

THE QUEEN OF SEASONS.

(A Song for an Inclement May.)

All is divine which the Highest has made,  
Through the days that He wrought, till the  
day when He stay'd.  
Above and below, within and around,  
From the centre of space, to its uttermost  
bound.

In beauty surpassing the Universe smiled,  
On the morn of its birth, like an innocent  
child,  
Or like the rich bloom of some delicate flower;  
And the Father rejoiced in the work of His  
power.

Yet worlds brighter still, and a brighter than  
those,  
And a brighter again, He had made, had He  
chose;  
And you never could name that conceivable  
best.  
To exhaust the resources the Maker pos-  
sessed.

But I know of one work of His Infinite Hand,  
Which special and singular ever must stand;  
So perfect, so pure, and of gifts such a store,  
That even Omnipotence ne'er shall do more.

The freshness of May, and the sweetness of  
June,  
And the fire of July in its passionate noon,  
Munificent August, September serene,  
Are together no match for my glorious  
Queen.

O Mary, all months and all days are thine own,  
In thee lasts their joyousness, when they are  
gone;  
And we give to thee, Mary, not because it is  
best,  
But because it comes first, and is pledge of  
the rest.

—CARDINAL NEWMAN.

AUSTRALIA.

A Catholic Bishop in Defence of the  
Natives.

Over a dozen years ago, Dr. Gibney, the present Bishop of Perth, Western Australia, displayed remarkable physical courage on the memorable occasion at Glenrowan, in Victoria, the Kelly gang of bushrangers were finally brought to bay after a long series of murders and depredations. The worthy Bishop is now showing equal moral courage in the crusade which he is waging in the local press on the subjects of the cruelties practised on the aboriginal 'lords of the soil' by their white dispossessors in the north-west districts of the colony. The Western Mail, the principal weekly newspaper of Western Australia, gives publicity to a correspondence between one of the members of the Colonial Parliament, Mr. Charles Harper, and Dr. Gibney, who breaks a lance in favor of the late Sir Frederick Wild, formerly Governor of Western Australia, who is stated by Mr. Harper to have been "mad" on the "native question." In view of the statements to which publicity was recently given on the authority of the Sydney Truth, the following excerpts from the Bishop's letter are worthy of reproduction:—

"I would ask Mr. Harper (writes the Bishop in the Western Mail, of November 12) what proofs can he give for his assertion that the whole history of the native trouble has resulted in a distinct vindication of the character of the settlers? That was not the opinion held by the alleged mad Governor's Executive Council in a very celebrated case which was taken by the Crown as a sample of the light manner in which the squatters regarded the murder of the natives. Mr. Harper's contention that because no white man has been hanged in Perth for twenty years past for the murder of natives, no white man deserves hanging, only goes to uphold what has often been expressed officially and publicly—that, so great was the influence of certain settlers over the executive administration of justice in the law courts, it was impossible to hang a white man for the most atrocious murder of a black under any circumstances. It was notorious that not only was a powerful section of the early settlers conspiring against the executive, but that many officials of all ranks helped to frustrate the ends of justice and paralyze the efforts of the alleged "mad" Governor and his Executive (which though changed in personnel never changed in spirit) to secure impartial justice between man and man, irrespective of color. Mr. Harper denies that the reprehensible act of forcing down natives from the interior 'was ever done by the settlers.' As I have not retired from the contest, I will tell him it has been done, and as late as last year. A certain squatter, having a large number of natives in his employ near the coast, took cattle into the interior personally, with the assistance of some of his natives and Chinamen, and returned with about twenty captives, more than half being females, captured for the native youths, in order to keep the latter from wandering away or deserting their employment. These captured ones were

not, I am told, chained; but they were surrounded and continually watched by the same natives and Chinamen, employees of the settler, with little fear of escape. My informant came across this group encamped, and was shown signs of an encounter that had taken place the night previous with members of the tribe from which the natives, male and female, were taken—they had followed in the wake of the captors to attempt to rescue at least their stolen *geris* (women). The settler himself had a spear driven through his arm, a few saddles (that were dressed up as dummy men asleep, in the event of an attack) were riddled with spears, and a couple of native employees were killed in the surprise. Enough was seen by and told to the witness (whose departure was hastened by the cautious settler) to confirm this event as one of many cases of kidnapping females which a long experience in the North-West brought under his notice. And now comes another aspect of that event. When the settler reached town he promptly reported (in order to cover his kidnapping) to the police authorities that an attack had been made upon his expedition and cattle by the blacks, and the result was that the authorities some time afterwards brought in a number of native prisoners said to be guilty of the alleged offences, and they were all sentenced to various terms of barrow-chained punishment! The effect of that and similar raids known only to those who are either callous or powerless to 'make a noise,' will of course remain with that tribe for years; and will, no doubt, produce murders of perhaps innocent settlers or travellers. I am told by an experienced eye-witness that great cruelty is often practised on native prisoners during a journey of hundreds of miles to the scenes of their trial and sentence (for paltry offences in some cases), by reason of the small supply of food and water given the prisoners on their long journeys. Half-starved native boys are also put by the settlers to ride wild horses in punishment for petty offences, and it frequently happens that the boys are thrown and killed from sheer weakness to keep their seats on the bare backs of these wild animals. The same person tells me that when he used to read the accounts of many squatters as to the sumptuous manner in which the native employees in general are fed, he was reminded of many cases where he witnessed station blacks roasting sheepskins on the fire, and hungrily devouring what they could of them. Also, that he had known barrow-chained natives to escape from their alleged easy confinement, who, rather than return a few miles to their confinement, died a lingering death from thirst in the dry beds of creeks with the chains around their necks. That I may not again be unjustly charged with indiscriminate impeachment of all settlers, I may state that this same informant gave me a few noble examples of the treatment of natives by certain squatters—one in particular, Mr. David Forrest of the Ashburton, who has had (I am told) of late little or no trouble with the natives, and who treats the large number of blacks in his employ in a most humane manner. There are many other instances, some given by Mr. Harper himself, further north; but in between all this there has been a total disregard by many settlers of the claims of common humanity, while Christian, and even pagan, mortals have been outraged by their gross practices."

—Illustrated Catholic Missions.

A FAMILY FRIEND.—No family should be without Perry Davis' Vegetable PAIN-KILLER. It can be given to the infant for the cholera, and to the adult for Rheumatism. There is scarcely a disease to which it may not be beneficially applied. It contains no deleterious drug, but may be used for the various ailments of mankind. Get the Big 25c. Bottle.

Enthusiastic expert: "Observe the rich plumage of that Leghorn, Miss Rhapsode." Miss Rhapsode: "Oh, my! How beautiful! What lovely Easter eggs it must lay."

SCRAPED WITH A RASP.

SIRS.—I had such a severe cough that my throat felt as if scraped with a rasp. On taking Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup I found the first dose gave relief, and the second bottle completely cured me. MISS A. A. Downey, Manotick, Ont.

Visitor: "My husband says Lent lasts too long." Mrs. Uppercrust: "What nonsense! Does he think a woman can get up her Easter gowns and hats in a minute?"

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

A splendid seminary for the education of a native clergy is being constructed in Kandy, Ceylon.

The Apostolic Delegate will be in Cincinnati on the 9th prox.; he will be given a glowing welcome.

Russia has communicated to the Pope her intention to send to Rome a permanent Minister to the Vatican.

Rev. J. F. Rimmelle, S.J., died at Detroit, Mich., on Thursday, April 13th, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

Lord Petre, a member of the British House of Lords, a priest and a domestic prelate of his Holiness, is dead in England.

Emperor William has conferred the Prussian order of the Black Eagle on Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State.

The New Zealand Parliament recently granted \$2,500 to the Mount Magdala Refuge for fallen women, founded by Father Gimisty, S. M.

The Rt. Rev. Camillus Maes, Bishop of Covington, on the 8th inst., paid \$30,000 for ground on which to build a \$100,000 cathedral in his episcopal city.

The freedom of the city of Chicago was presented Columbus' lineal descendant, the Duke de Veragua. The passes for the Duke and party are engraved on silver plates.

Steps are now being taken for the beatification of the Irish Dominicans martyred under Elizabeth. The names of 106 are presented and their cause is being introduced.

The Sultan is showing a disposition more and more favorable to the Catholic Church. He has just conferred one of his choicest decorations on Mgr. Peave, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. This prelate is an Italian.

The remains of the late Rt. Rev. John McMullen, first Bishop of Davenport, Iowa, have been moved from their resting-place under the main altar of the old St. Marguerite's Church and placed in St. Marguerite's cemetery.

Last Sunday a school boy named Gruber shot Father Puronka in Olemutz with a revolver and then killed himself. The priest will recover. Father Puronka had interfered in Gruber's love affairs, and the boy was seeking revenge.

The heaviest individual contributor to the Papal jubilee fund is the Duke of Norfolk. He sent the Pope a check on the Bank of England for a cool quarter of a million of dollars. The Austrian Emperor comes next with \$40,000.

It is an interesting fact that Stonyhurst College possesses the oldest specimen of leather binding known, viz., the St. John's Gospel, found in the tomb of St. Cuthbert, and now in the museum. The editor of the Stonyhurst Magazine learns that a reproduction of this binding is to form the frontispiece of a work on bookbinding by Miss Prideaux, the well-known authority on the literature of that subject, shortly to be published.

The Franciscan fathers of Chicago have petitioned the management of the World's fair to be allowed permission to erect an altar, and to say mass thereat, in the reproduced Convent of La Rabida.

A DISTURBANCE

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which forms one of the principal features of the great Columbian show. The petition is an eminently proper one, and it is to be hoped the management will grant it. America owes much to the venerable order which, through the friars of La Rabida, helped Columbus so materially to win Spain's aid for his voyage and to fit out his expedition.

The action of the clerical members of the Reichstag in voting for the rejection of the Germany army bill showed how barren of results the Kaiser's recent visit to the Vatican was, if the Emperor hoped thereby to have the influence of the Holy See on the Catholic members at Berlin exerted in behalf of his pet measure. Under no circumstances was it at all likely that the Holy Father would have interfered in this matter, which was a purely political and German one; and the opposition of the Centrists to the army bill was provoked by the dishonest manner in which Caprivi refused to keep the pledges which he made to them, provided they would assist him to secure the enactment of the army bill. The rejection of that measure is, therefore, in no small measure another triumph for the Catholic party in Germany.

A COMPLICATED CASE.

DEAR SIRS.—I was troubled with biliousness, headache and loss of appetite. I could not rest at night, and was very weak, but after using three bottles of B. B. E. my appetite is good and I am better than for years past. I would not now be without B. B. E., and am also giving it to my children. Mrs. Walter Burns, Matland, N.S.

On the Ocean Steamer.—"Does the Captain say whether we shall break the record or not?" "Yes; he says either the record or the boiler must go." "How lovely!"

FOR FROST BITES.

SIRS.—For chapped hands, sore throat and frost bites I find nothing excels Hagar's Yellow Oil. I had my feet frozen three years ago and obtained no relief until I used Hagar's Yellow Oil, which soon healed up the frozen part. Chas. Longmuir, Alameda, N.W.T.

Kitty: "Isn't it wonderful how well Jack gets along on a small salary?" Tom (guardedly): "Ah, well, you see, he owes a great deal to his friends."

PERFECT SATISFACTION.

GENTLEMEN.—I have found B. B. E. an excellent remedy, both as a blood purifier and general family medicine. I was for a long time troubled with sick headache and heartburn, and tried a bottle, which gave me such perfect satisfaction that I have since then used it as our family medicine. E. Bailey, North Bay, Ont.

Struckile: "I am beginning to think that one's ancestors are important." Miss McBean: "Yes; they come under the head 'important, if true.'"

A Serious Case of Bronchitis Cured.—Suffering since a long time with an obstinate cough which allowed me very little rest, I was advised to try Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine. After the use of a few bottles the cough completely disappeared. PHILENE ROBERT, Lay Sister, Providence Asylum, cor. of St. Hubert and St. Catherine Sts.

Montreal, 12th January, 1891.—J. G. Lavolette, Esq., M.D., My dear Sir,—It is my duty to testify to the excellence of your Syrup of Turpentine. I have used it for the treatment of an acute laryngitis from which I was suffering since over nine years. One large bottle completely cured me. Many thanks. Your devoted C. A. M. Paradis, Priest, O.M.I.

Montreal, 12th January, 1891.—I, the undersigned, do certify that my wife was coughing very much since six years and my child, four years old, since his birth. Both have been perfectly cured by the use of two bottles of Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine. Adolphe LeMay, No. 363 St. Denis St., Coteau St. Louis, driver-in-ker at Stuart & Herbert, no. 1010 Rivard St.

Montreal, December, 1890.—I have, on several occasions, used various preparations of Turpentine and have always found them very efficacious in affections of the throat and bronchial tubes. I have lately administered to several of my children Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine and have found its effects remarkably prompt, especially in cases of croupal cough. Mrs. Recorder B.A. de Montigny.

Montreal, 24th December, 1890.—J. G. Lavolette, Esq., M.D.—Dear Sir,—Your Syrup of Turpentine has cured us, my son and myself, of a cold which we had caught several months ago. Two bottles were sufficient. I consider it is my duty to recommend it to the public. Many thanks. Your obedient servant, M. A. Brault, Practical furrier at M.M. C. Desjardins & Cie., No. 1527 St. Catherine St.

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