

new and splendid sanctuary. From the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, become the centre of a national pilgrimage, will descend and radiate over the whole country fresh benedictions. This monument of public thanksgiving will be a proof to our posterity that Belgium has been faithful to God, and that God protects Belgium.

Let us all, associates of the Holy League, take part in the good work, by offering each day of the coming month to the Divine Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our prayers, works and sufferings in a particular manner for the religious and social prosperity of Catholic Belgium.

J. J. C.

* The London "Times," speaking of Belgium, notes that since 1890 a whole network of agricultural societies has spread over the country and of those which are not directed by Government officials there is scarcely one "that has not been more or less inspired, if not actually brought into existence and, in many cases, even still controlled, by some parish priest or other." The result has been to increase the average return from a twenty-five acre farm by five hundred dollars a year, through improved methods of farming and the co-operative system. The London market is now flooded with Belgian vegetables to an extent never known before.

HOME COLUMN.

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a sacredness which causes such songs as "Home Sweet Home" and "The Old Oaken Bucket," to be the favorite of all classes.

If the wife and mother cannot make her home bright and happy, so that it shall be the cleanest, sweetest, cheerfulness place that her family can find refuge in—a retreat from the toils and troubles of the outer world—then God help the poor family, for they are virtually homeless.

Hearts and dispositions are quite liable to assume the features of surroundings. Beware of disorder. "Have a place for everything and everything in its place." The household articles strewn around in a general confusion will soon be mirrored upon the minds, hearts, and dispositions of the family.

One of the great aggravations of many homes, especially when including half a dozen or more children, is excessive noise. This is to a great extent, unavoidable, and must be borne and overlooked. It can, however, be greatly remedied, by frequent gentle reminders, and constant thoughtfulness. The business man, fatigued and nervous from the excitement and bustling confusion of the day, the mechanic, worn with toil and wearied with the hum and clatter of machines, and tools, and the farmer, fainting from the exertion of farm life, desire few things more, and enjoy nothing as much, as peaceful quiet around the family hearth at evening.

Music furnishes a source of pleasure in every family. It gives home a new attraction. It makes social intercourse more cheerful. Its tendency is to transmit the mind of every one from all that is doleful—from the trials, troubles and disappointments of life, and bid them good cheer and inspire them with new energy. Many are the ill-omens it drives away.

How beautiful and yet how cheap are flowers! Not exotics, but what are called common flowers. A rose, for instance, is among the most beautiful of the smiles of nature. The "laughing flowers" exclaims the poet. But there is more than gaiety in blooming flowers, though it takes a wise person to see the beauty, the love, and the adaptation of which they are full. Have flowers in the home by all means! If you can train a nasturtium or some sweet peas, then you will have the most beautiful frame you can invent for the picture without.

What can be more delicious than the sun's light streaming through flowers—through the midst of crimson fuschias or scarlet geraniums? Why not hang up pretty pictures in the home? It is not necessary that the picture be high-priced in order to be beautiful and good. Ingenious methods have been discovered—some of them quite recently—for almost infinitely multiplying works of art, by means of good engravings, lithographs,

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Good books should be found in the home. Good books are the best companions, and, by elevating the thoughts and aspirations, they act as preventatives against low associations. Books introduce us into the best society, they bring us into the presence of the greatest minds that have ever lived.

We can never fully realize the influence of Home! How much does the disposition of every human being depend upon their innate constitution and their early surroundings, the comfort or discomfort of the homes in which they were brought up; their inherited characteristics, and the examples, good or bad, to which, in early life, they have been exposed!

The home is a compound individuality, just as the members are, so is the body, the peculiarities of each are represented in its features. The home is the nursery of the nation, the cradle of the church, and the mother of society.

GENA MACFARLANE.

WISHES HE WAS A CATHOLIC.

A singular letter, from some points of view, though not from every view-point, is that which Rev. Joseph S. Tiernan, pastor of St. John's Church, Camden, N.Y., has received from an Anglican minister who signs himself a "Chaplain of the United States Navy, Retired." Father Tiernan had been carrying on a controversy in the New York Sun about the "unsacrificial and therefore historically false observance of the Lord's Day" by the sects and the evils resulting from the principle of private judgment. The letter runs thus:

"Rev. and Dear Father: Your letter to The Sun, this day's issue relating to the Lord's Day, tells the whole truth relating to the matter. I am an Anglican in religion. I am in holy orders and have been for many years. I am of Dutch Holland descent. I have a love for the Episcopal church, though I am fully satisfied the system is incomplete, owing to the lopping off, on the right and on the left, at the so-called Reformation. Would that I had been born and educated a Catholic! How

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much happier I would now be! It is very hard to break loose from one's old associations, even when under an inspiration of a sense that one's church through force has been wrested from its proper moorings—the chair of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles of our Divine Lord. I am now an old man. I pray God to make a way for me to pass over and to die in loyal obedience to the throne of St. Peter. I trust you may pray for me. Yes, continue to pray for the union of Christendom. Very respectfully yours, etc.—Catholic Citizen.

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Lv.	EAST	Ar.
Imp. Lim.	Selkirk, Rat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur, Toronto, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Boston, Portland, St. John, Halifax.....daily	Imp. Lim.
6 45	Molson, Buchan, Milner, Lac du Bonnet.....Wed.	21 10
7 00	Selkirk, Molson, Rat Portage and intermediate points.....daily except Sunday	19 30
8 00	Keewatin, Rat Portage, during July and August.....Sat. only.....Mon. only	18 30
13 30	Keewatin, Rat Portage, Port William, Port Arthur, Toronto, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Boston, Portland, St. John, Halifax, and all points east.....daily	12 00
Tr'ns Pass.	Quebec, New York, Boston, Portland, St. John, Halifax, and all points east.....daily	8 30
20 00		
Lv.	WEST	Ar.
7 45	Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Yorkton, and intermediate points.....daily except Sun. Morris, Winkler, Morden, Manitou, Pilot Mound, Crystal City, Killarney, Boissevain, Deloraine, and intermediate points.....daily ex Sun	18 40
8 50	Portage la Prairie, MacGregor, Carberry, Brandon, Oak Lake, Virden, Elkhorn, Moosomin, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Banff, Revelstoke, and all points on Pacific Coast; Lethbridge, McLeod, Fernie, and all points in East and West	17 00
9 20	Kootenay.....daily	19 00
9 40	Headingley, Carman, Holland, Cypress River, Glenboro, Souris and intermediate points.....daily except Sun. Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Brandon, and intermediate points.....daily ex Sun	15 20
16 40	Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Broadview, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Banff, Revelstoke, and all points on Pacific Coast and in East and West	12 20
Imp. Lim.	Kootenay.....daily	Imp. Lim.
22 00		5 55
Lv.	NORTH	Ar.
16 00	Stony Mountain, Stonewall, Balmoral, Teulon.....daily except Sunday	10 20
	Middlechurch, Parkdale, Victoria Park, Lower Fort Garry, West Selkirk, Clendeboye, Netley, and Winnipeg Beach.....Tues., Thurs., Sat.	9 45
16 15	Winnipeg Beach.....Mon., Wed., Fri.	8 45
17 15	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
Lv.	SOUTH	Ar.
14 00	Morris, Greta, Grafton, Grand Forks, Crookston, Fargo, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago, and all points south.....daily	13 40
15 45	St. Norbert, Carey, Arnaud, Dominion City, Emerson.....daily except Sunday	10 45

Canadian Northern

Lv.	EAST	Ar.
	"The Steamship Limited," St. Anne, Giroux, Warroad, Beaudette, Rainy River, Pinewood, Emo, Fort Frances, Mine Centre, Atikokan, Stanley Jct., Fort William, Port Arthur.....daily	10 30
16 50	Lorette, St. Anne, Giroux, La Broquerie, Warroad, Beaudette, Rainy River, and all intermediate points.....Mon., Wed., Fri.	18 30
8 00	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
Lv.	SOUTH	Ar.
17 20	Twin City Express between Winnipeg, Minneapolis and St. Paul, 14hrs. 20min., via Can. Nor. and Great Nor. Rys. Morris, Emerson, St. Vincent, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud, Elk River, Minneapolis, St. Paul.....daily	10 10
13 45	Minneapolis and St. Paul Express via Can. Nor. and Nor. Pac. Rys. Morris, St. Jean, Letellier, Emerson, Pembina, Grafton, Grand Forks, Crookston, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, The Superiors.....daily	13 30
Lv.	WEST	Ar.
10 45	Headingley, Eli, Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, Dauphin, and all intermediate points.....Tues., Thurs., Sat.	16 15
10 45	Headingley, Eli, Portage la Prairie, Neepawa, Dauphin, and all intermediate points.....Mon., Wed., Fri.	16 15
10 45	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
10 45	Gilbert Plains, Grand View, Kamsack, and intermediate points.....Tues., Thurs., Sat.	16 15
10 45	Mon., Wed., Fri.	
10 45	Sifton, Minnionas, Swan River, and all intermediate points.....Wed., Thurs., Sat.	16 15
10 45	Mon., Wed., Fri.	
10 45	Fork River, Winnipegosis, Oak Bluff, Carman, Leary's, and intermediate points.....Mon., Wed., Fri.	17 50
7 00	St. Norbert, Morris, Roland, Wawanesa, Brandon, Hartney, and intermediate points.....daily except Sun.	16 30