

## Home Column

### THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S WARD

My boy lay cradled for his last, long sleep,

On the white pillow of his coffin-bed,

With rose-buds in his hands; I came to weep

Above the stricken glory of his head,

And, "Oh! I cannot have it so," I cried,

"Come back to me from Heaven, my babe, my own."

"No sorrow such as mine the whole world wide

Has ever seen!" was my unreasoning moan.

Above me, where I wept my precious child,

The dear Madonna clasped her infant Son;

And thus she seemed to say,—that Mary mild:

"O mother, loved I not this little one?"

Yet through a life of pain I saw him go,

Till on the cruel cross I saw him die!

Be still and think, is this, thy young hearts woe,

Like my pierced soul's long pain and agony?"

Such gentle piety seemed her lips to move,—

The Blessed Mother of the Blessed Lord,

Her accents seemed so full of tender love

From that dear heart once pierced by sorrow's sword.

I said, "O Mary! as thou lovest thine,

Guard thou the treasure I intrust to thee!

Fold thy fond care, as I had folded mine,

About my boy, and keep him safe for me!"

And so I yielded him to her embrace,

I know she keeps him through the long years gone!

I charge thee Mary, when I see thy face,

Lead back to me in Heaven thy ward, my son!

—M. B. C. Slade.

### LITTLE KINDNESSES.

Last week our talk was on Generosity in a general sense and how home was the fountain head of all virtues, more especially that one so dear to our Master—"The greatest of these is charity." So indeed is home the place where we can habituate ourselves to kindness in small things, to the use of the small change of life that makes it bearable and pleasant or the reverse. People are apt to forget the little things in life in striving to accomplish the big undertakings. There is a thrifty old proverb that says: "Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves." All of us have had ample occasion to prove the truth of the homely old saw and to find out how much easier it is to economize on big things than it is on little. It is comparatively easy to do without the expensive articles you desire, but it takes Spartan fortitude to keep from throwing away your dimes on silly things that you don't really want, but buy because they are so cheap. It is seldom the dollars that we waste. It is with the small change that we are reckless. Might not a very similar application be made to many other things in life? We are scrupulously careful of the big moralities. We do the duties that the Church and society and conventionality have marked out for us. We should be horrified at the very idea of harming our neighbors or mistreating our families, but how often were we utterly neglectful of the little things—the kindly word that cheers a lonely heart, the gentle consideration that makes the daily work easier for some one, the tender deed that we might do so easily if we only would. It is a question of small change over again. If it were something great we would do it. There are devout women who deny themselves to send money to support religion among the heathen, but never think of rising earlier or assisting in any way to allow the servant the opportunity of hearing Mass or attending Vespers. There are wo-

men who belong to societies for the extension of human brotherhood throughout the world, but who treat the shop girl who waits on them as if she were an automaton with no more feeling than a wooden image. There are women who would die for their husbands, yet who grumble over the inconveniences and trials incidental to married life and seem never to have a smile or pleasant word for them. In discussing our affections for our loved ones, we are apt, one and all, to indulge in certain rhetorical flights, such as that we would willingly die for those we love, or we would beg for them, if necessary. In practice we are not quite so heroic, however, and we grumble often because we have to rise early and give all our time and strength to the performance of duties we have so voluntarily undertaken as mothers and housekeepers. And right here is the mistake. Facing a multiplicity of household duties, nothing helps like a cheerful heart, and we can cultivate good cheer, if it be not natural. One duty only can be done at a time, take up the one next and the other will fall in line, and at night you can look back over the day and wonder how much has been accomplished; best of all the smiles and kind words, the good cheer you have diffused through the home. In reality we can no more afford to neglect the little courtesies of life and the little duties, than we can afford to throw away our pennies. The prompt answer to a letter, the note of thanks for a book or paper we owe to some one's thoughtfulness, the genuine appreciation of the effort to entertain us may seem trifling, but they go a long way toward making or marring our happiness. They are the small change with which we pay our passage through life, and if we neglect them we are in the inevitable position of one who is trying to dead-beat her way. "If we take care of the pennies, the pounds will take care of themselves." If we take care of the little duties, if we were sweet and kind and considerate, wouldn't the big duties take care of themselves? More homes are wrecked by bad temper than by drink. More affection is alienated by fretting and nagging than by all the corespondents ever cited in the divorce courts, more friends are lost through carelessness than by treachery. It is always the little things, the etceteras for the gown that run up the bill at the dressmaker's, the tiny leak in the household economy that counts at the end of the month, and the mothers who would be happy and wealthy must keep a sharp lookout on the small change of life!

### Brandon Notes.

The Brandon Branch of the C.M.B.A. will hold a smoker and social in the C.M.B.A. hall on Jan. 21st, the anniversary of the organization of the Branch.

The marriage of Mr. Andrew Crawford to Miss Charlotte Bailey took place on Wednesday morning at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crawford, Fifth street. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Father Godts, C.S.S.R., was a very quiet affair, only the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties being present. The bride was very prettily attired in a wedding gown of white silk, trimmed with white applique. Miss Crawford was bridesmaid and Mr. Robt. Crawford assisted the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford left on Wednesday morning on a trip to Winnipeg and Rat Portage. Upon their return they will take up their residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Therrien returned on Monday morning from Wolseley, where they have been spending a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. M. Ryder.

### AUSTRALIA'S CATHEDRAL.

The crowning work of the faith and generosity of the Catholic body in Australia is St. Patrick's cathedral, Melbourne, which occupies one of the finest sites in the city, being at the same time at the junction of the main thoroughfares. St. Patrick's is completed save the spires and at the final meeting of the building committee, which was

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held the other day, some interesting facts and figures in connection with its erection were given. The total amount expended on it up to the present has been considerably over \$1,000,000, \$400,000 of which has been disbursed within the past twelve years.

The dimensions of the whole building are nave, sanctuary and Lady chapel, three hundred and fifty feet clear length; nave aisles and transepts, internal width, seventy-six feet; transepts, one hundred and sixty-two feet; height of roof, ninety-eight feet. It will be seen that St. Patrick's in Melbourne has a greater length than its namesake in New York by some twenty feet. We can better realize the dimensions of the Melbourne cathedral by comparing it with some of the historic cathedrals of the United Kingdom. Its area is thirty-five thousand feet, while that of Litchfield is one thousand feet less. It is half again as large as St. Giles, Edinburgh, and Christ church,

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