

Young Woman's Corner

THE LEGEND OF THE CROSS-BILL.

On the cross the dying Saviour
Heavenward lifts his eyelids
calm,
Feels but scarcely feels, a trem-
bling
In His pierced and bleeding palm.

And by all the world forsaken,
Sees He how with zealous care
At the ruthless nail of iron
A little bird is striving there.

Stained with blood and never tir-
ing,
With its beak it doth not cease,
From the cross 'twould free the
Saviour,
Its Creator's Son release.

And the Saviour speaks in mild-
ness,
"Blest be thou of all the good!
Bear as token of this moment
Marks of blood and holy rood!"

And that bird is called the cross-
bill;
Covered all with blood so clear
In the groves of pine it singeth
Songs like legends, strange to
hear. —Longfellow.

HUMILITY.

Humble we must be if to Heaven
we go;
High is the roof there, but the gate
is low:
Whene'er thou speak'st, look with
a lowly eye—
Grace is increased by humility.
—Robert Herrick.

Woman and her virtues have been
praised in song and story and we
thank the kind poets and story-
writers who have extolled our wit,
beauty, grace and tenderness. Even
if each one of us is not dowered
with those adornments and quali-
ties we are thankful on account of
womankind in general.

There is a virtue that writes
neglect, however. It is the virtue
of prudence—a rare one indeed in
the rising generation. Perhaps if it
were sung of more it would be
practised oftener. Probably one
may meet a prudent woman among
those who have passed middle age
and possibly one may be met with
in any class, but "Alas! for the
rarity"—even more than Christian
—of prudent women. There is no
virtue more valuable to a woman
—look at it as you will.

To herself it is the most valuable
for at every turn it is of practical
value to her. It is useful in her
material pursuits and in her rela-
tions with her associates, it is of
infinite value to them. A prudent
woman is priceless to the com-
munity in which she lives. Doubt-
less many women consider it a
heavy virtue. A woman prides her-
self on being tactful and diploma-
tic, but one never hears a woman
wish for prudence. It should be the
most graceful in that it will not
allow the one who possesses it to
fall into any awkward situation.
The diplomatic woman is not al-
ways truthful, but the prudent wo-
man is truth itself, for she has
knowledge which is truth.

"The childish shall possess folly;
and the prudent shall look for
knowledge."

If a woman were made to realize
that her lack of prudence was child-
ish and foolish, she would not be
so much averse to what she prob-
ably now terms a virtue for the
prudes. It is not necessary to be
a bore in the practice of this vir-
tue. Do not do this or that be-
cause you would be prudent; do
that and this because you would
be truthful, just and wise. Then
temper these qualities with com-
mon sense and mercy and you will
be prudent. AMICA.

Counsel (cross-examining witness)
—Is it not the fact that the doctor,
in order to increase the amount of
his bill, made several visits after
the patient was quite out of dan-
ger? Witness (innocently)—I don't
think so. I considered the patient
was in danger as long as the doc-
tor continued his visits.—Judy.

Chats with Young Men

In several of the Chats and par-
ticularly in the last numbers I
touched on the importance of hav-
ing a definite policy in matters of
business and, likewise, I hinted at
the surprising amounts of knowl-
edge and of general cultivation
that accrue from the profitable use
of little corners of our time. I
might have included all I said in a
general treatment of method, the
habit of attending to the affairs of
life according to some system. I
shall write of that in this number.

It is hardly necessary to dwell on
the advantage of applying system
to business affairs. The successful
business man knows that his suc-
cess has been due to system. The
large business man knows that
without rigid system the remote
details of his interests would be-
come entangled and would get hop-
lessly beyond his power to remedy.
Thus proprietors infuse such sys-
tem into their operations that,
while business ramifies and extends
and employees multiply, they are
able to locate and question, at will,
the record of the slightest transac-
tion. They see to it that all
employees do their work methodi-
cally. This is a good training for
the latter if they are observant
enough to grasp the spirit that
guides them. Some, however, reap
little advantage from these excel-
lent lessons, acting like so many
machines, and, when left to them-
selves, shifting as circumstance or
leisure prompts. To such as these
I have no lesson so good as their
daily work affords.

One of the most shining virtues
of success is economy—economy not
only of the profits of labor, but
economy of time, economy of en-
ergy, both physical and mental.
This applies to every man, in every
condition and time of life. It ap-
plies especially to young men, and
to those of them who are not di-
rected in their daily struggles by
older and wiser minds, but who
must be their own financiers and
their own time-keepers. It is not
the money a man earns which
makes him rich, but that which he
saves. A wise man, therefore, dis-
cerning this in time, compromises
with his pleasures and his needs so
as to leave a margin between his
earnings and expenses, this to be
saved. Unless he makes a study of
the requirements of his needs and
pleasures and submits them to reg-
ular pruning he will not succeed in
making regular contributions to
his credit account. He must have
method in his daily life. Then there
is the economy of time. Time is of
more importance than money. It
is the equivalent of money or can
be made so; and if used to advan-
tage its value increases not only as
money equivalent but likewise in
prestige of persons who make pre-
cious use of it. Yet it is a thief.
It steals on, robbing the unwary,
the dilatory, the indifferent and the
procrastinating, of little bits of
fortune every day. Hence young
men must keep wide awake. They
must take a stand against time.
This is effectually done by work-
ing with system so as to economize
time and accomplish much; by
filling in the intervals of time by
cultivating the mind and heart and
body. This leads me to consider-
ing the economy of energy. It is
not the most costly effort that ac-
complishes its end, but the neces-
sary effort well directed. Method
seeks out the best means to an
end and pursues them patiently,
regularly, determinedly, success-
fully. It keeps the memory alert
for successive steps and affords the
mind a perspective of what may be
accomplished in a given time. Thus
does the habit of working and liv-
ing on system establish unison be-
tween man—the paragon of ma-
chines and systems—and the pen-
dulum of time. FINEM RESPICE.

STE. ANNE DES CHENES.

Sunday we had the pleasure of
hearing an eloquent sermon at High
Mass from His Grace the Arch-
bishop of St. Boniface.
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Pastor's feast, the 35th anniversary
since he has been parish priest here.

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show us his approval of our action
by his presence.

In the evening at seven o'clock
the boarders at the Convent under
the direction of the Grey Sisters,
gave a charming concert, musical
and dramatical. They all acquitted
themselves very well of their parts,
they were very natural. One of
them, Miss Dupuis, deserves special
mention for her wonderful imper-
sonation of Suzie, an old English
servant.

After the concert was over, Mr.
Richer, the mayor of Labroquerie,
read an address of welcome to His
Grace and presented him with a
lovely bouquet of flowers, after
which he read an address of con-
gratulation and thanks to Father
Giroux our kind Cure, presenting
him, in the name of the parish,
with a bouquet of gold pieces and
bank notes, for the purchase of a
new chalice and Ciborium, which
Father Giroux had long wished for
and which his grace had hinted last

summer we were sadly in want of.
Les dames de Ste Anne were those
who interested themselves in col-
lecting the necessary amount, and
we sincerely thank them for the
trouble which they gave them-
selves to give our dear Pastor a
pleasant surprise.

Mr. Richer then thanked Father
Giroux for all the good he had
done for the parish, especially for
having founded and done so much
towards establishing such a fine
and efficient institution as the Con-
vent for the education of our child-
ren.

Father Giroux responded to the
address; he said he thanked every-
body heartily for the agreeable sur-
prise they had planned for him.

His Grace then spoke wittily and
gracefully for a few minutes, he
was listened to with the deepest
attention and sat down amid a
storm of applause. Everybody
stood up after this, while the child-
ren sang "God save the King" very
heartily, the audience joining in.

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His Grace left the room and the
other visitors quickly dispersed.
That Father Giroux may live
long and happily in his dear par-
ish, was the hearty wish of every-
one.