

A MOTHER'S OFFERING OF HER CHILD.

Two bright blue eyes that laugh and stare Like stars on frosty night; Two eyes to lift to God in prayer To bless the Virgin bright.

AMERICAN METHODISTS IN ROME

Their Futile Efforts to Extend Their Sphere of Operations.

The Devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and the Influence It Exercises Over the Masses.

"Protestantism in Rome" is the title of a fascinating article by Mr. William J. D. Croke, who has made the subject a matter of special and exhaustive enquiry.

But let us return to Mr. Croke and his story. As it is in Montreal so it is in Rome.

Preachers in the month of May tell the people gathered around the lights and flowers of the Blessed Virgin's altars that she is the destroyer of heresy—a fanatic.

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Sir,—In your issue of the 20th inst. you have an article, headed "Premature Burial," which you will kindly permit me to notice through your columns.

For, note it well, despite the unparalleled wretchedness of a population reduced proportionately in its every social scale, the rich to comparative scarcity, the "comfortable" to stringent economy, the lower strata to privation alternately with want, the attractions of Protestantism have exercised practically no effect.

breach of Porta Pia, the American Methodists did well to put their church on the Via Veni Settembre, the street which connects the Brach with the Quirinal Palace, and whose name appropriately records the sinister victory of that September day in 1870.

THE METHODISTS HAVE A GRAND BUILDING.

The establishment is a vast and splendid one. It is granite fronted. This of itself would confer distinction in Rome. It also stands in the richer part of the city.

I CANNOT LET THEM STARVE.

A non-clerical Senator of the kingdom told me recently: "At—there is a Protestant church to which the fame of an apostolate against your Church by dint of money spending attaches strongly. The story is always told of a poor woman who took her children to it and said, 'I hear you are Turks. It doesn't matter. Take these children. I can't let them starve.'"

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THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Rev. Father Schmidt's instructive Discourse.

Some of the Precepts of the Church Governing Marriage.

"Rev. Father Schmidt," says the Michigan Catholic, "delivered a highly practical and instructive discourse in the Cathedral of Grand Rapids, taking for his subject 'The Sacrament of Matrimony.'"

"From the very foundation of society, either of a civil or of a religious order, the family has been the center from which everything takes its rise and beginning. Neither Church nor State can exist without it.

"It is upon the precepts of the Church in regard to marriage that I am about to address you this morning. The Church has forbidden marriages between certain persons at certain times. These laws may seem to some to be harsh and unfeeling, but a little thought and consideration will convince anyone that in this particular the Church is correct, as she always is.

THE LAW OF CONSANGUINITY.

First, then, marriages are forbidden between certain persons. The Church commands that marriages shall not take place between blood relations within the fourth degree of kindred.

WHY MARRIAGE IS FORBIDDEN IN CERTAIN SEASONS.

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THE CONDUCT AFTER THE CEREMONY.

"And now a word about the worldly celebration of the marriage after the sacrament has been received in the Church. So many young people make marriage celebrations almost debauches. Wine and liquor flow free and immoderate dancing is indulged in. This is not right—it is scandalous. What do you think of a young couple that will come to the altar of God in the morning to plight their troth and receive the blessing of their almighty and benignant Father, and who will pass that night in drunkenness and debauchery? If a sacrament of God's own institution is mocked at and insulted by debauchery, gluttony and intemperance, dare we expect that God's blessing will rest upon that young couple just starting out in life? The couple that received God's blessing in the morning may receive His curse in the evening. Enjoy the occasion as it should be enjoyed. Surely, the marriage celebration should be a joyous feast, but let your

joy be a Christian joy, not the joy of a heathen that knows not God. The heathen knows no better, but we, who know God and His institutions, let us carry out His wishes; let us obey Holy Mother Church in the matter of our marriages, and after we have come to the altar of God to be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony and receive the blessing of the Almighty, let us live that we may ever keep that blessing till we enter into the joy of heaven. Amen."

FATHER McCALEN'S TRIBUTE

To the Value of the "Dixon Cure," for the Liquor and Drug Habit.

On the occasion of a lecture delivered before a large and appreciative audience, in Windsor Hall, Montreal, in honor of the Father Mathew anniversary, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., of St. Patrick's Church, without any solicitation or even knowledge on our part, paid the following grand tribute to the value of Mr. A. Hutton Dixon's medicine for the cure of the alcohol and drug habits.

Referring to the PHYSICAL CRAVE engendered by the inordinate use of intoxicants, he said: "When such a crave manifests itself, there is no escape, except by a miracle of grace, or by some such remedy as Mr. Dixon's Cure, about which the papers have spoken so much lately. As I was, in a measure, responsible for that gentleman remaining in Montreal, instead of going farther West, as he had intended, I have taken on myself without his knowledge or consent to call attention to this new aid which he brings to our temperance cause. A PHYSICAL CRAVE REMOVED, the work of total abstinence becomes easy. If I am to judge of the value of 'The Dixon Remedy' by the cures which it has effected under my own eyes, I must come to the conclusion that what I have longed for twenty years to see discovered, has at last been found by that gentleman, namely, a medicine which can be taken privately, without the knowledge of even one's own intimate friends, without the loss of a day's work, or absence from business, and without danger to the patient, and by means of which the PHYSICAL CRAVE for intoxicants is completely removed. The greatest obstacle I have always found to success in my temperance work has been, not the want of good will on the part of those to whom I administered the pledge, but the ever recurring and terrible PHYSICAL CRAVE, which seemed able to tear down in a few days what I had taken months and even years to build up. Therefore, on this Father Mathew anniversary, do I pay willing and hearty tribute to 'The Dixon Remedy' for the cure of the alcohol and morphine habits. I do so through a sense of duty towards these poor victims who cry out for relief from the terrible slavery under which they suffer. It is the first time in my life that I have departed from the reserve for which our clergy are noted in such circumstances. If I do so now it is because I feel that I am thus advancing the cause of temperance."

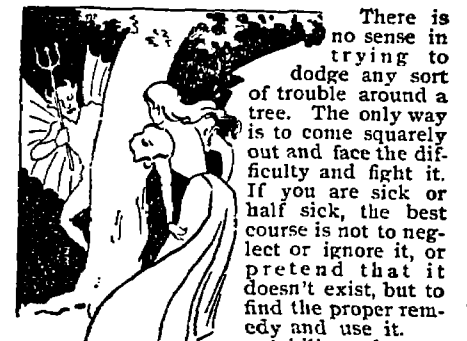
NOTE.—Father McCallen is president of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, of Montreal, and the cure to which he refers above can be had of The Dixon Cure Co., 40 Park Avenue, Montreal, who will send full particulars on application.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

The progress being made every where by the A. O. H. is put in evidence in Ottawa by the fact that the project mooted some time ago for the erection of a suitable hall for the use of Catholic societies has again been revived by the members of Division No. 2. The proposed building, it is said, could be erected at a cost of about \$15,000. In addition to the different branches of the Hibernians it would be necessary to secure the co-operation of the Catholic Foresters, C. M. B. A., E. B. A. and other organizations to ensure the success of

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There is no sense in trying to dodge any sort of trouble around a tree. The only way is to come squarely out and face the difficulty and fight it.

If you are sick or feel unwell, the best remedy is not to neglect or ignore it, or pretend that it doesn't exist, but to find the proper remedy and use it.

A bilious, dyspeptic condition of the system not only makes life miserable, but it is sure to lead to something worse, unless promptly taken in hand and corrected. It is foolish to attempt to dodge such troubles by any mere temporary expedient. The only sensible way is to get rid of them for good and all by a thoroughly rational, scientific medicine like Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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the enterprise. It is stated that several prominent Catholics are willing to substantially assist in the work.

The Hibernians also have under consideration the question of holding a special demonstration in commemoration of the Centenary of '98.

The statement of the exemptions on the Assessment rolls for 1898 has just been completed by Assistant Commissioner Pratt. The total amount of the exemptions is \$15,681,250, and is made up as follows:—Churches, \$1,009,250; charitable institutions, \$389,725; educational institutions, \$1,044,825; cemeteries, \$19,500; miscellaneous, \$169,950; corporation property, \$2,424,300; Dominion government, \$9,873,800; civil servants' income, say, \$750,000.

The value of Roman Catholic property exempt is \$1,285,125, and that of Protestant property \$969,875.

Mr. R. G. McConnell, Mr. Jas. McEvoy and Mr. Brock, of the Geological survey staff, returned from West Kootenay district last week, where they spent the summer making observations with a view to preparing a map of the district.

In an interview with a reporter of the Free Press, Mr. McConnell said: "The Rossland boom has blown up, but the operations are continued on a solid basis, and a lot of ore is being taken out. It is expected that seven or eight million tons will be taken out of the Kootenay this year. There have been no sensational strikes, but the mines being operated are yielding a paying output. The area of workable mines is constantly extending, and the district is wonderfully rich in minerals, especially in gold, silver, lead and copper. There are two smelters in constant operation at Rossland, handling 500 tons of ore in a day. There is talk of three others being erected, and if the C. P. R. builds, as reported, the dissatisfaction over the smelting of ore in the United States will be allayed. The miners seem quite satisfied with their conditions and receive from \$3 to \$3.50 a day.

There has been no Chinese labor imported into the mining camps and the relations between laborer and capitalist are quite satisfactory.

Speaking in reference to the number of mining ventures that have fallen through and the consequent loss of money to eastern stockholders, Mr. McConnell said that that is the experience of all mining development and cannot be avoided. If men put their money into mines which they know nothing about, and which in reality are only a prospecting experiment, no complaint should be made if nothing results from the venture. It is only a species of stock gambling and is like all other games of chance. Taking one thing with another, the prospects for Western Canada are exceedingly bright and an era of prosperity has set in which will prove of immense benefit to the country.

The veterans of Fenian raid fame will have their vanity satisfied in a short while by receiving medals. The Imperial authorities, through Lord Lansdowne, Imperial Secretary of War, have communicated to the head of the militia in Canada that it is their intention to issue a special medal in recognition of the services rendered in 1866 by the volunteers.

Religious truth is reached, not by reasoning, but by an inward perception. Any one can reason; only disciplined, educated, formed minds can perceive. Nothing, then, is more important to you than habits of self-command. If you are overflowing with feeling and impulse, all those must be retained, ruled, brought under, converted into principles and habits, or elements of character. Consider that you have a great work to do to change yourself.—Cardinal Newman.

"The successful man," said Gratebar, "is by no means helpful to himself alone; he helps a great lot of other people as well. There isn't a healthy, vigorous, energetic, self-reliant, successful man whose example does not breed the same qualities in others, and personal contact with such a man is an active stimulant and direct aid to success. He awakens in us new strength, and arouses ambition. He winds us up, and sets us going. See to it, my friend, that you don't run down."

Recognising the evils of a bad temper and the value to oneself and to society of a good temper, one should aim to cultivate the latter. This may be done in part by controlling the tongue, which is a very common irritant and has a reactionary influence. He who stops to think before making a peevish or irritating remark will generally leave it unspoken, and when he has obtained control of his tongue, he will also have obtained to some degree control of his temper.

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THE LODGE DOCTOR.

Benevolent Organizations Condemn the Action of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The first note of protest in opposition to the action of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was heard last week, when a number of local organizations assembled at the Chambre de Commerce hall.

The following societies were represented at the meeting: Alliance National, Union St. Joseph, de Montreal, Canadian Order of Foresters, Catholic Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Oddfellows (M.U.), Sons of Benjamin, S.-L.-C. Knights of Canada, Société des Artisans Canadiens Français, Union Franco-Canadienne and Union St. Pierre.

Ald. Reneault and Mr. W. S. Walker were elected joint chairmen of the meeting, Mr. C. Rodier acting as secretary. Several addresses were made by various of the gentlemen present, all of which were in tone strongly against the action taken by the College.

The following resolutions were finally adopted: "That this meeting, composed of the representatives of all mutual benefit societies, doing business in the district of Montreal, energetically protests against the attitude just taken by the College of Physicians and Surgeons towards physicians giving their services to mutual benefit societies.

"That this meeting do regularly organize, in order to take all necessary steps for opposing the action of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and that to that end an executive committee be formed at a meeting of delegates of all mutual benefit societies doing business in this province, to be held on Friday, November 5, and that the secretary of this meeting be instructed to convene all such societies at that meeting by a circular addressed to the executive officer of each society in this province, and also through the newspapers.

"That a committee, composed of Alderman Reneault, Messrs. W. S. Walker, Victor Morin, E. H. Godin and the secretary, be instructed to prepare drafts of resolutions, petitions and other means of action to be submitted for consideration at said meeting.

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