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## The Golden Key.

By RUTH CAMERON.



The older I grow, the more deeply I realize that no experience of life is without its value. Even sickness, pain, needless mistakes and cruel disappointments, torturing anxiety and the bitterest losses, leave us richer in some ways than they found us.

For every human experience through which we pass gives us thousands upon thousands of brothers and sisters of the soul.

The woman who loses a child, by that loss finds a million sisters in the other Rachels who are weeping for their children and will not be comforted.

Of course the realization of our new brotherhood does not come at once. When we are experiencing suffering of any kind most of us are passionate individualists who cannot think of any hurt but our own.

It is only after the pain has passed that we are able to see our trouble in retrospect instead of being engulfed by it, that we are able to realize that our experience has brought us closer to some of our fellow men.

Of course there are some people who do not realize this even then, but I hope they are not very many. For I think they are the saddest failures in all the world. They prick their hearts on the thorns of and will not pluck its roses. And the wisest and most blessed of folks in all the world are those who

can find in every experience a golden key to sympathy and understanding. A young girl, who undoubtedly belongs to the latter class was telling me the other day of the suffering she endured while waiting for a most important letter which was unaccountably tardy.

Did you ever wait for a letter? If you have you know that there are few more miserable experiences than the sickening suspense of such waiting. Well has the proverb maker said, "Haste deferred maketh the heart sick." I do not mean to be irrelevant, but it certainly seems as if he must have been waiting for a letter that did not come. It is like fighting ghosts. You are wild for action, but there is nothing that can be done, and so you must only stand and wait. At first you look forward eagerly to the postman's visits, but by and by you almost dread them, because you fear the miserable disappointment that you will probably receive.

This is the crucible through which my friend passed. And this is what she said about it. "I wouldn't live through that week again for a thousand dollars; but I've learned one thing, and that is to sympathize with people who have anything like that to bear. Do you know, last summer I actually used to laugh at one of my girl friends when she was anxious because her fiancé did not write? It makes me shudder to think I could have been so cruel. I'll know better the rest of my life."

Thus out of the cruel crucible this girl brought with her a golden key. Have you done likewise?

*Ruth Cameron*

## MAN AND THE SOIL.

Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, author of the Common Sense Medical Adviser, says "why does not the farmer treat his own body as he treats the land he cultivates. He puts back in phosphates what he takes out in crops, or the land would grow poor. The farmer should put back into his body the vital elements exhausted by labor, or by ill-health induced by some chronic disease." Further, he says, "the great value of my Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is in its vitalizing power. It gives strength to the stomach and purity to the blood. It is like the phosphates which supply nature with the substances that build up the crops. The far-reaching action of

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Miss LOTTIE KNEELY of Perth, Kansas, says: "I will here add my testimony of the effectiveness of your remedy upon myself. I was troubled with indigestion for two years or more. Doctored with three different doctors besides taking numerous kinds of stomach cures, but received no permanent relief. I was run down, could not sleep at night with the pain in my chest, caused by gas on the stomach. Was weak, could eat scarcely anything although I was hungry nearly all the time. About one year and a half ago I began taking your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and after having taken several bottles am nearly cured of stomach trouble. Can now eat without distress and have gained fifteen pounds in weight. I thank you for your remedy and wish you all success in your good work."

The Mission  
at Conception

His Lordship Bishop March arrived here on the 27th inst., and the next day assisted by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Veitch and Fr. McDaniel, he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 270 children, 4 men and 1 woman.

His Lordship preached a very touching sermon to the parents and children, after which he paid a glowing tribute to the good work of the Mission Fathers and hoped that their labors will be productive of the choicest blessings for the people.

Yesterday afternoon the closing exercises of the mission for the men took place at 3 o'clock. Fr. Holland recited the Rosary and then in his usual impressive language preached a sermon on the sins of impurity and drunkenness. He dwelt at considerable length on the sin of impurity, which was the worst of all sins in the sight of God. In referring to its heinousness the preacher pointed out its effects upon the soul hereafter, namely, remorse and hell for all eternity. In dealing with drunkenness, Fr. Holland cited instances of the dangerous habit, and how a drunkard is known. Take the child in the street half clothed and not at school, and you will find out, said the preacher, that his father was a drunkard. Some will boast that they can take a glass of liquor and then leave it off, but the hundreds in the Lunatic Asylums, the hundreds in the penitentiaries and worst than all the millions burning in hell to-day, at one time said the same. Speaking of drink from every standpoint, it ruins the health, makes homes miserable and drives a person to a premature eternity.

In conclusion the preacher impressed it upon the moderate as well as upon the habitual drinker to cease taking liquor and become total abstainers. So eloquent and forcible was the rev. preacher's exhortation,

and so clearly did he portray the wretchedness and misery attributable to that vile demon, drink, that over four hundred solemnly promised at the altar rail to abstain for at least one year from intoxicating drink.

Fr. Holland then cordially thanked our Rt. Rev. Pastor for his kindness and help to the Fathers. He, in his turn, spoke of the splendid work done during the past week by the Fathers and on behalf of the men present offered his heartfelt thanks.

The triple blessing of the Mission was then imparted; the blessing of the Fathers, that of His Holiness the Pope and the Blessed Sacrament. The scene was a very solemn one, and few of those who were present will hurriedly forget it.

"I may also mention that the church presented a beautiful spectacle on this occasion. The Altar of the Blessed Virgin was beautifully decorated and lit with candles, while flowers were in great profusion. A collection, a feeble tribute of appreciation, was then taken up, and the amount was \$276.40.

March 31st, 1913.

## Hr. Grace Notes.

A young girl living on Victoria St. showed much presence of mind and great bravery a couple of nights ago when a lamp in her home was accidentally capsize and the place was in danger of being fired. The girl who is only about 15 years of age with some difficulty smothered the fire with mats, &c., and saved the building and its contents. Were we an insurance agent we would recommend a handsome present to this brave girl and have the incident widely published as an incentive to others to encourage presence of mind and coolness in time of such danger.

Mr. George R. Webber, an old fisherman, passed away at his residence,

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## Soper &amp; Moore.

Caplin Cove, yesterday morning after a long illness. He had reached nearly the allotted span of man's life, and was a fisherman all his days, doing a little farming as well. He leaves no immediate relatives. The deceased was never married and lived by himself for years. Last fall he took rooms at the house of a friend at Bear's Cove, his new house not being completed. On Monday, realizing that the end was near, he requested to be brought home, where he died shortly after arrival.

On Monday night, at about 10 o'clock, an engine passed through here, and many people hurried to the station thinking it was the "regular" coming in "on time." They were disappointed, one being heard to say it was only the 1st of April in advance. There is a large amount of sickness at present in this town, and as a consequence our doctors are kept pretty constantly on the road. The sickness is mostly among children, and is chiefly whooping cough, mumps, &c.

Again we are compelled to ask what about the hospital that was promised us by the Government. There is at present a nice little sum in the bank since the Guy Celebration waiting to be used for the purpose of an hospital in this town, which would benefit the whole bay, besides relieving the strain on the General Hospital at St. John's. The Government has promised such an institution, and as there is a great need of it, they will certainly fulfil that promise when the matter is placed before them in a business-like way. They gave us public buildings, guarantee docks, and they surely will give a helping hand for an hospital to relieve suffering and save life. We have heard of cases right here in Harbor Grace that would be operated on were a suitable place provided, but a trip to St. John's was out of the question, consequently death ended the suffering, while an operation would possibly have saved life.

For a long time we heard that the hospital would be built as soon as a suitable site could be secured. This remark is now a thing of the past, as there is offered for sale here one of the most desirable places for an hospital that it is possible to think of. We refer to "Bracehead," the property of the late R. S. Munn, Esq. The house stands on an elevation on the north side of Harvey Street, and no doubt has all modern conveniences, while the grounds in front are surrounded by beautiful trees, where the patient convalescing can walk or sit in their shade.

Why stand on a few hundred dollars when such a place is offered for sale. It is a chance of a lifetime, and the supporters of the present Government should bestir themselves at once and urge the People's Party to use no time in securing this hour for Harbor Grace; not Harbor Grace alone, but the whole bay. Call it what you will, a Guy Hospital or a Harbor Hospital, but secure the place at once. We have no axe to grind nor have we been asked to refer to the matter. It is the need of the hospital and the offering of "Bracehead" for sale that prompts us to say so much on this subject at present.

CORRESPONDENT.  
Harbor Grace, April 2, 1913.

## Clarenville Notes.

Clarenville church and community have recently met with a great loss in the death of one of its members. Brother Joseph Strong was born in Old Perlican in 1821, and passed peacefully to his eternal rest on March 10th, 1913. For fifty-one years a devoted follower of Christ, for forty-six years a class leader and lay reader in the church, his life was an inspiration to all. It may be said of him as of Enoch, "he walked with God, and he was not for Good took him."

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 11th, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Winsor, who preached a most touching sermon from the text "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season," which words were well chosen for such a noble life.

The church was filled with friends and relatives, which showed that he was loved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. To these we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We sorrow not therefore as they that have no hope, for our brother shall rise again.

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