

The Handsomest Woman.

A FARMER'S PHILOSOPHY.

DEAR BOB—Your letter of the 10th came in the mail to-day. And so you want to marry, and you wonder what will say!

THAT PICTURE OF THE SACRED HEART.

Anna T. Sadler, in Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

An early Spring had come to Canada. It had touched the buds into life; it had clothed the trees with a delicate green.

Mary Leonard sat upon the porch of her father's little stone house. Tangled creepers of honeysuckle fell about her. A lilac bush beside the door was sending her its grateful sweetests.

A brief explanation followed, and Mary mechanically took up an engraved printed card, "The Record of our Lord to Blessed Margaret Mary." Mechanically, too, she began to read.

"I will bless the houses wherein an image of my heart shall be exposed and honored."

Acting on a sudden impulse, Mary went up to her room and took from a drawer a colored print. It was of no particular value. It had been given as a reward of merit in the young girl's convent days.

Thomas Leonard's life had been one of hard and prostrate labor. He had had but little time to attend to his religious duties, and the suburb where he lived gave but a narrow scope for anything more than the haldest practice of religion.

"What had men got to do," he thought, "with all this religious business. Women were the only ones who had time for that."

Unconsciously, however, he learned a great deal, so he thought, of the young stranger for two or three days under that humble roof.

"Who put it there?" "I did."

No more was said. Mary was rejoiced that her father had not ordered the picture to be taken down. So hard and absorbed in material things had he become that beauty, sweetness, spirituality passed without the stone porch.

Once a grandchild came from a still more remote country place, on a visit. His mother was a Protestant. The child had been taught nothing of its father's religion. One day Mary overheard a conversation between her father and the little lad.

"Grandpapa, who is that in the picture?" "It is our Saviour, I suppose," said the man unhesitatingly, the name was so unfamiliar on his lips.

"What is He doing?" "Oh, I don't know; Mary can tell you."

"He has a beautiful, kind face; and there is a lady in the picture. Was it she doing it?" "Praying."

"Do you ever pray, grandpapa?" asked the child earnestly. Grandpapa growled something. He did not want his young inquirer to learn that for years he had scarcely ever bent his knee.

"If you tell me how, I will," said the child eagerly. Something like an expression of pain crossed the old man's face, as he rose and left the room.

As the weeks and months went by the picture and Mary's daily offering of flowers before it made a spot of beauty in the house.

One particularly wild and stormy night came about the end of December. Drifts of snow were whirling, blizzards blowing, up and down the road.

"Perhaps you can do more than that for us," said Mary, quietly. "My father is dying, and I could have left him and a priest, even if I could have left him and my prayer to the Sacred Heart is answered."

The process of the development of Christian doctrine was a very simple and a very natural one. The Apostles' Creed, as we remarked on a former occasion, contained the germ of Christian doctrine from which the present doctrinal system of the Catholic Church was gradually, logically and unbrokenly developed.

The political battle is over, but the battle with disease must be constantly and unceasingly waged else the reaper will come out victorious and loved ones will be gathered to their long home.

For the purpose of the development of the doctrine of the divinity of Christ, the Church represented the most orthodox of the Fathers, and it cannot be denied that the language of the Antiochene Fathers on the subject of our Lord's divinity may be more easily accommodated to the Arian hypothesis than the Paphlagonian.

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Advertisement for Ontario Stained Glass Works, offering 'Stained Glass for Churches, Public & Private Buildings'.

Advertisement for Cook's Friend Baking Powder, including a testimonial about its quality and effectiveness.

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