THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

It is a discouraging tradition which seems to be confirmed by the experi-ence of many people, that "one woe is the forerunner of others," that "woe succeeds woe as wave a wave." This was certainly true in the case of the Simon family. The dangers which threatened their home and establish The dangers which ment by the unsteady habits and inattention of the head and master, were increased by the fatal illness of Mich. Burns, the old and faithful clerk; he was suddenly stricken down by a paralytic stroke which affected him both bodily and mentally. This was a dis-astrous shock to Mr. Simon, for the whole control of his business for some years, handed over to that faithful old man and everything was dependent upon his experience and integrity. The fidelity and industry of this faith. ful old clerk should have stimulated his young master to have been as faithful to him by his father as the old clerk had been in his position. But instead of having assumed with dignity his proper place as proprietor, he practically retired from it and became nothing more than a sleeping partner This sudden removal of the pillar of the establishment seemed to arouse Mr. Jesse Simon from his lethargy and he astonished the employees by resuming with energy his official position. The good old clerk at last succumbed

malady and his remains were interred in the cemetery with every mark of respect and expression of grief by the establishment he had so faithfully served.

For several weeks, after this sad event the affairs of the factory seemed to progress with the usual regularity, but the constant mental work of the office and the responsibilities of the business proved too great for a man, unaccustomed for several years to the regular routine of business. It is not an easy task to put aside at a moment's notice old habits, to bring under con trol appetites habitually gratified and to effect a thorough change in our mode of life. Worldly and ungodly men, converted to Christianity deeply influenced by Divine truths, assisted by the grace of God and truly peni tent, have suddenly reformed their lives and turned from sin to holiness, from immorality to purity, from the debaucheries of a drunkard to the piety and self denial of a saint. But those persons who have been aroused and urged to abstain from sin and change their habits merely from the fear of temporal losses or from pecuniary motives or for mere worldly gains, have not the gift of perseverance in well doing.

Mr. Simon's sudden withdrawal from dissipated and indolent habits was forced upon him by circumstances beyond his control ; he was not actuated by ambition or any divine inspiration therefore, it was not astonishing that he relapsed into his old vice after a few weeks of hard and steady work. The business of the establishment being suddenly interrupted by these relapses, could not maintain that re liable standing in the community and the commercial world as formerly. A young man had been chosen to fill the place left vacant by the death of Michael Burns, but he had not the ex-perience, attachment to his employer, nor the deep interest in the welfare of the business of his predecessor. When ever possible he turned everything to his own advantage, and during his employer's periodical absence from the office he had constant opportunities to

act in this manner.

before the fire occurred. Thus the valuable buildings, with the machinery in which the founder of the establishment had expended large sums of to their changed circumstances. They money, were entirely ruined and were found themselves dependent upon a not even partially covered by insur-ance. The loss was estimated to be about \$20,000. Thus, their only hope, as they sorrowfully gazed upon the employment as was adapted to him, and mass of ruins, had been placed upon indeed he appeared incapable of filling the Insurance Company, but this was utterly crushed. Truly, could poor Mr. Simon have exclaimed "One woe mother of invention." In accordance doth tread upon another's heels so fast with this axiom, reverses and embar they follow.

Mr. Simon was now, in reality, a poor man, in every sense of the ex-pression, not only on account of his material and commercial loss but he stances. Mrs. Simon began to exerwas impoverished mentally, socially and even physically. There had been the maintenance of her household. She an invisible fire within himself which recalled the accomplishments acquired had been insiduously consuming the as a pupil of the Convent, which might precious gifts implanted in his soul. now be utilised in the present emerge He could not blame any one but him ency. One of those, which she had self. He had easily acquired a good not entirely forgotten or neglected, mame on the start of life, a respectable was the art of fancy work. She had exname on the start of life, a respectable name on the start of life, a respectable position in society, a substantial home and a profitable business; but he had allowed all these blessings and advan-tages to pass out of his hands through tages to pass out of his hands through indolence, frivolity, dissipation and imprudence. As neither he nor his wife had ever been obliged to endure want and hardship, their changed circumstances were keenly felt by

them. The Sunday following this visitation

was particularly trying in some re-spects to Mrs. Simon. On entering the house of God, on that occasion, she felt, for the first time in her life, deeply humiliated in the presence of the congregation. She was not now so well off, in a worldly sense, as the other worshippers, whom she was formerly inclined to regard as her inferiors, as a class lower than herself, socially. She now knelt before the sacred altar, where the Real Presence of the Divine Saviour was manifested, feeling deeply her need of the love and compassion of Him whose sympathy with suffering proclaimed, when H umanity was ent forth that invitation, saying "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." She now longed earnestly for that maternal love and compassion, which the Church had taught her to seek from the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, and earnestly did she repeat that beautiful invocation, "Hail holy Queen, my life, my sweet ness, and my hope, to thee do I send up my sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears." Poor Mrs. Simon! her heart had never been moved by prayer as at this time ; never had she felt so sensitively the need of a Saviour, of a loving advocate, of a compassionate Mother until she was bowed down with her own sorrow. A hymn that she had learned long ago, now came to her mind as being appro priate and soothing and she found her self saying :

" Nearer my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me-
Friends may depart from me
Night may come down :
Clouds of adversity
Darken and frown.
Still through my tears ; I'll see
Hope quietly leading me
Nearer my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee."

How true it is that we cannot pray heartily until we really feel the need of the providence of a loving Creator and Father, the compassion and help of a divine Saviour and our entire de pendence on the graces of the Holy Ghost. Those persons who are quite Ghost. contented with this world, have no imon soon perceived that there fears about the present, are uncon-

the policy had lapsed about two weeks abode with his family in a humble cottage. They withdrew from the society in which they had formerly moved and accommodated themselves found themselves dependent upon a small legacy which Mrs. Simon inherited from her late father's estate, as Mr. Simon was unable to obtain such employment as was adapted to him, and

> rassments in the career of man have aroused the industrious and self reliant cise hermind in the important subject of and succeeded by her industry and skill, in making the fruits of her labors attractive, saleable and profitable

Mrs. Simon's only daughter and child-little Mabel-had attained her tenth year ; she was a loveable little girl, very pretty and intelligent, and the only picture of joy and happiness left in the lonely and desolate home of her poor mother. But the poor child's education had been sadly neglected, indeed both in the religious and secu lar branches.

The indifference of a father and mother to their religious duties affects very seriously the spiritual welfare of their children, who learn more by the example set them than by the precepts dictated. The pious lives of parents teach the young more forcibly to be lieve in God, to fear and love Him than all the hard answers to the doctrinal questions of the catchism ; Both are essential to the training of the young and should not be separated.

Poor Mrs. Simon had been well in structed in her youth and had never wavered in her faith as a Catholic, but the apathy of her husband in matters of religion and the anti Catholic associations to which she was subjected affected her seriously in many re-spects. One of the strongest objections to mixed marriages, where the wife is a Catholic and the husband a Protestant or where the one is a Christian and the other an infidel, is the injurious effect such as union has not only upon the faith of the Catholic wife or husband but upon their off-spring. It is very difficult to raise up children religiously and virtuously so long as the parents are not united by the one faith. Children, whose thoughts and characters are formed by

observation, cannot understand the absolute necessity of being a Catholic so long as one of their beloved parents is not of that faith. This incongruity generates indifferentism or makes them think that one religion is as good as another or that the distinctive articles of a creed is unimportant. It is very evident that man and wife must be of one mind and one heart in the all-im portant subject of religion, otherwise here cannot be laid down by them any spiritual foundation of a solid charac r for the salvation of their posterity. The monotonous depression of the affairs of the Simon family was inter-rupted, at the beginning of the month of June, by the contents of a letter addressed to Mrs. Simon, from her brother of the city of B----, in the state of Maryland, which was as follows My dear Sister, -I wrote to Jesse some time ago, on having learned of his irreparable loss and expressed my sympathy with you both, in your dire calamity. Anna and myself have been very anxious about you and been thinking again and again how we could render you some comfort and relief in your great trial. I have been unable to find a position here which would be suitable to Jesse, but I trust in time something will turn up in his favor. Anna wishes me to ask you, will you allow our dear httle niece and godchild to pay us a long visit? We will take great care of her and keep her safe until your affairs are again in a pros perous state. As we have not blessed with either a girl or a boy we will consider it an act of kindness it you and Jesse will grant us this favor. It may prove very advantageous to Mabel, in some respects, to come to us. As you have no good school for Catholic girls in the town where you are living and as it is very important that Mabel community with Mr. and Mrs. Simon at her age should be carefully in-in their adversity, especially of that structed we will send her to the Convent near us, where you are so well-known and received your edu cation. I enclose a cheque on the Bank which you will accept from your loving brother. A small portion of the money, expend on the purchasing for Mabel such necessary articles of dress she may require and in procuring the Railway ticket for her journey here ; the balance of the money you will aevote to your own personal re-

Hawkins.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

It is stated that one of the ablest and most experienced occupants of the Eng-lish Bench-Mr. Justice Hawkins-has been received into the Catholic Church. Rumor has it that he has just been baptized. During the Tichborne trial (which the claimant and his counsel declared to be a Jesuit plot) he acquired so much insight at first hand into the

manner in which "Jesuit Plots " were manufactured that probably it set him thinking that the Catholic Church had also been grossly misrepresented. The no Popery harangues of Dr. Kenealey and the implicit faith which many placed on them and on the "unhappy nobleman now languishing in prison, would arouse the inquiring faculties of less acute minds than that of Judge Hawkins.-London Catholic News.

A great deed is never lost ; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love; pleasure bestowed upon a grateful mind was never sterile, but generally gratitude begets reward .- St. Basil.

A Great Feat. The bicycle run of "200 miles in one day," performed by Dr. W. N. Robertson, of Stratford, Ont, on the 3rd of June, was a re-markable exhibition of endurance in a purely anateur rider. The doctor's scientific train-ing would, no doubt, prove an important factor in successfully engineering such a difficult operation, though (as will be seen by letter published in another column) he does not hesitate to award due credit for his performance to the agent he relied upon in his great effort. The doctor's testimony to the marvellously sustaining power of Mal-tine with Coca. Wine is entirely spontuneous and unsolicited, and, therefore, of the higher yalue. His report will be read with interest by wheelmen generally, in view of his clain that Maltine with Coca. Wine enabled him to "pedal comfortably for hours after the period that I should have been exhausted without it." Dr. Robertson tersely summarises the valuable action of Maltine with Coca Wine in most " novices on the wheel," and affirms that "it is a wonderful heart sustainer." This preparation may be had of all drug-gists, and may be relied upon as an agent of uninite value in nervous prostration and input the mental or physical energies.—Daily Globe, July 6, 1895.

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This Interview Tells it.

This Interview Tells It. A reporter called on the Rev. R A. Bilkey, rector of St. John's (Episcopal) Church, Bowmanville, Ont., during the progress of a church function recently and was compelled to comment on the great change for the bet ter in the rector's physical appearance since he had met him before. It is due entirely to Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills, said the reverend gentleman.

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was a great difference between the present state of his business and that which had previously characterized it ; it had deteriorated greatly ; he had lost many regular customers, through in attention to orders, neglect of corres pondence and errors in accounts.

There was, at that particular time, much depression in trade generally the markets were dull, and several leading firms had become insolvent. These events effected more or less the establishment of Mr. Simon and caused him much anxiety. But instead of having been aroused to greater energy and determination by evil forebodings. his intemperate habits increased as his

troubles grew heavier. During one of these periodical at-tacks of dissipation, to which he was subject, on a certain night in the month of September 1890, the citizens of the town of B---- were aroused by an alarm of fire ; it was located in the rear of the factory. The fire, it was discovered, had started in a small frame building, and the flames were carried by a high wind then prevail ing, towards the Simon buildings. The conflagration got such headway when it extended to the factory and raged so fiercely that the local fire brigade was absolutely helpless to cope with it. Within three hours after the alarm was given, the factory was a mass of smoking ruins.

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several days passed before Mr. Simon fully realized his loss, and then he was so cast down by the dire calamity that had it not been for the consoling and cheering words of his good wife he would have been driven to despair. Observing that she was as loving and true to him in his poverty as she had been in his prosperity, for her sake he became more resigned to his fate.

It was reported that the factory was covered by insurance as it had been the especial duty of the head clerk to cover from their misfortunes, especially carefully attend to the premiums when This duty had the payments were due never been neglected during the serv-ices of the late Michael Burns. But,

the premiums had been overlooked and irom the homestead and take up his Hood's,

erned about the future, whose daily life accords with the conduct of the epicure, whose motto is, "Live while you live and seize the pleasures of the passing day," they have no desire for prayer, for such devotion implies helpessness

We must sacrifice pride if we kneel down before the throne of God ; we must acknowledge ourselves to be sinners and in danger of per dition before we will have a living faith in the Redeemer Jesus Christ ; we must discern by a careful diagnosis of our nature, certain bodily and spiritual maladies before we will piteously call upon our Lord "to have mercy on us and wash us that we may be cleansed.

It is therefore undoubtedly a blessing in disguise when reverses interrupt man's prosperity. Adversities check his worldliness, and sickness crushes his pride ; otherwise he would become oblivious to his spiritual being and immortal soul, to the transitoriness of this world and the stability of heaven, to the limit of his inheritance here on earth and his eternal inherit ance in the kingdom of God.

There was much sympathy in the in their adversity, especially of that class with whom they had been associated ; but it was of that kind of sym pathy which expresses itself in words rather than deeds. Some of their old friends excused themselves for not taking any steps to reinstate them in their former position on account of in-temperance, others belonged to that class in society who are very courteous and generous to their prosperous and wealthy acquaintances but estrange themselves from respectable people who quirements. have become impoverished by reverses.

Thus, there seemed to be no prospect of the Simon family being able to reas Mr. Simon, instead of being aroused to exert himself to the utmost and manfully face his troubles, seemed to have lost all heart and become more and more disposed to intoxication.

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