

The Ambitious jockey boy, by means of fasting and a long-continued Turkish bath, will often reduce his own weight to the utmost limit, in order that by sacrificing his last superfluous ounce he may the more certainly bring his feet racer through victorious.

LET us, therefore, lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, in order that we may run with patience and with success the race that is set before us. Would every soldier of Christ show a like eagerness for victory, how soon would the world be conquered for Christ.—*Heathen Woman's Friend.*

ONE day an Indian asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The bishop asked: "Why?" He said: "One dollar for me to give to Jesus and one dollar for my wife to give." The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said: "Yes." The bishop was about to tell him: "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman who was standing by whispered: "It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."

THE SOWERS.

All seed is in the sower's hands.

—*Rossetti.*

Ten thousand sowers through the land
Passed heedless on their way;
Ten thousand seeds in every hand
Of every sort had they.
They cast seed here, they cast seed there,
They cast seed every where.

Anon, as many a year went by,
These sowers came once more,
And wandered 'neath the leaf-hid sky
And wondered at the store;
For fruit hung here, and fruit hung there,
And fruit hung everywhere.

Nor knew they in that tangled wood
The trees that were their own.
Yet as they plucked, as each one should,
Each plucked what he had sown.
So do men here, so do men there,
So do men everywhere.

—*Leaflet.*

A Roman Catholic church, originally built for the Hussites, has been ceded by the Town Council of Laun, in Bohemia, for the use of the Protestant congregation gathered in that town. The event is evidence that religious liberty is making headway even in Austria.

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