### HER CROSS AND MINE.

(From Mrs. S M. B. Platt's book of poems, just published.)

This is my cross—hers, Sister, see: The only one I have to bear." A flash of gold fell over me, And precious lights were everywhere.

She was a lovely, restless thing,
With time in blossom at her feet,
And on her hand the enchanted ring
Whose promise always is so sweet.

was a nun. My fearless eyes
Had looked their last on youth. I guessed
t something quiet in the skies,
And veiled my face against the rest.

My cross was dark and darkly stained, Even from the heart of one who died.-Invisible drops of blood had rained Thereon, when love was crucified.

That laughing girl could pity me, Because she tancted from my cross The world had fallen. Such as she Still think to lose the world—is loss!

Yet, heavier is her cross than mine, For in the fatal jewels there (Oh, will she ask for help divine?) I know she has the world to bear.

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At the present time there is in the world, especially in populous cities, no small number of men who have the combination of vices so forcibly described by the Apostle St. Paul. In some places they may be in the majority, and have the power to enforce their depraved views on their righteous neighbors. By their slanders they can revile virtue; by their blasphemies they endeavor to bring odium on God's plan of ruling the world. Their hatred of religion is manifested not only in the regulation of personal affairs, but also in their business methods, and in their utterances on public questions. If these stubborn, puffed-up lovers of sensuality, traitors to God, who are without affection and without peace, could be assigned to a reservation in some corner of the world, their range of influence would be kept within a definite area. But their master, the devil, though permitted to roam from place to place, owns no real estate, and has no absolute dominion over any portion of this earth.

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Hence it is an important matter for Catholic young men to consider the results upon themselves of the unavoidable contact with those in the world who are more or less infected with erroneous views, or have become the victims of debasing or have become the victims of debasing vices. Such characters are to be found in vices. Such characters are to be found in nearly every department of business. It often happens that a young man, when he begins to work, is obliged to enter a sphere beyond the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim an intellectual superiority on account of their unbelief. Business engagements may compel a Catholic iority on account of their unbelief. Business engagements may compel a Catholic young man to be within hearing distance of shallow exeptics, who take every opportunity to ask questions—not to get information, but merely to ventilate their contempt for all religious teaching. These hostile influences have produced in many of our young men very deplorable results. By a sort of indifference, resembling the dry rot, they have allowed themselves to get into a very unsafe state of mind regarding their duties to God.

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without his own personal activity. If he selects by preference heretics and free-thinkers as the companions of his leisure hours; if he is so puffed up with the idea of his own ability that he can find no Catholic associates worthy of his notice; if he is so confident of his own strength that he habitually neglects to receive Holy Companion, he has become a traiter to previous to which he worked for seven previous to which he worked for seven years in Dawes' brewery, Lachine, died this morning. He was born at Radurf, County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to this country about 1853. Of late years he has been managing his farm, about two miles from Billings' Bridge. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. His funeral will take place from his late residence, Nicholas street, on Monday next.—Otlawa Evening Journal. that he habitually neglects to receive Holy Communion, he has become a traitor to the King of Heaven. Our Lord wants His followers to attain the highest standard of human excellence. To those who love Him and fearlessly keep His commandments He gives the courage which belongs to true manliness; and their piety has power to surmount every obstacle on the way to heaven. Monday next.—Ottawa Evening Journal, Dec. 12.

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or that congregation. Buffalo Union. "No mud on Col. Ingersoll's boots," exclaims that delectable little Infidel sheet—ironically called The Truth Seeker. sheet—ironically called The Truth Seeker.
This is the first time we have heard of Ingereoll's boots being a potential argument of Infidelity. We beg most respectfully to declare that we have never heard of Ingersoll's boots. There may be mud on them or snakes in them for aught we know. Didn't the devil appear aught we know. Didn't the devil appear as a pretty considerable snake to Eve, albeit that woman thus early didn't wear the boots? Of course, being a Col. we suppose Ingersoll wears boots, but for kicking purposes they are flat and flabby when compared with those pointed and penetrating Roman toed boots with which Father Lambert makes little blasphemers yell. blasphemers yell.

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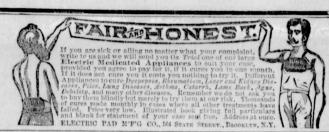
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