

A Dream.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

O it was but a dream I had
While the muskies played—
And here the sky and here the wind
Old ocean kissed the glad—
And here the laughing ripples ran
And here the roses grew
That threw a kiss to every man
That voyaged with the crew.

THE NUNS AT THE CRIMEA.

A Brief Record of What the Sisters of Mercy did There.

It was during the Crimean war in 1854 that the Irish Community of the Sisters of Mercy was for the first time allowed to pursue its mission of charity upon the battlefields of England.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney, in the first instalment of what promises to be a most interesting contribution to the new Australian Catholic Record, relates how, at Bishop Grant's request, five Sisters of Mercy, from Bormondsey convent, were soon en route towards the East, under the guidance of M. Mary Clare Moore, a Dublin lady whose privilege it was to be one of the first founders of that community.

Miss Nightingale joined these Sisters in Paris, and accompanied them during the remainder of the journey, and they continued to be associated with her throughout the whole campaign.

The presence of the first Sisters of Mercy, as if by magic, wrought a complete change in the hospitals at Scutari. Hence it is not to be wondered at that prejudices at headquarters were soon set at rest; and in October, 1854, the Secretary of War, in an official communication, requested Dr. Grant to provide an additional staff of the devoted Sisters.

As the convents were too few in England to supply a sufficient number, he at once wrote to the Most Rev. Dr. Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin, and to other Irish prelates, soliciting their aid in this great work of charity.

Lord Napier was one of those who bore testimony to the fidelity with which the nuns observed the rule of non-interference with the Protestant patients.

have a few words with the nuns. "Please, sir," they would say to the chaplain, "do send a couple of us on an errand to the hospital to get a sight of the nuns."

As the time for the nuns' departure approached the cordial manifestations of respect and kindly feeling were only the more multiplied.

The Sunday after the nuns departed the men who went to the chapel sobbed and cried as though their hearts would break.

The few months spent at Balaklava by the devoted Sisters witnessed a repetition of the deeds of heroism which had achieved such happy results at Scutari and Kouli.

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"The ritual of the Christian Church," continued the chancellor, "comes down to us from old times. It is planted in the hearts of the people and the Church won't change her laws for every new fad that arises.

One of the Sisters writes: "We have not a cross here with anyone. The medical officers all work beautifully with us. They quite rely on our obedience."

are customary laws, like the common law of England — the force of custom passing into law.

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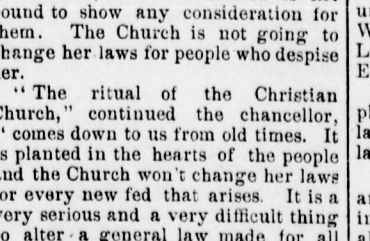
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principally of an American Americans and Orangemen. 35. That the corporal works of mercy are seven: To feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to harbor travelers, to ransom prisoners, to visit the sick and bury the dead.

36. That the seven spiritual works of Mercy are: To give good counsel, to instruct the ignorant, to admonish sinners, to comfort the afflicted, to pardon injuries, to bear wrongs patiently, to pray for the living and the dead.

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