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THE READER'S CORNER

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"The holly and ivy let us bring,
And weave it with the holly,
To make a crown for the greatest King,
That ever yet was born.
The snow's a flower in the garden bed,
The frost is on the tree,
But holly hath berries red,
And ivy a green leaf too.
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And ivy a green leaf too.

There's many a one is wending by
To see the new King's face,
To kiss his hand for pity,
To pray, "Long live the King!"
Lo! country lads keep the sheep
Upon yon bleak hillsides,
The sheep are following all asleep,
The dog walks round the sheep,
The sheep are following all asleep,
The dog walks round the sheep.

So far we to their place do
That standeth open wide,
The snow's a flower in the garden bed,
The frost is on the tree,
Are Kings in Jew and in Rome,
That sleep in bed with the dead,
With ermine like white sea-foam,
To wrap them from the cold.
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Oh! 'Tis but a boy's Child,
Though beautiful to see,
And here is but his mother mild,
Who rocks him on her knee!
And here is but a grey-beard man,
An ass and an oxen,
King Babe, no taller than a span,
Accept our fealty,
King Babe, no taller than a span,
Accept our fealty.

The dawn of a New Year sees the
birth of a new hope. Before us stretch
the days and weeks and months fraught
with many possibilities, and we re-
solve to learn from the mistakes of the
past and do better in the days to come.
So we resolved last year you and I,
dear reader, and how have we per-
formed. Are we in any way different
this first of January from what we were
a year ago today? Have we broken
with old faults, strengthened the weak
spots, taken a forward step? Or are we
just the same, only a little strengthened
in our imperfections? Remember what
the devout book says: If every year we
rooted out one vice we would soon be
perfect, and does not the Good Book
warn us to work while it is day so that
we may have finished our task before
the shadows fall? Just one year nearer
to the Right, and just a little bit more
imperfect. Thus we began, you and I?

"Toll ye the church bell sad and slow
And tread softly and speak low
For the old year is passing away."

As we listen to the bell tolling for
the passing year, we ever think that
it will one day toll for us! But the
same bell that sounds the death-knell of
the old year rings the birth of the
New. So too with death—It is but the
portal of life. "Man's prison-house, not
man, the hand of death lays low,"
There is no death, only transition. As
Tennyson says "The face of Death is
towards the Sun of life—his true name
is 'Onward'."

May the New Year be bright and
happy for all of you, and may your
hopes blossom into realization in the
months to come.

My notes on Literary Societies in
general and Ladies' Literary Societies
in particular continue to excite in-
terest. "Carmela" writes, what system
would you adopt to establish a literary
circle in a society of half-educated but
clever girls, who must be amused at all
costs? By the latter statement I mean
that an evening of totally without amuse-
ment would certainly develop brain-
fever in some of our members. Perhaps
you can devise some way of uniting in-
struction and recreation? Another
difficulty is the difference about ex-
pressing an opinion on any serious sub-
ject, which prevails among our girls.
Perhaps this difference is natural, but it
must be eliminated if any work is to be
done along the proposed lines. As you
offered to tender advice to any club of
Catholic girls desirous of improving
their minds, as well as enjoying their
leisure, I make bold to ask you to tell
us something of the manner of running
an "easy reading circle."

"Carmela" is certainly gifted with
very commendable humility. The
"half-educated but clever girls" rings
true. Though I'd vote to exempt
"Carmela" from the number. I don't
think my correspondent will find it
difficult to get together three or four other
girls as clever and well-educated as
herself, and can inspire them with a
little enthusiasm, the thing is done. If
yours is to be just a reading circle,
make it a condition of membership that
every one prepares a paper which they
read in succession at the various meet-
ings. But my ideal L. L. S. is some-
thing more than a mere reading circle.
I find that an audience tired of too
many essays. In a certain L. L. S. that
I know of they have produced the fol-
lowing programme during the session
October—December, 1910. "Address
on Catholic Libraries" by a visiting
priest. (first meeting.) Debate on
"Should Canada have her own Navy."
(second meeting.) "An Evening with
Tennyson" (third meeting.) Speech
Night. "Immaculate Speech Contest"
(fourth meeting.) "The Christmas
Story" (fifth meeting.) Take
the third meeting. Every member on
the programme was Tennysonian. A
twenty-minute lecture on "Crossing
the Bar"—"Come into the Garden
Maid"—"The Holy Grail"—"St. Agnes
Eve"—"Was Tennyson a Believer?"
etc., etc. Every one of these meetings
was an enthusiastic success. A large
hall was crowded to the doors, and some
of the best people of the city were on
the platform or amongst the audience.
And they combined instruction and
entertainment. Why cannot "Carmela"
do likewise?

True happiness is never found where
imperfection exists, therefore we must
seek it in the perfect state which is God.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

New Year's Day resolutions are in
order for the new leaf that is to be
turned in 1911. Every young man
should take a quarter of an hour off
for an interview with his conscience.
He should consider his conduct at
home, in business, and among his friends,
and see what needs amendment.
Does he treat his parents respect-
fully? Is he kind to his brothers and
sisters? Is he a model son and brother?

Does he give his employer honest
service? Does he do his full duty at
work?

What kind of friends has he? Does
he waste his free time? Is he any
better now than he was this time last
year? Has he made any progress for
good in any direction? Has he any
valuable companions?

If a young man wants to make the
most of himself, he may be helped by
these hints:

1. Rent a seat in church and go to
the High Mass on Sunday and read
the Bible or the Bible or some
other good book every evening.

2. Join a Catholic society and attend
its meetings regularly.

3. Take up some study—singing, the
violin, German or Spanish, the
law, medicine or chemistry—the mind
busy and form an occasion for persistent
effort.

4. Open an account in a savings bank
and put something into it every week.

5. Buy a lot of a thoroughfare where
values will increase within the next few
years. Buy it on installment payments
if you can't pay cash. But have some
real estate of your own, some hold on a
bit of ground.

6. That isn't much, is it? Only six
resolutions, all of them easy.

But these six resolutions, sincerely
made and faithfully lived up to, would
transform many young men who now are
drifting to the devil for want of staunch
and good company.

They'll benefit any young man who'll
make use of them.

Try them.

WORK TO BE DONE

The old year is dead. There he lies
wrapt in his snowy winding sheet. But
though dead he is not dumb. His agony
through the birth throes of the new.
His last sigh was the breath of life that
made the new year a living thing.

It is the gauge of the new is the echo of the
old. Much of what has been will be
there is nothing new under the sun.

It is a time to call to mind the eternal
years. Let the headstrong mule and
let the cynic sneer, but let him who
wishes his steps to beat time to eternal
life, repeat and read.

Some lives
are hard and thorny as a varnished
blackthorn stick. They will shoot forth
branches of sympathy, and bend into
blossoms of joy, only by a miracle, like
the flowers of the desert.

Some lives
are a delusion and a snare. As if
everything on earth does not grow old,
as if the most precious things, even
sacred ones, were not often broken.

Some lives
are a flower born to blush unseen of
man, not a thing of beauty and a
joy to the heart of God.

The old year is dead. Non
omnis moritur, may he say, as we.
The lighter things of life pass away forever.
Like the wake of the keel on the waves,
like the blue smoke curling up to the
clouds with graceful playfulness, they
vanish and leave not a rack behind.

But the deep things of man are beyond
the hours of time and place; they are
in the book of God.

Stupendous prerogative of the human
will! When the imperial will stoops
to conquer, she can order the recording
angel to wipe out all records that
show of shame and sin set down against her.

The recording angel does not use in-
decent ink. Let but a single tear from
a sincere heart fall upon the blackened
page and it becomes white as the soul
of a child from the baptismal font. God
first gives the grace to repent and re-
pent and then the promise that forgiveness
will follow as the night the day.

Why, then, shed barren tears over
irreparable things? The old year has
passed away health and work and
peace and friends from many. When the
spotless soul wistfully peering into the
clouds that hid our divine Lord as he
ascended into heaven, two angels came
and gently rebuking them told them to
go back to the upper room in the city
and give themselves to prayer in pre-
paration for the work that was to be
done when they stood and weep.

Why should we stand and weep
over the dead? Let them rest. They
are better off. They found a good
fight and won a crown. They sailed
stormy seas and got safe to port. Would
they risk the angry waves again? In the
most genuine sorrow there lurks genuine
selfishness. God be good to them that
are gone and may our end be like theirs.

As for health God took it away, to put
something better in its room. A lusty
body is not the end of life. Our bodies
will pass and our souls will live. Our
bodies will rust and our souls will live.

We have a bite to eat and a rag to wear
and a heart full of the gold of charity we
are heirs of unchangeable wealth, in a
land where sickness and sorrow, and
meanness and greed and lust and
pride and pose and hollow hearts and
lying tongues are unknown, and where
virtue is served on the throne and virtue
lives on the scaffold. A record of all
never on the scaffold. A record of all
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Do it. Do it. Take the wet sponge of
charity and pass it over the filthy face
of that reeking page, get it down on your
knees and pray: "May my right hand
forget its cunning before I consent to
set down again a single word to wound a
brother, may my tongue cleave to the
roof of my jaw before I express a
brother of Jesus Christ and the son of
the eternal Father." Here is a man
who, with all his faults, has the charity
of silence for his neighbors' sins. He
seems to play the street for the devil.
He hears scandal, but does not get
seasick, and is not seized with irre-
pressible vomiting spells, so that he can
neither eat nor drink until he has re-

Whooping Cough

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the health, as well as antagonistic to
beauty, and girls who indulge in them
should learn daintiness and swim-
ming. A neat appearance and a pretty
face and figure are well worth cultivat-
ing, but a girl must not rely on them
alone for success. She must study her
abilities and endeavor to make them
greater each day, and, above all, learn
to rely on herself alone. Self reliance
is a splendid thing to acquire if one is
succeeding, at this it is generally con-
sidered to be the girl who makes a study of her
capabilities.

Whether a girl's ambitions turn to-
ward business, household, or social suc-
cess, she must study herself first. But
few really know how to do this. Many
girls study dress, beauty, and possibly
manners to a certain extent, but they
omit to study the weak points in their
abilities and characteristics. A girl
who wishes to appear to the best advan-
tage must calmly and disinterestedly
discuss herself with herself and think
up her good and bad points. Her next
step should be the consideration of how
to set off her good ones to advantage,
and how to improve her weak ones.

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Others possessed of a fair amount of
good looks do not take the slightest
trouble to enhance or preserve them,
whereas a wise maiden will always en-
deavor to improve herself by constant
careful and systematic attention to all
the little details which go far to
beautify a woman. A little housework
is to be recommended as efficacious, and
the least expensive of all remedies; the
vigorous use of a duster, the nice con-
duct of a broom, are excellent in their
way—a little digging in the garden is
better still, and is also one of the best
cosmetics in the world.

Some girls devote all their thoughts
to outward details, and are simply no
where in conversation or the art of
making themselves pleasant, agreeable
and giving rise to the frequently
heard remark, "Yes, she's pretty, but
there's nothing to her."

Girls desiring to enter upon a business
career must impress upon their minds
the fact that an employer appreciates
women who can seize his ideas and fol-
low them out without asking a thousand
and one questions.

They must not think that because
they are girls an employer should be
more considerate toward them and their
shortcomings. They would be to re-
fuse of a man.

Then, again, some girls are apt to be
overconfident when they first enter an
office, store or warehouse, and consid-
er that every little thing done well is
new to them. They are probably
serving of their employers.

Perhaps it may be, but in five cases out
of six the employer has no time to be
his assistant. If a girl knows and be-
lives in the smallest detail, she will have the
reward of a quiet conscience, and a kind
employer will not forget a word of en-
couragement voluntarily from time to
time.

A girl should take every opportunity
of improving her talents. She should
not, or think that she was doing more
than her share when her employer asks
her to do a little "overtime." Nothing
is lost by a long and hard day's work.
Only a penny-wise and pound fool-
ish, forgetting that whatever further
the interests of the house that employs
them will eventually further their own
interests. They are industrious,
energetic and faithful.

Success is a plant which requires con-
stant care of oneself and one's work. If
it is to flourish, the girl who will suc-
ceed in all phases of life is undoubtedly
the one who knows herself and her
capabilities, and has the tact and
facility to use every resource to the
best advantage. The Casket.

NO KIDNAPERS NEED APPLY

When we see the boys on the streets
and public place we often wonder if
they know that business men are watch-
ing them.

In every bank, store and office there
will soon be a place for a boy to fill.

Those who have the management of
the affairs of business are not looking for
boys that are as near gentlemen in every
sense of the word as they can find.
They are not looking for rowdies.

When a boy applies for a job, and these
things are in his mind, he may not tell
him the reason why they do not want
him, but the boy may depend upon it
that he's been rated according to his
behavior.

Men should not afford to adopt the
habits and conversation of the loafers
and rowdies if they ever want to be
called to responsible positions.

THE SMALL SWEET COURTESIES

We wish to tell our readers a secret.
The way to make yourself pleasing to
others is to show that you care for them.
The world is like the miller, "who cared
for nobody, no, no, he, because nobody
cared for him." And the whole world
will serve you so if you give them the
same cause.

Let everyone, therefore, see that you
do work, and show them, by showing them
what is so happily called the "small,
sweet courtesies," in which there is no
parade, whose voice is to still, to ease
and which manifest themselves by
tearful affectionate looks, and little kind
acts of attention, giving others the
preference in every little enjoyment at
the table, in the field, walking, sitting,
or standing.—Church Progress.

To the Point

"Who are driving these unfortunate
men and women from their homes?"
Gazette, re-telling, "but the international
order of militant atheists and Socialists,
who are attempting to acquire the dic-
tatorship over all governments of the
world. The religious order, by their
devoted work in hospitals, orphanages,
etc., are one of the greatest obstacles to
the de-Christianizing of the peoples of
the earth, therefore, the first to be attacked."

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It was a suggestion of Voltaire to his
fellow infidels that they should continue
to throw mud at the Church for, he
added, something will stick. We have
seen and thrown so long at the priest-
hood of South America that even our
selves have concluded that there was
something wrong with it. How often
have we not heard that the South Amer-
ican priesthood was ignorant and im-
moral? So often that even Catholics
began to believe it. No class of men
have suffered more from continued and
malignant calumny than the priests of
South America. The sources of the
calumny is not hard to guess. The
vile misrepresentations have come from
a type of Freemasonry as irreligious as
it is bitter and from Protestant mis-
sionaries, who, having failed in their
attempts at proselytizing, have found nothing
else to say against a priesthood which
has held its people true to the Church
under severe temptations. We venture
to say that scandals among the Catholic
priesthood of South America are fewer
by far than those which the press re-
ports among the Protestant clerical
ranks here in the North and we are sure
that the average of education among
the South American priests is higher
than among the Protestant ministers of
the United States. It is so easy to ex-
aggerate the defects of those we care
nothing for when they live far away and
so easy to accuse them of ignorance and
immorality.

A Catholic gentleman, Mr. D. C.
Stapleton, who spent many years in the
heart of South America, travelling
through several countries, living on in-
imate terms with the people, had excep-
tional opportunities of studying the
Catholic priesthood of South America.
He has only the highest admiration for
it. He