#### CHILDREN'S CORNER

SWEET SISTER SNOW.

ed Sweet Sister Snow, no lived in the skies, and whose

Saw a terrible city belov; It had smoke on the housetons and

smoke in the street, And she was quite angry to see Spots of soot in the curls of pretties girls.

For a very clean lady was she.

"They need an example of Sweet Sis-

In my garments of white I'll go down all bedight," Said this speckless and haughty

young maid; So she flew out alone in the midst of the night,
And she flounced herself gracefully

down; But with every new firt she caught

some more dirt, Till she had all the dirt in the

The Sun, her big brother, looked down with a lamp, And he saw such a mess of her love-

ly white dress, That he laughingly called her a She felt so untidy she stole from his

eyes, And she hid herself all in a mist, Her dignity ended, with tears she as-

And soon her Cloud Mother she

And to all little children the Snow has to say, That you musn't be vain of your face, For looks will all vanish like snow

melts away;
And no matter how dirty the peo-

Don't think yourself better than they -Julia C. Underwood. 444

#### The Good Doctor and the Boys' Sleighride.

"May I ride, sir?" "May I ride?"
"May I ride?" These were the simultaneous shouts of three boys, apparcantly ten or twelve years old, as they the themselves in advance of a hund-some sleigh, drawn by two, noble shorses and driven by a ruddy, pleasant-faced gentleman, riding done. """ "Well, now you are all comfortable seated, we'll drive on."

The gentleman, whose name was Byham, differed from many others in this respect — he didn't hate boys. "Well, my lads," said he, 'looking good-naturedly at them, "I suppose you don't get a ride quite as often as you would like one?'

They all said, promptly, "No, sir."
"Tell me your names," continued
the "I always like to know whom I ride with.'

ide with."
"Nicholas Hurd," "Lovett Peteron," "Sim Torrence," they answered

in turn.

"All good names," said Mr. Bybam. "And nobody can tell which of you will be resident of the United States some for y years hence.
"You all 30 to school, no doubt? I

know it's Saturday to-day and there's no school, of course; but do you ever play truant on school days? I never take boys to ride if I know they ought to be in section."

"Hev 'o work;" said Nick, "Well, work never hurts a boy. I've tried it, and I know," said Mr. Byam. "But I hope your work don't in-Startere with your school hours. Got stather and mother, Nicholas?"

The boy did not reply, but there was an audible choking in his throat, instead.

"His father was killed in the war," poke up Lovett Peterson, looking at is companion, "and his mother's dean broke down."

"So was my par killed in the war, and I hain't got no folks anywhere," Torrence, "I'm bound out to man that licks me for everything I do, and don't care whether I go to ool or not."

"But are you sure.you care much about it yourself? — wouldn't you rather play about the streets than go school? Now tell me honestly." Sim colored, and after a few sco-mds' hesitation, answered, "Yes,

₩'So your master is not all to dame about that, is he? and don't tou think he sometimes has reason to implain that you are gone when he ants you, or have not done your or have not done your not that at all?"

The answer came hard, but it came last, "Yes, sir."
"You see I know a great deal about "You see I know a great deal appropriate the large of the thaps, as any of you. Indeed a boy build hardly be worse off than I was good man spoke dly to me one day, and gave mo d advice, and in such a friendly andly to me one day, and gave me bod advice; and in such a friendly ay that I determined to follow it though thick and thin. Would you to know what it was?"

Yes, sir; yes, sir," they all re-Well; it was this: Be always hon-be always faithful, keep out of

company, never swear, or use vile guage, do the very best you can tywhere and at all times. Do this, said, and you'll be prosperous and

useful.' I tried it - and - here I

There was a dead silence for a moment, during which the boys effchanged glances. At last Sim Torrence, a little more courageous than the rest, ventured to ask, "And what be ventured to ask, and what be ventured to ask," now, sor?

"I am a doctor now, and have a great many sick and suffering and poor people to look after and core, if I can. That is my business now, and has been for more than twenty

"Have ye got any boys of yer own?" said Lovett Peterson "No, nor girls either," said the doctor. "God has taken all my children away from me, and has thus told me that I must attend to other people's, so I seldom allow a day pass without some talk with boys or girls somewhere."

"Do you always let 'em ride?" spoke up Nicholas Hurd, whose ideas of enjoyment evidently lay in that

direction.

"If they ask me civilly, and I am not in too great a hurry, that is, if I do not suspect—they are—playing

"I should like, first-rate, to drive such horses as yours," said Nicholas, who had scarcely taken his eyes from the fine animals that were trotting cisurely over the level road.
"Well, I sometimes allow boys that

I take in to drive a little for me to teach them how."

"Oh! please, sir," began the boys, all at once, "please, sir, let us drive a little."

"Very well; you may try first, Nicholas," said the doctor, pleasant-ly. He handed him the reins while the others regarded him with admiring impatient for their turn. Where's your ship?" said Nicholas.

"Where's your snip?" said Nicholas.
"Whip? My horses never felt a
whip since I owned them. If you
want to ride faster you have only to
let them know it, and they will be glad enough to go. They are going slowly now because they think I wish them to. Don't you see how their cars turn back toward us every minute or two? they are waiting for me to give them leave to go faster. Now George! now Charley!" said the doctor, speaking just loud enough for the horses to hear In an instant the effect was visible, and George and Charley, with heads and tails up, Charley, with heads and tails up started into a magnificent pace. One started into a magnineent pace. One after another, the boys tried their hand at driving, to their great delight and enjoyment, while the kindhearted owner listened to and anomalist their parts of their swered their many questions.
"Why don't you leave one of your

horses at home to rest, while you drive t'other?" said Peterson, as be took his position as driver; "You ain't no load for one hoss."

"The reason is, my lad, that I have two others in my stables at home ready to take the places of George ready to take the places of George and Charley when they are tired after a long morning's drive. I have to ride a great deal, you see, by day and by night; often over hard roads, and in would get quite laded out, with no heavier load than I am, while two take it easy and keep each other in good spirts; besides they are very much attached to each other, and like to go together, and I like to in-dulge and pleaso them, as they are always willing and faithful to serve

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"I shall, and thank you, sir," said icholas—"So shall I," said Sim "I shall, and thank you, sin, said Sim Nicholas—"So shall I," said Sim Torrenc—"I too," said Lovett Peterson, and they all got out and wished the doctor a hearty good-morn-

Twelve months after Nicholas Hurd was so much improved in every spect that Dr. Byham decided to take him into his service, greatly to the joy of the soldier's widow.—Our joy of the soldier's Dumb Animals.

#### Father McColl Leaves Ennismore

On Sunday the 12th Rev. Father Mc-Coll, who is leaving the parish of Ennismore to come to Peterborough to assume new duties as Rector of St. Peter's, received a most flattering tribute of the respect, love and appreciation of the parish of Ennismore, over which he has successfully presided for the past nine years. The people of Ennismore are sorry to lose one whom they had learned to love and respect, and who had by his devotion to their spiritual welfare and his interest in their temporal progress and prosperity placed them under a deep and asting debt of gratitude. Rev. Father McColl has not only been a faithful, kind, and devoted priest, but he has taken an active interest in ag-riculture and has done much to advance these interests in his township. For all these reasons the farewell words of his parishioners in Ennismore were most sincere. And Rev. Father McColl also shares the regret of his people, for ties such as he had formed among the people cannot be severed without regret.

It was after the celebration of Mass at St. Martin's Church, Sunday morning, that the parishioners tendered Rev. Father McColl their good-bye. An address was read by Mr. Chas. J. McDonnel, teacher of No. 3 School Section, and Mr. Wm. Crough, ex-Reeve, presented Rev. Father McColl with a well-filled purse, as, a farewell gift of appreciation. The address read as follows:

To the Reverend Father McColl, Par-

ish Priest, Ennismore:
We, the members of St. Martin's We, the members of St. Martin's Church of the parish of Ennismore, have learned with feelings of deepest regret, that this parish is about to lose its priest, one who for the past nine years has labored unceasingly and untiringly for the good of the parish and the advancement of the interests of the Church and the streets. terests of the Church, and at the same time we feel it a privilege to have an opportunity of showing you some small way our gratitude esteem and our love.

Nine years ago you came among us for the first time, an entire stranger, to assume the weighty responsibilities of this parish; you are now leaving us, not as a stranger, but as a greatly beloved friend whose departure fills our heart with sadness.

You proved, sir, a spiritual guide, whose wise counsel and admonitions have worked incalculable good in our parish. By rour piety, your zeal and devotion to Holy Mother Church you have set before your parishiones example that has left a deep and lasting impression on the minds and in the hearts of your flock. The spiritual life of the congregation has been quickened by your painstaking care the faithful discharge of your sacred duties. Nine years constitutes but a high second control of the control of brief season in the life of a parish, but this period, brief as it is, has been out this period, brief as it is, has been full of good work, a period rounded out by harmonious, friendly, loving relations between the pastor and his people, a period in which the mem-bers of the congregation have derived lasting benefit from your wise and wholesome teaching, in which they have learned how to live the better a Christian life and to discharge their duties as faithful and loyal children of the Church.

Not alone have you looked after our

the conditions necessary for our temporal success. At great personal sac-rifice, you stored your mind with these facts, so useful to the agricultural community over which you presided. The progress made by your parishioners during the term of your incumbency speaks conclusively of the great benefit they have derived from your instructions, and while we trust we have spiritually advanced under your teaching, we feel that we are better and more prosperous farmers as a result of the interest you have taken in the practical and temporal duties of our life Your practical and technical knowledge of advanced agriculture has produced amongst us re-sults of greatest moment and condued to our temporal well-being in no But we recognize in you, reverend

sir, one quality which has won our affection in a pre-eminent degree The merest you have taken in our child-ren, the car, and love you have be-stowed on the little ones of our parish, has gained for you a warm spot in our hearts With never-ceasing real you have inculcated in their young minds the principle and doctrine of their holy religion. You have, by your piety and devotion, created and nour-ished in their hearts a love for their Church, and with advancing , ears, you have formed their character and laid for their future years a deep and broad foundation, upon which to build the superstructure of true Christian life In this manner you have sown in the minds of our children the seeds of spiritual life, that in due time will blossom into bright fruition of Christian virtues. If, of all your good qualities, this steed above the good qualities, this stood alone, it would have won for you a debt of gratitude which we could never hope to repay, and in years to come, we and all our children will remember in our prayers with faithful hearts, the kind and loving priest who has in our midst wrought lasting good.

We feel, therefore, that in your removal we are losing a good friend, a wise counsellor and a spiritual advis-er, who in thought, word and deed worked for his people's good.

At the same time we desire to ex-

press our satisfaction on learning that your many sterling qualities have raised you to a position of great importance and usefulness, as evinc-ed by your recent appointment to the important position of Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral at Peterborough. It is with the greatest regret that we see you leave us. We would indeed have you to live with us yet for many years. But we how in humble submission to the will of our good Bishmission to the will be with the will be will be with the second to the will be will be with the will be will be will be with the will be will be will be will be with the will be with the will be with the will be op, whose command we as you also, sir, must obey. He knows best in his wisdom the needs of the wide diocese entrusted to his care, and the changes he finds necessary to make, though they may cause wrenches of the heart, they may cause wrenches of the near, yet we are sure they are made with a single eye to the good of his people, and though we lose a good and loving pastor, we have the great consolation of knowing that we have proation of knowing that we have vided for us, as your successor, a young and zealous priest, who will, we doubt not, continue your work with the fervor and devotion for which he is characterized.

In conclusion, sir, let us say that though you will not longer live amongst us, yet we know that you will we trust that you will often avail yourself of the opportunity of again seeing your old friends. We are, rever-

Yours respectfully. Signed on behalf of the parishion-

Paul Costello, County Councellor, Wm. Crough, ex-Reeve; Martin Dor-an, Reeve; John O'Donoghue, Wm. Sullivan, Michael Perdue, Michael Gannon, John Scollard. Rev. Father McColl, who was deep-ly moved by the loving words of her

ly moved by the loving words of his parishioners, made a suitable reply. He spoke of his nine years' work among them, referred affectionately to the relations that had existed, and testified to the regret he felt at leaving them, although willights. ing them, although willingly sub-mitting to the choice of his bishop. His farrwell words were listened to with rapt attention.

Previous to this presentation from the parishioners, Rev Father McColl was presented with an address and a valuable collection of books by choir, in which he had always taken an active interest. The address, which was framed in appropriate language of gratitude and affection, was read by Mr. Jas. Geary, and the presenta-tion was made by two young girls, prettily attired, from the junior

Rev. Father McColl appreciated this gift very much and expressed his thanks in appropriate words. He hoped that the junior choir would con tinue their work, and promised that wherever he was he would be ever interested in hearing of the success of the choir.

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