### To Father Ryan.

"And souls are always more to him than songs;"
But songs are of his sainted life a part.
His nature 'tis to sing, and cheer vast throngs
Of weary souls with high, angelic art.
To lead them thro' the dim and silent vale
That lies 'twe:n stern and dreadful Calvary
And Thabor's shining top, where sorrow's wail
Becomes a grand and heavenly harmony.

He stood on Calvary, and his soul was sad;
He walked the dim and awful vale of tears,
Foot-weary and soul-worn, and yet he had
Nor thought, nor wish to shorten those long years
Thro' which he had to walk the narrow way;
Save soul-sighs for the rest that is to come
To those in gloom of night and sun of day
Ne'er falt'ring on the way that leads them home.

And glimpses of bright Thabor has he caught.
And then his soul forgot her woeful moan,
And songs he sang 'yond ken of mortal thought.
Known only to himself and God alone,
And then his Calvary became bright Thabor.
And Thabor changed to wrathful Calvary;
And then he sighed for rest from ceaseless labor,
For rest in deep, Christ-bound eternity.

And all his songs are love of wounded souls,
And balm they are to all, sometimes a chime
With but one saddened strain, and then deep tolls
Of awful depth and slow and solemn time,
An organ's solemn and last dies Ire,
Deep rolling in the temple of the mind—
A summons for the worn and the long-weary,
The awful funeral march of all mankind.

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### Parnell and his Tenants.

"Mr. Parnell's impassiveness and indifference," writes Mr. Healy, "was well shown when last week the landlord press got up a harrowing tale of his having evicted four tenants who owed four years' rent. I warned him this would be cabled to America, and would there form the matter of further red-ochre editorials. But he would not permit any steps to be taken to counteract the mischief, disposing of the matter with a shrug of the shoulders. The facts of the case are these: A local solicitor named Ebbs, who is secretary of the Orange emergency committee and of a Landlord Property Defence Association, holds a large farm from the Parnell family at a very low rent and with lease forever. This the middleman sub-let to three tenants charging them two or three times the rent Parnell charged him. One of the sub-tenants became unable to pay Ebbs the excessive rent and he evicted him, but all the time he refused to pay Mr. Parnell anything whatever. In the interest of the three sub-tenants Parnell then proceeds to eject the middleman, but as a legal requirement the notices have to be served on the under tenants also. They, of course, will not be put out, and even if that was the intention they could save themselves by paying Parnell the much lower rent than they give the middleman. Ebbs, however, is a cute lawyer, and will never allow his valuable interest in the lease to lapse, and as he has six months to redeem, he will, by that time, doubtless pay his head rent, and thereby again get the legal right to screw the unfortunate sub-tenants, for whom his eviction would be the most fortunate event that could happen."

A child can never perish who remains in the arms of a Father who is almighty.—St Francis de Sales.

It is hard, indeed, to forget those events of our lives that we would wish not to remember. The wish keeps the thoughts of them constantly before us, and thus the very effort to forget only makes them more vivid and intense.

Those who resort to foppish airs to introduce themselves to public notice act the part of senseless children, and whilst pleasing themselves, disgust others. They succeed in attracting notice, but it is neither honorable nor complimentary.

Beware of those human vultures who glut their ferocious appetites on the flesh of their unoffending neighbors. They only assume a friendship that they may the more effectually put you into their toils. They will feed on you, too.

It is the harmony of the parts that constitutes the beauty of the whole. A single discordant element destroys this harmony, and the beauty of the object is gone. We can speak of the perfection of this or that part, but of the whole we say it is a failure.

If individuals were only as interested in building up a good character for themselves as they are in tearing up each other's, there would not be so many evils to deplore, nor so many ills to oppress, as we daily encounter in the journey through life's dusty highway.

As we gaze around on the magnificence of creation, we can form a proper estimate of our character in the reflection that we are destined to pass and live beyond all visible things. When the stars shall grow dim, and the sun shall refuse to give light and disappear in the chaos of dissolution—it is then only that man's true life begins.

An English incumbent recently reported some of the blunders he had heard made in the marriage service by that class of persons who have to pick up the words as best they can by hearing them repeated by others. He said that in his own parish it was quite the fashion for the man, when giving the ring, to say to the woman: "With my body I thee wash up, and with all my hurdle goods I thee and thou." He said the women were generally better up in this part of the service than the men. One day, however, a bride startled him by promising, in what she proposed to be prayer-book language, to take her husband "to 'ave and to 'old from this day forn't, for betterer horse, for richerer power, in siggerness health, to love cherries and to bay." What meaning this extraordinary vow could have conveyed to her own mind the incumbent said it baffled him to conjecture.


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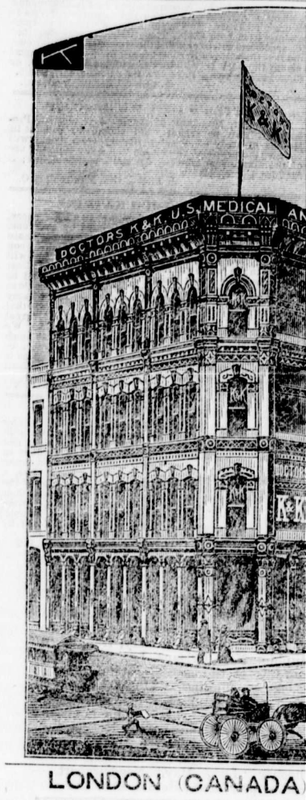


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