

THE FOOLISHNESS OF WRANGLING.

Life has often been pictured as a battle through which one must fight one's way. This, in a sense, is true.

We must fight against the evil influence of many with whom we are thrown and we must battle against our own natures so prone to evil, but we must offer to the world, nevertheless, as far as in us lies, a serene and untroubled face.

That life is a fight may be true, but it does not follow that we are to go around in a pugnacious mood, looking for trouble with every one who crosses our path.

To say nothing of the injury done to the soul by such an attitude toward our fellow-mortals, from a mere worldly view-point it is very foolish.

Believe me, dear Barry, the arms with which the ill disposition of the world are to be combated, and the qualities by which it is to be reconciled to us, and gently and indulgent to others, and a great deal of distrust of ourselves, which are not qualities of a mean spirit, as some may possibly think them, but virtues of a great and noble kind, and such as dignify our nature as much as they contribute to our repose and fortune; for nothing can be so unworthy of a well composed soul as to pass away life in bickering and litigations.

STARTLING COINCIDENCES.

HOW AN AGNOSTIC BECAME DEAF AND DUMB AND A SCOFFER A CRIPPLE.

The Record Herald of Sunday contained a singular story. As related, with every appearance of accuracy, on the first page of that journal, Julian Renfro, aged twenty-one years and living at that time at 203 Wells street, this city, suddenly became deaf and dumb Tuesday evening of last week, after professing disbelief in the existence of God and challenging Him, if He existed, to demonstrate His power.

According to the Record Herald, young Renfro and three companions were playing whist in his room at Mrs. Gillen's, and when they played the conversations turned to the subject of religion. Three of the youths expressed a belief in God, but young Renfro declared himself an agnostic. "I would believe in God if I could," he said, "but I have read a good many of Ingalls' works and am unable to have faith."

"There are demonstrations of God all about you," one of his companions observed. "There may be, but I don't understand them," Renfro answered. "Follow me if God would demonstrate Himself to me in some way—for instance, if He should strike me deaf and dumb or blind—I might admit His existence."

The next instant he put up his hands as if to ward off a blow and suddenly fell to the floor. Since then he has been a deaf mute and is obliged to converse in writing.

One hears of such cases occasionally, but this appears the best authenticated of any of recent years. Something of the same order happened in southwestern Kentucky many years ago. In 1830, when Sacred Heart Church in Union county was first erected, anti-Catholic feeling was very strong. The afterward famous missionary pastor, Father Elisha J. Durbin, was often insulted while on his lonely rides over a territory that he had covered thousands of miles.

of wood poised aloft, Hossman, who was more daring than the rest, proposed knocking its arms off with rocks, of which there were a good many scattered about. They thought he was too cowardly to do this, and told him so. "Whose afraid of a—Romish cross?" he cried, and straightway stooped and hurled a stone up at it with all his might.

That instant Hossman felt a terrible pain in his right shoulder and neck, and from that hour until the day he died his body retained exactly the posture of a man throwing upward, his right arm slightly extended, his head almost on his right shoulder, his face turned up, his body curved slightly backward. Soon after this experience Hossman became a Catholic, and was a very pious one, attending Sacred Heart Church regularly.

These coincidences are merely striking coincidences. Renfro would not credit the theory that his sudden affliction was due to a severe nervous attack. Hossman never believed that his case was merely an accident, like the breaking of an arm or a leg.

Separate School, St. Thomas, Ont. Great credit is due to the pupils of this school, twenty of whom passed the recent entrance examination.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

Father Kelly, the parish priest of Douro, was in charge of the funeral of Father Davis, together with the Rev. J. C. Sinnett, Vicar General of Prince Albert, passed through Regina, July 20, en route to Ottawa.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, LINDSAY.

On the evening of the 21st of June the handsomely decorated hall of St. Joseph's convent, Lindsay, was filled with an appreciative audience, it being the occasion of the 11th annual commencement.

The programme was as follows: Part I. March—Op. 38, No. 1. Hollander. Piano, Miss F. O'Brien and A. Scollard.

March—Op. 38, No. 2. Hollander. Piano, Miss F. O'Brien and A. Scollard. Chorists—Misses E. Jordan and E. Scollard. Instrumental solo—Cachoucha Caprice—Raff. Miss J. Meenan.

March—Op. 38, No. 3. Hollander. Piano, Miss F. O'Brien and A. Scollard. Chorists—Misses E. Jordan and E. Scollard. Instrumental solo—Cachoucha Caprice—Raff. Miss J. Meenan.

The Kenilworth Picnic.

Thursday last was a delightful day for a day in the woods, and the good people of Kenilworth and surrounding country took full advantage of the fine weather and thronged to the Rev. Father Keboe's picnic.

Among others who often spoke disrespectfully of the up-going church was a young man named Hossman, Joseph we believe his name was. After the cross was placed on the spire (about 1833) the Baptist round about were angrier than ever.

Rev. P. R. Dowdall, P. P. of Edenville, and Rev. J. L. French, P. P. of Brudenell, left by Allan line, Saturday, on Thursday, July 14th, from Montreal for a six weeks' sojourn in Europe.

MARRIAGE.

McGOVERN-HEALEY. St. Mary's Church, Uppergrove on Monday, July 12, Mr. John Healey and Miss Margaret McGovern were united in marriage by the Rev. Father DuBois.

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. The regular meeting of the Catholic Order No. 1252, held on July 13th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas the blessed and holy God in His infinite wisdom call to His heavenly reward our dearly beloved and respected pastor, the Rev. Thos. Davis, while acting as our Spiritual Adviser, manifested in many ways his deep interest in the welfare of the Order and its members;

THE NEW ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Sunday, the 17th, will ever be a memorable day in the annals of Catholicity in Western Michigan. Special trains brought a number of people from the different sections of the neighborhood to be united in the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of the new chapel, dedicated to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

TEACHERS WANTED.

MALE OR FEMALE TEACHER HOLDING first or second class certificate, male preferred, for a school in the town of St. Joseph, Michigan, capable of teaching both French and English. Salary liberal. Apply to the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Mich.

TEACHER WANTED FOR PRESCOTT Separate School. Duties to commence in September. Apply, stating qualifications to P. K. H. Dible, Prescott, Ont. 1312-14.

WANTED A QUALIFIED TEACHER FOR the R. C. Separate School Section No. 22, Toronto, near St. Nicholas. Apply to Michael Conroy, Orleans P. O., Ont. Duties to begin after vacation. 1313-2.

WANTED FOLKS S. S. BAGOT, FOR THE balance of my second class holding 2nd class professional certificate. Duties to begin 15th August. Apply, stating salary wanted, to Patrick Whelan, St. Thomas, S. S., S. Biscoe, Ashad, P. O., Renfrew Co., Ont. 1313-3.

TEACHER WANTED FOR R. C. S. S. No. 11, Ossegoe, holding a first or second class certificate. Duties to commence August 27th. Apply to James O'Leary, Bray's Crossing, P. O., Ontario. 1313-4.

WANTED R. C. SEPARATE SCHOOL, at St. Charles, Ont. Female teacher holding 2nd class certificate. Duties to extend from Aug. 15 to Dec. 16, 1904. Apply to Cyril McKelvey, St. Charles, Ont. 1313-5.

TEACHER WANTED FOR R. C. S. S. No. 10, Tilbury North, able to teach English and French. Duties to commence on August 15. Apply to L. Leveque, St. Joachim, Ont. 1313-6.

WANTED A QUALIFIED TEACHER for the R. C. Separate School No. 14, in St. Charles, Ont. Duties to begin August. Apply stating salary to D. A. McDonald, Green Valley. 1314-1.

FOR THE CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL of Cayler, Ont. Two teachers holding 2nd class certificate. One for the English class, and one for the French class. Apply stating experience, etc., and salary expected to J. A. French, P. P. Sec., Cayler, Killaloe Station, Ont. 1314-2.

TEACHER, HOLDING FIRST OR SECOND class certificate, for R. C. Separate School No. 12, Killaloe Station, Ontario. Duties to commence Aug. 15th, 1904. Apply, stating qualifications, experience and salary expected to J. A. French, P. P. Sec., Cayler, Killaloe Station, Ont. 1314-3.

MARKET REPORTS.

London, July 21.—Grain, per cental—Wheat per cental, 51.50; corn, 50 to 51.50; barley, 48 to 51; oats, 41.50 to 43; peas, 100 to 115; clover, 100 to 115; hay, 100 to 115; straw, 100 to 115.

Montreal, July 21.—Wheat are about steady at 60c; alfalfa, Montreal, No. 2, barley, 49c; No. 2, extra, 48c; No. 2, red, 47c; No. 2, white, 46c.

Toronto July 14.—Wheat, steady, at 80c bid and 81c asked; No. 1, northern, 82c; No. 2, northern, 81c; No. 3, northern, 80c; No. 4, northern, 79c; No. 5, northern, 78c.

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East Buffalo, July 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; active, 15c to 25c lower; prime steers, \$9.10 to \$9.50; shipping, \$8.25 to \$8.50; butchers, \$8.25 to \$8.50; holdovers, \$8.25 to \$8.50.

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