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"Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert."—Goo pel of the day—St. Matt. Iv., I. The Spirit of God, which inspired every word he uttered and guided every act He performed, led our Divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to enter upon His forty days' fast in the desert. And the spirit of Catholic faith and devotion, which is also the Spirit of God, directs us to imitate, as far as we may, the action and the example of our Lord and Master during the Holy Sesson now before us. The imitation of Christ is the one essential aim of Christian life, and if we seek not to follow in the path He trod our Christianity is a delusion and a lie. To day in particular we are called upon to give proof of the faith that is in us by a closer correspondence to the life of self denial and mortification the Divine Redeemer led, and unless we give heed to this call our claim to be His disciples were but a mockery indeed. We must take up the cross; and Holy Church now determines for us what its weight shall be. Fasting and abstinence, prayer and penance, are commanded, and we are bound to obey. And if we have the spirit of Catholic faith, an obedience shall be cheerfully given. Do we not owe a debt of love to the Son of God, who sacrificed Himself for us? And how can we repay it unless we make sacrifices for His sake? The spirit, then, God, who sacrificed Himself for us? And how can we repay it unless we make sacrifices for His sake? The spirit, then, with which we should enter upon our Lenton duties is that of generous self sacrifice for the love of God, not a cravenspirit of fear at the thought of bodily discomfort and mortification. The most austere life is sweet and easy when inspired by the love of God, and the most delicate acts of self-denial are cheerfully performed when prompted by the desire to imitate the sufferings of Christ. The saints kept ceaseless fast and vigil, and were happy withal. The martyrs, in the midst of their terrible torments, enjoyed a peace that surpasseth all understanding, and if generous Christian motives actuate us, our fasts and our abstinences, while they chasten the body, shall soothe the soul, for as love casteth out fear peace banishes the

the body, shall soothe the soul, for as love casteth out fear peace banishes the thought of pain.

Do we not, moreover, owe a debt of penance for our sins? and how shall we redeem it save by suffering? It were difficult to explain the exact relation between sin and suffering, but certain it is the relation exists between them. The reason of man-kind has always recognized this relation, and the Cross of Jesus Christ is an eternal and the Cross of Jesus Christ is an eternal demonstration of it. It is a fact of every day observation that the grossest natures are purified and elevated by suffering. The relations between the soul and body in this life are so intimate that whatever chastens the one serves to purify the other. And as the body is the instrument of the passions of the soul, so the body is justly the instrument of the soul's penance and purification. All that is elevated in human life, and all that is soirtual in ffication. All that is spiritual in human nature comes from the victory over the lower passions of man; and all that is Christ-like in the Christian soul comes from the crucifixion of flesh and blood. Hence it is only by acts of self-denial that we can purify the grossness of our nature, and it is only by works of penance that we can expiate our sins. Sensuality is the unclean spirit that can only be cast out by fasting and prayer. Purification and explation cannot be purhased at any less cost than this

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But there is another aspect of this subject which we must lay to heart. Lent is a time for interior repentance even more than external works of penance. "Rend your heart and not your garments" is the motto that is set before us in all our penimental exercises. External practices count for little without the renewal of the soul. What merit can a man have for his fasts or his abstinences when his heart is a hot-bed of sin, and he crucifies thristly his corrupt deeds while he prements by his corrupt deeds while he prements b

not profit us much. Do not, therefore, deceive yourselves! Let no man imagine for a moment that he can get any agine for a moment that he can get any real good out of the Lenten season so long as he remains the willing slave of sin. It were little short of sacrilege for the wretched drunkard, the wanton blasphemer, the unjust hypocrite, the foul votary of lust to pretend to live in the spirit of the Lenten time, if they do not at once call a halt, and curb their base passions.

Let every Christian soul recognize the solemn duty of the hour. This season of Lent demands some sacrifice from all. Something special must now be done for Christ's sake. If you cannot fast, give Christ's sake. If you cannot fast, give alms, hear Mass every morning, visit the Church every evening, give up drink and other unnecessary indulgences of the appetite. The Cross has to be taken up in some shape or other if we mean to follow Christ. The heights of Calvary are before us, and to reach heaven climb them we must. Without a part in their gloom there can be no share in their gloom. gloom there can be no share in their glory.

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Blossom went to him. He put his hand tenderly on her shoulder, and she turned up her pale, anxious face toward

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Forty Years Ago.

How wonderous are the changes, Jim, Since forty years ago When girls wore woolen dresses. Jim.

The girls took muste leasons, Jine,
Upon the spinning wheel,
And practiced late and early, Jim,
On the spindle swift and reel,
The boys would ride bare-back to mill
A dozen miles or so,
And hurry off before twas day,
Some forty years ago.

The people rode to meeting, Jim,
It sleds instead of sleights,
And wagons rode as easy, Jim,
As buggies now-ze days.
And oxen answered weit for teams,
Though now they'd be too slow,
For people lived not half so fast
some forty years ago.

O, well do I remember, Jim,
That O'Rourke's patent stove
That Father bought sad paid for, Jim,
In cloth our girls had wove;
And how the neighbors wondered, Jim,
When we got the thing to go!
They said it would burst and kill us all
Some forty years ago.

Yes, everything is different, Jim,
From what it used to be,
From are always tampering, Jim,
With God's great natural laws;
But what on earth we're coming to—
Does anybody know?
For everything has changed so much
Since forty years ago.

How a Young Soldier was Saved. Farmer Owen's son had been found as-leep when doing sentinel duty, and he was sentenced to be shot. A telegram had been received by his father, saying the sentence would be carried out in twenty-

four hours.

Immediately after a letter arrived; and Blossom, the farmer's daughter opened the door and received it. "It's from him," was all she could

It was like a message from the dead.

Mr. Owen took the letter, but could not open it, on account of his trembling fingers; he held it toward a friend, who was near him, with the helplessness of a child.

He opened it and read as follows :

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"DEAR FATHER: —When this reaches you I—shall—be—in—eternity. At first it seemed awful to me, but now it has no terror. They say that they won't bind me, but that I may meet my death like a man. I thought, father, that it might have been on the battle field of my country, and that when I fell, it would be fighting gloriously; but to be shot down like a deg for nearly betraying it—to die for neglect of duty—oh, father! I wonder the thought does not kill me. But I shall not diegrace you. I am going to wite the thought does not kill me. But I shall not disgrace you. I am going to write you all about it, and when I am gone you may tell my comrades. You know I promised Jimmie Car's mother I would look after her boy; and when he fell sick I did what I could for him. He was not strong when ordered back into the ranks, and the day before that night I carried his luggage, besides my own, on our march. Toward night we went on double quick, and the luggage began to feel very heavy, every body else was tired, too. And as for Jimmie, if I had not lent him an arm now and then, he would have dropped by the and then, he would have dropped by the way. I was tired when we went into camp, and then it was Jimmie's turn to be camp, and then it was Jimmie's turn to be sentry, and I would take his place; but I was too tired, father. I could not have kept awake though a gun had been pointed at my head; but I did not know it until, well—until it was too late."
"God be thanked!" said Mr. Owen, "I know Bennie was not the boy to sleep carelessly at his post."
"They tell me to day that I have a short reprieve—"time to write to you."

"I can't bear to think of mother and Blossom. Comfort them father. Fell them I die as a brave boy should, and that when the war is over they will not be ashamed of meas they must be now. God help me! It is hard to bear. Good by father. God fee's near and dear to me, as if He felt sorry for His poor, broken hearted child, and would take me to be with Him in a better life. in a better life,
"To night I shall see the cows coming

from the pasture, and precious little Blossom standing on the stoop waiting for me; but I shall never, never come God bless you all! Forgive your home. God ble poor "Bennie."

Late that night a little figure glided down the footpath toward the gloomy station; the guard, as he reached down to lift her into the carriage, wondered at the tear-stained face that was upturned toward the dim lantern he held.

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A few questions and ready answers told him all, and no father could have cared more tenderly for his own child than he for our little Blossom. She was on her way to Washington to ask President Lincoln for her brother's life. She had brought Bennie's letter with her. No kind heart like the president's could refuse to be melted by it. to be melted by it.

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The next morning she reached New York, and the guard hurried her on to Washington. Every minute now might be life. The president had just seated himself to his evening's task, when the door softly opened and Blossom, with downcast eyes and folded hands, stood before him. before him.

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"Well, my child, what do you want?" he said, in his pleasant tones.

"Bennic's lite, please str. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post."

"Oh, yes; I recollect. It was a fatal sleep. You see, child, it was a time of special danger. Thousands of lives might have been lost by his negligence."

"So my father said," replied Blossom, gravely. "But poor Bennie was so tired, sir, and Jimmie was so weak. He did the work for two, sir, and it was Jimmie's

sir, and Jimmie was so weak. He did the work for two, sir, and it was Jimmie's night, not his, but Jimmie was too tired. Bennie never thought of himself, and he was so tired, too."
"What is this you say, child? Come here. I do not understand," and the kind man, as ever, caught eagerly at what seemed to be a justification of any offense.

his. How tall he seemed, and he was president of the United States, too. A dim thought of this passed for a moment through Blossom's mind, but she told her simple, straightforward story, and handed Remark's latter to Mr. Lingain to read. Bennie's letter to Mr. Lincoln to read. He read it carefully, then, taking up a pen, wrote a few hasty lines and rang his bell. Blossom heard his order given. "Send this despatch at once."

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The president then turned to the girl and said: "Go home, my child, and tell that father of yours, who could approve his country's sentence even when it took the life of a child like that, Abraham Lincoln thinks that life far too precious to be lost. Go back, of—wait until to-morrow; Bennie will need a change after he has faced death; he shall go home with you."

"God bless you, sir," said Blossom.

Two days after this interview, the young soldier came to the White House with his sister. He was called into the president's private room and a strap was fastened around his shoulder. The president then said: "The soldier that can carry a sick comrade's baggage and die uncomplain-ingly descrees well of his convention."

comrade's baggage and die uncomplainingly, deserves well of his country;'
Then Bennie and his sister took their way to their Green Mountain home. A crowd gathered at the railroad station to welcome them; and, as farmer Owen's hand grasped that of his boy, tears flowed down his cheeks, and he was heard to say fervently: "The Lord be praised."—
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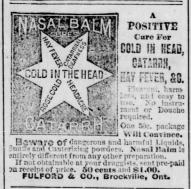
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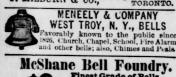
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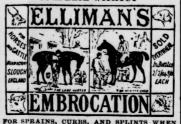
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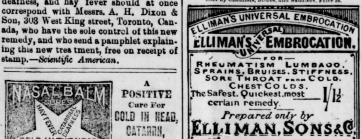
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