

Youths' Department.

A LONELY LITTLE GIRL.

The people of Holland are very proud of their noble Rijks Museum in Amsterdam, into which are gathered the treasures which illustrate the growth of the arts and sciences in their kingdom from barbarous ages until the present time. The great corridors are usually crowded with all the classes of the Dutch nation.

A visitor to the museum last summer noticed that the long procession swerved aside from the galleries of pictures which held only a large blank book, inscribed with the names of noted visitors.

Upon the open page of this book was written, in a child's unsteady, careful hand, "Wilhelmina."

It was a motley crowd that paused to look at this name, and a picturesque one; for the Dutch still wear many of their national costumes. There were nobles with their equerries, wealthy burghers, peasant women from Zealand, in hooped skirts and white caps with gold helmets, priests in black gowns, with white cord about their waists; maid servants from Scheveningen, with huge golden cork-screw pins in their hair, and orphan boys from the Stadt Asylum, one-half of their bodies clothed in black, and the other in scarlet.

On each face, old or young, came the same amused, tender smile, as they saw the childish writing; and they passed on, nodding to each other with delighted approval:

"She writes well."

"She is wonderfully clever."

"Ah, the dear child!"

"Who is the little child whom everyone loves?" asked the American lady of the Dutch lady who was standing near her.

"She is our little Queen, Wilhelmina," was the reply. "She is only ten years old, and not a strong child; but each of us prays every day for her life, as if she was one of our own. That is not only because she is the last of the royal race, and if she dies Holland would be torn to pieces by wars for succession, but because we love her. She is so good, so honest and friendly a child."

Wilhelmina is a slight, erect child, with brown hair, a smiling mouth, and dark, candid, friendly eyes. She lives with her mother, the regent, in the chateau of St. Loo in summer, and in one wing of the royal palace at the Hague in winter.

The great State ball-rooms and throne-halls are closed since her father's death; and the little maid has a wing of the palace, like a cozy house, to live in, full of pretty China stoves and easy-chairs, with flowers in the windows. But few girls have so lonely a life as she.

"She cannot play with other children," said one of her subjects. "Whom could she have for a companion? She is Queen: she must study, study; she must learn to rule."

Poor lonely little Queen! Yet she has her pleasures.

When her mother's last birthday arrived, Wilhelmina with great joy surprised her with her portrait, painted by a famous artist. She had contrived to keep the secret for months, and had chosen a dress to wear which her dead father had given her.

Sometimes she gives a fete to the Stadt orphans in their queer red and black garments.

"She loves the orphans," said the Dutch man. "When, after the King's death, all the people of Amsterdam came to pay homage to the regent mother, the little child suddenly stepped down from the throne, and going up to one of the poor girls, who, like herself, had no father, she put her arms around her and kissed her."

"Ah, then you should have heard the acclamation of the people! All our boys in Holland love their child-Queen. They would protect her with their lives."

While all Americans will agree in rejoicing that the well-being of our country does not depend on the life of a child, yet we can recognize the truth in the shrewd remark of the frau in Amsterdam:—

"If one must have a monarch, it is best that she should be a child and a

girl; for then all that is best in the hearts of her subjects will rise for her support and her defence!"—*Youth's Companion.*

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A CATHOLIC PETITION.

PRESENTED YESTERDAY IN WINNIPEG

By press despatch from Winnipeg dated Monday, we learn that a thousand Catholics of that city were to have marched, yesterday, in a body to the Government building to lay before Premier Greenway and his ministry the following petition:

We, the undersigned Catholics of the Province of Manitoba, do respectfully represent:—

1. That we are unable from motives of conscientious convictions to participate in, or derive benefit from the system of education, as now carried on under the Public School act of 1890 and amendments thereto.

2. That the heavy pecuniary sacrifices with which Catholics throughout the province have been burdened in consequence of said laws for the last four years, even through the financial stringency of the present time, must remove any doubt as to the correctness of their feelings and convince your Government of the gravity of their grievances.

3. That without sharing your petitioners' religious convictions, that the taxation of Catholics for schools acceptable only to Protestants is most oppressive and unfair, your Government must feel that they can no longer in their own conscience legitimately carry on that system, the result of which is injustice and oppression.

4. Therefore, your petitioners, as free-born British subjects, do enter their firm and solemn protest against this unfair treatment at your hands, and do respectfully and earnestly pray that your Government take into their serious consideration the grievance of the Catholics of this province, and to pass such legislation as may be necessary to remedy such grievances to their full extent, and to assure to the said population the full respect of their rights and conscientious feelings, the use of their school taxes and of their legitimate share of the public money, voted for educational purposes in this province, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, will be received until noon of the 15th September, 1894, for the supply of materials, including Timber, Lumber, Cast and Wrought Iron Hardware, Coal Oil, Coal, &c., in such quantities as may be required from time to time during the fiscal year 1894-95. Each tender must be endorsed "Tenders for Supplies."

Forms can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent Engineer, Montreal, and from the Canal Superintendents.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

E. MARCEAU,

Acting Supt. Engineer,
Supt. Engineer's Office, 1709 Notre Dame St.,
Montreal, Aug. 17th, 1894. 8-1



LAKE ST. LOUIS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for New Channel, Lake St. Louis," will be received at this office up to noon on Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 1894, for the formation of a new channel in Lake St. Louis, section No. 1.

Plans and specification of the work to be done can be seen on and after the 23rd day of August, 1894, at the office of the Chief Engineer of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the Superintendent Engineer's office in Montreal, where forms of tender can be obtained.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the same, and further, an accepted bank cheque, for the sum of \$5,000.00 must accompany the tender. This accepted cheque must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in offer submitted. The accepted cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

J. H. BALDERSON,
Secretary.

Supt. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 4th August, 1894. 8-3

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