

A Sweet Thought for Every Day.

Another page of life
Is opened unto me;
O blessed Spirit, write thereon
What seemeth best to Thee.

Write lovely acts of love!
Write holy thoughts of praise;
Yea, write a copy, Spirit, dear,
Of one of Jesus' days.

And every mark of mine,
Oh! wash it, wash it white;
Let nothing on the page appear
But words that Thou dost write.

And then, lest some should miss
Whence all the sweetness came,
When Thou hast written all the rest,
Write underneath Thy name.

Toronto Conservatory of Music.

This popular institution re-opened for its eighth season on the 3rd Sept., and the eighth annual Calendar has been recently issued. The Calendar is carefully prepared, and handsomely bound in silk cloth finish cover, and will be found replete with information respecting the history, aims and plans of the Conservatory. This institution has done much to extend the channels for a thorough and systematic musical training in all its branches, and gives opportunity for a scientific and broad musical education after the best and foremost modern methods. It was founded in 1886, began work in 1887, the pioneer institution of the kind in Canada; its history has been one of unequalled growth and success, enabling it to steadily maintain its position as first in capacity, equipment, appointments and patronage in the Dominion. Its Board of Directors are men of well-known high standing and character. Hon. G. W. Allan—at all times deeply interested in education, art and musical progress—being president; Hon. Chancellor Boyd, and W. Barclay MacMurrich, Q.C., vice-presidents; Major A. Morgan Cosby, hon. treasurer, and Mr. Edward Fisher, musical director. The Conservatory is in affiliation with Trinity University, which accepts its diploma in harmony as equivalent to the University's first and second year course for the degree of Bachelor of Music. The faculty is very strong, including some of the most eminent musicians in Canada, whose excellent work is very well known. The several departments of instruction comprise schools for the piano, voice, organ, violin, theory, elocution and languages. In addition to their regular lessons, pupils have many "free advantages," such as elementary harmony, sight-singing, violin, ensemble piano classes, orchestral practice, and musical reference library. Also concerts, recitals, etc., in which they are permitted to take part. Gold and silver medals, scholarships, diplomas and certificates are awarded to successful students. All departments are under the general care and direction of Mr. Edward Fisher, whose well-known professional abilities, as organizer, conductor, and teacher, find full scope in this flourishing institution, and conduce much to its unqualified success. A Normal course, specially designed for training teachers, has, under his personal care, proved a very successful feature, resulting in a yearly increasing number of graduates in this department. The new Calendar is furnished gratuitously, and all contemplating the study of music, elocution or languages are invited to send for it.

Jesuits of Islam.

It is a saying among the immigrants of North Africa that "flies are caught with honey, and the followers of the Prophet with fanatical devices." The whole of that part of this vast continent, from one end to the other, is absolutely honeycombed with these societies, where unrelenting hatred of the "infidel invader" is continually preached. The most important one of all, from the point of view of wealth, influence and number of its affiliated members, is that of the "Senoussya," styled in the East the Jesuits of Islam. Its adepts are at every point from Euphrates to the Atlantic, from Constantinople to the Mediterranean and the Indian Sea. It is authoritatively stated that in Algeria alone there are no less than sixteen of these societies, numbering altogether as many as 355

zaouias or leaders, and 150,000 khouane or brother-missionaries ready to risk their lives in the service of their order. This order was established some fifty years ago by Mohammed-el-Senoussi, a resolute marabout of reputed saintly disposition, who dwelt in the Province of Mortaganem. The rules of the order are very severe, and its doctrines absolutely fanatical.

The present chief is El Mahedi, the son of the Sheik Mohammed, who died in 1869, and the entire body of the affiliated is as thoroughly under his control as if it were formed of none other but slaves. He transferred the seat of the order to an oasis in the centre of the Libye desert—to Djerboud, where stood the ancient temple of Jupiter-Ammon—and there he lives, like Alexander Selkirk, the lord of all he surveys, and rules the entire Mussulman world, just as the Pope—and more influentially even than the Pope—rules the Roman Catholic world. His emissaries, who are legion, carry his orders, which they see are obeyed, throughout the whole of Mohammedan Africa, and to the Musselmans of Eastern Russia, China and British India. The zaouia of Djerboud is a fortress full of arms and ammunition, and is defended by a resident guard of 3,000 fanatical warriors; but these measures of defence are scarcely necessary, for it is not at all likely that an army, either small or large, would march through the sea of sand which surrounds the oasis. The zaouias—leaders—meet there about once every two years, for the purpose of regulating the religious and political interests of the association. That it is a threatening influence operating unceasingly against European dominion in North Africa there can be no doubt; as there is no doubt that it is at the bottom of all the political intrigues against which foreign powers have to contend, and, moreover, it is certain that El Mahedi has as many fanatics subject to his authority in Persia and Afghanistan as he has in North Africa.

When a Musselman wishes to become a member of some special brotherhood he requests the assistance of a khouane, who introduces him, after having acquainted him with the necessary formalities. He takes him by the hand, teaches him the prayers he has to say, informs him of the virtues of certain amulets, tells him the nature of his duties and reveals to him certain secrets: The mode of affiliation among the adepts is quite poetical. The Arabs style it "taking the rose." For instance, if a believer desires to be affiliated to the religious order of Moulay-Taleb, he wears the rose of that name. Two Musselmans meet as strangers, and one will say to the other, "What rose wearest thou?" That is the "Who goes there?" of the affiliation. If the individual to whom this question is addressed belongs to no secret congregation he will answer: "I wear no rose of any kind; I am simply the servant of God."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

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Hints to Housekeepers.

Bean soup may be made from either the fresh or the canned "stringless" beans. If the canned are used, they do not need any cooking, and very little seasoning, but add a little piece of butter. Make like asparagus soup.

A delicious beverage can be made by taking three bananas and rubbing them through a sieve; add the juice of one lemon. Pour over the pulp a half-pint of boiling water. When cold, stir it well, sweeten and strain. Then add a bottle of soda water and cracked ice.

ROLLS.—One and a half pints of new milk, one cupful of hop yeast, half a teaspoonful of salt, and flour to form a dough which must be covered and left to rise over night. In the morning add the whites of two eggs well beaten, half a cupful of butter, and flour enough for kneading. Knead the dough briskly for ten minutes, roll out to the thickness of half an inch, cut in four-inch squares, brush the tops with sweet milk, and fold over corner-wise; place them close together in buttered pans and set in a warm place until light, then bake in a quick oven.

A convenient little invention for kitchen use is one that combines funnel and strainer. It has a handle, and may be used with or without the strainer, which fits into the bottom. Without it, it can be used for filling fruit-jars or bottles. In a small size the inverted funnel makes a biscuit-cutter.

It is said that coloured hosiery may be prevented from fading by washing it in lukewarm water and then soaking it in ten quarts of cold water, to which have been added a tumbler of vinegar and a handful of salt.

Home-made shoe polish is prepared as follows: Mix lampblack to a smooth paste with vaseline. Apply with a flannel, and it will preserve instead of cracking the leather, as is the case with most of the liquid polishes.

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MUSHROOM SAUCE FOR BEEF.—One pint of stock, two tablespoons of butter, three small tablespoons of flour, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-half spoon of pepper, one tablespoon of lemon juice. Caramel enough to colour. Mince the onion and fry five minutes in butter, being careful not to burn it. When the butter is brown, add the dry flour and stir well. Add the hot stock a little at a time, and stir rapidly as it thickens until perfectly smooth. Add salt and pepper. Simmer five minutes, and strain to remove the onion. To one cup of this sauce add half a can of mushrooms, whole or quartered, or a pint of fresh, and simmer five minutes.

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PARSNIP FRITTERS.—Boil until tender, scrape off the skin, mash smooth and fine, picking out the woody bits. For three large parsnips allow two eggs, one-half cup rich milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful salt, three tablespoonfuls flour. Beat the eggs light, stir in the mashed parsnips, beating hard, then the butter and salt, next the milk, lastly the flour. Fry as fritters or griddle cakes.

MASHED PARSNIPS.—Boil and scrape them, mash smooth with the back of a wooden spoon, or what is much better, one of these new potato mashers, picking out the fibres, mix in three or four spoonfuls of cream or rich milk, a spoonful of butter, pepper and salt to taste. Heat to boiling and serve heaped in a mound as you do potato, in a hot dish.

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