



TRIFLES.

SMALL THINGS OF GREAT MOMENT.

Father McCallen's Lecture Before the T. A. & B. Society—A Lesson Concerning the Need of Taking Care of Little Matters in Life.

St. Patrick's T. A. & B. society celebrated on Tuesday last week the 101st anniversary of Ireland's apostle of temperance, Rev. Father Mathew. A large audience was present in St. Patrick's hall in honor of the event, and enjoyed the fine music and the entertaining lecture which made up the programme.

Hon. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—We are gathered here this evening to celebrate the one hundred and first birthday of the great Apostle of Temperance, who exemplified in his life the truth of what I am now going to prove,—that though there are such things as trifles in this world, namely, things of little importance, of no great moment in themselves, they are not such in consequences which flow from them.

TRIFLING PLEDGE.—We are now simple trifling, as the world again would call them—and yet from what evil were they not to deliver the mighty host who kept the pledge no less faithfully than they did the card on which the pledge was written.

WHEN CAN WE BE CALLED A TRIFLE.—Whether we regard man in his physical, intellectual or moral capacity, he cannot afford to neglect anything as trifling which may advance or retard his physical, intellectual or moral well-being.

PERIODICAL SPREES.—I may have to make some trivial remarks; but these, if you take the lessons which they convey, will be but another argument in favor of the truth which I defend—there are no such things as trifles.

poison and the use of disinfectants for homes in which contagious disease is found.) Have not men of stalwart frames, robust health, and seemingly iron constitutions had their strength diminished their days shortened and their bodies gradually wasted, by sickness,—laid in an early grave by inattention to the trifling suggestions which I have just made, when, with a little more care and caution, they might have been spared long years.

TO THEIR FAMILIES AND TO SOCIETY? And women are just as careless as men, only a little more so. Their vanity is at the bottom of most of their contempt for trifles, and hence they sacrifice comfort, health, life itself, in the gratification of this woman's weakness.

TALKING OF DRESS.—We might remind our hearers that a stitch is about as diminutive a trifle as can be conceived or viewed, and yet "a stitch in time saves nine." This is as true as the incipient hole that begins to manifest itself in a man's hosiery as of the little rent in the most gorgeous trowsers from Worth's in Paris.

IN A WAY WHICH THIS FAR HAS NOT BEEN imitated by men. If a man's coat sleeve gets torn, as he cannot afford to wear a patch he must put the coat aside or give it to the poor, unless he is a tailor.

THE FEMINE MIND.—In inventing ways and means for neglecting the stitch in time which saves nine, which men may envy but do not dare to imitate. For if a man's coat gives out at the elbows he cannot, like his wife, amputate both sleeves and replace them by others of different material and color.

THE QUESTION OF ECONOMY.—Is one that rests almost entirely on proper attention to what men call trifles. It has been said, and with a great deal of truth, that the people of Europe could live in luxury on what we cast aside as worthless.

so many to woful want. After feeding five thousand people with five loaves, our blessed Lord commanded his Apostles "to gather up the fragments lest they be lost." It would be well for many a family if they remembered this teaching of the Saviour. But they do not. There are not enough potatoes left over from dinner to serve for supper; not enough meat either, and so the remnants of dinner must be cast aside and a new supply purchased. This is not economy; it is wilful waste.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR exemplify this same Gospel precept in their daily lives. They beg the leavings of the guests at table from hotels and clubs and private houses, clean the food, season it as only the French know how to do, and after they have served the old men and women who are their wards, remain satisfied with what is left for themselves.

EVERY CENT THEY EARN.—on unnecessary ribbons and hats and wraps and other paraphernalia which woman as naturally clings to from babyhood to old age as she does to being esteemed and loved and flattered by men. Now don't let any one try on this shoe if it does not fit. But it is not only the servant girl who fails to practice economy when it is question of money.

ALWAYS IN DEBT.—And you know that it is a trifle easier to get into than out of debt. It is no doubt excusable in us to put our best foot forward. However, we should not forget that rich clothes do not make the man or woman any more than the habit makes the monk. It is quite possible to be neatly and respectably dressed without putting a fortune in clothes.

HEROISM OF A SISTER OF CHARITY.—A touching episode of the Argentine revolution is told by a Buenos Ayres correspondent of an Italian paper, the Baffara. A cavalry man was passing before a hospital in Buenos Ayres when a ball knocked him, mortally wounded, from the saddle.

Gladstone Avenue School, Toronto, was closed last week on account of the prevalence of diphtheria.

ANOTHER FATHER DAMIEN.

Father Testivide's Experience in Japan.

A letter from Mgr. Osouf informs us of the death of Father Testivide, the self-sacrificing founder and chaplain of the leper hospital at Fujiage, Japan. He had been in feeble health for some time, but his death was hastened by his unremitted labors for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his afflicted charges.

FIVE MINUTES SERMON.

Shouldst not thou then have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee?—St. Matthew xviii. 33.

These words of to-day's gospel are spoken by our Lord to every one who has been wanting in charity to his neighbor. Each one of us, as a servant of God, as a steward of the gifts, both temporal and spiritual, which He has entrusted to us that we may use them for the furtherance of His honor and glory, is a heavy debtor to the divine justice.

How, then, can we best practice this forgiveness, which is so necessary for us? In the first place, we must have a true and sincere contrition. It must be "from your heart," as our Lord says. No mere outward show of contrition will be enough for God, who sees the heart.

Litanies.—The origin of the word Litany is Greek, and means an entreaty or supplication. The Litany of the Saints, so called because by it we beg the intercession of the blessed inhabitants of heaven, is of ancient origin, and was used in the East in the time of St. Basil the Great, who died in 379, more than 200 years before the pontificate of St. Gregory.

Some Decisions.—La Semaine Religieuse publishes three important decisions, respecting working-men's wages, recently given by the Congregation of the Holy Office. First.—Communitative justice is interested in the workingman receiving a salary in accordance with the exigencies of life.

Dillon and the Parnellites.—John Dillon, in a speech at Dunganvar yesterday, explained that he and his colleagues were absent from Mr. Parnell's funeral in order to prevent unseemly disorder. He charged that his opponents hired men whom they paid with drink to publicly call him a "murderer."

The Pope to the French Pilgrims.—The Pope has written to M. Harmel, organizer of the French workingmen's pilgrimage which recently visited this city, expressing bitter grief at seeing the French pilgrims abandoned without provocation to the attacks of an ungodly and unchristian population.

The Bouchard Murder Trial.—The trial of Evangeliste Beaulieu for the murder of Bouchard, in Sherbrooke, ended on Saturday by the jury returning a verdict of not guilty. Mr. L. C. Balar acted for the Crown, while Messrs. Pameton, Broderick and Beaulieu defended the prisoner.

like hail. She bent over him, but only to fall into his arms a corpse. She was shot dead in a fusillade. "When the smoke cleared away," says the correspondent, "I went towards her. She was young—perhaps not over twenty years—and her face was singularly beautiful. I learned that she was called Sister Estella, and that she had come from Naples. Amid the dreadful commotion that is all I could learn about this heroine."

DOMESTIC READING.

To keep a friend is a harder matter than to get a friend.

If men knew as much of themselves as they usually do of their neighbours, they would hardly dare to speak to themselves.

By desiring what is perfectly good, even when we don't quite know what it is, and cannot do what we would, we are a part of the divine power against evil—widening the skirts of light, and making the struggle with darkness narrower.

The looking after the young men is of the greatest importance; we must help them and encourage them. The best thing in man is his religion, what he thinks of God is the highest thing in him. If a man is false to his religion he will be faithless to any trust if it is profitable for him to be so.

He only is great of heart who floods the world with a great affection. He only is great of mind who stirs the world with great thoughts. He only is great of will who does something to shape the world to a great career.

It has been beautifully said: "Let me write the ballads of a country and I care not whomakes the laws." I qualify this for my use and say, let me have the formation of the character of the young men and I care not who has the formation of the character of the others, for the child of to-day is the man of tomorrow.

Thomas a Kempis.

Regarding the "Imitation of Christ," may I be allowed to say a few words concerning the celebrated writer. It is indeed a wonder that still doubts appear about the author of that golden book, who is Thomas a Kempis, and whose name is ever looked for where it is not to be found. Thomas a Kempis may be found in any German general biography, ancient as well as modern, as he was a German by birth.

Litanies.

The origin of the word Litany is Greek, and means an entreaty or supplication. The Litany of the Saints, so called because by it we beg the intercession of the blessed inhabitants of heaven, is of ancient origin, and was used in the East in the time of St. Basil the Great, who died in 379, more than 200 years before the pontificate of St. Gregory.

Dillon and the Parnellites.

John Dillon, in a speech at Dunganvar yesterday, explained that he and his colleagues were absent from Mr. Parnell's funeral in order to prevent unseemly disorder. He charged that his opponents hired men whom they paid with drink to publicly call him a "murderer."

The Pope to the French Pilgrims.

The Pope has written to M. Harmel, organizer of the French workingmen's pilgrimage which recently visited this city, expressing bitter grief at seeing the French pilgrims abandoned without provocation to the attacks of an ungodly and unchristian population.

Ladies' Corner.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society gave a complimentary entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, in honor of the 101st anniversary of Rev. Theobald Mathew's birthday.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society gave a complimentary entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, in honor of the 101st anniversary of Rev. Theobald Mathew's birthday. The President of the Society (Rev. J. A. McCallen) gave a most entertaining and instructive lecture on "Trifles," of which a full report will be found in another column.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society gave a complimentary entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, in honor of the 101st anniversary of Rev. Theobald Mathew's birthday. The President of the Society (Rev. J. A. McCallen) gave a most entertaining and instructive lecture on "Trifles," of which a full report will be found in another column.

St. Ann's Fair.

which has just opened, I consider one of the best regulated and well organized bazaars I ever attended. It appears to be presided over by geni, or some fairy spirit supernaturally understanding how to manage a mass of people of different classes of society, of different ways and manners, and, above all, of different tempers, as if they were all children of one family.

The Irish Fund in Paris.

A Paris despatch says:—Several eminent French financiers have been consulted upon the matter of release of the fund of the Irish Parliamentary party, now on deposit here. They agree that the problem is a knotty one and believe that the first step must be an application to the Court of Chancery by the heirs of Mr. Parnell and those of Mr. Biggar, for the latter was a trustee of the fund at the same time that Mr. Parnell was. The French judges will not act, probably, contrary to the decision of the English Court unless in declaring themselves competent to do so. This would cause prolonged trouble.

The Bouchard Murder Trial.

The trial of Evangeliste Beaulieu for the murder of Bouchard, in Sherbrooke, ended on Saturday by the jury returning a verdict of not guilty. Mr. L. C. Balar acted for the Crown, while Messrs. Pameton, Broderick and Beaulieu defended the prisoner. Great popular interest was excited in the case, and the announcement of the verdict was received with applause by a considerable crowd in the vicinity of the Court house.

Austria and the Pope.

A despatch to the London Chronicle from Paris says: After the recent interview with M. de Sottani, the Italian ambassador at Vienna, was instructed to acquaint Emperor Francis Joseph that Italy would afford ample protection to the Papal conclave, this assurance being in response to the Austrian Emperor's inquiry.