

## A Sister of Mercy.

Magdalen Rock, in the Irish Monthly.

She shares in the hopes of those that sow,  
In the gladness of those that reap,  
She smiles for the joy that the joyful knew,  
And she weeps with those who weep.  
She prays for the living, she prays for the dead,  
She joins in the children's fun,  
And grief-worn hearts have been comforted  
By the words of the gentle nun.

The softness of woman, the strength of man,  
And the faith of a little child  
Combined together in beauty can  
Be seen in her eyes so mild;  
And a queen might envy that peaceful smile  
Of radiant and deep content  
That tells how duty and love the while  
In her life and heart are bent.

She walks in the path she chose in youth,  
With never a thought for earth,  
Bright in her holiness, grand in her truth,  
Gay in her innocent mirth,  
In her Master's vineyard with willing hand  
She toils from the dawn to gray.  
Oh! well for her when she shall stand  
At His right on the judgment day.

## LETTER FROM FATHER FLEMING.

BRACEBRIDGE, March 15, 1894.

To the Editor of the Catholic Register:

DEAR SIR.—Trusting that you will find space in your worthy publication for the following, I again, in compliance with the request of several correspondents, venture to give further details of this vast and encouraging district. Soil is a feature of vital interest to the farmer, and upon this important subject I shall devote this letter. Muskoka and other parts of the free grant lands as regards its soil, is composed of every variety, very light sand, sandy loam, clay loam and heavy clay, etc. The country in general is of a hilly nature with a great variety of timber, such as hemlock, pine, birch, maple, rosewood, bass, elm, spruce, tamarac, balsam, beech, white and black ash, and cedar, and in many places thick underbrush. There are large flats called Beaver Meadows, almost treeless, generally with small creeks running through them, which give a heavy crop of grass called blue point that makes excellent feed for rough stock during the winter. Some of the flats are covered with a dense growth of alder, which require clearing and partially draining before they could be of much use. There are some large flats and many smaller ones, lightly sprinkled with tamarac and small spruce, which, if reclaimed, could be worked to advantage. In travelling along one of our colonization roads the land-seeker will pass over nearly every variety of soil, rocky ridges, flat rock, swamps and marshes, extensively interspersed with fine rolling land covered with hardwood timber; extensive tracts of comparatively level land, clay loam or heavy clay, soil with scarcely a stone on it; large valleys with rich deposits of soil; flats with a growth of ash, cedar and spruce, and a slight sprinkling of hemlock and birch; slightly wet, but with a deep rich soil of sandy loam and easily drained; large tracts of level land, but easily reclaimable—for in most cases an outlet can be obtained sufficiently for draining purposes, and when drained they form excellent grazing or tillage farms. The soil, as a rule, is deep and of a superior quality, and capable of producing heavy crops. All hardwood lands where the timber is of a fine healthy growth make good farms, the soil being of a sandy or clay loam of a favorable character, mellow and rich. Its capacity for producing is a sure test of its richness, crop after crop without change and without an atom of manure is taken off and the yield still remains very fair. What would a proper rotation of cropping do? The returns would be wonderful. In the lowlands a heavy clay or clay loam is generally the soil. Where much beech grows the land for the most part is of a gravelly nature. Some spots have a great deal of rolling stone, but the soil is very often good and rich, and, when cultivated, in a great many cases has good results.

As an instance of the value of this kind of land, which came under my notice last summer, I shall let the settler speak for himself.

"What do you think of my field of vegetables, do you think they can be beaten anywhere around?"

"They are really excellent and in good healthy condition."

"Yes, considering the amount of attention I have given them, I have no reason to complain."

"But doesn't so much rolling stone impede the growth and cause much annoyance in the cultivation?"

"No, I don't mind that especially as you see, when I got good crops out of the ground."

Rich deep soil often runs up to the very foot of high ledges of rock. Rocky land, when cleared into the valleys, gives good pasture for sheep, because the small deposits of soil on its surface grow a delightfully sweet grass. When passing through different townships, and conversing with settlers on the varieties of soil and general features of the several clearings, some having a very rocky frontage, leaving me under the impression that such were not encouraging to the settler, I remarked on one occasion to a farmer, having planted himself to all appearance in an unprofitable clearing that I thought he had a very poor lot. "Not at all." But it is nearly all rock. "What you see is not good, but I have a fine flat of sandy loam several feet deep at the back, which I have commenced to clear, and when cleared I shall be all right, and be able to get on well." This is the case, I'm told, all over the free grant land. There are very few lots, if any, without considerable available land; some are nearly all good, and again there are whole districts of good farming land, splendid tillable and grazing land, a prize to get hold of considering land at its real value. There is in many places in Muskoka as good land as over plough entered, and when cleared and seeded down the results are exceedingly promising. Hay is a first-rate crop of good quality and abundant, and the grass is most succulent and meat producing. Cattle thrive well here, even in the woods. I have seen this and heard its praise sounded in many quarters. Potatoes, too, both as regards their size, quantity and quality, are fully as good, if not better, than I have seen in the old countries. Oats is a grand crop. One place in particular drew my attention last summer, where I noticed a fine field of oats of a uniform height, vigorous in growth, with a full, plump, bright and heavy yield of grain, and my surprise was the greater in consequence of its locality not being by any means one of the best in Muskoka, but it strongly convinced me that even in poor looking places the capacity of soil is not to be despised. Peas and barley, and all roots, yield well, both in quantity and quality. The soil, in a word, is fruitful, and at the same time so diversified as to suit the most fastidious. Let good husbandry be bestowed upon it; let the tiller put his hand energetically to the plough, and with a will, and a bountiful harvest will reward him for his toil. Do not be in too great a hurry, let a proper and judicious selection be made, and good results are sure to be obtained. There are many clearings well known to me in and around Kearney, and in many other townships, where, either from observation in passing them, or by knowing the settlers, or from inquiries made of those in a position to inform me correctly, I can safely recommend to any deserving settler, and of the virtue of the soil of many of those places, I have had ocular demonstration, seen crops put down, grown and gathered, and I say candidly that it has been a pleasure to me to witness such fruitful results.

Yours truly,  
T. F. FLEMING, Priest.

## A WOMAN'S SUFFERING.

How a Maidland County Lady Regained Health

She Suffered Excruciating Pains from Sciatica—For Four Months was forced to Use Crutches—Relief was Obtained After Many Remedies Failed.

From the Selkirk Item.

There have been rumors of late in Selkirk of what was termed a miraculous cure from a long illness of a lady living in Rainham township, a few miles from town. So much talk did the case give rise to that the Item determined to investigate the matter with a view to publishing the facts.

Mrs. Jacob Fry is the wife of a well known farmer and it was she who was said to have been so wonderfully helped. When the reporter called upon her, Mrs. Fry consented to give the facts of the case and said—"I was ill for nearly a year and for four months could not move my limb because of sciatica, and was compelled to use crutches to get around. My limb would swell up and I suffered excruciating pains which would run down from the hip to the knee. I suffered so much that my health was generally bad. I tried doctors and patent medicines, but got no help until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Almost from the outset these helped me and I used six boxes in all, and since that time have been a well woman, having been entirely free from pain, and having no further use for medicine. I am prepared to tell anybody and everybody what this wonderful medicine has done for me, for I feel very grateful for the great good the Pink Pills wrought in my case."

The reporter called on a number of Mrs. Fry's neighbors who corroborated what she said as to her painful and helpless condition before she began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. M. F. Derby, chemist, of the firm of Derby & Derby, Selkirk, was also seen. Mr. Derby said he knew of the case of Mrs. Fry, and that what she said regarding it was worthy of every credence. She had herself told him of the great benefit she had derived from the use of Pink Pills. He further said that they had sold Pink Pills for a number of years and found the sale constantly increasing, which was due beyond a doubt to the great satisfaction the pills gave those using them.

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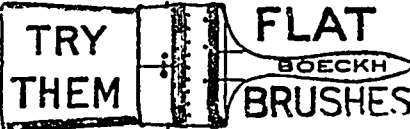
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