

Obituary.

Hugh Kelly, of New York.

Sarah Doyle, who died in Alliston, Ont., on Aug. 16th.

John Graham, who died suddenly on Feb. 14th, 1902, at Metuchen, N.J.

The following lately deceased are recommended to the pious prayers of our readers:

Mary Ann Spaunhorst, who departed from this life on Sept. 13th, at St. Louis, Mo.

Sister Macrina, who passed away peacefully, at Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, Ont.

BOOKS.

Books are teachers whose influence is peculiar to themselves. They speak not to you unless you speak to them. You must go to them, or they will not come to you. They teach when other teachers sleep, or travel, or die. In the silence of the midnight hour, or in the seclusion of a mountain or forest retreat, with none but you and your book, there you and it, in stillness and solitude, may converse together. Not one sound shall pass from either to the other, yet you and it shall talk as though you had a veritable living person by your side. In the indelible form of printed words, passing as rapidly as the weaver's shuttle before your eyes, it then holds conversation with you in the secret chamber of your mind. Enfolded in those magic syllables and sentences, in a voice which none can hear but the visible ear of your own silent soul.—The Young Catholic Messenger.

Neutral men are the devil's allies.

The hardest step is over the threshold.

The less men think the more they talk.—Montesquieu.

The knowledge of thyself will preserve thee from vanity.—Cervantes.

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.—Carlyle.

The ideal of friendship is to feel as one while remaining two.—Mme. Swetchine.

"The least said is the easiest remedied," is an old saying, but contains such a powerful amount of truth that when our glance falls on the expression we cannot help but ponder over it. In these days of worldly strife, we are prone to criticise our neighbor and many cases of enmity lasting to the grave have been caused by the tongue of the willing talker. We should be careful as to what we say, and as to the manner we say it, when we are speaking of another. We should avoid confidences with our intimates for therein lies the thread of so much after-sorrow. Man is prone to error; if he has done wrong we should be the first to assist him. We can never make a man better by continually letting him know that he was once the subject of much criticism.

To do nothing by halves is the way of a noble mind.

We are liable to be corrupted by books as by companions.

Resignation is putting God between ourselves and grief.

Thy actions, and thy actions alone determine thy worth.

Trifles make up perfection, and perfection is no mere trifle.

Stab at thee who will; no stab the soul can kill.—Raleigh.

We all bear the misfortune of others with heroic constancy.

To be misunderstood is the cross and bitterness of life.—Amiel.

Our greatest misfortunes come to us from ourselves.—Rousseau.

Reprove thy friend privately, commend him publicly.—Solon.

Say not always what you know, but always know what you say.

Religion is as necessary to reason, as reason is to religion.—Washington.

Religion presents few difficulties to the humble, many to the proud, and innumerable to the vain.

Usually speaking, the worst bred person in company is a traveller just returned from abroad.—Swift.

The meditative heart attends the warning of each day and hour, and practices in secret every virtue.—Goethe.