

erection, the rest of the family being expected in the spring.

Love making is quite an art, when rightly understood, no one understands this better than country postmistresses. A certain young man was in the habit of writing to a certain young lady, but on one occasion his hand writing appeared on an envelope addressed to another young lady, the post mistress insisted on giving it to the previous one, after that the deluge of tears, I mean; but the forsaken fair was consoled within a month, by a much finer fellow, not as needles go, so all comes right to the maid who knows how to wait, she might even get a jewel and live happy ever after.

Regina Notes.

We are sorry to learn from Saturday's Review that Rev. Father Drummond is not his usual self, we are, however glad to hear that he is taking a vacation. Father Drummond's friends in Regina, and they are many, will earnestly pray that he may enjoy his well earned rest and return fully established in health.

Miss Bristow, at one time lady superintendent of Regina Hospital, was on Thursday married to Mr. Snow of Regina. Mrs. Snow was a universal favorite, having by her gentility and true kindness of heart endeared herself to all classes and creeds alike. The flowers used for decoration at the marriage were simply magnificent. The bride carried a large bouquet of exquisite American Beauty Roses and Ferns. A bouquet from these flowers with a rose from the bride's bunch adorned the altar of St. Mary's church on Sunday. We tender most hearty congratulations.

The Mass at half past nine on Sunday was well attended, the Church being packed to the doors. A German choir sang, and congregational singing was carried on. Now this congregation is not like the late Charles Dudley Warner's congregation. They can sing.

Wednesday treated us to an old fashioned blizzard. It was almost impossible to keep one's footing, the wind was so high. Several pedestrians were unable to keep the sidewalk. One skating rink in course of erection seems to be the only building suffering from the storm.

GENA MacFARLANE.

Obituary

We regret to have to record the death of the M. M. Christopher Patrick, David, and Mrs. Dalziel's mother, which occurred on the 30th ult., at Barrie, Ont. The venerable old lady died from the consequences of an accidental fall and was ill about one month. All of the above named went down east to attend the funeral which took place on Thursday the 3rd inst. The Review extends its sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of Northwest Review:—

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your most valuable premium, viz. the "Life of our late Father in God, Pope Leo XIII.

Both my wife and myself are delighted with it. The print illustrations and binding are perfect, while the reading matter will afford us instructive information and improvement for many a lonely winter evening. And as a historical work of times gone by, and written in so attractive a manner will be read long after this generation has passed away.

I am pleased to see the enlargement of your paper, and you will please accept of my best wishes for the success of the Northwest Review, and that it will increase in circulation and in power of increasing the zeal and faith of our people.

Yours very respectfully,
J. NISBET.

St. Vital, Man., Dec. 4, 1903.

A CATHOLIC LAYMAN.

Lectures in a Unitarian Church.

The following unusual incident is related by the London "Tablet." Mr. Lister Drummond is an able

barrister who often lectures on Catholic topics at the open-air Hyde Park meetings. He is a zealous convert, an active member of the Guild of Ransom.

"On Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Lister Drummond had a novel and interesting experience. The minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Quex-road, Kilburn, has instituted a series of 'open conferences on Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the men of his congregation, on religious and social subjects. The Rev. James O'Reilly, O.M.I., rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Kilburn, having received an invitation to send a Catholic layman to explain his reasons for belonging to the Catholic Church, commissioned Mr. Lister Drummond to give the desired address. Mr. Drummond accordingly attended and lectured on 'Why I joined the Church of Rome,' before an extremely attentive audience."

Home Column.

The kindly words that rise within the heart,
And thrill it with their sympathetic tone;
But die ere spoken, fail to play their part,
And claim a merit that is not their own.

The kindly word unspoken is a sin—
A sin that wraps itself in purest guise,
And tells the heart that doubting, looks within;
That not in speech but thought the virtue lies.

But 'tis not so; another heart may thirst
For that kind word, as Hagar in the wild—
Poor banished Hagar!—prayed a well might burst
From out the sand, to save her parching child.

And loving eyes that cannot see the mind
Will watch the expected movement of the lip
Ah! can ye let its cutting silence wind
Around that heart and seath it like a whip?

Then hide it not, the music of the soul,
Dear sympathy, expressed with kindly voice,
But let it like a shining river roll
To deserts dry—to hearts that would rejoice.

Oh, let the sympathy of kindly words,
Sound for the poor, the friendless and the weak;
And he will bless you—he who struck those chords
Will strike another when in turn you seek.

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

The tight cord is the easiest to snap.

The temptation to tyrannise over those whom domestic or business relations have placed within our power is latent within us all, and is sufficiently resisted only by natures, as just as they are generous. It is not always with a deliberately cruel intention that parents, guardians, teachers, employers, and alas! husbands and wives, take advantage of the authority vested in them as such, to render miserable the lives of those who are subject to, or dependent on them. In many cases the offender believes him or herself to be actuated by the best motives. Reasons based on the highest religious convictions are occasionally given in explanation of disagreeable acts of coercion or prohibition, and the unconscious tyrant even takes much credit for the performance of a so-called duty, which inflicts pain, humiliation or injury on one whose interests he is supposed to safeguard and promote in every possible way. It is difficult to judge a person so misguided, other than severely. Since the beginning of the world men have fought and died in defense of their liberties and in doing so have commanded the sympathy and admiration of all the greatest minds. It is in obedience to natural law and instinct that individuals as well as nations, seek the most favorable conditions for development and progress. You may as well sow wheat in a swamp and rice in the desert, expecting a

rich harvest therefrom, as to plant a human being in uncongenial surroundings, and look for a full expansion of his or her physical and mental powers. Nature will have her way in spite of the strongest human influence, and will either refuse to support the life that is forced to depend on artificial sources of energy, or will urge it to the point of revolt. When the cord is tightest, it snaps unexpectedly, and not all the forces of the universe can avail to reunite the divided strands and make them as they were before.

All over the land there are homes in which with a little mutual forbearance, love might have reigned supreme; the love of husband and wife; of parents and children. But grim tyranny had usurped the golden throne from which its rightful lord had long been banished by somebody's coldness, selfishness, or mistrust, and the thin cord of a common welfare that binds these hearts together is drawn so tight that its cruel mark is plainly visible to all but the one who could so easily slacken it. The moment draws ever nigher when at its weakest point the cord must burst asunder, bringing sweet deliverance to the sufferers from its galling tension.

The tyrant, who, consciously or not, has been the cause of so much pain, will stand aghast to see his power set at naught, his victims rejoicing in their new found freedom. When the disoriented son or daughter, the long suffering wife, or unjustly used employee has at last thrown off the hated yoke and left an empty place that shall not easily be filled again, perhaps the veil of selfishness and injustice will be rent at last, revealing the full extent and hatefulness of those long years of oppression.

The sharp tongued, jealous or nagging wife, the harsh, ill-tempered mother, the haughty exacting mistress, always lays up for herself some bitter surprises, by her systematic tyrannies, big and little. When the tightened cord snaps it is too late for repentance or atonement, she can but sit ruefully contemplating the eternal rupture of relations which her own persistent folly and selfishness has rendered unendurable.

While there is yet time, shall we not occasionally slacken the reins of our authority, now here, now there, with the certainty that what is lost in the direction of slavish fear of us, will be doubled or trebled in love and loyal service.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

Michigan Catholic Review.

One of the organizations in the Catholic Church which the average run of Catholics know very little about and do not sufficiently appreciate is the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We read about the great work done by non-Catholic societies in charitable endeavor, but we seldom give a thought to the persistent efforts to alleviate the wants of the poor which our own society of St. Vincent de Paul puts forth from year to year, truly as Cardinal Gibbons says:

"The public takes hardly any notice of the work of charity quietly performed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our very midst. The members of this association meet every week and take council as to the best means of aiding the deserving poor who are ashamed to expose their indigence. They make no speeches at the meetings; they are not heralded by the press. They go about relieving distress without noise or ostentation."

Most of us know that the St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded by Frederick Ozanam, a French layman; that it was intended by him as a work which educated Catholic men might do for the poor, and that since its establishment in France it had spread all over the world. Thus we have a general idea of the society, but no more. Yet it is an organization with whose work we should be more familiar. It is a work which should appeal most particularly to Catholic young men of education—professional men, for whom Frederick Ozanam intended it.

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