

Petitions Asked For.

The following petitions are recommended to the charitable prayers of our readers:

That a brother, and the members of another family who are indifferent, may return to their religious duties; that three persons, who are indifferent and addicted to drink, may reform; good health for a pastor; a vocation for a boy; the souls in Purgatory; the grace of a happy death; success in studies for two children; spiritual and temporal success of a person; several special favors.

Our Lady's Own.

Scapular names have been received at: Falls View, from St. Mary's, Stanley, Wis.; Brechin, Ont.; St. John the Baptist's Church, Lockport, N.Y.; Brounsville, Houston Co., Minn.; Cuba, N.Y.; Paxico, Wabaunsee Co., Kas.; St. Stephen's Church, Buffalo, N.Y.; East Margaree, N.S.; Church of the Holy Rosary, Providence, Pa.; St. Peter's Church San Francisco, Cal.; Stratford, Ont.; Uniontown, Pa.; St. Nicholas' Church, Buffalo, N.Y.; Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg, Ont.; St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton, N.B.; Eganville, Ont.; St. Helen's Church, Toronto, Ont.; Trinity, Nfld.; St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's, Antigonish Co., N.S.; Trinity, Nfld.; St. Nicholas' Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ont.; St. Peter's, C.B.; Detroit, Mich.; Chepstow, Ont.; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Burlington, Ont.

INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS

If every Christian home were what it ought to be, a Christian school, there would be less need of Christian public schools. Mothers are ordained by God to be the first teachers of their children, as they are the first to give them material food. They have unbounded influence over their child because the child has unbounded confidence in its mother. The impression produced by a mother's teaching is the most lasting. Even in

mature years, the remembrance of a mother's teaching has on us a restraining and sanctifying influence. The Church is indebted to Monica for the greatest doctor in her fold. Were it not for Monica's influence, Augustine might have remained a Manichean in religion and a libertine in morals. It was a queen and mother who said to her son: I would rather see you dead than have you commit a mortal sin. That son became the great St. Louis, King of France, who, even Voltaire admits, was a righteous king. Judge Gaston, of North Carolina ever spoke of his mother with unbounded admiration. The Count de Maistre used to call his mother "the sublime mother." Justice Taney used to speak with pride of the beneficial effects his mother's early influence had on his after life. John Randolph, of Roanoke, often spoke of his mother and always with affectionate enthusiasm.

May the day never come when woman shall cease to be the angel of the home! May the husbands and sons, after buffeting the waves of the world, ever find in their homes a haven of rest! May the bleeding wounds of the heart be soothed by the oil of gladness and consolation! Mothers, be fond of your homes, be attached to them. Let not the two words so dear to the Christian heart—home and mother—be separated. Let peace, order, tranquility and temperance be found in the home. Let the angel of chastity preside over the domestic hearth and stand at the door of woman's heart, repelling all unhallowed thoughts, even as the angel with flaming sword, guarded the earthly paradise. For what is a home from which chastity is banished, but a desecrated temple from which the Spirit of God has fled. May the flowers of domestic joy and gladness grow abundantly along the path of Christian women!

Fear is a greater pain than pain itself. Oh, thou of little faith, what dost thou fear? God will not let you perish while you are steadfast in resolution. Let the world be turned upside down, let it be in utter darkness, in smoke, in tumult, so long as God is with us.—St. Francis de Sales.