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IT MAY BE YOUR TURN NEXT.

Judge not too harshly, oh! my friend,

Of him your fellow-man—
But draw the veil of charity
About him, if you can.
He once was called an honest man,
Before sore trials vexed—
He stepped from out the narrow
way:
It may be your turn next.

Fainting upon the great highway,
A suffering soul doth lie;
Go staunch his wounds and quench
his thirst,
Nor pass him idly by.
God will not brook the swift ex-
cuse
The thoughtless vain pretext;
A fellow-mortal bites the dust:
It may be your turn next.

You heard, one day, a single word
Against a person's name;
Oh bear it not from door to door
To further hurt his fame.
If you're the man you claim to be,
Remember then the text
To "speak no evil" true or false:
It may be your turn next.

The world is bad enough, we own,
And many need more light;
Yet with true love for all, may we
Help on the Sense of Right.
Lift up the sinful and the weak,
The souls by care perplexed,
Well knowing that to drink the gall:
It may be your turn next.
—Mrs. M. A. Kidder.

LINE UPON LINE.

Teach your children, dear moth-
ers, the above poem; teach them
not to look for gratitude nor to
perform acts of charity with such
an aim in view. Leave that to
politicians and office-seekers to be
worthy of Walpole's cynical epigram
"Gratitude is a lively sense of fa-
vors to come." Teach them all our
actions are in God's hands and
from Him alone we are to look for
the reward. Teach your children
that misfortunes come to all indis-
criminately, that they are not a
temporal punishment for our sins,
but often a sign of God's love and
teach them to bear them cheerfully.
God is my Father, Almighty,
yet All Wise and full of charity.
He doeth all things well and from
His hands I can receive nothing but
for my eternal welfare, if I trust
Him. "If he ask for bread will he
give him a stone?"

Teach them that self is not the
circle of existence and that happiest
are those who forget self and think
only of the happiness of those
around them. Teach them that 'tis
manly, as boys, to help their sis-
ters in the home, to be in every
way a gentle man one must be de-
serving of both the little words
"gentle" and "man." Teach them
that in "serenity lies power" and
losing one's temper and being rude
and boisterous are beneath the
dignity of a good little Catholic
boy or girl. Teach them that the
inseparable condition of efficiency
and thrift is self-control. Teach
them above all to be kind, to be
courteous to one and all, to be even
more lenient and more painstaking
with the weak and those who
have fallen, never to forget the
magic power of the kind word, for:
"Down in the human heart, crush-
ed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can
restore;
Touched by a loving hand, waken-
ed by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vi-
brate once more."

HER USE FOR IT.

"I want to get a camera," said
young Mrs. Motherwell.
"Yes, ma'am," said the clerk.
"What size, please?"
"Why, the smallest, I guess," she
said, dreamily, "I want one that's
suitable to take the picture of a
two-months-old baby."

No man or woman of the humbl-
est sort can really be strong,
pure and gentle and good, without
the world being better for it, with-
out somebody being helped and
comforted by the very existence of
that goodness.—Philips Brooks.

Brandon Notes.

Mrs. H. Therrien left on Thurs-
day for Wolseley, where she will
spend a month with her daughter,
Mrs. M. Ryder.

Mr. B. O'Toole, C.P.R. operator
at Swift Current, spent Wednesday
in the city. Mr. O'Toole, who has
during the past three months visit-
ed Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and
other eastern points states that no
one who has tasted of the joys of
western life could content himself,
even in one of these fine cities.

Mr. John Kelly, of the C. P. R.,
left on Monday for Winnipeg, where
he expects to reside in future.

On the 17th of March a concert
under Mr. Chas. H. Russell's man-
agement will be given in the city
hall in aid of St. Augustine's
church. An excellent programme is
being prepared and a good house is
expected.

On Friday, Mother St. Germaine,
of St. Michael's Convent, celebra-
ted her silver jubilee. The pupils
of the school gave an entertainment
in honor of the event.

That anyone daring to sign him-
self "A Catholic" should voice such
sentiments, such calumnies, as
those in a letter to the "Free
Press" on Saturday, shocks and
grieves all true Catholics.

On Sunday Rev. Father Godts
spoke at High Mass on "The priest
as a spiritual father." Very clearly
the reverend speaker showed how
appropriate is this title to the
priests of the Catholic Church.
How, in matters of conscience, we
may, without further anxiety, ac-
cept the decision of him, who takes
the place of God our heavenly Fa-
ther. What a source of gratitude is
this only the greatest Saints
have fully realized. God the Son,
the Second Person of the Blessed
Trinity, did not come on earth, suffer
and die merely to leave a book
—a dead letter—as the guide to
eternal happiness. No, He left his
apostles and their successors to ad-
minister the sacraments and teach
the faithful. It is surprising then
that the Catholic clergy should be
loved and venerated as they cer-
tainly are, loved and venerated no
less by one another than by the
pious faithful? No, and when a
penitent listens to the words so
consoling "go in peace," he experi-
ences a joy which is impossible out-
side of the Catholic Church."

NOTES FROM STE. ROSE.

A new school district, Ste. Rose
North, is now formed on the cou-
lee, school to begin 1st of March.
Since we have a municipality we
hear these little amenities. Oh you
know it is true, the bridge is bad-
ly fixed, you would never have been
paid for it if you were not related
to the municipality, or a portion
of it, the man we cannot do with-
out. Now, the new bridges, six in
number, will be made by outsiders,
men of metal, or they will be, when
they are paid, the bridges also are
to be of iron. We are hoping to
have an extension of the railway
to Ste. Rose, in fact, we are peti-
tioning the Government for that
purpose; it would also be of singu-
lar advantage to the people east
of the lake and those at Ste. Ame-
lie (formerly Ste. Anne). We get
letters from intending settlers down
south which seem rather comical
to us, though perfectly natural to
them. "Is it safe to go to such a
place, do you think?" meaning Ste.
Rose. "The snow, is it not with
you yet, perhaps?" We are truth-
ful and write back and say: "My
dear friend, the snow is like the
poor, it is always with us, at this
time of the year; we could not get
on without it—on sleighs anyway."

Many thanks to the Regina cor-
respondent for her kindly message;
we think she knows all about it,
and in a very practical manner.
Has she not already told us in her
bright way, "That the harmonies
of married life should be 'songs
without words.'" If she believes in
the canonization of married wo-
men, why so do I, at any rate I
know several who would get my
vote.

We have no end of ghosts in Eng-
land, although I have only heard
of one being photographed, it took
an American girl to do that, the
story, which is a very charming

one, is evidently written by some-
one not a Briton, for all English
people know that young ladies who
live in Manor houses do not make
use of such expressions as: "I do
call that playing it low down," and
"utter rot," their brothers are
hardly excused for saying such
things before ladies. To mention
one only out of a dozen haunted
houses within my memory—in a
mansion I know well, standing a
little way from the town of Dor-
chester and plainly visible from the
G.W.R. Every night at the family
dinner hour about 7.30 a priest in
black soutane and biretta, pushed
back a little from his forehead, is
seen to descend the large old-fash-
ioned stair-case and pass through
the dimly lighted hall, if it is win-
ter, or across the slanting western
sunbeams if in summer, and enter
the library standing opposite. It
is supposed that he forgot to des-
troy an important document, a
confession perhaps, and not being
able to rest comes still to look for
it. I fear no Masses have been said
for his soul's relief. There was
company staying in this house not
many years ago, and amongst
others a lady quite a stranger. She
arrived late at the dinner, the host
who had been waiting for her, said:
Now Lady R. is come, we will say
Grace (it is the custom to do this,
in that old-fashioned land, even
amongst Protestants). Oh! no,
said the lady, do wait a moment,
there is a foreign ecclesiastic still
to come. I saw him on the stairs,
The host did not wait, greatly to
her surprise.

We have our little idylls here, al-
though prosaic as a rule. The fair
one in this case was the fond one,
but as for him he wasn't on, he
said he never had been. How care-
ful we should be not to hold out
false hopes! He waited until at
last she was gone, then he drove
off alone, a sadder and a wiser
man, and will probably soon be a
poorer one. But she, well she
wasn't a Jewess, and yet she gave
it to be understood that all she
wanted was to sleep on Abraham's
bosom (such being his name).

THE CARTOON MISTAKEN.

"The other day," says the Cas-
ket, "we saw a cartoon in a Chi-
cago paper representing all the na-
tions of Europe in various stages
of financial distress, while Uncle
Sam, behind the plow, calls cheer-
ily to his horses. Spain was re-
presented by a feeble old man with
a bandaged head, leaning on a cane
an expression of misery on his face.
Yet we venture to believe that
there are not in the whole of
Spain to-day as many hungry peo-
ple as daily besiege the soup kit-
chens of the Salvation Army in
Chicago at the present. Spain has
no Rockefeller's or Morgans,—for
which she should devoutly thank
heaven."

Of course we pardon a great deal
of inexactness in a plain, blunt man
like Colonel Blake, who, while the
rest of us were helping the Boers
at long range, went and took a
hand in the fight,—we say, we
can pardon inexactness in him; but
had it been another speaker who
called Faneuil Hall "the birthplace
of the liberty of the whole human
race," we would be moved to re-
mind him that human liberty ex-
isted* in other times and other
climes than ours.—The Boston Re-
view, Feb. 7th.

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AT PORT ARTHUR.

The new Roman Catholic school
is now being used for the purpose
for which it was erected. Teachers
and scholars took possession yester-
day, having vacated the old
premises on Friday last. The
new building is an imposing look-
ing structure and occupies a most
commanding position, on a hill,
facing Arthur street. It is of brick
and finished throughout in first-
class style that denotes the work
of Robert Hamer, the contractor.
Besides the four rooms composing
the school there is a large hall in
the upper flat which will be used
for public gatherings in which the
Catholic section of the community
are interested. A stage is located
at one end of the hall.

On Sunday the ceremony of ded-
icating the building and blessing it
was performed by Rev. Father

Neault, assisted by other clergy-
men. The ceremony was impres-
sive and was witnessed by a very
large number, being composed of
the members of St. Andrew's
church. After vespers a procession
was made up of children, clergy,
school trustees and congregation
moved from the church to the front
of the new building, where the cere-
mony of blessing the exterior was
performed. The party of reverend
gentlemen then entered the build-
ing and the interior was blessed,
after which ceremony the building
was thrown open to all who wish-
ed to enter.—Port Arthur Chron-
icle, Feb. 10.

MAY REPEAL ANTI-JESUIT LAW.

The German government has de-
cided to readmit the Jesuits, who,
since July, 1872, have been exclu-
ded from Germany.

Chancellor von Buelow, in the reich-
stag Tuesday, said he would use
his influence to instruct the Prus-
sian members of the bundesrath to
support the repeal of the anti-Je-
suit law so far as to permit indi-
vidual German and foreign Jesuits
to reside in Germany, but not to
allow the founding of Jesuit chap-
ters which, the chancellor believed,
the confederated governments would
not accept.

The chancellor's announcement
caused a sensation among the
members, though it was not un-
expected, in view of the cabinet's
negotiations with the majority
parties over the passage of the
tariff bill. It was reported early in
December last that the government
had promised the leaders of the
center party that it would no longer
oppose the re-admission of the
Jesuits, provided that the party
supported the government's tariff
bill.

Herr Spahn, one of the center
party leaders, after the chancellor
had made the statement, thanked
him in behalf of his party.

Her von Bollmar, Socialist, said
the Socialists dissociated them-
selves from the thanks because
they believed the anti-Jesuit law
should be entirely repealed.

The majority of the reichstag un-
doubtedly will support the read-
mission of the Jesuits when the
bundesrath submits the necessary
bill.

MAY RETURN.

The action of chancellor von Bue-
low regarding the Jesuits will be
read with great interest. Several
times in recent years the reichstag,
or lower house in Germany has
passed laws providing for the re-
turn of the Jesuits, but each time
the bundesrath refused its sanction.
It appears now that Chancellor von
Buelow is to use his powerful in-
fluence to secure the passage of
such a measure in the bundesrath
which may bring about a favor-
able result. This is in return for
the center party's support of the
government tariff. But for this
support the bill would not have
passed.

"Perkasie is a very lazy man,"
said Triplett to Twynn. "Is he?"
"Yes; he won't even let his friends
work him."—Detroit Free Press.

Teacher—Johnny, you've been
fighting. Johnny—Yes'm; Jimmie
Brown said his teacher was prettier
than you, an' I licked him till he
took it back.—Pick-Me-Up.

Mae—Cholly is awfully proud of
his family tree.

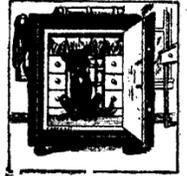
Ethel—I'm quite willing to be-
lieve that his ancestors lived in
trees, but I don't see why he should
be proud of it.—Judge.

Stranger—You have a fine links
here. Do you play much?

The Other One—Me play? Well, I
guess not. There's nothing daffy
about me. I'm the caddy, I am.—
Boston Transcript.

"Why," says Uncle Sam, "should
Miss Canada want Skagway and
Dyea?"

"I don't know," says John Bull,
"but Alaska."—Toronto Star.



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