

A WISE WOMAN.

SHE WAS WEAK, NERVOUS AND DISPIRITED AND FOUND NO BENEFIT FROM DOCTORS' TREATMENT—SHE WAS INDUCED TO GIVE PINK PILLS A TRIAL AND IS AGAIN ENJOYING HEALTH.

From Canadian Evangelist, Hamilton.

We are often asked: "Do you think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are any good? Do you think it is right to publish those glowing accounts of cures said to be effected by the Pink Pills?" Of course, we think the Pink Pills are good, and if we did not think it right to publish the testimonials we would not do it. Perhaps it is not to be wondered at that people ask such questions, when they hear stories of clerks being employed to write up fictitious testimonials to the efficacy of some cheap and nasty patent medicines. The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. do not follow that dishonest practice as there are few places in the Dominion where the marvellous efficacy of Pink Pills has not been proved. Their method, as our readers may have observed, is to publish interviews which representatives of reputable and well known journals have had with persons who have been benefitted by a course of Pink Pills, thus giving absolute assurance that every case published is genuine. Several such cases have come under the notice of the Canadian Evangelist, the latest being that of Mrs. T. Stephens, of 215 Hunter street west, Hamilton. Mrs. Hunter is quite enthusiastic in her praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and is very positive that they have done her a great amount of good. Her trouble was indigestion and general debility. For about a year she was under a physician's care, with out deriving any benefit therefrom. About three years ago she was induced by a friend to give Pink Pills a trial. When she began their use, she says, she felt dreadfully tired all the time, was weak and nervous, had a pain in her chest and was very downhearted. Her father told her she looked as though she was going in "a decline." She replied that she felt that way, whether she looked it or not. It was not long after she began to take the Pink Pills before she experienced an improvement in her health and spirits. The tired feeling wore away and her strength returned, the extreme nervousness vanished and her spirits revived. It is now about two years since Mrs. Stephens ceased taking the Pink Pills. She has had no return of her former troubles during all that time. She is now strong, healthy and cheerful, and is very emphatic in declaring that she owes to the Pink Pills her present satisfactory state of health, and has, therefore, no hesitation in recommending them to those afflicted as she was.

IRISH ROUND TOWERS.

EXQUISITE EXAMPLES OF IRISH WORKMANSHIP.

In external character all the Irish towers may be said to agree, since there is only one that does not taper, and in that case the tower is cylindrical throughout its entire height. It is nicely faced inside and out with coggle-stones and filled up with cobbles. Though all bear to each other the strongest family likeness, there are many striking differences in the mason work and in the minor details. The stones in some are truly chiseled and closely and beautifully laid in fine cement. Some are only coarsely hammered, others merely faced and of various shapes and sizes, but still well fitted to each other. Some towers are built of round coggle stones. In all the mortar is as hard as the imbedded stones.

The above and other little diversities prove that these remarkable structures were erected by various workmen and at diverse times, and, as Geraldus Cambrensis says: "According to the manner of the country;" but this clearly implies that the era of their erection must have prevailed through a very long period. Their situation on hill and dale are equally variable, nor does any one circumstance respecting their situations seem to be common at all, except their immediate vicinity to a small and very ancient church, though in some instances this ancient building has been replaced by a more modern fabric.

Though most of the round towers were evidently divided into stores, yet Cashel Tower is smooth, and even polished on the inside from top to bottom. That of Ardmore was plastered with a very fine white and durable cement. The divisions are usually formed by projecting ledges for flooring joints, which, however, in some instances were inserted in square holes in the wall, where the ends were still visible not many years ago. On each floor there is one very small window, and immediately below the conical cap four windows may be traced in the greater number of towers, but this is the largest number hitherto observed. In three or four of these buildings no windows appear in the upper story—only one small loop-hole—a convincing proof that they could not have been intended for campaniles.

In most of the towers the doors are at a considerable height above the ground, in one even 24 feet; in several 14, and in others 8, 7 or 6 feet, but in none of them are any traces to assist

conjecture as to the mode of reaching these doors, except in those where the door is on the ground, or raised from it by a couple of steps. The height of these towers varies greatly, in one being only 35 feet, while the loftiest is 124 feet, but the common range is between 80 and 100 feet.

Some stand on circular bases, which form one or two steps around the tower. Thus Donoughmore has a two step base each step or plinth being composed of very large blocks of stone. The basement of Kell's Towers is square and the stones are of a very great size. Killybeg and Agbavillier, both in the county of Kilkenny, have circular plinths 14 inches deep projecting 6 inches and resting upon a square base formed of great blocks of stone. The tower of Coudalkin, about five miles from Dublin, stands on massive stone work, and St. Columba's Tower at Londonderry, rises from a vaulted crypt. So, so does that at Oughterard, in the County of Kilkenny.

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PAPAL ENCYCICAL

TO THE AMERICAN EPISCOPATE.

The following despatch, dated Rome, January 28th, has been received by the American press:—

The Papal Encyclical addressed to the American Episcopate has been made public. In the document the Pope recalls the facts that he associated himself with the celebration of the fourth centenary of the discovery of America, the evangelization of which country was the first care of Columbus, and which evangelization was realized by the Franciscan and Dominican monks and the Jesuit fathers. After pointing out that the first Catholic Bishop of America was a great friend of George Washington, the Pope shows how the episcopal councils, aided by the breadth of view and the equity of American laws, assured the development of Catholic institutions. It was to contribute still more to this development that the Pope founded the University of Washington, for it was of importance that Catholics should be in the front rank in sciences, even modern sciences, provided they were one in integrity and faith.

To this end His Holiness expects the Bishops to do all in their power to encourage the progress of the University at Washington, as well as the North American College at Rome. With regard to the Apostolic delegation (represented by Mgr. Satolli), the Pope states that it was instituted with a view to drawing closer together the bonds between the Catholics and the Holy See, without in any way curbing the powers of the bishops. His Holiness urges the American episcopate to put an end to strife, to instill the idea of unity and the perpetuity of marriage among the faithful, and to inculcate among the people civil and religious virtues. In particular, the Pope calls upon the bishops to turn aside workmen's associations from law-breaking, to teach journalists respect for religion and truth, to reprove those journals which pass judgment upon episcopal acts and finally to turn Protestants to Catholicism by charity, by instruction in doctrine, and by leading an exemplary life. In conclusion, His Holiness recommends the sending of a mission to the Indians.

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