To keep warm while surrounded by cold air is much more difficult while sitting up than lying horizontal in bed. Therefore, the night and done it co-day;" and we know, some of us, in bed is the great opportunity for recuperating the exhausted strength of the body; and a cold, well-aired room, thoroughly supned all day, is much better for this purpose than a warm close one shut up through the day to become mouldy and poisonous. Some writers lay much stress on the size of bedrooms, but this is of no importance. An ordinary coffin is quite large enough for a wholesome hedroom, provided both ends are open, and a good to foot.

Very careful observation for many years past has convinced me infants can bear to usually get. I have watched with great interest experiments with infants allowed are in earnest, a few roughnesses and hardto inhale very cold air, and most persons would be astonished to see how they thrive or impossible. on and enjoy breathing the pure cold air in winter when carefully wrapped up to inclothes and veils over their faces.

They can bear much more fresh air at night than most of our thin foul-air poi are those who are permitted to seep out of are needed in the invalid's room and in the placed him in this false position have been doors most in baby wagons in were If all our citizens could sleep in open, wellaired and sunned rooms, and use blankets instead of coal, I believe Professor Farafound much nearer the truth than is generally supposed.

Every physician asserts that in critical cases good nursing is half the battle. A patient is down with typhoid, for instance. Day by day his pulse keeps up the same, fierce, quick beat, the fever fiend possesses his brain, life and strength seem to be ebbing away. The doctor comes in many times in twenty four Lours, writing waiting, wary, pitting against the cruel disease every resource of his art; for the typhoid is like an Indian fighter in its treacheries and surprises. But the doctor has other patients and cannot stay in one directions minutely, prepare stimulants wisely, and order aconite or beliadonna, acetate of lead or morphine, or any of the he must leave the carrying out of his inpeople may be efficient, or they may not It is frequently about as uncertain as the toss of a copper which they are. They may patient's recovery, they may do their worst. plainly sees is due to unskilful nursing.

of the sisterhood has been necessary for a few weeks, are usually remembered with a shudder. The amount of small despotism, of ignorant assurance, of bad temper, and of unconscious vulgarity that goes out of a house when the average nurse does, is mazing to contemplate. It takes two or three days for the captives to grow use to their freedom, and to dare to live as they did in the far off era before Mrs. -

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comprehension, as well as some faint idea of the power of drugs under certain conditions and combinations, has, with singular shortsightedness on the part of society, been given over to the tender mercies of those who are most deficient in all these qualities. If one is ever obliged by duty, or inspired by philantrophic instinct, to visit a hospital | is the man predestinated to serve its objects, in any of our great cities, it will need no to form its militia and maintain its doctrine. more than a casual glance to convince him | The child thrown within those walls by ranks of gentlewomen. There are un-

rating as pure cold air, which is a great not render it attractive in itself to ladies. | in an atmosphere altogether artifical; time | Christ, who makes it one complete and per-We have all heard of the soldier who said and habit make it a necessity to him to If we wish to have good robust health, wearily to the pretty miss bending over him breathe this foul air, as water takes the He has become the head of all things in the with the cologne-bottle in her hand, "Oh! hue of the vase in which it is placed. yes'm, bathe my head if it'll do you any good, but you're the fiteenth woman that's that the cologne bottle part is the very smallest part of the work in a sick chamber. Romance and sentiment disappear before the utter realism of a life narrowed between four walls, concentrated to the need and the weakness and the childishness of a sufferer whose mind is enfeebled with his body, trained to rigid self control, and the better class of women are filling our ears with their desire for something to do. that they perish for lack of a place to use nesses will not render true work distasteful | scious and deceived.

in airing flannels and making gruels for sure warmth. Of course nothing but a hire?" says an intelligent critic. Well it lusions, how many griefs await him! The very ignorant person or barbarian would detracts nothing from the dignity of any light dawns upon his sight, and truth smother the little innocents by putting honest work that it is done for pay; and knocks at the door of his mind, as by in-Mr. Beecher never said anything truer in tuition he understands the snares laid for his life than when he said that an educated him, the deceptions of which he has been man would even light a fire better than an the victim. He reads independent (nonsoned and dried-up citizens of the present | ignorant one. The soft, cool touch, the | party) books, he examines the sacred day. The doctors say the healthiest babies level accent, the deft hand, the sweet face, writings, and discovers that those who have as people are sick and doctors are in demand | teaches him how the Roman Pontiffs have nurses will be. Skilled nursing even now day's assertion that the natural duration of reason why, as a profession, it should not have been raised only in prayer to God and the life of man ie 100 years, would be take rank with the one that it necessarily | blessing man; all his surroundings maniand Home.

## FATHER GRASSI'S ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF.

After what has been learned of Father Grassi our readers will be interested to know further respecting him. In the letter he wrote and read to the Vicar of Rome the greater portion of which we copied in our last issue, he gives some particulars respecting his past experience, as follows:

In an age and amongst a nation, the majority of whom have been reduced to indifference in all that regards religious beliefs, by the faults of the Roman church, my renunciation shall certainly not be to displease relatives, and despise interest, to pretation. The field is the world, and the sick-room all the time. He can give his awaken the surprise or attract in any way whatever the attention of the multi- age when youth is spent, it would be most classes and of all denominations. The tude. Nevertheless there will be no lack difficult to acquire a new position in life. of the abject ones (or pusillanimous), who remedies in the catalogue thoughtfully, but will cry, what an apostacy ! what a the poor priest recloses his eyes to the scandal! Therefore, in order to justify light, he sufficentes the remorses of the structions to other people. Those other myself before them in order to show that soul, the feelings of the heart; he becomes my determination has not been" moved by tetragonal to the voice of humanity and penalty which belongs to God into its own enmity against those who have hitherto been my equals or superiors in the ecclesibe sincerely desirous to do their best, and astical hierarhy, not by worldly, but solely yet for want of knowledge or self-reliance by religious motives, and disposition purely him in society toward which he is always them is found the blood of prophets and of or by reason of their great anxiety for the spiritual I will briefly indicate by particu- irreconcileable, as if to revenge himself for lars in reference to the same, praying God the wrongs suffered. Then he becomes by Olten when a physician leaves a person | that as they have convinced me, they may | necessity that which from his early youth "doing well 'in the morning, he returns also persuade all others who are disposed he was destined to be a blind instrument discipline which the word of God so strictat night to find a retrogression, which he and wandering away from the path of truth of the Curia Romana, believing, or feign ly enjoins, see 2 Thes. iii. 6; 1 Cor. v. 4, 5 eappot say to the weary wife or mother, and salvation. Above all (or before all) I ing to believe all it commands him to "You have brought about," yet which he feel it expedient to explain in a few words believe, teaching what it prescribes, and how I embraced the office of the priesthood | when necessary conspires even against the Still we all shrink with horror from the in the church of Rome. It happened to security and integrity of his own country. thought of a professional nurse. Those me as it happens to all those who enter This is why the greater part of the priests domestic crises, when the presence of one upon the same way. It is very rarely, in continue to fill the ranks of that militia manded. If we would be thoroughly fact it scarcely ever happens that an adult | which the papacy ever uncouples against | Apostolic in our doctrine and practice we who has a knowledge of the world, and any who seek to make triumphant the must attend to this as well as all other has acquired a full development of his doctrine of Christ and His Gospel which divine institutions. mental faculties, decides upon entering the | breaths peace to the soul, gentleness of priesthood in the church of Rome. If the Curia Romana prescribed that no one should wear the religious gown, of what ever color, or enter an ecclesiastical institu tion before that age in which an individual came in with her sceptre in her carpet-bag. of himself, that is, at least at the age, The truth is that a profession which, though as yet immature, of twenty-one almost more than any other, demands gen- years, we may be sure that the black tleness, tact, delicacy, and sympathetic cohorts over whom it exercises for ages its absolute despotic empire, would be much diminisded if not altogether deserted.

Caria, made it determine in time to erect establishments for no vices, and seminaries, the names of which inform us how in those places, as a tender plant and almost sown, pleasant offices and laborious adjuncts con- chosen to teach him in a given order of nected with nursing (as there are with ideas and doctrines, by certain and deter-

Life in the present age is full of dangers to the soul, as a dense forest of bayonets would be to the body. Yet the priest is despicted as being superior to the angels. These dare not look upon the divine coun tenance of the Lord Jesus, while the priest is given to understand that not only can he other defect, holy and immaculate, This make Him descend from heaven at his will, church He has establish as the pillar and but that he feeds on His flesh and drinks ground of truth, that now by the church His blood.

With so many evils on the one side, and strained by tatigue and want of sleep. But so many attractions on the other, who is fold wisdom of God, and that throughout all the unfortunate young man that, placed in generations, in all ages, the glory be to such a condition, does not accept the current of air passing through from head They complain that they want opportunity, ecclesiastical profession, in spite of the powerful and terrible, though confused talents, that they are shut out from the voice of nature protesting to the contrary? kingdom of heaven by the limitations of sex. This is my history, and is also the history day of her bridegroom, then, at the advantage much more fresh air than they Now, " the kingdom of heaven," said the of all that are bound by the chain of holy sound of the trumpet, at the voice of com-Christ, " is within you;" and to these who orders, and subject to that yoke under which all have bowed their head, uncon-

The young priest leaves the seminary and "Shall educated women spend their time enters the world, to him till then unknown. Ah, how many deceptions, how many dewerds of the rubble hosnital and so long and are guided by worldly motives. History for so many centuries held the sceptre-and commands good wages, and there is no drawn the sword by that hand which should supplements, that of medicine .- Hearth fest that the Roman Curis employs its power only in recovering its lost temporal dominion, even by a hecatomb of human victims. On t'e other hand, he is reminded of our divine Master's words, "Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's." He perceives that for him alone it is crime to pronounce a word which is dear and sweet to the heart of every one, I mean the word country; in such amazement and confusion of ideas, from the bottom of his soul he curses him who led him to this

> Becoming calmer, he reflects that he is Inclosed by so many inexpugnable barriers, progress; throws away his books, or studies to delude himself and deceive others; and, manner, progress and humanity.

After alluding to his reception of Christ as his Saviour Canon Grassi adds :

Having arrived so far, I understood the necessity of good works, not to save us, no may be the arbiter of his own affairs and for we are justified by faith; but as a witness of our faith and for our justification is for this motive, your Eminence, that you see me at this moment putting off all I may dedicate myself wholly to the service of Christ. I am not moved by inthe life which I have found.

everything that is real work), which do mined books ; void of all freedom, he grows | Christ, and therefore the complement of liar views of the Baptist body.

fect in communion with all His members. church, He, the chief corner stone upon whom the building joined together, is rising into a holy temple of the Lord. He loved His church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify it, purifying it by the Word of Life and present it in His sight, robed in glory without spot or blemish, or it may be made known to principalities and powers in heavenly places, the mani-God in the church and in Christ. True his church is now in the desert, and in solitude, but now is the assembly of the saints, and this church awaits the wedding mand, it will be lifted up above the clouds in the air to meet the Lord, and will then be with the Lord forever.

Further he says :-

I have also examined the history of the Primitive Church of Rome, and I found that she had no other faith or hope but that which is procured from the Holy Scriptures ; yet how glorioas was the witness of that church in Rome whose faith was spoken of throughout the whole world! How many glorious champions sealed this faith with their blood!

Then by the grace of God I decided to abandon all that had been added to the Church of Christ in these latter times corrupting it and rendering it material and worldly, and I return to the Church of the Catacombs, to the Church of the Martyrs, to the primitive Apostolic Church in Rome. It is not I, therefore, who have seconed from the Church, but you have seceded

## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

"Let both grow until the harvest."-Matth.

It seems a prevalent idea among our churches that this expression of the Saviour refers to the true and false professors of religion, and hence it is often quoted as painful position, but how can he withdraw? | a proof that the immoral or wicked professors should be retained as church memnow a priest. To retire, he must over- bers, but a little investigation of the paracome a bastion of prejudices, shock and ble will show the absurdity of this interenter upon an uncertain future. At an tares are the wicked in the world of all parable of the good seed and the tares teaches a doctrine that the professed followers of the Saviour in all ages have been slow to learn, namely, that no church organization has any right to take the hands. The church of Rome and many of her offshoots have undertaken to gather up resigned he submits to the position made the tares, and the result has been "in saints and of all that were slain upon the earth." Kev. xviii. 24, Let no church therefore excuse themselves from exercising that 11, 13. 1 Tim. 1, 20.

> From these and many other passages of scripture we learn the necessity and importance of church discipline. This is one of the all things which the Saviour has com-

C. MOSHER.

For the Christian Messenger. THE ALLIANCE AND SOUL-LIBERTY.

The question has been raised of late whether Baptists can consistently and probefore men. Then I understood that there | fitably form an element in the Evangelical can be no good works but those that spring Alliance. If they cannot, good cause should from a living faith working by love; and it he shown why. No one can doubt the importance of expressing and enjoying all the union that does exist. The central This truth well known to the Roman things of the past, and my old habits, that truths of the christian religion are held in common by the various Pedobaptist denominations and also by the Baptists. There terest, nor by any secondary and human can be nothing in the views peculiar to the motive, but only by the love of Christ, Baptists, to shut them out of this Associawhich is in me, and calls me to make tion of christian men. If then, there is in known to others the peace, the pardon and the minds of any the belief, that Baptists cannot consistently work with the Alliance. that the nurses are not drawn from the ignorant parents interested or deluded, I then applied myself more removed to the ignorant persons to diseverywhere is surrounded by teachers the study of the Holy Scripture, and found criminate carefully in the matter, as the also the bride of Christ, the church. I saw hindrances may be found in undue prejuthis church, which is the mystical body of dice, and not in the well understood, pecu-

that Baptists will, with grief and moultance, be compelled to withdraw from this Society. There are certain ominous facts that give rise to thoughts of this kind .-But this is wholly in the hands of the Pedobaptists. There is nothing however in their principles that requires it; but enough has been said already to warrant the fear that their principles may be exceeded by some of them. The Pedobaptists need not be told, that there are a million and a half of Baptists in America, with a staff of twelve thousand pastors who charitably and firmly believe, that it would have been better in all the past ages, that unbelievers should not have been baptized; that it would be unspeakably better for the cause of the Redeemer at present, that the scores of millions of irreligious men and women in the British Isles, on the Continent, in the East, and in America should not have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Every additional page that is added to the history of religion confirms this intelligent conviction in the minds of Baptists the world over. Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Ireland and South America, each and all have, as a rule a bap. tized population. To a large extent this wholesale baptism has been performed by protestant pedobaptists. The Wesleyan theory of baptism would baptize the whole world whether there were any christians or not, except the administrators; and, practically the other bodies would do no less. Baptists believe that this is a snare and a clog to the disciples of Christ in these great bodies. But what is more, they believe that it is not baptism at all. So far is it removed from Scriptural baptism, that it can only, by courtesy, be called baptism, by Baptists. They are not unaware of the great army of godly men and women who conscientiously believe that to be baptism, which Baptiete find no warrant for in the Word of God. Bound by the teaching of God's word, and by a solemn declaration of their views to the world, it could hardly be expected that they would surrender their views and their solemn convictions of duty to the great Head of the Church, simply because Dr. Hodge, in a rapture of love and intense enthusiasm for union at the Lord's Table, has required them to do so. Should they comply with this request it would be one of those acts which the Dean of Canterbury said, would show such a condition of religious morals, as would make it "a dark day for the Church." It would be a wholesale disregard of conscientious convictions. This solemn and fervent deliverance of Dr. Hodge has been echoed in various places, since the Alliance Conference by Pedobaptist ministers, who are equally enthusiastic, for a formal and outward expression of union. Now, if this is taken up by members of the Alliance generally, and forced upon Baptists in these Alliance meetings, one of two things must follow; either the Baptists will disregard their conscientious convictions in order to adjust themselves to the requirements of Pedebaptists; or they will be compelled to leave the Society. It is needless to state, what has been stated so often, that Baptists are convinced, that baptized believers only are qualified to come to the Lord's Table. 14 Pedobaptists choose to drive Baptists from the privileges and enjoyments of the Evangelical Alliance, when they confess that their principles do not require them to do so, then it will be the duty of the Baptiste to retire peaceably, loving and praying for those who have excluded them. The history of religion shows beyond a doubt that Baptists have been foremost in the advocacy of union among curistians. The principles of liberty have been clearly apprehended by them; and what they have claimed for themselves they have fully accorded to others. Their communion practice is not dictated by feeling, that offends other christians, but faithfulness to Christ with them is a first consideration. Believer's baptisme is the doctrine of God's word ; and close communion is the standing protest against unbelievers' baptism. By holding to the Bible, Baptists do not say as it is constantly alleged that they do, " I am holier than thou;" but they say to Pedobaptists everywhere, give up the infant baptism and you will save yourselves from a huge evilan evil on which Roman Catholicism in built; and by which it is buttressed; a gigantic evil by which the infidelity, now paralysing the Protestantism of Germany

> No pody of christians can rejoice more heartily than the Baptists at the signs of returning to the simple word of God : "To the word and the testimony," Too much importance has been attached to the opinions of

and France has come into existence.