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# SMALL THINGS OF GREAT MOMENT.

gather 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 cele-St. Patrick's 1. A. & 15. society cele-bated on Tuesday last week the 101st aniversary of Ireland's apostle of tem-perance, Rev. Father Mathew. A large andience was present in St. Patrick's and the bases of the event and enjoyed hall in honor of the event, and enjoyed the line music and the entertaining lec-ture which made up the programme. The J. A. Fowler, rendered with admirable taste the chorus from "The Bohemian Girl," and Mr. J. B. Dupuis no less admirably rendered Schuman's "Grenative", How Separate Murphy proceided diers." Hon. Senator Murphy presided, and supporting him on the platform were Revs. J. Quinlivan, J. Fahey, Messrs. M. Sharkey, A. Brogan, J. Tiernay, J. J. Cosigan, A. Martin, James Milloy, etc.
Father McCallen, who was received with cheers, said:

Hos. Chairman, Ladies and Gentle-WEN.-We are gathered here this evening to celebrate the one hundred and first birthday of the great Apostle of Temperauce, 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 imnotance, of no great moment in themseives, they are not such in consequences which flow from them. It was in itself a triffing circumstance that a good old quaker in Cork should hold a conversation with Father Mathew, urging him to undertake to save men from the curse of drink; but what untold blessings flowed from that conversation, the fruits of Father Mathew's long, wide and success-pilmission amply testified. The cause of temperance found one great advocate. nity-tour years ago, in the person of this humble priest, and that, too, in a wordly sense, was a tritle but the results of that one man's life and labors were as wide as the Englishes) caking nations whose sons he rallied under the banner of temperance. His pledge card was a little piece er paper or card-board, or a medal in metal, and the words of the

### GUNGERANGE PLEDGE

were tow and simple-trifling, as the which the bledge was written. You see, then how appropriate a subject I have chosen for your instruction and entering way which rainment on this anniversary of the birth of Rev. The shald Mathew, the great apostle of temperance. What is meant By trifles men generally understand trings of little importance, of no great moment. This word varies slightly in meaning, according as it is used as a verie or adjective. We speak of triding away time and money, of ciding with tire and getting burned. Triffing with tire, you may say, is a triffe, but getting burned is no triffe. As an adjective, this word is synonomous with trivia arrayolous, petty, tutile, as, for instance, "a triffing matter, a trivial remark, a perty consideration, a frivolous dispute a fatile argument." It is not so much of trailes in themselves that I desire to speak as of their consequences. I do not hesitate to assert, and I think I can prove, that so considered

NOTHING CAS, BE CALLED A TRIFLE. Whether we regard man in his physical intellectual a r moral capacity, he cannot afford to treat anything as trifling which may advance or retard his physical, in tellectual or moral well-being. There are in every man's life circumstances, which, however triffing in themselves, have much to do with his future health, happines: presperity and virtue. We are apt to contemn small things and only admire what is mighty and great and grand and beautiful. Most great things are, however, but an aggregation of small things. The small drops of water that force their way with difficulty into the little spring become, in time, the source of ighty rivers like the Saint Lawrence. The immense cloud bursts and heavy rains are but the condensed vapors which rise from lake and river and ocean. The little threads that you break so easily with the hand when twined together be come the mighty cable that holds large vessels to their moorings, and the old age of the venerable octogenarian is but the sum of the little seconds and minutes and hours and days which make up the years, which mark the time of his pilgrimage on earth. In discussing this

## SUBJECT OF TRIFLES

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—that in their consequences, there are no such thing as trifles. I mean to be practical even if I have to be trivial, so let me begin: And first in the physical order, to what think you do men have to attribute failing health? Is it not to their neglect of what they call trifles? A too hasty change of clothing on the approach of the first hot days of spring or summer; remaining in a draft when overheated by Physical exercise; eating of dishes which experience has proved do not agree with the inward man; eating a trifle too much or a trifle too little; refusing to take the

pox and the use of disinfectants for homes in which contagious disease is found.) Have not men of stalwart frames, robust health, and seemingly iron consti-tutions had their strength diminished 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. Their shoes are made to pinch just a trifle, for fear they might be thought to hail from Chicago. to their own discomfort and to the great comfort of the chiropodist, whose treatment of corns and bunions might ladies choir, under the direction of Prof. otherwise beexchanged for the more fashionable profession of tonsorial artist in inventing new styles of bangs, crimps, pulls, knots and curls. Then, again, how often women sow the seed of disease as the wrap is cast aside their daily lives. They beg the leavings too soon or not put on soon enough, for of the guests at table from hotels and fear that its health-preserving folds clubs and private houses, clean the might conceal the latest fabrics and food, season it as only the French know giving to the heart full free play of its for themselves. Try, my dear friends, vital functions, I mean, of course the to be more economical and, because you heart of flesh, not the other heart; for this latter performs its functions under all circumstances. Let us all take pru- the matter of food that we are wasteful. dent care of health, for we know not what a blessing health is till it has been lost, and it is lost by neglect of what we saving money. Take, for example our call trifles. call trifles.

#### TALKING OF DRESS,

we might remind our hearers that a stitch is about as dominutive 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 word again would call them-and yet tance to wives, sisters and mothers than from what evils were they not to deliver to themselves. The clever minds of the nighty host who kept the pledge no less faithfully than they did the card on putting in stitches where needed, but

at the elbows he cannot, like his wife, amputate both sleeves and replace them by others of different material and color; his soiled vest cannot be picturesquely covered by variegated patch work, nor can he run a panel three or four inches wide down the side of the torn pantaloons to hide any rent or tear in that unmentionable garment. A little lace added to his too short coat tail might make it long enough before he would get another; but fashion forbids him the use of lace. Till men become brave enough to walk down Beaver Hall or Bleury street arrayed in patch work, colored sleeves, panels and lace, they must not trifle by neglecting the stitch in time which saves nine. I warned you I could not talk on "Trifles" without being trivial; but if you take home the lesson I have just taught, it will be no trifle for your purse, your neutness in dress and general respectability.

# THE QUESTION OF ECONOMY

is one that rests almost entirely on proper attention to what men call trilles. 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 worth-less. The French cook has a nack of serving up most palatable dishes of what we of the Irish race would cast to swine. Economy is not meanness, and no matter slight precautions urged by health officers in times of epidemic—(for instance, vaccination as a protection against small-

so many to woful want. After feeding ANOTHER FATHER DAMIEN. five thousand people with five loaves, our blessed Lord commanded his Apostles "to gather up the fragments lest they they be lost." It would be well for many their days shortened and their bodies a family if they remembered this teacha little plate is passed along the table, on which are gathered all the crumbs. also kept and become the feed of cattle.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR exemplify this same Gospel precent in are Christians, gather up the fragments lest they be lost. But it is not only in Too many of us seem to make no provision for a future day by economy in among them have a bank-book or make any effort to put by a dollar towards causing their declining years to be years of at least comparative comfort. I know their wages are often low, and that there trusted to us that we may use them for the furis not much chance of them becoming millionaires. Yet what the few manage to do, many. I might say all could do— that is, save something of their wages for

the same sitch in the saves nine. This is as into much chance of them becoming the market incipient hole that begins to market steed in a mark sheiry; as a leavy of the little real with the saves nine. Only the beautiful the saves nine only the beautiful the saves nine only the saves of the

never economy to starve your stomachs. Better pay the butcher and the baker than the doctor. There are plenty of other ways of practising economy, but not in the stomach, if you can possibly help it. Our young men are no more economical in their dress than young women. Who among them has a bank-book? Who among them with a salary of \$50, \$75 or \$100 a month has \$25 to his credit when the year closes? No wonder they do not want a wife when they think of the milliner's and dressmaker's bill added to their own account with the clothier, the hatter, the shoemaker, tobacconist and saloon keeper! And just here let me say, that I have met mon who told me that their

## PERIODICAL SPREES

cost them about six dollars a day, not to speak of wages which they failed to earn; of others, who informed me that \$500: year would be a low estimate of what they squandered or lost in and through drink; of others, again, who gravely tried to prove that from their low wages they could not save a cent, and in the next breath acknowledged that their last spree had cost them just \$25. Irishmen, here is the enemy that keeps you poor; here is (Continued on fifth page.)

Father Testiviude's Experience in Japan

A letter from Mgr. Osouf informs us of the death of Father Testivuide, the gradually wasted, by sickness,—laid in an early grave by inattention to the trifling suggestions which I have just from dinner to serve for supper; not had been in feeble health for some time, made, when, with a little more care enough meat either, and so the remnants but his death was hastened by his unof dinner must be cast aside and a new remitted labors for the temporal and supply purchased. This is not economy: spiritual welfare of his afflicted charges it is wilful waste. In religious communities abroad there is a very touching interior he niet with a sad case of leprosy custom in practice, which, at first view, that sostirred the depths of his charitable custom in practice, which at most the might excite ridicule, if not contempt; nature that he determined to might excite ridicule, if not contempt; yet it is the carrying out the Gospel prehis life unreservedly to the lepers.

There was that of a woman who, having developed leprosy, was almost abandoned by her husband; and, the loathsome These are placed in a box prepared for the purpose, and at the end of each week are given to some pears and at the end of each week are given to some pears and at the end of each week are given to some pears and at the end of each week are given to some plants appeared with are given to some poor woman in the neighborhood with which to feed her chickens. The remains of vegetables are sight rendered her condition more pitiful. The Father visited her constantly, tended her with his own hands, and spoke to her of his faith in a hereafter where pain and sickness are unknown. It was then that Father Testivuide reserved to found a leper hospital, in the maintenance of which he wore out his life. One hero has fashions from New York, London or Paris. There are other ways in which women injure health, namely: by not giving to the heart full free play of its thanked Mgr. Osouf for his appointment

#### FIVE MINUTES SERMON.

Shouldst not thou then have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compas-

sion on thee ?—St. Matthew xviii. 33. These words of to-day's gospel are spoken by our Lord to every one who has been want ing ir 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 en therance of His honor and glory, is a heavy debtor to the divine justice. But His mercy

## Some Decisions.

La Semaine Religiouse publishes three important decisions, respecting working-men's wages, recently given by the Con-gregation of the Holy Office. First.— Commutative justice is interested in the workingman receiving a salary in accorlance with the exigencies of life. Second.—To reward workingmen at a ate inferior to those exigencies, taking Ivantage of their misery to impose such rates upon them, by virtue of the law of supply and demand, is contrary to commutative justice. Third.—If the ordinary rate of salary is insufficient for the maintenance of such a workingman's family in particular, there is, per ss, no sin against justice in adhering to such rate, but there may be, according to circumstances, a sin against charity and honesty.

# Heroism of a Sister of Charlty

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. No member of the Red Cross Society was in the neighborhood at the time, but from one of the doors of the hospital a Sister of Charity rushed to the succor of the wounded man, heeding not the bullets which were flying around before a hospital in Buenos Ayres when a ball knocked him, mortally wounded, Gladstone Avenue School, Toronto, hospital a Sister of Charity rushed to the was closed last week on account of the succor of the wounded man, heeding not

like hail. She bent over him, but only to fall into his arms a corpse. She was shot dead in a fusilade. "When the smoke cleared away," says the correspondent, "I went towards her. She was young-perhaps not over twenty yearsand her face was singularly deautiful. I learned that she was called Sister Estella, and that she had come from Naples. Amid the dreadful commotion that is all 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 them-

Some are brave one day and cowards another, as great captains have often told from their own experiences and observation.

If you would know whether you have made a good Confession ask yourself if you have resolved to abandon your sins. -St. Bernard.

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 andlencourage 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. And he is greatest who does the most of all

care not whomakes the laws." I qualify this for my use and say, let me have knew her power and would only try; but the formation of the character of the try gently and kindly—there is no other young men and I care not who has the way. formation of the character of the others, for the child of to-day is the man of to-

### Thomas a Kempls.

Regarding the "Imitation of Christ." may I be allowed to say a few words conerning the celebrated writer. It is inleed 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. I just give a short translation of the life of the great man whose sublime book is said to have been writen by Abbe Gerson, not Gersen. The four books of the "Imitation" were written in Latin. The name Kempis is derived from Kempen, the place where the celebrated writer was born, in 1380; a town in the district of the Khine, near -Bp. Comthwaite.

Litanics. The origin of the word Litany is Greek, and means an entrenty or supplication.
The Litany of the Saints, so called trary to the decision of the English Court because by it we beg the intercession of the Beginsh Court unless in declaring themselves competents or blessed inhabitants of heaven, is of ancient origin, and was used in the East in the time of St. Bazil the Great, who limit of the consequence of the Caisse des Consignation it is lost to died in 379, more than 200 years before the pontificate of St. Gregory. Hence, Cardinal Baronius says, in his notes on the Roman Martyrology, that it was imto Caisse des Consignation it is lost to died in 379, more than 200 years before all but the French treasury. Legal proceedings will serve to keep it from everybody for many years and then it will fall to the State. Meantime Messrs. Munroe possible for him to determine the origin of the Litany, but it was certainly of the greatest antiquity. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin has been recited from the earliest ages, both in public and in private. Quartis is of the opinion that it originated with the twelve Apostles. It is called the Litany of Loretto because it is sung every Saturday with great solem-nity in the Church of Loretto. This magnificent edifice encloses the Holy House of the Blessed Virgin, which, it is related, was transported by angels from Judea to Italy in the end of the thirteenth ceatury.

# Dillon and the Parnellites.

John Dillon, in a speech at Dungarvan resterday, explained that he and his colcagues were absent from Mr. Parnell's funeral in order to prevent unseemly disorder. He charged that his opponents hired men whom they plied with drink to publicly call him a "murderer." He regretted that such devices had debarred him from the funeral of the great illustrious leader, whom he loved more than those loudest in their professions of grief and who, in spite of the events of the past year, would hand down his name to be remembered in remote generations of Irishmen. He hoped that the bitter attacks upon Mr. Parnell's memory, such as had been printed by the Irish Catholic, which were by uncatholic Christians and a disgrace to Irish journalism, would not be repeated. The latter remark created a sensation.

## The Pope to the French Pil-

grims.

# Ladies' Corne

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, the membe St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society ga complimentary entertainment in 86. The Patrick's Hall, in honor of the 1016 and Patrick's Hall, in honor of the 101 mm in niversary of Rev. Theobald Mathew's birthday. The President of the Society & (Rev. J. A. McCallen) gave a most different taining and instructive lecture of "Trifles," of which a full report will be found in another column. The revision turer was introduced by the Honsenature Murphy after which through the tor Murphy, after which, through the courtesy and favor of Mr. J. B. Dupuis, the audience was entertained by Schuman's admirable song, "Two Grena-diers." Then followed a chorus from the "Bohemian Girl," admirably rendered by the kind ladies of St. Patrick's choir, under the able direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler. As the lecture is fully treated of elsewhere, I shall merely touch on the most important part of the exhortation, sosuitably selected to celebrate the angle versary of the Apostle of Temperance, is and dwell for a moment on the earnest appear and a by Eather McCallen to each appeal made by Father McCallen to each and every one present to use his, or her, influence to strengthen the good cause. by inducing some relative or friend to become members of the Temperance Society. In this column for women let me remind the wives and mothers who were present at the lecture, or those who read the report of it, how great is their influence, and how surely and unfailingly they can, if they only will, accomplish, by kindness and forbearance, all they desire as regards those who may be in need of the temperance pledge. Kind words and helpful encouragement will accomplish more than many reproaches, however just, or the attempt at driving. Wise and gentle consideration, with a willingness to bury in oblivion all recol-lection of past failures, will do much towards bringing about the reform of the intemperate. The intuitive knowledge that enables most women to understand, these things and does them best.

It has been beautifully said: "Let me write ballads of a country and I able them to accomplish this. There is not a woman who could not do so if she

#### 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 genii, or some fairy sprite 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. It is a mystery I must fathom and report for the benefit of my readers in next Wednesday's issue. In the meantime I can confidently recommend the pleasing entertainments offered during the Fair, for the benefit of those who wish generously to help the suffering poor, and at the same time enjoy a few hours' recreation.

# The Irish Fund in Paris.

A Paris despatch says: - Several eminent Frenchlinanciers have been con-Dusseldorf and Cologne. Thomas a Kempis belonged to the Order of St. Augustine, fund of the Irish Parliamentary party, now convent of St. Agues, near Zwolle, in ondeposit here. They agree that the probliolland, where the great author died in lem is a knotty one and believe that the 1471, and of which he was the Superior. 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, con-& Co., the Paris bankers, have funded the interest, realising £2,500 annually. The amount added to the fund will reach a large total before the vexed legal question can be settied.

## 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. Belanger acted for the Crown, while Messrs. Panneton, Broderick and Beaulne defended the prisoner. fended 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. The last witnesses were the two brothers and sister of the prisoner, who deposed that the night Bouchard was killed Beaulieu reached home in a quiet way, went to bed and slept soundly for hours. The prisoner's aged father was present throughout the trial, and provoked much sympathy for the accused.

## Austria and the Pope.

A despatch to the London Chronicle. from Paris says; After the recent interview at Moza Count Nigra, 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.

It is officially announced that the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, M.P. for East Manchester, and at present the Chief Secretary for Ireland, has been appointed First Lord of the Treasury. It his position as the Chief Secretary for Ireland.