#### The Domain of Woman.

TALKS BY "TERESA" TRAT ROCKS THE CRADLE BULES THE

A correspondent has forwarded me the following letter, which as a matter the following letter, which as a matter of justice and courtesy, I feel constrain-ed to insert, although my space is limited, and I had intended to talk upon

imited, and I had intended to talk upon matters pertaining to the season:

Tenento, Dec. 12, 1896.

Draw "Tenent" I think your idea of forming a Needlework Guild is a good one, and I heartily hope your offorts may be crowned with the success they deserve. But for the honor of the Catholic ladies or a certain band of Catholic ladies or a certain band of Catholic ladies of Toronto, I cannot allow you to remain in ignorance that for twenty years a society for clothing poor children has existed in a parish in the north-western part of the city. This society is theroughly well organized, and year after year does splendig work among the poor of its parish. It nover has to be re organized as it is never dis-banded.

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Ingus cashy too a tray of the parish poor, and funds would not hold out if donations were made beyond the limits of the parish. I must beg of you, dear "Teresa," to permit me to take exception to your remarks on our mothers" "samplers." They were not all "monstrosities." The writer has in mind her mother's sampler which is treasured in the family. It is not upon "coarso canvas," but upon canvas so exceedingly fine as to make the work a marvel. There is upon it some quite artistic shading and blending of solors, and some verses are beautifully worked in a fine, even stitch. Art has made rapid strides during the last half of our contury, and it is our privilege to live in the midst of much that is half of our contury. And it is one privilege to live in the midst of much that is half of our contury. And it is one privilege to live in the midst of much that is affect to contury and to some of upon the conture and mothers. Are we better women than they were? Wo may be more ertistic, some of us may be more "advanced," but I am certain of one thing; in our mothers' day no young woman would even have been heard to make the "proud beast" that she did not know how to hold a needle. One lesson we can learn from the old "asmpler," two, I might say—patience and neatness, the latter of which especially I fear the women of our day sadly negloot.

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I am exceedingly glad to hear of the noble organization of which my correspondent speaks; I think it promises much for the succe s of the Needlework Guild, though the latter would necessarily be quite distinct from purely parochial work, and would be in a position to entertain applications from every parish and charitable institution in the city. "Dorothy's" renark about the requests for aid received by the society from other parishes shows the necessity for some general organization that will be albe to take into consideration the medical take into consideration the district in which they live.

In case there should be any misconception regarding the Needlework Guild, rainer if from "Dorothy's" description of the methods pursued by the society, I may say that the work done for the Guild will be done in the member's spare time, entirely at her own option, and any members not able to go to the expense of purchasing their materials, will be aupplied with some by the Guild, from the funds contributed by honorary members and thus everyone, no matter how humble their station, will be enabled to help, if they can wield a needle.

I am sorry if my remarks about the "samplers" have burt my correspondcrt's feelings. I am very far, indeed, from calling them all "monstrostites." I have soon some exquisite examples of that kind of work, which would put these hurrying, machine made days, with their lack of patience and neatness, was recalling a laugh I had with a dear old lady, over what she used to call her "studies in want of perspective," but in spite of the un she used to make over her ugly "samplers," she was a most exquisite needlewoman, and always used to say her beautiful work was a result of the neat and even stitches necessary in sampler work.

sat and even stitches necessary in mplor work. I do not "despise the days of our grand-others," my dear "Dorothy," nor do I notder that we are better women than ey were; on the contrary I think that e, "davanced 'as some of us unformately are, might learn a great deal relooking backward to the examples ey set us, particularly in "patience of neathers," qualities in which, as yen y, we are sailly deficient. At the me time, however, the world is processing, and we with it. We can uchitakend still nor go back, we must wance with the times, and while we as far as possible to adapt ourselves

to thom and to changed circumstances and surroundings, we need not necessarily loco sight of the virtues and cocollences of the women whose work remains, a lasting moment to their industry. But one cannot be always preaching, and if I, at times, relax the tone I generally adopt. I trust my readers will not think my views and changed, or that I despise enything that is good and womanly, whether it is to be found in the days of urgrandmothers or those in which we ourselves must hvo, and try to do our duty.

While the Christman bells are ringing, And the Christman authoms rise, And the Christman authoms rise, Joining those the saints are singing. In the contra of Paradise, Let us tune our hearts to gladness, And to all our brothron say.

"Though thy lot be mirth or sadness, Peace be thine, this Christman Day."

Remarkable Instances of Longevity.

(For THE REGISTER :

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It accurs that the higher one ascends in hyperbe can latitudes, the greater is his chance of living to a ripe old age. Various proofs of this fact have recently come to my knowledge, a few of which can the proof of the fact resting place as Scheenbore, in the Province of Queen as Scheenbore, in the Trovince of Queen, who died at the age of 100 years and two months Mr. Mechan, was a native of the county of Cork, Ireland, and the months Mr. Mechan, who died at the age of 100 years and two months Mr. Mechan, was a native of the county of Cork, Ireland, and the think of the county of Cork, Ireland, and the think of the county of Cork, Ireland, and the months Mr. Mechan, was a native of the county of Cork, Ireland, and the months of the county of Renfrey, after having completed the intervewent have of the county of Triperary, Ireland,

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seventh year of 'his life. Mr. O'Brien was a native of the country of Tipperary, Ireland.

But neither the old men, nor yet the old women, are all consigned to the tomb. Mr. Andrew Whelan, of Almotte Island, is still in the flesh, and, from evidences recently shown to me, he is going to cling to the flesh from evidences recently shown to me, he is going to cling to the flesh and from evidences recently shown to me, he is going to cling to the flesh for some years to come. Mr. Whelan's mental and physical faculties are marvellously healthy, considering the fact that 97 winters have blanched his hair; of which there is now but little left.

But the men are not the only beings here who induge in the delights of a long life. Looking around me, I capy Mrs. Mousseau, a lady of Irish lineage and of strong Irish sympathes, and adopted a very worthy French Canadian naune—an act which, to use her words, "she has never yet regretted." Although Mrs. Mousseau has greet the innet y-soventh milesten in life's journey, she has yet time and planty of strength to do her own lone work. Nor is this all her labors, as the two acres of potatoes which, and a the two acres of potatoes which, and a the two acres of potatoes which, and a the two acres of potatoes high the same of the contract of the same of

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