

THE FATEFUL QUESTION.

Catholic Standard and Times.)
 saw that he was going to put
 question long expected.
 pped the carpet with her foot,
 tried to look collected.
 she waited for the man
 ask that fateful question.
 her aging features ran
 ravenous congestion.
 her cheek incardined,
 followed by the lily,
 at was her distress of mind
 really felt quite silly.
 with he stammered out the word,
 word so long awaited,
 made the maiden, who she heard
 deeply agitated.
 then he said: "Beg pardon."
 voice was quite unsteady
 simply had to ask you this."
 he had her answer ready.
 "Should you not, sir?" she began:
 am glad to give my answer.
 eighteen years, kind Census-man,
 since first my life began, sir."
 —T. A. Daly.

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THE HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Mr. Bernard Vaughan, S. J., the priest who preached the sermon on the "Sins of Society," delivered a homily on marriage at a great gathering of fashionable people. The sermon was by no means a philippic against the smart set, as some have a special call in life, married state is the best. In both man and woman lead a life.
 The first duty of the bride and groom is to learn to make allowances for all those differences which arise from the difference of sex, of taste, of home training. They must not expect too much of poor human nature. They must not put one another's burdens, and stand in the background.
 The husband I would say, be a good man, never attempt to be a flowing tide of her talk. Talk on, while you get credit for passing your soul in peace. Remember a woman needs many valves and outlets. Most women have a passion for jewelry and give her what you can, and feel it is from you she has even if it cost you some self.
 Do not forget that woman thirsts for sympathy, as flowers for sunshine. If you are never thinking of her, if you do not send sweet notes—others may come to offer their sympathies, and who is to blame?
 I always put all the blame, if any thing goes wrong in married life, on the man, because he is the stronger. There is much of the animal even in the Christian man.
 Let her always be neat and smart, and alone with her husband, and not only when entertaining company. It is his business to be pleasing to her eyes. So many women dress better than other women! Let a man dress to be pleasing in the eyes of his husband, and he will not be jealous when other men are in her company.
 Never offer a man excuses, and do not keep him waiting while you put your things," continued the smiling priest amid chuckles of laughter.
 "The wife, I say, 'never nag, never cry.' These tricks of women often bring them what they want, but they kill their husband's love. No man wants to be teased—by his wife.
 I would say to the wife, 'Try to be like the flowers, even when the sun is shining.'"

MY ROAD TO THE TRUE CHURCH.

Mr. Frank Johnston, a prominent lawyer and former attorney-general of Mississippi, after many years of happiness in the Catholic Church, has just given to the public an outline of the mental process which finally led to his submission to the See of Peter. The brochure entitled "My Road to the True Church" is issued by the International Catholic Truth Society of Brooklyn, New York.
 Unlike most accounts of conversions, Mr. Johnston's article scarcely touches upon matters of family, personal details and outside influences. It is the calm, cool, accurate lawyer's statement of certain necessary principles, of the evidence at hand, and of logical conclusions resulting therefrom. Mr. Johnston comes of an old Southern family. He served all through the Civil War and during the past thirty years has held many positions of trust and distinction. There was nothing in his early life that might tend to attract him toward the Catholic Church. His father, mother and relatives were all Protestants and his associations and surroundings were entirely non-Catholic. In fact, they were somewhat anti-Catholic. In about 1875 Mr. Johnston began to study the church, from the lawyer's point of view, and soon like many other seekers, for the truth he was drawn toward the Church by a clearer insight into her satisfying systems of philosophy. A more intimate knowledge of the church showed him that she was totally different from the sects by which he was surrounded, that she was jealous of truth, intolerant of error, and uncompromising in her struggle with sin. After four years of study, research and reasoning, Mr. Johnston had the happiness of being baptized in 1879 and shortly afterwards his wife and her mother, who was the widow of Judge Genger of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, were received in the Church. As a result of his impartial investigation of the claims of the Catholic Church, Mr. Johnston has now the happiness of seeing nine children and twenty-two grandchildren all worshipping at the same altar before which he bends the reverent knee.
 Coming at a time when thousands of honest, sincere, educated non-Catholics are seeking for a Church which speaks with divine authority, the publication of "My Road to the True Church" is most opportune, and the merits of the work, taken in connection with the low price at which it is selling should insure for it a large circulation.
 Price ten cents. International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, New York.

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pleasant event took place in St. James' Church, Egmont Bay, P. E. I., on the morning of May 3rd, when Patrick O'Donnell, of Avondale, led to the altar one of Egmont's most popular young ladies in the person of Miss Ellen Curren. The happy couple were ably supported by John O'Keefe, cousin of the groom, and Miss Amelia Curren, of Portland, Maine, sister of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Boudreau, P. P., after which the happy couple repaired to the home of the bride's parents where they were greeted with many good wishes from friends who had assembled there to wish Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell a happy journey through life, after which they drove to Wellington and took train for their future home in "Lovely Avondale."

An interesting wedding took place in St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Oranmore, on Tuesday morning, when Mr. Thomas Monahan, of the Barker House staff, Fredericton, was united in marriage to Miss Helen R. Rutledge, daughter of Mr. John Rutledge, of that place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. P. Carleton in the presence of a large number of friends of the happy couple and at the conclusion of the marriage ceremony nuptial mass was celebrated. The bride, who was becomingly attired in a blue serge travelling suit with black picture hat and carried a bridal bouquet, was attended by Miss Lizzie Monahan, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Monahan had the support of his friend, Mr. Michael J. Moore, of Fredericton. At the conclusion of the ceremony luncheon was served at the bride's home and the happy couple left by steamer for St. John and other points on a wedding tour.

Chatham World: The wedding of Mr. Clifford Cassidy, of the medical staff of the Commercial, and Miss Rachael Muzzerall, niece of Squire Muzzerall, of Neguac, was performed at the pro-cathedral, Thursday evening. Rev. Father O'Keefe performed the ceremony. They were unattended. The bride is exceedingly pretty and the groom very popular—qualities that make for conjugal bliss. The World staff wish Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy very much happiness.

VISITED LOURDES.

A few weeks before his death, King Edward paid a visit to Lourdes, on which occasion he set an example of reverence for the religion of his Catholic subjects. He went through the Grotto and the Church of the Rosary and while a great procession of pilgrims was going past he watched it with uncovered head. His Majesty, received Bishop Schopfer, of Tarbes, on the principal square and chatted with him for some minutes.

A COOK BOOK FOR VEGETARIANS

Messrs. Little, Brown & Company have just acquired the publishing rights of "The Golden Rule Cook Book," by M. R. L. Sharpe, which contains recipes for over 600 meatless dishes. Mrs. Sharpe has been a vegetarian for a number of years, and these recipes have all been tested and many of them originated in her own kitchen. Vegetarians will find in it many delicious dishes especially suited to their needs, and those housekeepers who still require "good red meat" will be glad to add many of these tempting salads and desserts to their menus.

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND, ME.

It was announced at Portland, Me., on Friday of last week that at the request of Bishop Walsh, Pope Pius X. had appointed Right Rev. Mgr. M. C. McDonough, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Lewiston, and vicar-general of the diocese, to be a protonotary apostolic, the highest grade in the ranks of the monsignori in the papal household, and Very Rev. Mgr. F. X. Trudel, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Oldtown, a domestic prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

NOT THE ONLY PLACE.

We take the following clipping from an exchange:—

"The separation of castes in London is carried very far," the Earl of Crewe declared in the laying of the foundation stone of a church at the Hampstead Garden Suburb. "Hundreds and thousands of well-to-do people never meet with any one who is not of the same class as themselves."

The same remark might also be made regarding many other cities besides the ancient metropolis.

HOW IMMIGRANTS CARRY MONEY.

One of the queerest sights, says an exchange, is to see how different immigrants carry their money.

Most English immigrants carry their coin in a small case attached to a chain, which they keep in a pocket as they would a watch.

Irishmen always have a little canvas bag, in which notes and coin are crammed together. Irish girls, on the other hand, generally have their money sewed on the inside of their dresses.

Germans carry their money in a belt around their waists, and the belt is usually an elaborate and costly affair, no matter how poor the immigrant may be.

The French mostly carry a small brass tube, in which they can place forty or fifty twenty-franc pieces, which can be removed very rapidly, one at a time.

There are few Italians who do not carry a large tin tube, in which they keep paper money or silver coins, and this tube is hung around the neck by a small chain or cord.

Swedes and Norwegians are sure to have an immense pocket-book, that has generally been used by their fathers and grandfathers before them, and which has in it enough leather to make a pair of boots.

The Slavonians and Hungarians carry their money in their long boots, together with a knife, fork and spoon.—Forward.

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