

Home Column

"THE DIFFERENCE."

Two women stand at a cradle side,
And gaze on a picture fair,
A nestling child, with dark fringed
eyes,
Where lurks the deep-toned blue of
the skies,
And shining, sun touched hair,
One of them sees but a sleeping
child
Clasping a battered doll,
She notes the beauty of form and
face,
And the rich effect of the priceless
lace
On the carven cradle—that's all.
She kisses the babe as she carries
a while;
And turns away with a careless
smile.

The other gazes with misty eyes,
And the cradle fades away
Before her stretches the path of life,
With all the peril and toil and strife
And the dangers of every day,
She sees the tiny form grown
strong,
And the tender heart grown cold
In the race for pleasure that ends
in pain,
The eager struggle twist loss and
gain—
The maddening quest for gold.
And she sobs a prayer: "O God
that thou
Wouldst keep him ever as pure as
now.

These women stand in the self same
place;
They are not unlike in form and
face;
They see the same child in a wee
white cot;
But one is a mother—and one is
not.

A LITTLE MESSENGER.

To many a home since last we
celebrated the joyous season of
Christmas and New Year, a little
messenger has come bringing anew
the story of the swaddling clothes
and the manger—what lies in the
cradle sleeping there? What life
looks up out of the laughing
eyes? What service waits in the
tiny hands? What errands in the
feeble feet? An immortal destiny
begins in every cradle, whose issue,
if we dwell upon it, appals the ima-
gination. And still mothers are
careless, and fathers are proud,
and friends look on almost as stolid
as the oxen on the manger occu-
pant near nineteen centuries ago.
And birth counts for less than
death, and the cradle as less awe
inspiring than the coffin; and the
babe, not as the beginning of a
new infinity, but only as the object
of a careless, coquettish fondling.
Blessed is the mother who sees
more truly what birth and mater-
nity mean; who catches some
glimpse of what the cradle contains
as she rocks it; and who ponders
those things in her heart.

ST. PIE LETELLIER.

A big blaze occurred at Letellier
on Friday evening, the 19th inst.
The fire began in the upper story
of Mr. Beamolt's store. In a very
short space the whole building was
enveloped in flames, which spread
rapidly to the next building, a few
feet distant, in which Mr. Desautels
lived with his family and did busi-
ness for Mr. Comeault of St. Jean
Baptiste. The contents of this
store and dwelling were mostly
saved, but very little was rescued
from Mr. Beamolt's. The hotel on
the other side of the street was
badly scorched and only saved by
the energetic use of water. Fortu-
nately the evening was calm, or the
damage would have been far great-
er. We hope everything was well
insured. Report says Mr. Bea-
molt's building and goods carried
insurance to the amount of twenty
thousand dollars.

The Rev. Father Chaput, S.J.,
will assist Father Jutras with the
Christmas services, and preach in
English at midnight Mass.

Dr. Belanger will shortly lead
Miss Jutras to the altar. Hymen
will probably claim some of our
other young folks shortly.

Your correspondent desires to
wish the staff of the Northwest
Review a happy Christmas. And a
successful New Year to the paper
itself.

Brandon Notes

A Happy New Year to the editor
and his staff; that the Northwest
Review, will, during 1903, receive
the appreciation it so richly de-
serves, and thus attain a very large
circulation, is the sincere wish of
your Brandon correspondent.

Midnight Mass was celebrated on
Christmas by Rev. Father Godts.
Special music was provided for the
occasion, the choir being assisted
by outside talent. Rev. Father
Godts preached a most touching
sermon, reminding those present of
that first Christmas when God be-
came man for the redemption of the
human race; the gratitude we
should feel, deeming no sacrifice too
great in working out our salvation.
Worldly feelings or human respect
should have no place in the Chris-
tian's life as that Babe of Bethle-
hem came into this world, suffered
and died for each one in particular.
During the Mass two pupils of St.
Michael's convent had the happi-
ness of receiving their first com-
munion.

Mr. E. Drury, of Rapid City,
was in town on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Crawford, of
Rat Portage, are visiting their pa-
rents here.

On Monday afternoon at half past
two the blessing of the children
took place in St. Augustine's
church, and immediately after, a
Christmas tree in St. Michael's
convent brought joy to many little
hearts.

The monthly meeting of the Chil-
dren of Mary took place on Mon-
day evening.

The Catholic Home Annuals for
1903 have already been distributed
in every Catholic home in the pa-
rish and surrounding missions. The
Annual, which is a neat, instructive
little booklet, reflects great credit
on Rev. Father Godts, and also on
the office of publication—the Times.
E.D.M.

MR. DOOLEY ON CHRISTMAS.

"Well, be hook, an' be crook, I
avoid debt fr a year. Thin Chris-
mas comes along an' I'm pushed
into it whether I want to be or
not. On Christmas Eve when I
count up th' cash I'm aven with th'
wurruld. On Chris'mas mornin' I
come back fr'm arly Mass an' I
owe half th' neighborhood. I'm in
debt twinty Chris'mas cards, iliven
books iv pottry, a pink lampshade,
a pair iv embroidered slippers, a
sponge-bag, three boxes iv non-com-
bustible see-gars, an' a pound of
broken candy, I can't get away
fr'm it. No matter what me in-
tentions ar-re, I'm plunged into
debt an', mind ye, not fr money
or annything else that can be ex-
changed fr pleasure, but fr articles
that no wan wud think iv carryin'
downstairs iv th' house took fire. If
ye don't hand something back at
wanst ye're in debt fr a year. Ye
can't go around on Groundhog Day
an' say, 'Merry Chris'mas; here's
th' melojeen I owe ye f'e th' music-
box ye give me.' No, sir. Ye've
got to be quick on ye'er feet. I
keep a clost watch an' when I see
a boy comin' out iv Hogan's house
with something done up in a paper
I shoot out another boy be th' al-
ley with a little token iv affection
fr Hogan an' watch him make a
face when he gets it. Me guard is
always up. If annywan tags me
with a prisint I tag right back
again. I'm nivir 'it' fr longer thin
a quarther iv an hour. When I
counted up las' Chris'mas I was a
pound iv gum-dhrops an' an um-
brelly to th' good, th' people I sint
them to bein' unprepared fr th' at-
tack.

"Th' battle in Chris'mas gifts
isn't always aisy to carry on with
a woman. Nivir, Hinnessy, accept
a valuabe prisint fr'm a lady. Her
intentions is nivir hon'rabl when
she send ye a frosted card with a
pitcher iv a German goin' home in
th' snow. She expects a gran'
pianny in rayturn. When it comes
to exchangin' gifts a rale lady
plays nawthin' udher en eighty-to-
wan shot. But among men 'tis dif-
f'rent. Th' minyit a man hurls a
prisint at ye, fire wan back at him.
Don't take anny chances with him.
Smash him over th' head. It's no
use thryin' to compromise durin'
th' glad season. Ivy man's hand
is raised again' ye. Don't thrust in
frindly wurruds. Go to a good fire

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sale a week before Chris'mas an'
lay in ye'er amnytion an' begin
pastin' thim at daybreak. Hammer
away with ivrythin' ye can lay
ye'er hands on. 'Take that, an'
that.' 'There's a genooin onix
clock fr ye, Jawn Rafferty,' 'Ye
hit me with th' 'Lives iv th'
Saints,' Mike Slatthry, but me
'Threasury iv Varse' caught ye be-
hind th' ear,' 'Come on all iv ye
an' do ye'er worst. I'll light it out
on this line till I'm down to th'
las' album.' An' when th' day is
done ye'll be a happy man, rejoic-
in' in th' thought that ye've give
as good as ye got or worse.
'That's fr bachelors like myself.
With a marrid man 'tis diff'rent.
Th' battle is all in his own fam'ly,
an' th' best he can do is to defend
himself as he can. * * * *
'On Chris'mas mornin' he com-
pletes his term iv loon'cy with wan
gran' blitherin' burst iv foolishness.
'How thoughtful iv ye, Mary Ann
to give me th' Essays iv Emerson.
I was sayin' on'y las' week to a
frind iv mine in th' pork pit that

iv all th' fellows that iver hurled a
pen Emerson fr me money now
that Billy Baxter is dead. How did
ye come to give me this box iv see-
gars, mother? I must've talked in
me sleep. I'll put thim away where
no wan can get at thim. They're
too good to burn up. 'Lucy, sun-
shine iv me life, I know whose lit-
tle hands painted thim purple flow-
ers on pahpah's cup an' saucer.
Th' money I coughed up fr ye'er
art idjagation was not spint in
vain,' he says. 'I feel ashamed,'
he says, 'after seein' all these
costly remimbrances iv love,' he
says, 'to show me palthry gifts,'
he says, 'but,' he says, 'ye know
that humble though they be, ivry
dollar put into thim come right
fr'm pah-pah's heart,' he says.
'Take this sealskin sacque, gran'
pianny an' di'mon' necklace an'
wear thim fr my sake.' An' with
tears in his eyes he goes to his
room an' tries to figure a way to
get aven without breakin' th' law.
—F. P. Dunne in Ladies' Home
Journal.

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