

closer to the nurse. She looked up at him and their glances met and held while both young faces paled.

For a long time Ralph stared down at it. His baby — Nan's baby was dead! That firm, beautiful body, those perfect features, that well-shaped head with its wisps of black curls, and yet no breath of life.

At last he held it, his baby. At first he shuddered from the contact. Had he been the cause of its death? Could his coldness to Nan have hurt her so as to cause this result?

Three hours later a different nurse entered the library and shook him. He was crouched over the table with his face buried on his arms and she thought him asleep.

Composing himself he followed the nurse with lagging steps. How he dreaded this first meeting with Nan! In the room adjoining he saw his mother asleep on a couch.

The nurse left him and he was alone with Nan. He could not look at her. Crossing the room hurriedly he dropped to his knees beside the bed.

For a time their silence held, then her hand urged him and she looked up to meet her eyes. Glorious eyes they were — eyes in which lay no reproach, no misery, only immeasurable happiness and peace.

"Poor boy!" she commiserated when she saw his face. "I gave all of you a bad scare, didn't I? But I am thankful now that I was goose enough to stop breathing when they told me Ralphie was dead."

Just this one sight upset him. He remembered them dimples so plainly. They had been so rigid and cold. After all he was only a boy and who could blame him for the tearing sobs that now shook him.

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Hot weather is by general consent a bore, a burden, a trouble. Now while no man can add a cubit to his stature by taking thought, any son of Adam can indefinitely thicken, widen, deepen and elongate his troubles by the simple process of thinking about them.

Yes, it is hot now, but think of the crisp October that impends, of the delightful blizzards that may rage about our heads next January, of the bracing chill that comes from the Atlantic with the winds of March and April! It is sure to snow, if we wait long enough.

incessantly dry or wet without end, we might have some reason to complain. Happily it is set in a cycle, and the turn is always at hand.

high calling, in the divine counsels, to render great service to the Catholic faith in the grave decades which we now enter upon.

Perhaps it is a strain in August to imagine what it feels like to be the season when serene leaves fill the paths, or snow-drifts sparkle in the moon.

BRILLIANT ADDRESS
RT. REV. T. J. SHAHAN, RECTOR OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
AT ANTIGONISH, N. S., AUG. 16, 1917

Your Grace, Right Reverend Bishops, Venerable Fathers, Dearly Beloved Brethren:

The happy occasion which brings together this vast assemblage seems at once particular and general, particular inasmuch as it gathers about the most worthy Jubilarian of today a multitude of friends, admirers and well-wishers, general insofar as he stands for the highest and holiest cause which could in these times and in this land be committed to any man, the cause of Catholic Education, on all its higher levels and in all its grave relations to the welfare of the English speaking Catholics of this province, and of Canada generally.

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Education is sometimes set over against charity as a thing apart and distinct, another order of ideas. But Education is itself at all times a form of charity. Indeed it is the highest form of charity, and this is particularly true of Modern Education so varied in its content, so specialized and subdivided, so expensive in a hundred ways that the individual can no longer expect to meet its overwhelming cost, but must accept the precious thing as a public gift.

Let us not forget that the University is ways the nursery, the source, the training place of the modern teacher. You need only look about you to see that the normal schools are entirely dependent on the Universities, are manned, directed, ensouled by them, and that in purely secular education you are getting in the poorest state community precisely what flows down from the great master-school at the top.

It is not the University professors of Germany who have fed that nation steadily with the ideas and pretensions to which the present conditions of man and are owing? Is it not the University professors of France who created the abnormal and cruel conditions which in the last two decades brought the Catholic Church in that land to the verge of extinction? And in general, is it not the professors of our modern secular Universities who are responsible for the vulgar materialism, the cheap hollow rationalism, the frivolous pleasure-philosophy, the irreligious and soon anti-religious hearts of multitudes of modern men and women?

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