The Rain-Song of the Robin.

Oh, the rain song of the robin! How it thrills my beart to hear! The rain-song of the robin in the summer of the year !

How I long for wings to join him where his carol poureth free. And for words to beg the secret of his matchless minstrelsy!

Does he sing because he revels in the fury of the storm?

In the thunder and the lighning does he find a hidden charm? Or with prophet eye, enraptured, does

he see the darkness past, And the beauty which shall blossom when the clouds disperse at las?

When Thy rain on me descendeth, and Thy clouds about me roll, Grant, O Lord, the power of singing to my tempest-shaken soul! May I see Thy mercy shining far

behind the outer gloom ! May I hear Thine angels chanting May I see Thy lilies bloom! -Harper's Bazar.

A Visit to a Home for the Blind.

(Mahel E. Moore in the Orphans Messenger and Advocate of the Blind)

From the days, centuries ago, ness and ease not to be excelled by when our Divine Lord opened the eyes of the blind, until our present time, blindness has been universally considered the greatest of physical afflictions. Neither the love of fam ily nor friends, the luxuries and pleasures that wealth can bring, has been regarded as any compensation in the face of so great a misfortune. And when blindness is united to poverty, when there are neither family nor friends to guide and care for these unfortunates, how terrible is their condition.

But are they friendless? Yes truly, if dependent upon the capri cious charity of the world. But the same Lord who, amidst the voices of the mulitude, vet heard and paused at the cry of blind Bartimeus, responds to-day, though in a different manner, to the cry of the blind. Those ministering spirits on earth in whose sweet presence all mankind, regardless of creed, feels the influence of holy living, of perfect self-secrifice, of complete conformity to the will of God-Those blackrobed Sisters—come ever as angels blight placed upon them. of mercy to the relief of the suffering.

the oppressed and the forsaken. Whether it be on the battlefield. the hospital ward, in the orphan home, wherever poverty and suffering are, there these consecrated women gather.

Witness the fair and stately edifices raised by their efforts for the purpose of relieving every form of human distress.

It was our happy privilege t visit one of these institutions-St Joseph's Home for the Blind, Jersey City-and the lessons learned there be forgotten.

The bome, a handsome four-story edifice of yellow brick, interior of some of the beautiful fancy work polished oak, with tiled floors, and done by the patient fingers of the the entire building fireproof and blind? Think what it means to be surrounded by superb roof garden commanding an extensive view of

the city. Let us enter and learn something of the noble work done for the blind by the Sisters of St. Joseph, under whose fostering care the orphans, the working girls and the blind are suffering ones; and surely we will alike sheltered in their various insti- be shamed out of our selfishness, and tutions.

From the beautiful chapel to the dormitories and class rooms all is perfect and harmonious.

As we entered one of the cheerful airy rooms, it was to be greeted by we consider whom the money will a group of children, whose sightless eyes and pathetically extended hands could not fail to touch even the coldest heart

What particularly impressed us was that all the inmates of the home, from the youngest to the oldest, exhibited happy, contented faces, that the Sisters are much interested. would not to shame the discontented The Sisters are very desirous of ac-

unterances of many of the petter all had, moreover, a wholesome, healthy appearance, and were seru- of the women. pulously neat and well cared for. thanks to the ever-watchful care of the Sis'ets, whose password is love.

The dormitories were carefully inspected, and left nothing to be desired. The children accompanied us to the roof garden, where they danced and played, as merry and happy a group as ever the sun shone on.

But it was in the schoolroom our interest was raised to the highest pitch. The class was in session, and at a word from the Sister in charge a little girl of nine years of age came forward and was led to the table by which we were seated. A book with the usual raised letters was given to us to make a selection, and to heaven their earnest prayers for our choice fell upon a poem, which the child read with beautiful clearness and correct pronunciation of every word. A sectional map, such as is used to instruct the blind, was then placed on the table, and the little scholar named and pointed ou the oceans; our own State (Pennsylvania), giving the capital, Harrisburg; its situation, the five principal cities of the State, the productions.

The same information was given concerning New York and New Jer

sey, the latter being our little friend's own State. With the use of a board composed of small squares, and metallic square tubes with a character on the top, which, according to their position, represented various figures,

the child rapidly and correctly performed examples in addition, substraction, multiplication, division, and did wonders in fractions; and all this without a single mistake or aid of any kind from her teacher. Compare these sefficied little girl's proficiency with that of many a public school child of nine years, and remember the difficulties that beset the blind in their pursuit of knowledge. Nor was she the single ex-

ception, for several children came forward to delight and astonish us with their remarkable facility and intelligence.

The New York Point System, by which the blind can communicate with each other in writing, is a boon indeed, and fills a long felt want. A sheet of paper is placed on a frame made for the purpose, and with a tiny punch perforations are made, which represent the letters of the alphabet by their various positions; the paper reversed, these perforations are raised on the under side. and can be easily read by the sensitive fingers of the blind. Too much cannot be said in praise of this system. One child of seven years, who had only been learning it since January, wrote and read with a quick-

any child of her age possessed of every faculty. It was with reluctance we finally said good-bye to these bright and interesting children and followed our sweet conductress to the beautiful. sunny room where the old woman were assembled. One old lady has reached the remarkable age of 98. and is surely a striking testimonial of the loving care bestowed upon her. Another, passed 70, but cheerful and active, though totally blind, gayly danced a genuine Irish jig to an accompaniment played by one of

the inmates. Music is taught to all who desire to learn, and we listened with rapt attention to one of Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words" exquisitely performed on the piano by a girl of fifteen, and to brilliant duets played in perfect time by two women. The expression they give to the music is felt, but cannot be described; it belongs peculiarly to the blind, as though nature had added the sweetness of melody in return for the

We next visited the workroom. where a number of girls and women were engaged in making beautiful and useful articles of zephyrsshawls, capes, bedroom slippers, baby socks and sacques-all exquisitely made and the various colors most harmoniously combined; it was touching to watch them so dexterously weaving together the bright colors which their eyes could never behold and admire.

And just here a suggestion: Why not remember these afflicted ones, the impressions received will never and prrform an act of charity which will cost us nothing save a little extra trouble? Why not purchase blind; think of the immense sums of money necessary to support and educate the inmates of the home; think of the untiring care and zeal of the Sisters, of the infinite patience necessary for their work, which is all for Christ's sake and out of pity for His try to do our little to aid a cause so noble and so worthy. Will not a beautiful shawl, a dainty cape, a tiny baby sacque, have added value if purchased here, particularly when

> benefi: ? And what does it cost us more than a few lines of written directions

to the Sisters? From the workroom we went to see the men. These latter are a new feature of the home, and one in which mmodating more men, as, in a favorites of health and fortune. They certain sense, their condition is worse and more belpless than the condition

But the expenses of such an institution can easily be imagined. The heating; the food, all of the most who lesome; the personal care required by the blind, the necessary appliances for teaching them, all demand an ero: mous expenditure, and we must remember that there is no State appropriation, no large board composed of the wealthy, but a home maintained solely by the efforts of the Sisters and the charity of friends. With that sublime faith so pleasing to Almighty God, they fear no future even as they shirk no present, but trust that the Lord will provide, and not only wait but work, sending up

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the : fflicted ones they have gathered together under their tender care. Truly, this is no light task or easy

burden these Sisters have taken upon their shoulders. Moreover, we must remember that this is not an institution where, after a set term of years. the inmates are sent out to struggle for themselves.

What a blessing to instruct the blind in ways of usefulness, to edusoothe by sound what has been denied by sight.

Condemned to perpetual darkness, how could they remain sane unless their minds were occupied, their bands trained, their remaining faculties educated, so as to, in a measure at least, compensate in some degree, for the loss of the greatest faculty of

Let us, the children of good fortune, possessed of every faculty, sisters in Christ, and the daily selfsacrifice, the unceasing labor of the Sisters, in their Home for the Blind,

Month of the Precious **Blood at Nazareth** House.

The Servants of the Poor, who conduct Nazareth House near the Falls of Niagara, observe the pious custom of offering up to the Sacred Heart of Jesus all their prayers, mortifications, good works, special Massss, etc., during the entire month of July, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of all persons who may seek their aid in this way. Their suffrages benefit of their friends, enemies, dependents and benefactors; for the conversion of sinners, the spread of Christ's kingdom on earth, and for the release of the Poor souls suffering untold agonies in Purgatory, who have no one to pray for them. Those persons who desire prayers, either for themselves or their friends, whether living or dead, are invited to write their request, sign the same with full name and address, and forward imnediately to Nazareth House. During the past year thousands of letters were received from all parts of claim to have been healed in a miraculous manner; unhappy marriages ave been reformed; the unemployed our fell have obtained lucrative positions persons addicted to drink have be-

come and virtue acquired. Nazaerth is a free house of compassion, supported by voluntary alms. and consists in three separate departments, viz., the Protectory for for Destitute Children. The inmates come from all parts of the United States. Canada and Europe, and under God, through the blessed aid given, bundreds of despairing women. young girls are saved from taking the first fatal step on a downward career. which leads to suicide and eternal damnation

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Religious Vocation.

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Illinois. Jesuit Gardens in Alaska.

Somehow we do not associate fruit Weedon, \$1, by School Children, and flowers with Alaska, yet we are Province of Quebec, \$21; total, told by the Northwest Review, whose information is gathered from unimpeachable sources, that "fine gardens, which excite the wonder of all travel ers, are to be found at two mission

stations along the Yukon, Nulato and Koserefsky. Nulato is near the 64th degree of north latitude, Koserefsky MILBURN'S near the 62nd. The church name for the former mission is St. Peter Claver's where Father Jette was stationed and whither he returns this summer; the name for the other mission is Holy Cross, which is about 240 miles | by river | southwest from St. Peter Claver's The Holy Cross garden, which covers ten acres, was begun in 1890 with nothing but potacate them, to open the enchanted toes and cabbage. From a few realms of music to them and seek to potatoes the Jesuits raised seed for 1801, when they also introduced cattle, three or four cows and one bull. In 1895 the Fathers sent speci-

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mens of fine vegetables to the De-

The Foolishness of Wrangling.

Life has often been pictured as battle through which one must fight one's way. This, in a sense, is true. We must fight against the evil influence of many with whom we are thrown, and we must battle against our own natures so prone ot evil, but we must offer to the world, neverthe- I would cough myself to death. I less, as far as in us lies, a serene snd untroubled face.

That life is a fight may be true, but surprisingly short time. it does not follow that we are to go around in a pugnacious mood, look ing for trouble with every one who crosses our path. There are more dangerous enemies to conquer than are presented in particular for the our neighors, and one of our longest and most serious fights is the fight against our own pugnacity, irritability,

suspicion, uncharitableness. We do well to be on our guard against the treachery and unfairness of the world, for treachery and unfairness abound therein; but we do ill if we fail to see that many apparent slight, slurs, insults even, are the result not of malice, but of thoughtlessness, of ignorance. Let us examine our own conduct, and we shall If you subject them to be present, see we often do wrong uninten tionally to others. Are not others as human as we? May not they also do wrong to us out of no evil motive? without injuring the child. Price In the relations of men there is 253. bound to be friction. Opinions will the world expressing the gratitude of clash, sometimes; but we ourselves are not infallible, and our opinions the recipients for favors obtained are as likely to be wrong as are our through the fervent supplications of neighbor's. Why fly into a rage God's devoted servants. The sick because some little difficulty, some difference of opinion arises in the

doings of the day? To say nothing of the injury done bave been blessed; wayward children to the soul by such an attitude toward view-point it is very foolish. In young men just starting out in the world it is a barrier in the path. come total abstainers; extraordinary There may be in this or that nature vocations to the religious life have so afflicted some other super-eminent been obtained; sin has been over- qualities which command success, but for the majority of us, this

pugnacity is fatal to advancement. To use a homely expression, "life is too short'' to be wasted in wrang ling. As Edmund Barke once wrote to the Irish painter Barry, whose Friendless Girls, the Night Refuge pugnacious disposition was involving for Homless Women and the Shelter him in furious quarrels with the artists and dilletantiof Rome:-" Believe me, dear Barry, the arms Throat, Croup, Quinsy, etc. It

with which the ill dispositions of the world are to be combated, and the qualities by which it is to be reconciled to us, and we reconciled to it, are moderation, gentleness, a little indulgence to others, and a great deal of distrust of ourselves, which are not qualities of a mean ed with Headeche and Constipatior. spirit, as some may possibly think them, but virtues of great and noble kind, and such as dignify our nature did me more good than anything as much as they contribute to our ever took." repose and fortune; for nothing can be so unworthy of a well composed soul as to pass away life in bickering and litigations-in snarling and scuffling with every one about us, We must be at peace with onr species, it not for their sakes, at least very much for our own."—Sacred Heart

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