

Young Woman's Corner

EASTER.

Where all His Saints assemble make haste, ere twilight cease, His Easter blessing to receive, and so lie down in peace.

—Keble.

THE DAWNING.

Awake, sad heart, whom sorrow ever drowns; Take up thine eyes which feed on earth; Unfold Thy forehead gathered into frowns; Thy Saviour comes, and with Him mirth; Awake, awake!

And with a thankful heart His comforts take, But thou dost still lament and pine and cry, And feel His death but not His victory, Arise, sad heart; if thou dost not withstand, Christ's resurrection thine may be: Do not by hanging down break from the hand Which as it riseth, raiseth thee, Arise, Arise.

—George Herbert.

EASTER.

O day of days, shall hearts set free No "minstre rapture" find for thee? Thou art the Sun of other days, They shine by giving back thy rays.

Enthroned in thy sovereign sphere, Thou sheddest thy light on all the year; Sundays by thee more glorious break, An Easter day in every week.

And week-days following in their train, The fullness of thy blessing gain, Till all both resting and employ Be one Lord's day of holy joy.

—Keble.

THIS DAY.

Again the Lord of life and light Awakes the kindling ray, Unseals the eyelids of the morn, And pours increasing day.

This day be grateful homage paid, And loud Hosannas sung; Let gladness dwell in every heart; And praise on every tongue.

Exalted high at God's right hand, The Lord of all below Through Him is pardoning love dispensed, And boundless blessings flow.

To Thee, my Saviour and my King, Glad homage let me give; And stand prepared like Thee to die, With Thee that I may live.

—Anna Letitia Barbauld.

THE RESURRECTION FESTIVAL.

Oh, happy day! Oh, day of light! Let us be joyful and bright and prettily dressed, but let us put on the new spring array only as a symbol. As a sign of our rejuvenescence in God's service, the prettier and brighter it is the better. God forbid that our new clothes should detract from rather than deepen our fervor on that day.

Why not get a new Easter bonnet? It is a great celebration. We are going to assist at the greatest concert that has ever been heard—the great chorus of hosannas from the great heart of the great old Church. Every Catholic is happy and every Catholic heart is surging with joy. It is a festive day. It is a resurrection of hopes. It is the Day of Hope and with hope come faith and charity. Charity above all is everywhere. We are happy and want every one else to be happy. It is not only our privilege to be happy. It is our duty to be happy and praise God. It is our duty to help our neighbor be happy and praise God.

Let us get up in the morning with the children to see the sun dance and commence our paean early and sing it all day long.

—AMICA.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

(Town Topics, March 28.)

The burglaries of the past few weeks have aroused many citizens to the growing need of increased police protection and no doubt something will be done in this direction almost immediately.

There is a form of stealing going on constantly in our city that is a much more serious matter, because it not only means the present loss of money and property, but is leading to a terrible state of morals among our boys and girls.

Very little is said about it, but daily small thefts are going on all over the city. Only last week a business man traced the constant disappearance of trifling sums of money from a drawer in his office, to certain very small boys, who for months had made a practice of slipping in while the caretaker was at work in another part of the suite of offices.

The thing had been going on for months and the care and system exercised by the boys is appalling, when you consider to what an end it was put.

The thefts had at first been the act of one boy, who had accidentally stumbled on the fact that money was often slipped into this drawer at the end of a day's business. Gradually he took other boys into his confidence until when discovery came there were four of them in the compact. They had found out that between six and seven each evening the janitor was furthest away from this room and a lad would slip up and go through the drawer. As it was a different lad each night it was quite easy to frame an excuse, when occasionally the janitor met one of them coming from the room.

None of these boys are over twelve years of age; they are not foreigners, nor do they come from desperately poor homes.

When their parents were seen about it they admitted that the boys had been guilty of other thefts, but declared their inability to do anything with them.

The man whom they have robbed cannot bring himself to prosecute such mere children, and so apparently they are going to go on, until finished criminals, they land in the penitentiary, if not on the gallows.

Just such incidents as these are cropping up continually. Some of them are known to the police, others never reach the attention of those worthies.

There are three questions that every citizen would do well to ask in this matter:

What is the first cause leading to this abnormal amount of crime? What is the remedy for the existing state of things?

How far am I personally responsible for seeing that remedy applied?

Having watched this city develop from a small frontier town I am convinced that the one thing that more than any other has contributed to the present extent of juvenile crime is lack of parental control among children in the home.

I will venture to say that any one of my readers, old enough to make the estimate can count on the fingers of one hand, all the homes where they have visited for the past fifteen years, where the children obeyed promptly, without question the commands of father or mother.

A great deal has been said, and more has been written about the harshness of the old time method of bringing up children, and we are told that there has been more child study in this generation than in any previous one and yet there is more juvenile crime to-day than ever before, and it is among the children of what might be termed a better class.

In the older days obedience was the first lesson taught; now the children are persuaded, coaxed or cajoled into doing what is wanted, or more frequently allowed to follow their own sweet will.

They have no self-control, but instead an idea that they have a right to everything they see and an everlasting craving for what they have not got.

The space between this condition of mind and the deliberate taking of what they know is the property

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of others is shorter than most people imagine.

This is one of the home influences that has been so destructive.

There is a public influence that has done much to foster theft and that is the number of crimes of this particular nature that have been allowed to go unpunished in recent years, and others that have been marked by absurdly light terms of imprisonment.

Any one who has been in touch with either the business or social world of Winnipeg for the past fifteen years, will endorse the statement that there have been more than a score of cases where young fellows in responsible positions have embezzled trust funds and the money has been paid by relatives and friends and the matter hushed up.

In not a few instances these young men have retained their positions even after a second lapse of this kind, and although in the majority of such cases the circum-



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