

# SPRING.

Written for the True Witness.  
By PETER J. DOHERTY, Montreal.

She comes in all her glory,  
She comes in all her gladness,  
She takes from our wintry gloom  
And our heart she clears of sadness.  
We hail her with her freshness,  
We hail her with her love,  
We know her touch means health,  
Sent straight from Heaven above.

She goes into the castle,  
She goes into the farm,  
She gives to all of Nature's children  
A fair portion of her charm,  
The rich are glad to see her,  
The poor are glad to meet her,  
All vie to do true honor,  
To God's great messenger.

She sends away the snow,  
She sends away the cold,  
She brings the sweet, green grass,  
To her children, young and old,  
She makes our birds all sing,  
She makes our blossoms bloom,  
She takes from off our feelings,  
Everything that's gloom.

The children are all happy,  
Their elders are all pleased,  
The tradesman's full of spirits,  
And there's laughter in the peasant,  
The Spring is full of love,  
The Spring is full of joy,  
The girl has out her shining rope,  
And the marbles with the boy.

Let us share the sport,  
Let us share the Spring,  
Keep our minds from weariness,  
And joy to others bring,  
Let us help our neighbor,  
Let us do some good,  
All sorrow strive to send away,  
And cheer the sad one's mood.

## HOUSE OF CORRECTION FOR BOYS.

In the "New Era," we find the following account of a peculiar House of Correction that exists in France. The article is evidently translated from French, but no credit is given to any author, so we cannot tell whence it comes. After perusing it carefully we have come to the conclusion that the system it indicates of correcting and educating unmanageable youngsters is not to be universally approved of, nor can it be universally successful. There seems to be no account taken of the different natures of the young lads; that which might work admirably with some characters would utterly fail with others. However, there is a novelty about the whole undertaking that is suggestive, and that renders it well worthy of serious consideration.

Mettray is a village situated seven kilometres from Tours, where, in 1810, two kind-hearted gentlemen, M. Demetz and the Viscount de Breteuil, sacrificed a great part of their lives and fortunes to found a penitentiary, where children could be received without experiencing the demoralizing influences of a prison.

But it is not to these unfortunates that the following article is devoted, but to the Maison paternelle, as it is termed, which has nothing in common with a penitentiary, but it is at the same time something similar for the direction and regeneration of children of all classes of society.

M. Demetz, during his various travels, in the course of confidential talks with men even of the haut monde, found that children were often to be met with—to the sorrow and anguish of their parents—who were vicious, incapable of reflection, weak as regards character, and in short insupportable in every way, and as these failings generally carried with them utter want of respect for parents and a horror of work and study in any form, it was evident that some kind of establishment which could receive such, would be an excellent idea. The maison paternelle has solved this grave problem. The greater part of the pensionnaires are youths who have been turned out of their colleges—the sons of widows being the most numerous—women rarely having the courage for so severe a measure. The pupils are kept in separate cells, but this does not mean absolute isolation, as each day they receive a visit from the director, the chaplain and the professors, and each day take at least an hour's walk; but apart from these, they are left entirely to their work with no other recreation. The director alone knows their names; on their arrival they are given a number, by which they are known. Some people may find this isolation very barbarous, but as the pupils must, at the end of their stay, be entirely re-

generated, and perhaps may be called to fill a high position in the world, it is quite best, for the sake of their amour-propre that all others should be ignorant of their stay at Mettray. It is not because there is anything dishonorable in it, but so that their career may not, in any way, be prejudiced by it and it by no means prevents their becoming good, honest, and intelligent workers and citizens. The solitude of their existence forces them to think, and reflection is an excellent road to repentance. How many pupils have arrived at the Maison furiously with their parents, altogether ashamed of their position, and yet who have left it with feelings of intense gratitude for the discipline enforced upon them. The pupils find that those who interest themselves in them, are intelligent and patient, therefore there is but little temptation to resort to temper or tears; and they find that the rule though severe is perfectly just. On their arrival it is shown that it is not for the pleasure of being severe with them, that they are there, but only for their own good, and the method is so excellent that they themselves feel this at once and the chaplain's daily visit too has a most salutary effect.

"The Maison paternelle, built from the plans of M. Demetz is composed of 30 cells; each cell opens on to a large hall, where night and day is stationed one of the professors; outside this there is a large window looking on the country, which gives plenty of light, and also fresh air to circulate; the furniture of the cells is very simple, there are a few, however, which are more luxuriously appointed, and these are reserved for those pupils whose conduct is the most satisfactory.

"The good sisters take charge of the arrangements for the feeding of the pupils, and so far as possible the same regime is followed as they would have had in their own homes. An arrangement is made that the pupils assist at Mass on Sundays, without being seen. Everyone has heard of the beauties and the salubrious climate of the Touraine; Mettray is most charmingly situated, the good air calms the undisciplined, and strengthens the weak.

"The director of the Maison is M. Cluzen, a former naval officer, who is greatly attached to the work, and as a man accustomed to command—apart from his sympathetic manner of dealing with his pupils—he appeals to their young imaginations. The pupils are immediately under the authority of the director, who each fortnight, sends reports to their respective parents. This kind of education—much ignored in France—is well known in other countries; many of the pupils of the maison are of other nationalities. In this country (France) we have the bad habit of ignoring our institutions, if Mettray were situated in a pretty corner of England, instead of simply in Touraine, the director would be obliged to refuse a large number of our young compatriots."

## FORBIDDING THE BANNS.

The "Central News," a London publication gives the following somewhat amusing account of how a Reverend gentleman attempted to stop a marriage and how badly he was used in consequence. While we cannot fully approve of the system adopted by Rev. Mr. Black, and Rev. Mr. Walker, to discourage the marriage of divorced persons, yet we must admit that they have a better conception of God's law than is possessed by those who seek to defy the commandments and to bring matrimony to the level of a conditional contract. The report runs thus:

"At Christ Church Down Street, Piccadilly, a large congregation assembled on Saturday afternoon to witness the marriage of a lady to a well-known army man who has divorced his wife. The service was choral and commenced with the choir singing 'Thine forever God of Love.' At that part of the service where the prayer book provided for 'Any man to allege and declare any impediment why they be not coupled together in matrimony by God's law or the laws of this realm,' the following was read in a loud voice, 'I, Edwin Walker, assistant priest of St. Peter's, London Docks, do allege and declare an impediment why these persons may not be coupled together in matrimony by God's law. This man has a canonical wife living.' At this point the churchwardens expelled the clergyman from the church, and one of the marriage guests so forgot the character of the building as to strike the priest. The Rev. E. Walker, who was accompanied by another priest, having made his objection drove off in a cab.

"Father" Black is a Church of England clergyman who believes that divorced persons should not be remarried in a church. Time after time he attended at such weddings and "protested." The protests generally

# MRS. A. SCOTT.

## She Publishes This Letter So That Others Suffering From Female Weakness Can Benefit by Her Experience—A Story Telling Things All Women Ought to Know.

Have you ever noticed how quickly a woman loses her good looks and attractiveness? She will have a fair face, beautiful complexion and well-rounded figure. Before you know it, she is all run-down, pale and weak. Her skin will have an ugly yellow appearance. Then there will be pimples and blotches on her face. The flesh will shrink upon the bones, and the whole system will be racked with aches and pains. The cause is hidden, but everybody knows what it is. Female weakness is the cause. Women who are on the down-grade hill of diseases peculiar to their sex ought to read the following letter. It is published for their benefit. Read every word of it, and remember it is true!

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caused "scenes," and though there is no instance on record of the prevention of such a form of marriage through the clergy's agency, he always retired from the fray perfectly satisfied with himself. He had at least the consolation of seeing himself well advertised. But last Saturday the reverend gentleman decided to give a share of the credit to an understudy; so he despatched the Rev. Mr. Walker, of St. Peter's, London Docks, to the scene of a wedding between "a well-known army man," who had divorced his wife and another lady. Mr. Walker appeared, and duly recorded his protest. The consequences were decidedly unpleasant. Churchwardens rose from behind pews and out of dark corners, with mysterious celerity, as the "banners" and spears and bearded bows" of Frederick Dhu's Highlanders appeared in response to the chieftain's signal on the night of his memorable duel with "the Knight of Snowdon, James Fitz-james." They flung themselves on the minister, and hustled him towards the door, while one of the gallant guests availed of the opportunity, and made a heroic effort to black the protest-maker's eyes. Mr. Walker says he has done his duty, and is satisfied. So it seems are all the parties concerned. No matter how excellent "Father" Black's object may be, we fear his methods of accomplishing it are neither dignified nor effective.

## ANOTHER EDUCATIONAL FAD

We drew attention to a school fad, in New Jersey, a few weeks ago. Now, the news of another comes from Pennsylvania. In honor of the memory of Charles Ingersoll Hutchinson, of the class of '98 of the University of Pennsylvania, who was, we are told, "noted amongst his comrades for his manly qualities," his classmates have established "the Charles Ingersoll Hutchinson memorial medal," which each year is to be given to the member of the senior class who shall by the majority of his classmates be adjudged to possess, "the finest qualities that go to make the ideal man." The medal is to be of gold. The questions that suggest themselves are—What were those alleged "manly qualities" of Mr. Hutchinson which are to be commemorated by this gold medal, and what are the "finest qualities" which his classmates consider "go to make the ideal man?" That medal will never be won if only an "ideal man" can win it.

Almost every man in America has some digestive trouble. When met met, the greeting usually is, "Well, how are you?" That develops health talk. The man who has no bowel or stomach trouble is almost a curiosity. Trouble is men take no care of themselves. They eat as though they had copper stomachs and bowels of brass. By and by, over-worked, nervousness, bad blood, liver and kidney troubles. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets furnish help for constipation and torpid liver, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, sour stomach, loss of appetite, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, "heartburn," pain and distress after eating, and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels. Accept no substitute.

## A CUNNING HUSBAND.

"It is strange that I can't get my wife to mend my clothes," remarked Mr. Brille in a tone of disgust. "I asked her to sew a button on this vest this morning, and she hasn't touched it."

"You asked her?" said Mr. Norris with a shrug of his shoulders.

"Yes, what else should I do?"

"You haven't been married very long, so perhaps you will take a tip from me," answered Mr. Norris with a fatherly air. "Never ask a woman to mend anything. That's fatal."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Do as I do. When I want a shirt mended, for instance, I take it in my hand and hunt up my wife. Where's the rag-bag, Mrs. Norris?" I demand in a stern voice.

"What do you want a rag-bag for?" she says suspiciously.

"I want to throw this shirt away. It's all worn out," I reply.

"Let me see it!" she demands.

"But I put the garment behind my back. No, my dear, I answer. There is no use in your attempting to do anything with it."

"Let me see," she reiterates.

"But it's all worn out, I tell you."

"Now, John, give me that shirt!" she says in her most peremptory tone.

"I hand over the garment."

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