

## Home Column

MAXIMUS.

I hold him great who for love's sake  
Can give with generous, earnest  
will;  
Yet he who takes for love's sweet  
sake,  
I think I hold more generous still.

I bow before the noble mind  
That freely some great wrong  
forgives;  
Yet nobler is the one forgiven,  
Who bears that burden well and  
lives.

It may be hard to gain and still  
To keep a lowly steadfast heart;  
Yet he who loses has to fill  
A harder and a truer part.

Glorious it is to wear the crown,  
Of a deserved and pure success;  
He who knows how to fail has won  
A crown whose lustre is no less.

Great may he be who can com-  
mand  
And rule with just and tender  
sway  
Yet is diviner wisdom taught  
Better by him who can obey.

Blessed are those who die for God,  
And earn the martyr's crown of  
light;  
Yet he who lives for God may be  
A greater conquerer in his sight.  
—Adelaide Proctor.

## IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENT IN HOME TRAINING.

The most important factor in a child's education is its environment. All unconsciously he copies the manner, speech and mode of life of those about him. Children left to the care of illiterate persons and having little or no association with their own parents are sure to show it in speech and conduct. The duty of living with their children is something no conscientious parents should neglect. From three years of age, children should eat at least two meals each day at the family table with their parents. The father may long for a quiet meal and a chance to exchange confidences with his wife, but the children belong to the board with him. This makes it necessary to be guarded in the choice of topics for conversation, for no parent wishes to train up his children to be gossip-peddlers. Besides, what a parent says before his children should be so carefully chosen that he is perfectly willing to hear it repeated.

## VALUE OF TABLE TALK AND MANNERS.

The table talk of a well informed man is full of instruction, intense and much useful and varied general information will be stored up in youthful minds, acquired by listening. That conversation is often on topics beyond their comprehension is a matter of course. Yet this is not harmful to the child. He finds in it proof of the superior wisdom of his elders, which is wholesome in these days, when all too soon the youngster begins to set great store by his own slender knowledge. The child who has all his life heard interesting and important subjects discussed is far less likely to be consumed by vanity than one who finds his own level is rarely surpassed by those with whom he comes in contact. Not for a moment should it be thought that parents will consume all the meal time in learned discourse, for no fond father can see the fresh young faces about him without wishing to share their youthful zest in life and play. Children readily acquire the habit of storing up some item of interest for the dinner hour. Every meal should be a feast of love and good will. No reports of misdeeds or neglected tasks should break the harmony or spoil the digestion of the meal.

"I deal in second-hand pianos," began the man at the door, "and I thought—" "You can't sell one here," interrupted the woman. "My daughter has a piano already." "That's just it; the people next door told me you had one, but there was no one in the house who knew how to play it. I thought I might buy it."—Philadelphia Press.

## Regina Notes

The Feast of Purification was duly celebrated here. Rev. Father Kustorz celebrated High Mass at nine o'clock and blessed candles. Rev. Father Van Heertum being absent at one of the missions. On Tuesday, Feb. 3, the feast of St. Blais was honored. Rev. Father Van Heertum celebrated Mass and blessed the throats of all present. This was most gratifying to all the parents of the Congregation, especially as at present the prevalence of diphtheria is to be deplored. What a glorious religion is ours! and how grateful those blessed with the gift of faith should be. To a convert all these ceremonies, these wonderful helps in a Christian's career, both for body as well as soul, are subject of the greatest admiration, and cause unbounded thanksgiving to Him who called them to His fold.

We are enjoying beautiful winter weather.

We really did not know what an important factor the Northwest Review was and how much we would miss its weekly visits in our homes till we were deprived of a few copies. That such was an oversight we are glad to know and hope it may long continue its praiseworthy work in our western homes.

## Brandon Notes.

Rev. W. L. Jubinville, of St. Felix, was calling on friends in the city this week.

Mr. Edmund Drewery, of Rapid City, is taking a course at the O'Sullivan Business College here.

Mr. Joseph Bisharah, of Minnedosa, was in town this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. O'Hara was the hostess at a most enjoyable ladies' euchre on Wednesday afternoon. About twenty-four ladies were present.

Mr. W. H. O'Sullivan spent a few days in the capital this week.

It is with much pleasure that I have read in your valuable paper recent articles refuting reports and criticisms in the daily papers concerning a late sermon by our beloved and learned Archbishop. A few days after the publication of one of these reports, your correspondent was asked even by an intelligent, well educated Protestant gentleman, "Is it true that Catholics who do not vote according to the dictates of the priests, will be excommunicated?" It is truly lamentable that such ignorance can go hand in hand with education.

## FATHER BURTIN'S DEATH.

In the last issue of the "Annals of Our Lady of the Rosary," of Cap-de-la-Madeleine, there is a touching account of the recent death, at the Hote Dieu, Quebec, of the Rev. Father Nicholas Burtin, O.M.I. The good Oblate was in his seventieth year when, in a mysterious manner, death came to him.

This venerable religious came from France to Canada in the early fifties. After teaching for a short time in the College of Ottawa, he was sent to Caughawaga, Province of Quebec, to labor among the Iroquois Indians of that mission. There he remained for over thirty years, emulating among that tribe the zeal shown centuries ago, to its fierce ancestors, by the Jesuit missionaries. Although busy with the duties of his ministry he found time to devote to literary pursuits. He wrote a grammar of the Iroquois language, several volumes of instruction on religious subjects, and a comprehensive history of the Iroquois natives at that mission.

The story of Father Burtin's strange death is thus told by a contemporary:

Early in December last Rev. Father Guertin, O.M.I., a young member of the Montreal community, fell sick and was taken to a hospital in that city. An operation was deemed necessary in his case, and fears were entertained by the physicians lest he might not survive it. This news was conveyed to Father Burtin, who at once exclaimed: "My God, preserve the life of this young religious who can yet be useful to the church. If it be neces-

sary, take my life, in return for his recovery. But before removing me from this world, allow me to celebrate the golden jubilee of my ordination to the priesthood." The sacrifice was acceptable to God. The venerable priest celebrated his jubilee on the 18th December. That same evening he felt unwell, and was taken to the hospital. On Christmas Eve, as the last Sacraments were being administered to him, a dispatch was received from Montreal, announcing that having safely passed through the operation the young priest had gone back to his community. A few minutes later Father Burtin expired.

We might add that on the occasion of the celebration of Father Burtin's golden jubilee, the Superior of the Oblates, the representatives of all the religious communities, in Quebec, and a number of bishops assisted at the festivities in St. Sauveur. The Rev. Father preached a glowing sermon; he attended all the entertainments given in his honor, at the Church, at the convents, at the Christian Brothers school and at the various academies. He replied to each of the addresses presented to him in most happy and joyful terms. And when all the demonstrations were over he retired fatigued. Next day his friends said: "He over-taxed his strength, and will need a couple of days rest." It was absolutely true that he was overcome with fatigue; but they knew not, as they spoke, that he had already entered upon the eternal rest that comes to "the good and faithful servant."

## INFLUENCE OF A HOPEFUL SPIRIT ON CHILDREN.

Unhappy and dissatisfied people are not good company for our children, because children take what they hear literally, and it is unfair to darken their hopeful horizon with gloomy clouds of possible coming ill. A happy mother singing about the house is a blessing beyond price. If children are with those who make riches and display the end of their being they will naturally place an inordinate value upon those objects. On the other hand, if among people of character, possessed, if not of learning, of aspirations and zeal in acquiring knowledge, with equal certainty these will impress them as of greatest moment. In short what we desire our children to be we must strive with all our powers ourselves to be. A noble example is worth vastly more than a library of homilies on behavior.

## FRENCH GODLESS SCHOOLS.

The French are as loud in their praises of their "free public schools" as Americans are. But when something arises that raises the question of their efficacy in imparting a knowledge of the three R's, the results are often seen to be as negative as in our own case. For instance, the elementary knowledge of French history. Recently, to test their unity in this respect, an examination was made among the new levy of conscripts. Only a fraction of those had ever heard of such a national character as Jean the Maid; fewer still of the fall of the Bastille. Even of so recent an event as the great war of 1870-71 between their own country and Germany few had ever heard or read a word. A very large proportion of the levies were found to be unable to read or write. This under a system of compulsory education, with the central idea solely secular, speaks volumes for the loud boasting of the "progressists."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## A CATHOLIC JUDGE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The announcement that Mr. John T. McDonough, former Secretary of State for New York, had been offered the vacant Judgeship in the Philippines was an agreeable piece of news for all who sincerely desire the welfare and pacification of that distracted and victimized country. Mr. McDonough, it is now known, has accepted the position, and for this sacrifice—for such in effect the decision means to a man in his position—he is entitled to public gratitude. Mr. McDonough is one of the most eminent men in his profession, and his Catholic stand-

ing is no less high. It is creditable to the President's sense of justice, as well as to his acumen, that he is able to comprehend the desirability, if not the necessity, of removing the anomaly of a bench manned entirely by non-Catholics ruling the legal interests of an entirely Catholic people. Had the same consideration and foresight prevailed at the outset of the American occupation, much trouble that has arisen might have been avoided. But it is never too late to mend.—Catholic Standard and Times.

## A MONTREAL JESUIT'S FAME.

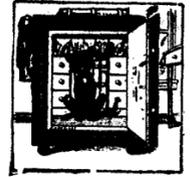
(Toronto Catholic Register.)  
The current issue of the Scientific American has an article telling how a telescope—the third largest in North America—was made at the Jesuit College, Montreal. From the ordinary standpoint this achievement is noteworthy because the telescope satisfies all the demands made upon it, being excelled only by the instruments in the Yerkes and Lick observatories. When, however, it is considered that the Montreal telescope was designed and constructed by one of the priests in the Jesuit College, and that the designer with his own hands erected the machinery required for its production, the undertaking may well be called admirable and its complete success an event worthy of general attention. The designer and builder is Father Garais, S.J., and his work, undertaken in the original manner just stated, naturally shows many novel features. A lathe was put up upon which the crude block of Mantois glass for the mirror was ground. The process of grinding is described in detail by the aid of diagrams in the Scientific American; but it may be interesting here to mention that the whole of the grinding and polishing took 320 hours. The silvering of the mirror and the mechanism for mounting it, are also fully illustrated. The total weight of this telescope is 1,200 pounds. The interest which it has aroused serves once more to show that modern Jesuits are not less devotees of science than the learned sons of Ignatius of the olden time, whose fame in the realm of discovery and invention is imperishable.

## FATHER CORBY AND THE IRISH BRIGADE.

By John C. Linehan in February Donahoe's.

It was the fortune of the writer to be present on July 2nd, 1888, at the memorial ceremonies incidental to the dedication of the monument to the three New York regiments of the Irish brigade. He was then a member of the Board of Directors of the Battlefield Association, and had been requested to receive the monument for the Association. It was certainly a remarkable day. The survivors of the brigade began the exercises by attending Mass in the Catholic church in the town. The writer and Colonel John B. Batchelder, another Director of the Association, were present from the beginning to the end of the exercises. Father Ouellet, S.J., sang the Mass, Father Corby, C.S.C., preached the sermon. It was Father Corby's first appearance before the survivors of the old brigade. In consequence, when he made his appearance on the altar, he was unknown to them, so changed was he. The writer sat in the front seat with Colonel Batchelder, and he will never forget the expression on Father Corby's face as he rose from his knees and faced his old comrades. They had with them their tattered old battle-flags, and the scene was such that he could not control himself. The first words he uttered, with the tears rolling down his cheeks, were in the nature of a surprise, for instead of "My dear brethren," he addressed them as "My dear comrades." When he made himself known as their old chaplain, the veterans were overcome, and many a manly heart throbbed at the recollection of the scene his presence evoked.

Mamma—Why, Bobbie! Crying at the table? What is the matter? Bobby (quite sobby)—The's four kinds of cake, an' I'm only hungry enough to eat two.—Brooklyn Life.



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