

WASTE NO MOMENT.

BY HELEN SMITH.

"Waste no moment!" golden blazon Of Liguoi's sons' great size; Heritage of earnest teaching— Spark of God's immortal fire.

Waste no moment; oh, too often Idly precious seconds fly; While their records, angel-pinioned, Mute accusers cleave the sky.

And their memories sting us sharply And they vividly come back, Stretching us, Remora's victims, On a never-ceasing rack.

Waste no moment of the springtime, Care-free, pleasure-loving youth; Garner precious stores of knowledge, Harvest wealth of love and truth.

Gather from the birds and flowers Every day some secret new; Read the songs of grace and beauty On each petal bright with dew.

And not only from fair nature Learn sweet hymns of light and truth, But from tombs of Faith and Science, And great lines of age and youth.

Waste no moment of the summer; Lo! what glories burst to life 'Neath the sun's transcendent splendor, And the air with fragrance rife.

Guard, oh! guard the golden moments, For they quickly glide away; Guard them, lest you mourn like Titus— "Oh, my friends, I've lost a day."

Waste no moment; toil for Autumn— Let its blessing, mellow light Fall upon a plentiful harvest, Sheaves of merit ripe and bright.

Let life's winter-dying sunset Touch with its departing ray Scenes of perfect peace and beauty, Virtue's crowned, completed day.

Waste no moment; time is treasure From the casket of our life; Guard the pure and sparkling jewels 'Mid earth's sweetness and its strife.

Do not squander them, unconscious Of the wealth you fling away; Time is God's eternal marble, Blocks with which to build for aye.

Blocks of marble, pure and Parian, That it may be ours to frame, Into statue of Cathedral Worthy of immortal fame.

—San Francisco Monitor.

LAND DEPRESSION

In England Ruins the Old Landed Gentry and Nobles.

NEW YORK, July 27.—"A Member of Parliament" cables the Herald as follows: "The decline and fall of the great families of England may hereafter be traced with minuteness by another Gibbon. I have kept you informed from time to time of the steady progress downward of England's old nobility and gentry, and to-day I have another page to add to the history of the famous house of the Marquis of Exeter. Burghley house by Stamford town, with all the great estate surrounding it, will shortly be thrown upon the market. The descendants of the famous Lord Burghley, the great minister of Queen Elizabeth, must part with their ancient inheritance, and a stranger will enter into possession. This branch of the Cecils has not been as fortunate as the younger branch, the head of which, Lord Salisbury, has entertained the Queen, and only the other day had the German Emperor under his roof. Hatfield continues to flourish, but "Ichabod" must soon be written over the portals of Burghley. There is scarcely a more beautiful or interesting house to be seen anywhere, and it stands in a park which is the glory of the surrounding country. Some of the finest carvings of Grinling and Gibbons are found in the rooms, and masterpieces by Paul Veronese, Castiglione, Bavanò, Kneller and Lely adorn the walls.

Since 1560 the property has been in the same family. Now it will pass to some Colonel North or Baron Hirsch, or perhaps to some wealthy American; for there are few persons in England who can afford to launch out into such a purchase as this. The farms on the estate do not pay under the altered conditions of agriculture; the rents cannot be got in; the revenue no longer meets the expenses; all must go under the hammer of the auctioneer. Thus one after another historic sites are disappearing or changing hands.

The policy of Sir Robert Peel in 1846 is slowly working out the results foretold them by many. The bulk of the people are thus far benefited, but the old families are going or gone, and all have got the dry rot.

Several years ago, when the Great Northern railway was to be built, the then Marquis of Exeter spent a great sum of money in opposing the line, and he succeeded in his object; but at what an expense! for not only did he have to pay the enormous costs, but ultimately he actually found it necessary to make a railroad himself connecting his property with the main line. He found himself completely isolated, while the rest of the district was deriving enormous advantages from the railroad. This was the first step toward the impoverishment of the family. Bad harvests, cheap wheat from abroad, decaying agriculture and unrestricted foreign competition have done the rest.

Unless these obstinate, slow moving old families can adapt themselves to the times they will all have to go the same road. At present scores of them are holding on by a mere thread. Carriages are put down, servants are discharged, the London house is given up, but these economies will not suffice to avert the ruin that is steadily advancing on the old stock who once thought England belonged to them.

The impending fate of Burghley is not yet known here, and therefore the American bidder may make sure of being the first in the field. There seems to be no more money for land purchase left in England. Some great owners like the

Duke of Fife are unloading as fast as they can, perceiving the evil days coming on them. The Duke's estates, however, are in Scotland, and there land still fetches fancy prices. Mr. Balfour sold some not long ago at a profit. In England it is a drug on the market. No sooner do holders exclaim, "Now we have reached the lowest prices!" than there is another great drop, unless the land happens to be on Pall Mall, when it fetches a £1,000,000 an acre.

Baby Was Sick.

My baby was very sick with diarrhoea and after everything else had failed, I tried Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry; the first dose gave relief, and a perfect cure soon resulted.—Mrs. John Clark, Bloomfield, Ont.

The State of Catholic Journalism in Franco and Germany.

Bishop Von Ketteler, of Mayence, is reported to have said:—"If St. Paul were to return to the earth to-day he would be a journalist." The Bishop acted upon this conviction by being a journalist himself. A writer in one of the French press papers recently contrasted the apathy of Catholics in this country with regard to their press with the zeal of the German Catholics in regard to their newspapers. He did not hesitate to say that the astonishing political success of the Catholic party in Germany during the last ten years was mainly due to the support given to the Catholic press, which had enabled it to develop with extraordinary rapidity in order to meet the exigencies of the times. It had exercised an enormous influence upon politics. The facts are certainly very remarkable, and the contrast between the spread of Catholic journalism in Germany and the decline of it in France is startling. In 1848 there were only 14 Catholic papers in all Prussia. In 1880 the figure had risen to 50, but the eight years of persecution which followed saw the number run up to 109, while at the present time it is 150. The number of Catholic newspapers now published throughout the German Empire is 450. One of the political results is that although the Catholics only represent a third of the entire population, they have sent no fewer than 23 priests to the Reichstag, without speaking of lay deputies. In France, if we call all Conservative papers Catholics, a name that some of them scarcely deserve—we only have a total of 407. Last year it stood at 503, so that there has been a rapid falling-off. The total number of papers published in France according to the returns for 1891 is 5,178, of which some 4,900 are either indifferent or hostile to religion. By far the greater number are certainly hostile, for hitherto the Republican press generally has been at war with the Church. This state of things is not very creditable to the great majority of French people who call themselves Catholic. There is certainly more zeal shown on the other side of the Rhine for the triumph of Catholic principles in public life, and it is to this zeal that the defeat of the Kulturkampf is due. The great evil here is the indifference of the middle class, who are professedly Catholic, but who offer little or no resistance to the invasion of anti-religious ideas. An illustration of this indifference is found in the fact that the Courrier de la Gironde, one of the oldest provincial papers, and hitherto a valiant champion of Catholicity, has recently passed into the hands of MM. Lockroy and Millerand, who, of course, will make it as anti-clerical as possible.

Huntsville Happenings.

"I have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in my family and can highly recommend it for summer complaint, diarrhoea, etc."—Mrs. Geo. West, Huntsville, Ont.

The Holy Church.

The Monteur de Rome gives the following statistics showing the number of Catholics, priests, educational and charitable institutions in the African, American and Oceanic missions which owe their origin directly to the Propaganda. In North and Central Africa there are 191,805 Catholics, 127 stations, 191 churches, 394 priests, 197 educational establishments, and 65 charitable institutions.

South Africa: 40,555 Catholics, 97 stations, 139 churches and chapels, 211 priests, 129 educational establishments and 32 charitable institutions.

African Islands: 169,580 Catholics, 68 stations, 414 churches and chapels, 140 priests, 304 educational establishments and 37 charitable institutions.

British North America: 2,080,070 Catholics, 2,157 churches and chapels, 2,442 priests, 19 seminaries, 5,046 colleges and schools, 114 charitable institutions.

United States, 8,025,725 Catholics, 7,437 churches or chapels, and 7,638 priests, 3,715 educational establishments and 547 charitable institutions.

West Indies, 330,500 Catholics, 255 churches and chapels, 185 priests, 201 schools.

Patagonia, 28,000 Catholics, 18 churches and chapels, 30 priests, 42 schools, 1 charitable institution.

Australia, 607,880 Catholics, 1,345 churches and chapels, 590 priests, 767 schools, 38 charitable institutions.

In the Oceanic Islands, 170,000 Catholics, 651 churches and chapels, 243 priests, 314 educational establishments and 18 charitable institutions.

Cannot Compete.

Miss Mand Grant, of Mountain, Ont., writes: "I can recommend Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry for summer complaints and diarrhoea. There is nothing to compete with it as it succeeds even in the severest cases."

The Pupal Envoicel.

To spread a knowledge of the Encyclical, to cause the Pope's voice to be heard by the people, is assuredly one of the best means of working for the calming of minds and hearts. Let it be placed especially in the hands of workmen, that it may enlighten their minds and teach them the inexhaustible solicitude of the Church for them, that it may destroy in their minds the fallacies which the socialist publications of the day have implanted, and show them that the true solution of existing difficulties

is to be found in the practice of Christian virtues. With this view the Society of St. Charles Borromeo, of Brussels, have published a popular edition of the Encyclical in French, of which 40,000 copies have been sold. I cannot too strongly recommend our friends to join the good work without delay. The moderate price at which these pamphlets are published enables large numbers to be distributed at small cost.—Brussels, *Iten Publicus.*

SCOTCH-IRISH.

Their Origin and Character Demonstrated.

A good deal of frothy nonsense has been spoken for the last two or three months by a number of persons posing as Scotch-Irish. They presented that the history of the world, from the days of the Aryan migration from the tableland of Asia, would be barren of civilization if the records of the deeds of the Scotch-Irish were omitted. They surpassed the Highland vaunt described by Thackeray in one of his inimitable "Round About Papers," in which he tells of a picture of the battle of Waterloo, seen by him, as a sign over a Scotch inn. The battle was represented by a figure of one Highlander who wielded a broadsword. Historically, the description of Scotch-Irish is a fraud. Scotland was colonized from Ireland. She was Protestantized by him whom an eminent Protestant writer has justly styled "the ruffian of the Reformation." James I. of England, confiscated six counties of Ulster, in Ireland, and allotted vast tracts to trading corporations and adventurers on condition that they would plant them with Protestant laboring men of English or Scotch birth. These laborers were sent over to Ireland and squatted on the forfeited lands. The Scotch-Irish say they descend from them. We should not notice the twaddle written and spoken, or the gross ignorance of history displayed if there were not attacks, by implication, made on Catholics. They were made by several of the speakers. They presented as true that wherever there were virtue, and stated, by suggestion more powerfully than they could have expressed it in words, that where the Catholics live beside them they present a picture of moral degradation. Is it true? Let us look at Ulster and see government statistics in Ireland. We read that Ireland is the most moral country on earth, and that there would be very few illegitimate births to record if it were not for the depravity that exists among the districts where the Scotch-Irish live. We see by a recent report sent in by a Royal commission ordered to enquire into the terrible ether-drinking vice which obtains in Ulster, that it is almost exclusively the habit of the Scotch-Irish. A writer of their own faith, son of a clergyman who was sent from Scotland with some of these laborers, wrote that they were the scum of the earth, and added to crime and ignorance the Ninth Commandment of the decalogue. As for the descendants of those whom "the ruffian of the reformation" Protestantized in Scotland, and who still dwell there and are Protestants, they, in the Registrar-general's statistics for the British Isles, show a record for whiskey consumption and illegitimate births—gives them a pre-eminence in evil that is not approached in all Europe.

Music as a Curative Agent.

In the current number of the Lancet, Canon Harford, of Westminster Abbey, has broached a most interesting question. He addresses himself to the leaders of the medical world, and asks them most earnestly to consider "whether soft, low music might not be used with advantage as a curative medicine in a considerable number of cases of illness, more particularly those in which the nerves are specially concerned." To establish the practicality of his theory the Canon cites a case which came under his own notice, that of the late Viscountess Combermere, a lady of considerable mental powers, who was in the full possession of all her faculties, at the age of eighty-six. The Canon tells us that he was able to allay the pains of this venerable lady, and send her to sleep with music played on a muted violin and pianoforte. Music produces this feeling of ease and contentment. Soft, autumn-like strains draw the mind of the pious patient away, and cause him to forget his pain for the moment. Pain, in a great measure, depends upon self-contemplation, and the mood of the mind, growing under contemplation, and warning if neglected. The tendency of music is to divert and transfer the attention, leading it away from self-contemplation. Thus what scientific men term anaesthesia, or the want of sensation, may easily be produced. Our whole physical life we are told, consists of a series of vibrations; the senses themselves are affected by these; and, as music is produced by vibration of the air-waves, it may easily exercise a beneficial influence on those movements of the nerves which accompany or cause pain. Canon Harford also propounds a scheme for the introduction of music into hospitals. The instrument will be muted. His plan seems very reasonable, and certainly deserves a trial.—*Unionist.*

A writer on style says: "It is the fashion in France for ladies to take tea in their bonnets and gloves." One objection to this is that some of the bonnets do not hold much more than a lump of sugar.

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT. Unlike any other. Originated by an Old Family Physician. THINK OF IT. In use over 40 YEARS in one Family. Dr. J. S. Johnson & Co. - It is sixty years since first named of this now celebrated remedy for the common ills of life—Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, for more than thirty years I have used it in my family. I say (unasked by you) I regard it as one of the best and safest remedies that can be found, used internal or external. It is all-gold, and is sold by all the leading Druggists, Chemists, Dealers in Household Goods, etc. C. E. INGALLS, Dec. 21, 1890, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 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