

Aunt Nora's Corner.

Many boys and girls, without meaning to be ungrateful, take favors as a matter of course. Most people like to show kindness to one who is sure to appreciate it. An ungrateful person is generally despised.

No matter what his good qualities are none seem to have a word in his favor. Now, many a boy, who would scorn ingratitude with all his heart, falls into a closely related fault when he takes favors as a matter of course.

For instance, who has a better claim for a boy's gratitude than his mother? Who does more for him, and as a rule who receives less thanks?

Most lads would admit, if they stopped to give the matter serious thought, that she is the one in all the world who most deserves their gratitude. Her care over them extends from babyhood to manhood, her patience never gives out, her love never grows weary. Who is so often called upon to do a favor at an inconvenient time, without receiving a single word of appreciation in return? Who else is expected to surrender her own plans and wishes and pleasures as a matter of course?

Gratitude can be cultivated. A good way for a boy to strengthen its growth in his own heart is to begin by being appreciative of all that his mother does for him. Thank her when she sits up late, mending that three-cornered tear which made its appearance so mysteriously on the sleeve of your overcoat yesterday. Give her a grateful kiss when she makes a sacrifice for your pleasure. Do not confine your signs of gratitude to caresses and kind words. Let your heart speak through your deeds. Be ready to make little sacrifices for her. It is the only way you can make her any return for her unflinching love.

AN ESSAY ON BABIES.

Babies are usually young. Now and again specimens may be found of 20 years and over, but such are invariably babies on their honeymoon. Real, alive,

unmistakable, heard-a-mile off babies are always young. The other, the honey-moon kind, are only make believe, and ought not to count when facts are being dealt with.

Babies have features. With a good microscope you can see a baby's nose. It has a high forehead, one that goes right over to the back of its neck. A baby's ears are put on for amusement, solely to relieve its great expanse of cheek.

It has eyes, which eyes it chiefly uses to express astonishment—evoked, no doubt, by the antics and language of those about it. It has a mouth, too, which it uses for putting its hands and feet into.

Babies wear clothes. The chief object aimed at in dressing a baby is to lose the baby among the clothes. If you have a foot and a half or two feet of baby you will require from forty to fifty yards of clothes to dress it properly. The reason for this is that every baby is the best baby that was ever born and the fact must be emphasized. Besides, somebody might wish to steal it, and in that case the longer he had to look for it the wretcher would be the chance of catching him.

HUNTINGDON, April 7th, 1897.

DEAR AUNT NORA,—I have been reading the letters and compositions in the TRUE WITNESS for a long time, and there was some very nice ones. I have never before written to the Corner, so you must excuse my letter. I live in the country, on the banks of Trout River. It is very beautiful in the summer. Sometimes we take a small boat and go out on the river and catch fish. We have a large sugar bush, and we make sugar and syrup. We have a small grove near our house, and it is nice to sit there in the summer. I am eleven years old and I go to school. I was at the convent for two months last year and I made my first Communion and was confirmed. I have a little sister; she is seven years old and she goes to school also. Well, Aunt Nora, I guess I will close.

CASSIE McCAFFREY.

[Dear Cassie, Aunt Nora is pleased with your letter, coming as it did to the Corner at the glad Easter time, and bringing a whiff of fresh country air with it that will be welcomed by your city cousins. You might tell them a little more about the sugar bush—how the sap is gathered and made into the delicious maple syrup that they are all so fond of. Perhaps, too, you know the names of some of the pretty little flowers that peep out early in the woods from under their brown blankets of leaves, that you and your little sister love to gather; if you do, Cassie, write again and tell us what you know about them, and we will keep a nice cosy seat for a nice little girl that sometimes goes fishing in Trout River.]

Religious News Items.

Sister Helena, for three years Prioress of the Dominican Convent at Ashkosh, Wisconsin, died at Spring Valley, Ill.inois, where she had been stationed since last September.

Rochester, N. Y., will be represented on the Summer School Grounds at Plattsburgh, this season, by a building of its own, its representative Catholic citizens having subscribed the sum of \$6000 for its immediate erection.

Major Edward P. Doherty of New York, who was commander of the force that captured John Wilkes Booth, after the assassination of President Lincoln, died in New York last week. Major Doherty was a prominent Catholic.

Rev. Father M. Cavanaugh, C.M., of New Orleans, died recently. He was a native of La Salle, Illinois. His body will be interred in his native town, in the resting-place of the old Lazarist Fathers who were co-workers with him in his youth.

Rev. Father George J. Dusold, C.S.S.R., of the Church of St. Alphonsus, Baltimore, celebrated on Easter Monday the twenty fifth anniversary of his ordination. A procession of school children and members of the Sodality did honor to the occasion.

Daniel W. Voorhees, ex-United States Senator from Indiana and one of the Republic's great orators, died at his home in Washington on April 10th, at the age of 78 years. His only daughter, the constant companion of his declining years, is a convert to the Catholic Church.

Rt. Rev. T. M. A. Burke, Bishop of Albany, gave to the Church of the Immaculate Conception as an Easter offering a beautiful transept window representing the second advent of Christ as described in St. Matthew. It was manufactured in London and cost \$5,000.

The venerable foundress of the religious order known as the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died at Monroe, Michigan, at the age of 78 years. She saw her order grow from a foundation of three to a community of 600, and witnessed the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of her Sisterhood, which took place last December.

The Sacred Heart Convent, New York, one of America's famed educational establishments, will celebrate on May 20th its Golden Jubilee. Among the ecclesiastical dignitaries who will honor the occasion with their presence will be the Papal Delegate, Archbishop Martinelli; Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Corrigan. The Rev. William O'Brien Fardow, S.J., will deliver the jubilee sermon.

Very Rev. Dr. Denis Kelly, President of the Diocesan College, Ennis, was appointed to the vacant See of Ross, which was occupied by the late Dr. Fitzgerald. Dr. Kelly is still a young man, being now in his forty-fifth year; twenty of which have been spent in the priesthood. He is a native of Tipperary, and after studying in his native land and subsequently at the Irish College in Paris, was ordained in the French Capital on the 17th of March, 1877.

At the Presentation Convent at Baltimore, the death occurred on March 29th, of Mother Magdalen Huesey, who had served God as a member of that

religious order for nearly half a century. Her death was a shock to the Sisters of her community, as it was preceded by only a few hours illness, and they realize the loss of a wise and beloved mother who guarded with sympathetic care their daily lives. Before entering the Convent the deceased nun was known as Miss Mabel A. Huesey.

The death of Mother Mary de Sales has caused great regret in and about Glasgow, Scotland, for she was known and honored as one of the pioneer religious of Scotland, having entered the Convent of Mercy, Garnethill, 46 years ago at the age of 16.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, a novitiate of the Christian Brothers, was in danger of destruction from fire on Easter Monday. The fire originated in the boiler-room of the institution, but the active and vigorous exertions of the Brothers themselves soon brought the flames under control.

A mission conducted by Benedictine Fathers at Motherwell, Scotland, has been a marvellous success. For seven years the people of Motherwell have not had the advantage of this spiritual privilege, but when time placed it within their reach they set an example of their appreciation and piety by attending it en masse. The Catholic population of this city is estimated at 25,000, and of this number, it is declared that scarcely one failed in fulfilling the conditions of mission.

St. Anthony's Messenger makes the announcement that a chapel dedicated to St. Anthony will soon be erected at the Hotel Dieu, Saint-Vallier, and that later on a church will be built in honor of the great Saint in Chicoutimi, which is the centre of the Universal Association not only for Canada, but also for the United States. The many clients of St. Anthony are invited to aid the reverend ladies of the Hotel Dieu Saint-Vallier in supplying the necessary furnishings of the little chapel.

Sister Cyril, of the Ursuline Convent, New York, lost her life while superintending the preparatory cleaning for the opening of the spring term. A Sister in charge of the work became exhausted and Sister Cyril volunteered to take her place, and shortly after fell from the ledge of a third-story window and died a few hours later after receiving the last rites of the Church.

In the world she was known as Miss Martha Keegan, and her widowed mother resides in New York. Sister Cyril was only 26 years of age.

It may be well to remind Tertiaries of the Third Order of St. Francis that the Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence to the members who observe public or private novena from the 22nd to the 30th of May this year, and after a truly contrite confession and Holy Communion on any day of the Novena visit a church or public oratory, and there pray for the intentions of Holy Church. This indulgence is applicable to the souls in purgatory, and is granted in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Leo XIII's reception in the Third Order.

The oldest Catholic church in Boston, St. Stephen's, was seriously damaged by fire on the 20th of April, caused by a defect in the electric light switch box, which was fixed behind the altar. As soon as the flames were discovered issu-

ing from the windows, Rev. Father Knapp hastened to the church and removed the Blessed Sacrament and the sacred vessels. A high wind was blowing at the time and soon after the high altar was in flames. It was completely destroyed and also many valuable paintings and statues that adorned the sanctuary. Rev. D. J. O'Farrel is the present pastor of the church, which was erected in 1802, and originally used as a Protestant house of worship until purchased by the Catholics of Boston in 1863. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

The Civita Cattolica gives the following interesting statistics about the present standing of the Redemptorist Order: "The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer counts twelve provinces with 148 houses containing 3,000 inmates. The Roman Province counts six houses; the Franco-Helvetian, thirty-one; the Austrian, eighteen; the Belgian, thirteen. These six provinces were erected in 1841. The Province of Baltimore (United States), erected in 1850, comprises twenty-four residences; that of Germany, established in 1853, has nine houses. Then there is the Province of Lower Germany, dating back to 1859, with seven residences; the British Province, erected in 1865, with eight houses, and the Province of St. Louis (United States), founded in 1875, has nine establishments."

The News in Brief.

A son of the late President Garfield was lately received in special audience by the Pope.

The master joiners of Glasgow have granted their men a 1d. advance per hour, making the rate 9 1/2d.

Mr. John J. Foote, Quebec's pioneer journalist, who was for nearly forty years the proprietor of the Quebec Morning Chronicle, died in that city last week at the age of sixty-five years.

A pointer for the opponents of religious education. Carter Harrison, Chicago's newly elected Mayor, received his education at St. Ignatius (Jesuit) College, Chicago, and Mrs. Harrison is a graduate of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, New Orleans.

Mr. Benjamin Batson, one of Ottawa's pioneer citizens and well-known as Collector of Customs, died at the Grand Union Hotel on the morning of April 20, at the age of 65 years. He was a native of New Brunswick, and for a long time was in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company.

Police statistics show that since the beginning of the year 85 children have been abandoned in Toronto. This is a sad state of affairs and shows something radically wrong in morals in "Toronto the Good." It is very evident that missionary work of some kind is needed in the Queen City.

Perhaps the last survivor of the famous 600 who made the desperate charge at Balaklava passed from earth when Barney McKernan died at Phoenixville, Penn., a few days ago, at the age of seventy. He loved to recall the experiences of his soldier days. McKernan was a native of Leitrim, Ireland.

Reports from Honolulu tell of a startling discovery that has recently been made regarding the so-called Japanese students that have been arriving in large numbers in the Hawaiian Islands. They are now believed to be trained soldiers sent out from Japan in preparation for an attempted conquest of the group.

Mrs. Emma Wakefield, a daughter of United States ex-Senator Wakefield, has received a diploma from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners which admits her to the practice of medicine. Mrs. Wakefield is a colored woman, and it is believed she is the first of her race in the Union to obtain the distinction.

Russian doctors are hereafter to wear as a sign that they are legally qualified to practice a little zaok or badge, a silver oval plate an inch and a half long by an inch wide, on which is a design of two intertwined serpents. The object is to increase the safety of the wearer in the less civilized parts of the country.

Mrs. Michael Davitt and her three children will remain in Oakland, California, for a year or more. Mrs. Davitt's health, as also her children's, has been affected by the London climate, and she seeks relief from her native air. Mr. Davitt will return to America in the autumn, when he is released from his parliamentary duties.

Joseph Murphy, the well known Irish comedian, is scoring his old-time success with his popular comedy, the "Kerry Gow," which was presented in Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, last week. It is about time that this favorite Irish actor should give his many friends in Montreal an opportunity of witnessing one of his performances.

The American Irish Historical Society celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Boston by a banquet at the Revere House. The Hon. Thomas J. Gargan presided, and in the course of a brief address he referred to the signal services rendered to history by Thomas Carhill, a native of Ballyshannon, Ireland, who saved the town records of Concord on that memorable day 122 years ago. Some interesting essays were read during the evening.

Herbert Tattlow, a barley trimmer, met with an extraordinary death at Ipswich. He was clearing a heap of dry barley from the side of the steeping cistern when he put his foot into the cistern by mistake. The barley was then being drawn to the maiting floor below, and he was carried to the aperture with it, where he was jammed fast, only his legs and feet protruding. The horrified workmen, on going up to the cistern, found him suffocated, buried beneath two tons of barley.

An extraordinary trial has taken place at Hildesheim, near Hanover. An individual named Pfahl was charged with obtaining by unlawful means the release of prisoners undergoing sentence, and selling his services in the matter. The most flagrant case was that of three men sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment and a fine of 20,000 marks for brutal assaults. Pfahl, who openly boasted of the influence he exerted in high quarters, and professed to be on the best of terms with Herr Lucanus, the Chief Civil Administrator, offered to

procure the liberation of these two men for a certain sum, and succeeded. Strange to relate, Pfahl was found not guilty on the ground of insufficient evidence. In spite of the verdict, it is clear that pardons are bought and sold in Prussia.

OUR REVIEWER.

Bearing on its cover the colors of the University, blue and gold, the Easter number of the Notre Dame Scholastic comes to our exchange table with a brightness about it that is reproduced again in its literary contents. The frontispiece, carefully protected by a sheet of tissue paper, is of special interest, for it reveals to readers of the Scholastic the countenances of the students who compose the present board of editors—a clever and promising looking group of young men who have been familiar to us by their sketches and verse—sometimes grave and thoughtful, and sometimes fanciful and gay. We congratulate the editors on their creditable Easter issue.

The May number of the Sacred Heart is replete with interesting sketches, stories and verse, and excellent illustrations. The history of Jeanne d'Arc—written by Chimon to Rheims—written by John A. Mooney, LL.D., is continued and retains a strong hold on the readers of the magazine. One of the illustrations that accompany it represents the coronation of Charles VII. and is very beautiful. Revolutionary Spirit, a translation from the Spanish of Louis Colonna, S.J., is a tale of battle cleverly told. The eventful career of America's first martyr, Father John de Padilla, a Franciscan missionary who was slain on November 30, 1542, by a wandering tribe of Guayans on the plains of Kansas, just fifty years after the landing of Columbus, is told in an article entitled, "Afoot with America's First Martyr," written by the late Rev. George O'Connell, S.J. Pictures of Pueblo, its old ruined shrine, and Apache warriors, complete the interest of this instructive sketch. Rev. James Conway, S.J., gives an interesting account of "Churches of the Oriental Rite," and W. F. X. Sullivan, S.J., contributes some dainty verses on "Easter Lilies" that are redolent with devotion. A touching little story is "A Double Release," from the pen of T. M. Joyce, which we have taken the liberty to reproduce in this issue, and some fine examples of modern Christian art are shown in the illustrations of Our Lady's Altar in St. Benno's Church, Munich, and a Sacred Heart shrine bas-relief, the work of Thomas Buscher, sculptor, and carefully described in the accompanying text. A lovely Irish poem is "Rosary Time," by M. M. Halvey, telling the story of the good old custom of reciting the beads at even in the home with all the family gathered around.

There is much more to detain the reader, for every page of the Messenger bears a precious little message of its own, but the reviewer can sometimes only scan the contents, however strong the desire to absorb all.

The April number Catholic Reading Circle Review has just reached us, and it is doubly welcome from the fact that its frontispiece reproduces the features of the late lamented Brother Noah, brother of Mr. Justice Curran of Montreal. The Review publishes one of his essays, that reflects his opinion on the subject of Poetry: Its Characteristics and Mission; and also presents a brief outline of his noble career written by a loving companion in religion, Rev. Bro. Potamian. Careless of his own claims as an author, Brother Noah, with the true spirit of his Order, thought only of the good results that he might accomplish through his ceaseless efforts, and little of the advantage to be gained by preserving his work in book form. Several of his earlier compositions have been published, but there are still many brilliantly-penned manuscripts awaiting the hand of a competent editor, whose pen would also find a worthy theme in a detailed biography of this earnest and gifted member of the order of De La Salle, whose wit was not the least of his mental possessions.

The Review is one of the best of our Catholic magazines and is especially suited to teachers and students, although not exclusively interesting to them, for all lovers of good, sound Catholic reading will find a generous fund in this publication, which is the official organ of the Catholic Summer School of America and the Reading Circle Union.

The Owl for April contains many good things contributed by its student editors in Ottawa University, among which might be mentioned an appreciative essay on Edmund Burke's Oratory, written by Albert Newman. Evolution is the subject of Martin Power's reflections, and P. J. Galvin gives an interesting sketch of Maynooth College. Ottawa University students are not as partial to poetical effusions as some of their American con-

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temporarily, for a great deal of the verse in the April number is from acknowledged singers as Adelaide Procter, etc., but of course the Owl is not a singing bird, but very wise withal.

The current number of the annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart has many choice morsels of literary work that will afford thought and pleasure to its readers. "Our Lady's Easter Joy" is a thoughtful little sketch by Matilda Cummings on a timely theme, and Henry Coyle's admirable verses, "At Dawn on Easter Day," is another chaste tribute to the holy season. A brief description of the first Easter of Pius IX. will be read with interest, as it is a portion of a letter written by the gifted Frederic Ozanam, whose life and works have been cleverly written and compiled by Kathleen O'Meara.

The Weekly Bouquet has chosen a shadowy but very pleasing tint for its Easter cover, that is a decided contrast to the vivid colors and florid styles chosen by other publications, and perhaps it is from this very individuality of taste that it derives its peculiar charm. Just a tiny *boutonniers* of valley lilies nestling in their own dark foliage is added to this soft-toned dress.

Among the contributions is an article written by Mother M. Austin Carroll, descriptive of "Florence the Beautiful" and its associations that will be continued in succeeding numbers, and a sketch of Coventry Patmore, by Henry Coyle, gives a brief but careful study of the poet's work. James Riley's fruitful pen provides, in verse and story, many choice bits that are always appreciated.

The records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, for March, give encouraging reports of the progress made by this admirable organization, the aim of which is research and study, and the gathering of interesting data, in historical fields guided by the spirit of Christianity. The retiring president, Lawrence F. Flick, M.D., in his annual address reviewed the work of the society during his term of office and recalled the progress made, the most notable features of which were the successful establishment of a magazine; the purchase and equipment of a home for the association; and the establishment of an official archivist in Rome, whose duty is to copy valuable and interesting papers relating to the history of the Catholic Church in America. The financial condition of the society is hopeful and the prospects for its future bright.

Alfred Steckel, in a short article on the Catholic Church in Wisconsin, tells of the first Mass in Burlington. It was celebrated by Father Morrissey, in 1838, in the house of a Protestant named Nimms, and later, in 1842, at the solicitation of the few Catholic families residing in and around Burlington, Father Kindig came from Milwaukee and celebrated Mass for them in a carpenter's shop, the bench serving as an altar. A collection was then taken up, amounting to about sixty dollars, and with this money a horse was purchased for the priest, who promised to visit them once every month. To-day Burlington has a splendid church, erected in 1891, which has been preceded by two others, and it numbers a congregation of over 300 Catholic families, the majority of whom are Germans. Interesting data relating to the old Wilcox Paper Mill (Ivy Mills) that were in operation in Chester County, Pennsylvania, from 1729 to 1866, is given by Joseph Wilcox; and the history of Commodore John Barry, by Martin I. J. Griffin, is continued. The historical picture gallery contains the following illustrations: The Venerable John Nep. Bishop Neumann, D.D., first Bishop of Philadelphia; the Seven Churches of Clonmacnoise, on the banks of the Shannon; Bartholomew de las Casas, Bishop of Chiapa; and Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee.

The Pall Mall Magazine for May presents its readers with views of another of "the stately homes of England," Mount Edgecumbe House, Plymouth, the historical traditions of which are related by Ernestine Edgecumbe. W. T. Greene tells of some curious positions taken up by birds of their homes, in an article entitled "Strange Sites for Birds' Nests."

Standish O'Grady has written an Irish novel under the title of "The Flight of the Eagle." The Dublin Freeman, in an extended notice, gives it the highest praise as a true picture of Irish life during the Elizabethan period.

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type, besides Kent, a beautiful imported coaching stallion, which was greatly admired. Senator Globensky, of the same place, had on view Barabuy, a handsome bay stallion. Andrew Hilsop, of St. Laurent, showed General Banks, who appeared to be as "gay" as ever. Mr. J. P. Dawes, of Lachine, exhibited Pachelet and his celebrated race horse Red Fellow, the latter apparently being in good kilter. Mr. F. L. Frappier, of this city, showed a fine specimen of the Hambletonian breed, and Billy Monteith had his trotting stallion General Russell, which was generally admired. Other exhibitors were H. Poitras, of this city, and Dan Fraser, of St. Laurent, who had on the ground Aubrey, by Apollo, 7 years old, bred in Philadelphia, and with a record of 2.30. Mr. James I. Roy, of Bordeaux, had two exhibits, one of which was the standard trotter Vandyke, sired by Rouski, he by Redfellow, dam Lottie Kay, 6 years old. Messrs. Alderico Beaudin and George Corbeil, of Cote St. Michel, also exhibited some fine specimens of horse flesh.

The "Drink Bill" in England for the past 12 months shows a large increase. More than 25 per cent of alcoholic compounds have been consumed above the largest total hitherto recorded. No less than £6,598,588 has been spent during the past twelve months in excess of last year. Beer comes first with £4,257,274, wine next with £1,103,114, and spirits third with an increase of £1,069,720 over the figures of the previous year. In one department only is there a decrease—£41,140 in foreign spirits.

When the Spanish ironclad Vittoria went into dry dock it was discovered that the whole of her bottom, a surface of 1,200 square yards, was literally covered with large oysters, which the sailors and workmen quickly appropriated. It has been observed for some time past that the speed of the Vittoria was gradually diminishing, and the strange oyster bed is believed to account for her defect in this respect.

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