

ROSE LEAVES GATHERED AT SAINTE-ROSE.

I knew this morning that the dear little birdies' throats were unfrozen, for their melting notes poured forth. So the earth renews her youth, and so, year after year in the spring-time, the Church renews her wailings for the Saviour dead, her crucified spouse. In other springs, when I was a child, my mother took me by the hand; on her other side walked my brother, we went by woodland ways to a beautiful Oratory nestled amid encircling trees, so built in the days of concealment, for purposes of concealment. Here was to be found each Holy Week a lovely dead Christ lying on a bed of moss and primroses. I think my childish eyes rested more wonderingly on this sad image than on the Real Presence in the veiled Host. But he, my brother who went with me, is gone before. There came a day, after which day, he never saw the sun again dying in glory along the western hills, for his spirit had passed beyond the sun-flame, beyond the purple glory of night, beyond the mystical, silent stars, beyond earthly care and sorrow. In one moment it had seen its God face to face and knew more than profoundest philosophers here below.

But we, who loved him, said many and many a thing in our sad, aching hearts.

"O God, does he suffer now! My God, be merciful to him!"

NOTES.

Our neighbors in the great world have ceased from playing at Penance, in becoming costumes of refined humility, adorned with meek and fragrant violets, for thus do we poor mortals add to our customary self-indulgence the unwonted luxury of feeling—how good we are! But here in Ste-Rose is a work-a-day world, new buildings to be seen springing up all around, like mushrooms in a night. This is not, so to say, a land flowing with milk and honey, we are wanting bees for the latter, although a little further north on the lake (Dauphin) an enterprising Frenchman is minting money all summer, with them, we hear. Still amongst as the milk of human kindness abounds, from it, is made the cream of society, you know. There will be plenty of other milk also with two cheese factories in full-blast.

It is rumoured that the Rev. Father Lecoq is shortly to pay a visit of three months to his native land of France, let us hope that our works will not run down in the absence from amongst us of their reverend main-spring. We also sincerely trust he will have a safer journey than was the lot of the Rev. Lord A. Douglas whose vessel, the Castilian, (poor Spain, she has no chance) grounded on a rock and became a complete wreck. In the Montreal papers it is related how Father Douglas conducted a heart-felt and impressive service, in which all present joined, during the time of grave anxiety whilst the passengers and crew were waiting to be relieved from their perilous position, his genial humility winning all hearts on sea as on land.

Our constant benefactor, Vte d'Aubigny, is going to present the new Church with a bell weighing 3,000 lbs; they say the sound of church bells keeps evil spirits at bay, may all such give Ste-Rose a wide birth, so that we may milk our cows and till our lands in peace, and welcome to our flourishing settlement other peaceable and God-fearing Christians.

We have had two Oblate brothers here for one month, working on the Church, they are gone now *hinc ille lacrymae*, there is still so much to be done though they worked skilfully and well during their short stay.

HISTORICAL EVENING AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

Yesterday evening at St. Mary's Academy a group of students in history gave a most interesting specimen of their work in presence of His Grace of St. Boniface, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Fathers McCarthy and O'Dwyer, O. M. I., Rev. Father Caron, Rev. Fathers Drummond and Blain, S. J., and several relatives of the pupils. The subject, ably handled in a spirited dialogue by a dozen or more young ladies, was "The Papacy." Miss Dubuc presided and occasionally suggested the drift of the discussion. All the knotty points in the history of the Papacy were examined briefly but successfully unravelled. Some musical numbers added variety to the entertainment. At its close His Grace congratulated the pupils on their grasp of the central facts of history which can be viewed in their proper perspective only in the Catholic Church. Father Drummond, whom the Archbishop called upon to speak, expressed his admiration for the naturalness and ease with which the pupils read and recited their allotted parts. The boasted education of non-Catholic schools was lamentably deficient in these all-important elements of a good education. Under pretext of widening knowledge they neglected the very fundamentals of all solid training, viz., reading, spelling and writing.

SPRING MEDICINE

It is absolutely Necessary to Give Some Attention to the Blood at this Season.

In the springtime the blood needs attention. The change of the year produces in everyone, whether conscious of it or not, some little heating of the blood.

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EASTER MUSIC AT REGINA.

One who was present at both morning and afternoon services in the Catholic church on Easter remarks that it was very pleasing to note the progress made by the younger members of the congregation in the line of music. At the high mass Miss Bonnie Simpson sang a pretty though difficult Latin solo in very good style, whilst in the afternoon Miss Nannie Stubblings presided at the organ and led a chorus of young voices through several difficult Latin hymns with a harmony and skill which spoke well for the re-awakening which appears to be under way among the members of the Catholic community.

—"Regina Leader."

DEATH OF BISHOP JAMES DUGGAN.

Providence Visitor: Bishop James Duggan died at St. Vincent Asylum for the Insane, St. Louis, Monday, aged 74. The death of Bishop Duggan recalls to mind the story of his affliction and the fact that his successor to the see of Chicago, Bishop Foley, never was consecrated Bishop of Chicago. It being one of the rules of the Church that every bishop must have a see, he was appointed to the see of Pergamus in Asia Minor. Bishop Foley held this position until his death in 1879. Bishop Duggan had never been of rugged physique, and ecclesiastical troubles, together with his arduous duties, preyed on his mind until his intellect gave way. It was thought that his affliction was but temporary, and Bishop Foley was made coadjutor and administrator of Chicago and Bishop Duggan remained the titular bishop. He was removed to St. Vincent's Institute in St. Louis, where he had remained since.

Before his affliction Bishop Duggan was one of the most intellectual prelates of the Church in America. He was interested in arts and literature, and possessed one of the finest libraries in the city at that time. He did much to build up the Church in the pioneer days. Many of the churches of Chicago were erected during his bishopric, and many of the religious orders that are now established in the city started then.

During the civil war Bishop Duggan was a strong Union man, and was zealous in his efforts in behalf of the soldiers in the field. He was instrumental in the employing of the Sisters of Mercy as nurses.

He was born in Maynooth, county Kildare, Ireland, in 1825. At the age of 18 he came to this country and studied in St. Louis. He was ordained in 1847. His success was marked, and when Bishop Van de Velde resigned from the see of Chicago Father Duggan was appointed administrator of the diocese. This was in 1853. In 1857 he turned over the see to Bishop O'Reagan and returned to St. Louis. At the age of 32 Father Duggan was appointed bishop "in partibus infidelium," and attached to the see of St. Louis. On the resignation of Bishop O'Reagan in '59 Bishop Duggan was appointed to the vacant see at Chicago. He was but 34 years old when he was consecrated Bishop of Chicago.

The first intimation he had of mental derangement was in October, 1866, after his return from the second Plenary Council at Baltimore. He sought medical advice and traveled in Europe, but on his return he met with new difficulties, and his once brilliant mind soon became a blank. He never recovered.

Bishop Duggan went three times to Europe. His first visit abroad was in 1862, his second in 1866, and both times he spent his vacation in Rome. His third visit was in 1867, when he visited Rome and also the Holy Land. On his return he was joyfully received, but it was not long afterward that some perceived that his mind was affected. Several things of an unpleasant nature now took place in the administration of the diocese, out of which questions arose that were carried to Rome. The Pope sustained the Bishop, but he a little later conformed to the general wish of the Catholic people that the Bishop be conveyed to some safe retreat.

RUDYARD KIPLING ON AMERICAN PREACHING.

Some years ago Rudyard Kipling attended services in a prominent Protestant church in this country. Later the following description of his experience appeared in the columns of an English publication:

"Sunday brought me the queerest experience of all—a revelation of barbarism complete. I found a place that was officially described as a church. It was a circus really, but that the worshippers did not know.

"To these things and a congregation of savages entered suddenly a wonderful man, completely in the confidence of their God, whom he treated colloquially and exploited very much as a newspaper reporter would exploit a foreign potentate. But unlike the newspaper reporter, he never allowed his listeners to forget that he, and not He, was the centre of attraction. With a voice of silver and with imagery borrowed from the auction room he built up for his hearers a heaven on the lines of the Palmer House (but with all the gilding real gold and all the plate glass diamond), and set in the very centre of it a loud-mouthed, argumentative, very shrewd creation that he called God. One sentence at this point caught my delighted ear. It was apropos of some question of the judgment and ran:

"No! I tell you God doesn't do business that way."

"Then I escaped before the blessing, desiring no benediction at such hands. The persons who listened seemed to enjoy themselves, and I understand that I had met with a popular preacher.

"Later on, when I had perused the sermons of a gentleman called Talmage and some others, I perceived that I had been listening to a very mild specimen. Yet that man, with his brutal gold and silver idols, his hands-in-the-pocket, cigar-in-mouth and hat-on-the-back-of-the-head style of dealing with the sacred vessels, would count himself, spiritually, quite competent to send a mission to convert the Indians.

"All that Sunday I listened to people who said that the mere fact of spiking down strips of iron to wood and getting a steam and iron thing to run along them was progress, and the network of wires overhead was progress. They repeated their statement again and again."

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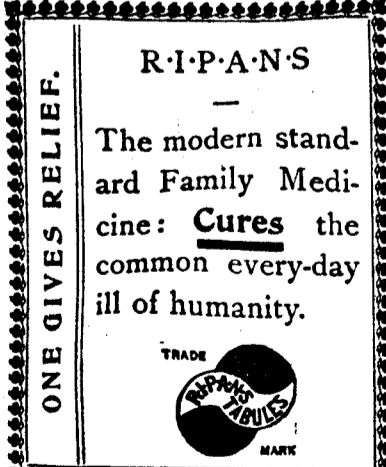
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