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For The Canadian THE ANGELS

The day is done and in the twilight lone
The sunbeams fade. Far in the crimson
West,
On willow branch, the sparrow's gone to rest
And slow the ploughman leads his horses
home.
With weary step, he wends his way along
And soft and low a bell peals o'er the hill:
It stirs his heart with music sweet and still
And fills the vale with its bright, mellow
song.
It speaks to him and stills the heavy load
That weighs in sorrow on his soul. 'E'en
now
It whispers peace and from his noble brow
He lifts his hat and, pausing by the road,
With folded hands, he kneels up on the sod
And breathes an evening prayer unto his
God.

J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

For The Canadian HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII

Alone he kneels. A hand unseen doth trace
A smile so saintly, 'neath his snow-crowned
brow:
A shade of heaven seems to kiss his face
And linger long in silent awe. And now
He slowly lifts his eyes as if implore
His Master's aid. They rest up on the Cross,
And fingers trembling a sweet in prayer count
o'er
His beads, as night wears on. Not his the
loss
Of sleep. In vain the chimes of midnight
try
To summon him to rest. He hears them not.
On wings of prayer his soul is borne on high
And angels bless his earthly cares forgot
And sweet a voice from Father unto son
Steals o'er his soul for duty nobly done.

-J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Beware of using the personal pronoun "I" too freely in your talk when you are talking in a room full of people. Egotists are often amusing and entertaining, but as often they are very much out of order.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

Either morning or night is a good time for a cold-water bath or even a tepid one, but a hot-water bath should be taken just before retiring, inasmuch as it is relaxing. Never bathe just before or after a hearty meal. Bathe after, instead of before, exercising, and bathe regularly every day.

Successful and delightful any girl may be, even though she cannot stay all day in the home. If it be her duty to be away, teaching in kindergarten or primary school, writing in an office or selling goods in a shop she loses not a bit of her true worth in the household through her brave independence

and her endeavor to relieve her parents of her support.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

American freedom of thought or action was never intended to be construed into license. Yet, so far as our marriage laws are concerned, that is precisely the direction in which freedom is tending. We are horrified at the thought of free love: we go into spasms of virtuous indignation over free divorce, we frown down mightily upon Mormonism. And yet we sanction free marriage—absolutely free with everything eliminated, minister, magistrate and license. There's where our sublime inconsistency comes in.—Edward Bok in the April Ladies' Home Journal

Do not permit the children to form the habit of disputing and quarrelling with each other. It may be prevented, like other bad habits, by watchfulness, particularly if the training is begun when the children are very young. Separation is the best punishment, breaking up the play and taking away the cause of the dispute. Children are social beings and do not like to play alone. They dislike solitude, and if they find it is invariably the result of quarrelling they will take pains to be more amiable so as not to be forced into it.

Impertinent questions are to be met with firm and dignified politeness. Any question about another's personal affairs, about the price of one's clothing, the amount of one's earnings, the reasons one has for entirely private conduct, is impertinent. Would I answer such questions? No; at all. Usually, by a little tact, one can settle such questioners. If there is no other way, I counsel a plain but courteous sincerity—a simple refusal to answer. One may just say: "Pardon me, I prefer not to give any information whatever on this matter."

Do not eat a hearty breakfast if you have any mental or physical work to do thereafter. The full stomach may satisfy your craving, but cannot give you the needed or desired strength under about three or four hours. Digestion, absorption and assimilation must take place before you can get any good from your breakfast. If these processes are not completed the hearty breakfast simply clogs the vital ma-

chinery. Therefore the hearty six o'clock dinner, which will not only build up the waste of the day, but provide a reserve for the morrow, is to be commended.

NOT DUKES ENOUGH FOR ALL

Husbandless American Women are Barred from Queen Margherita's Court

The King of Saxony, lately, when the American Minister to Italy was presented to him, broke forth vehemently: "Ach Himmel! Mein Herr! Half American wives no husbands at all! They come in dozens to mein court! Every one must be presented; every one must be asked to a State dinner. Every one must go in to dinner mit a duke! I ha' no dukes enough to go around! What kind of wives are they? I would like to know! So flagrant is the scandal of our swarming mateless women in Europe that even Queen Margherita, most good humored of sovereigns, has been forced to draw in the tax lines of her court. No married American woman can be presented now at the Quirinal unless accompanied by her husband.—April Ladies' Home Journal

BRANCH 324 PRESENTS ITS HOMAGE TO BISHOP BARRY.

Availing itself of the opportunity of the presence of His Lordship Bishop Barry at St. Basil's, in February last, Rev. Father Dagat, parish priest and President of Branch 24 suggested to adjourn the meeting and to go in a body to the presbytery. This suggestion was unanimously and heartily accepted, and all the members present went there to present to His Lordship their homage and their congratulations on the honor bestowed on him by his appointment to the Episcopate. See as conductor to the Bishop of the diocese of Chatham

St. Basil's Branch, in going to salute His Lordship Bishop Barry, view not only the rendering of homage to a high dignitary of the Church, but also to salute in the person of His Lordship an old and devoted pastor of St. Basil's parish. Another reason for the branch acting thus was that Bishop Barry may be considered as the Father, the true founder, of the C. M. B. A. in the Province of New Brunswick, for it is his zeal, to his devotion and especially to his encouragement that is due the organization of the first branches of the association in that Province.

After a pleasant conversation for a few moments with His Lordship, Rev. Father Dagat prayed him to give his blessing to the branch, to which Bishop Barry condescended, adding his best wishes.

WHAT "IMPARTIAL" OF TIGISH. P. E. I. HAS TO SAY.

We have just received the financial statement of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada. We regret not having time and space at our disposal to give said statement in full. For want of this let us say that since the association increased its branch list to as follows: in Ontario, in Quebec, in New Brunswick, in Nova Scotia, in Prince Edward Island, in Manitoba and in the North West Territories. The membership is now 1,400. The Reserve Fund amounts to \$20,000. The assets of the society \$100,000. The liabilities \$80,000. Here, in Prince Edward Island, we have 11 branches, and there is yet territory for 11 more. A Tigish Branch 251 started with 17 members on its roll, the branch at Palmer Road having been established since. Three members of Branch 251 withdrew to join that of Palmer Road and now the Tigish branch numbers 15 members and is flourishing more every week.

The C. M. B. A. is encouraged by the Church and its prelates. Bishop McDonald, last year, in a circular to the clergy of the diocese, recommended this society and expressed his desire to see all eligible parishoners in the C. M. B. A., forbidding at the same time Roman Catholics to join any other society which is not approved by the Church, and that no member of the Catholic Church should belong to the Independent Order of Foresters.

As to the figures quoted above, one will understand that the C. M. B. A. is one of the strongest, richest and best managed societies in Canada. It is the true society for Catholics. It is the true guardian of their support of widows and orphans.

Let us learn from our Lord, Who allowed Himself to be tempted for our instruction, that we are to go on whenever he calls us to tempt us to evil. Let us remember that as Christ did it, the tempter will surely leave us, and the angels in the shape of God's grace and encouragements, will come and minister to us and strengthen our souls in fidelity in His service.