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SIR WILLIAM HINGSTON INTERVIEWED ON REPORTS OF THE ILLNESS OF HIS HOLINESS THE POPE.



READING THE BULLETINS AT THE VATICAN.

The reports concerning the recent illness of His Holiness, have been so conflicting, and the comments have been so varied and misleading, that we thought it advisable to ascertain if, with such meagre and insufficient details as have been sent to this side of the Atlantic anything like an opinion could be formed by medical authorities here on the probable issue of the disease which afflicts our beloved Head of the Church, whom Catholics over the whole world hold in such veneration and affection. A representative of the "True Witness," for this purpose, called upon Sir William Hingston, and being courteously received asked the following questions:—
What in your opinion is likely to be the issue of the disease, and of the operation for its removal?
Everything is a matter of conjecture, especially as the very nature of the growth removed has not been fully

defined. If, as a distinguished medical authority states the growth was a hematic cyst, the disease is not a serious one, and does not involve per se danger to life. The operation for its removal is in itself of so trivial a nature as to produce little or no effect on the system. If, however, the wound has not healed kindly and the cavity where the cyst existed is to be filled by granulation, this is a slower process, and requires more considerable recuperative power. If, as some have suggested, the wound has assumed a malignant aspect progress towards recovery is not to be looked for. But the elements of certainty at this distance are wanting. Neither the precise character of the growth, nor its extent or depth, nor its attachments to surrounding parts, nor the exact present condition of the wound is known to any save newspaper correspondents, and upon what is cabled to, or written up on this side of the Atlantic. He would be a

bold surgeon who would hazard an opinion.
Do you think the fainting fits significant?
Fainting fits if they occur frequently are certainly of import, and indicate either depressing mental impressions or weak heart.
In a recent issue of the New York World, Dr. Shrady, of that city, is reported to have said, remarked the reporter:—That it was a fatal mistake on the part of His Holiness not to permit the wound which was made to remove the growth, to be closed or sewed up.
The growth or sac of blood said Sir William, was said to be about the size of an orange. It was no doubt round. It is so elementary a rule in surgery not to attempt to sew up a wound of that shape or character that, knowing as I do, Dr. Shrady's great ability, I am inclined to think he has been misreported.

How does the age of His Holiness affect the case?
Age is always an important element. It is only the strong, the temperate, and the regular in habits who attain such extreme old age. And however steadily the current of life may run in His Holiness' veins, a morbid growth, its removal by the knife; without chloroform and its slowness in granulation are most disturbing.
Does not his active mental work not diminish his chances of recovery?
Not at all. It may be stated in general terms. Mental work, without worry is not prejudicial, nor over-exhausting. His Holiness' whole life is an illustration. No man in the present century except, perhaps, Mr. Gladstone, has performed such steady unremitting mental labor. He has given audiences to hundreds of thousands; has kept in close touch with his archbishops and bishops all over the

world; he has written much, and always well, and perhaps the ablest and best of his pronouncements is the last—issued since his illness, to the hierarchy of America.
Our reporter after thanking Sir William, brought a brief but most interesting interview to a close.

The "Lancet" in referring to the Pope's recovery says: "Plain living and high thinking have scored again, and the nonagenarian Pontiff, after an illness followed by an operation which within twenty-four hours brought ten thousand telegrams of inquiry to the Vatican, has been allowed to leave his bed, and, seated by the new historic window, to look out on that world from which he has been excluded for more than twenty-one years."

STE. THERESE COLLEGE.

In our last issue, in the report of the very interesting celebration at St. Therese College, on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, the name of Mr. Kennedy Eccl., should have appeared as one who took a very active part in organizing the drama and assisting in bringing it to such a successful issue.

If your hands are not usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

A Good Story About John Chinaman.

The "Pittsburg News" is responsible for the following story, which contains a warning to insurance agents:—

"There is a Pittsburg life insurance agent of whom it is said that he can talk a stone statue into buying a policy in his company. 'The most liberal on earth.' He wrote a policy for a Chinaman a few weeks ago, the first ever written for a man of the race in Pittsburg. How he did he alone knows. The Chinaman has no clear idea of it. He understood that by paying the premiums promptly, he would be entitled to \$5,000 some time. He began bothering the agent for the money after a couple of weeks had passed, and the agent tried to explain to him that he would have to die before he could get it. The Chinaman fell down a cellarway on Grant street and was badly hurt. His friends tried to attend to him without calling in a doctor. When they did call one in two days later the doctor was angry.

"Why didn't you call me sooner?" he asked. "This man is half dead now."

Next day the injured man's brother was at the insurance office with a claim for \$2,500.

"You're not entitled to anything on this," said the insurance man, "until the man is dead."

"Doctor say him half dead," answered the brother. "Why he no get lat half?"

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RANDOM NOTES FOR THE BUSY HOUSEHOLD.

It would appear from the weekly contributions to some of the society journals that the good old domestic art of cooking is not practised by the present generation of young women.

The young girl of the present day seems to think it adds to her attractiveness, when conversing with young men, to boast of her utter ignorance of domestic affairs.

What young man of moderate circumstances or whose income is even beyond that point, cares for a wife who openly declares her inability to perform such wifely duties?

If a mother is so foolish as to train up her daughter in the belief that a thorough knowledge of domestic economy is not one of the qualifications of refined womanhood, all that can be said is: "Alas for the daughter of such a mother!"

Dr. Rainsford, a New York Protestant minister, recently discussed some phases of this question at a public meeting. He said:— If proper education means the fitting of young women to be their best selves in their day and generation,

pared food, and even when half prepared she generally spoils it. Very rarely can she make her dresses or even mend them.

As long as her parents live she can bring her \$4 or \$5 a week to add to the family store, and take the most of it out again, if not the whole of it, to spend on her dresses and her car fare.

It is almost impossible for her to make the two ends meet, whereas, if she could sew well and could cook well her housekeeping expenses would be greatly decreased.

Let me dwell for a moment on the other side of this question:—

These girls that crowd to the factories and stores are not willing to take domestic service. What result has this? The result is that the servant question is the most exasperating of modern questions.

Much has been said and written about the "Japanese cup of Tea"; songs have been sung in our academies by little tots to illustrate the sweet solace it affords.

- 1. Always use good tea. 2. Use "two" hot, earthenware teapots. 3. Use soft water which has just got to the boil.

The fact that tea as served in France, is so often bad, may be accounted for by the omission of some one, or perhaps all of the above rules in its preparation.

Even at the best "afternoon tea" rooms in England, America and France I do not believe that "two" hot, "dry" teapots are often used to make tea "fresh for each customer,"

There is considerable truth in the remarks of a well known professor regarding study, and the danger of overworking the student. He ex-

pressed some time ago, his regret that:—

"The luxury and beauty of scholarly leisure" at the universities have passed away forever. "It is quantity to-day rather than quality I fear," he said recently.

The present system of constant examinations finds no favor with him. "They stunt our young men," he said; "they have no time or opportunity to be idle.

The professor confessed that at first he had been opposed to the girls' colleges, but that he had, a great success, "and it is a real pleasure to me to see the young girls so eager to learn.

In a series of interesting lectures given to young mothers by a medical practitioner, a number of practical suggestions were laid down regarding the sleep necessary for infants and growing children.

Their dogs were taught alike to run. Upon the scent of wolf and friar Among the poor Or on the moor Were hid the pious and the true, While traitor knave And recreant slave Had riches, rank and retinue.

Truly Thomas Davis, as a poet has a high place and a secure one in the estimation of the Irish race; it shall not be disturbed for ever.

It seems to me that some of our young literateurs are inclined to be a little hard on writers who do not think and work in the manner they like best.

Fortunately the discussion closed at that point; had it lasted much longer the remaining two might have been wiped off with the rest.

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Although quite foreign to the subject of Irish poetry, we cannot help adding the following note, from the same pen:—

"The breaking open of the tomb of the Mahdi at Kartoum by Col. Kitchener and his staff, and their treatment of the remains of their dead foe form one of the most disgraceful and disgusting episodes of modern history.

HOW TO GET STRONG.

Nature Should be Assisted to Throw off the Poisons that Accumulate in the System During the Winter Months

Thousands of people not really ill require a tonic at this season. Close confinement in badly ventilated houses, shops and school rooms during the winter months makes people feel depressed, languid and "out of sorts."

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DRAINAGE OF IRISH BOGS.

A couple of weeks ago, Professor Thomas Johnson, D. Sc., read a very interesting paper before the Royal Dublin Society, on the subject of "Improvement of Bog Land."

"He said he did not attempt to cover the whole field of bog land, but rather to give an illustration of what had been done in some parts of Germany. The subject of improving these bog lands was a very large one.

Mr. Sherlock, D. L., said this subject was of enormous importance to Ireland, and he hoped Prof. Johnson would be able to go into it a little more fully at another time.

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Two of Ireland's Sweet Singers.

From time to time, the well-known Irish poet, essayist, and parliamentarian—Mr. T. D. Sullivan—contributes a column of literary notes to the Dublin "Weekly Nation."

"Mr. W. B. Yeats is coming in for sharp and angry attacks in a Dublin paper for having said, on the occasion of a lecture lately delivered by Frank A. Fahy, in London, that much poetry of Thomas Davis was mere "journalism,"

"If Mr. W. B. Yeats in literary efforts confined himself within certain limits, he would charitably be suffered to indulge in his whims and fancies but when he attempts to criticise the

works of genuine Irish writers he cannot expect much consideration."

For my part, if I may venture to express an opinion, I would say these gentlemen do not rightly appreciate Mr. Yeats, who is a literary man of genius, a poet of distinction, and an Irish Nationalist; but I can respect the patriotic feeling that flames out in their indignant protestations.

Thomas Davis is as a poet, had his limitations—like other men—I was about to say like other artists, but charming a title like that is hesitate to apply it to one who was so

natural, so earnest, so sincere. Art was not what Davis cared for.

He was a serious man, he had a serious—and a very noble—purpose in view, and for its furtherance he wrote his political poems for the "Nation" just as he wrote his leading articles.

On far foreign fields from Dunkirk to Belgrade Lie the soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade.

What Irishman has not in his heart some portions at least of his poem on the penal times, when— They bribed the flock, they bribed the son, To sell the priest and rob the sire;

PICTURES OF THE POPE.

Biograph and Mutoscope Photographs Which Show How the Pontifical Blessing Is Bestowed.



I.

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II.

The accompanying remarkable pictures were taken with the pope's consent, for the American Biograph, by W. Kennedy-Laurie Dickson. Although it is eight years since his holiness has had a picture taken, he posed for a series of 17,000 photographs which were captured by this new American invention. The first series represents the bestowal of the pontifical blessing. The faithful of the Roman Catholic church have always wished to see the gesture of the apostolic benediction that the sovereign pontiff bestows like rays of grace and happiness. They have never seen it distinctly in the immense pilgrimages, in the crowded consistories and at the masses said for the repose of the souls of pontificates. All the sincere of all creeds have wished to observe the manner of one who is the shepherd of a flock of 300,000,000 souls. The photographs that are making these inaccessible things familiar to all the world were taken for the mutoscope and the biograph at the rate of 1,800 a minute.



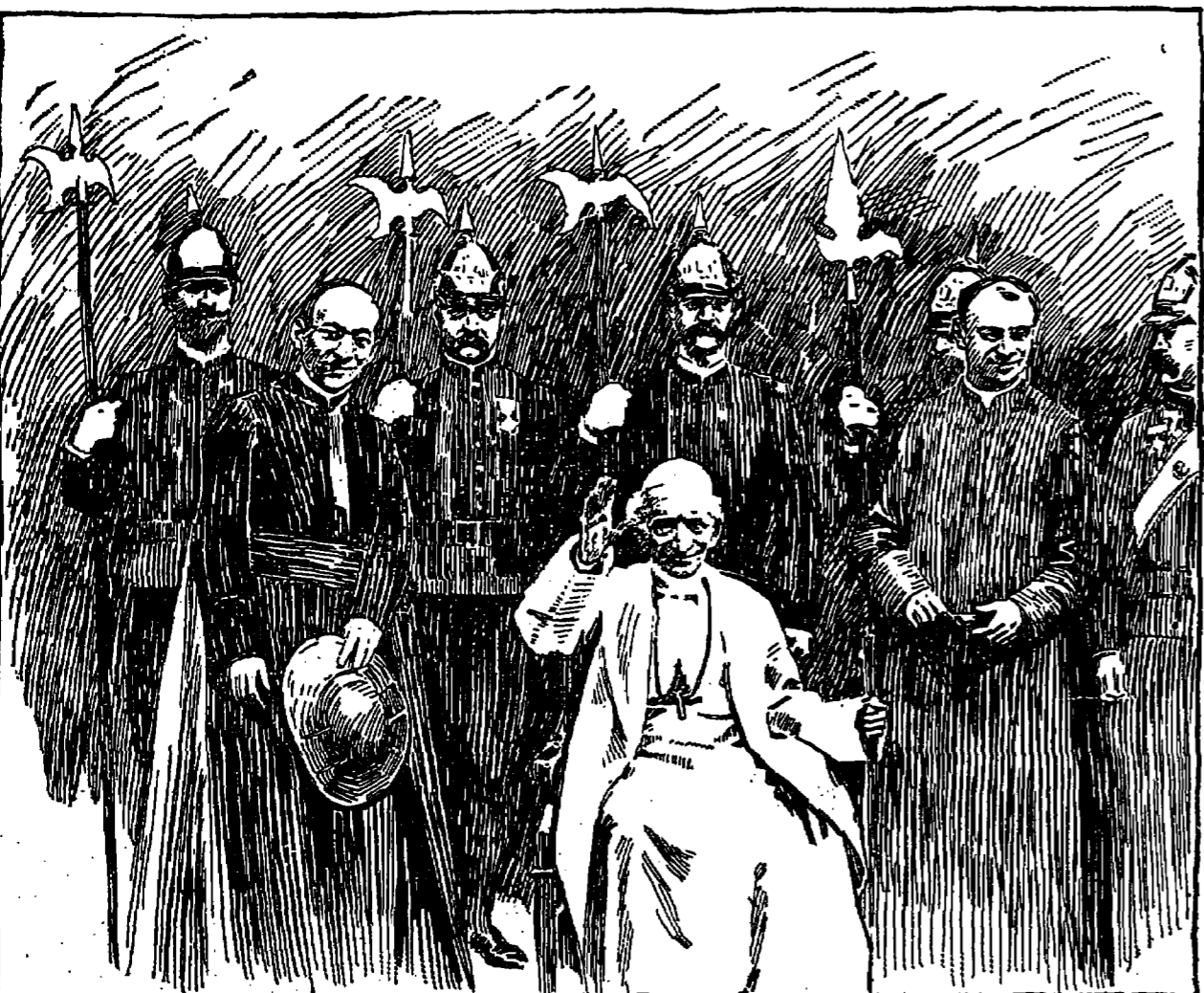
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IV.

The gesture of the benediction is in the sign of the cross, made with two fingers of the right hand. The pope repeated several times on this occasion. He blessed the camera, he blessed the photographer, he blessed the 17,000 negatives that were made of him; he blessed through the mutoscope and the biograph the spectators of the benediction. This was his special wish, and he expressed it officially. At St. Mary's seminary of St. Sulpice in Baltimore the students had to restrain themselves from kneeling at the benediction reproduced by the biograph. Mgr. Martinelli, the papal delegate at Washington, was impressed by the vividness of it profoundly. The method of taking these pictures was interesting. Mr. Dickson spent four months in Rome before he had made much more progress than to learn in a general way where the Vatican was. He carried on his negotiations through the chief officer of the papal court, Count Soderini, but his mission would have failed had it not been for the friendly aid of Count Pecci, the pope's nephew, and an officer of the pope's household.

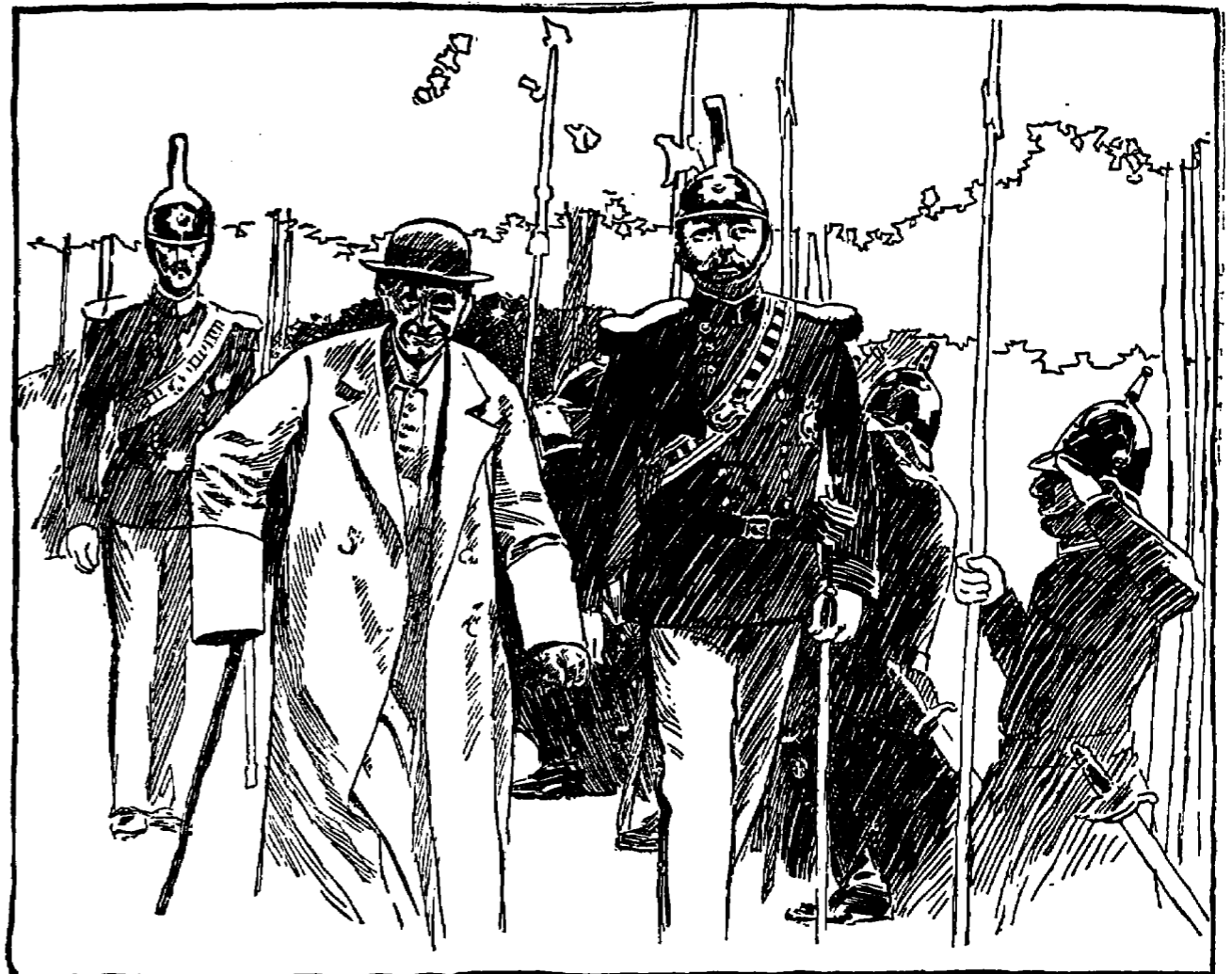


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FINAL GESTURE OF THE POPE IN BESTOWING THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

The Rev. Thomas H. Malone recently lectured on the pope's interest to all humanity as the representative of an order that has reigned since the time when Isis and Osiris were worshiped in Egypt, having weathered all the storms of ages. He described these pictures one by one and gave to the benediction a special preparatory remark, deeply reverential. He invited the spectators to participate in the happiness, in the glory and in the advantage of the benediction. "Thousands of his American children," he said, "who could never hope to make a pilgrimage to him will feel grateful to the gentle father who has made it possible for them to feel almost as if they had looked upon him in life, and to know the thrill that comes from the consciousness of standing in that august, venerable presence."



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This picture represents his holiness, accompanied by his guards, taking his customary walk in the Vatican gardens. It is in these beautiful grounds that surrounded the Vatican that Leo XIII takes his daily exercise, making it a point each day to enjoy the open air as long as his lessening strength will allow.



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On one occasion when Mr. Dickson was in the Vatican gardens taking pictures of the guards the holy father appeared. Instantly all knelt. His holiness, seeing the instrument and its manipulator, asked if the gentleman were not the same one he had seen there before. "The same, your holiness," replied Count Pecci. Straightway the pope called Mr. Dickson to him and put himself at his disposal voluntarily. The photographer had just received from London some prints of the series he had taken in April. He showed these to the pope, and they pleased his holiness immensely.

The Exhibition at Montreal.

For some time past great interest has been manifested in the wonderful moving pictures, by the American Biograph, of His Holiness the Pope. Up to the present the Catholics of Montreal and surrounding districts have only had an opportunity of estimating their merit by occasional illustrations which have appeared in the "True Witness." Arrangements have now been made, however, by which these pictures will be shown in Montreal. The exhibition which will open at Windsor Hall on Saturday next, is certain to attract a great deal of attention. The readers of the "True Witness" will have the additional incentive, were it necessary to visit it, owing to the fact that the genial and able manager, Mr. Brennan, who has been instrumental in the introduction of this wonderful invention to Canada, has generously decided to give a percentage of the receipts towards the building fund of the Catholic High School.

We reproduce several of the pictures above which were taken by Mr. W. Kennedy Laurie Dickson. In a recent explanation of his several interviews with his Holiness, Mr. Dickson said:

"I was granted five separate sittings," Mr. Dickson says. "Two scenes were taken in the upper Loggia of the Vatican. A carefully planned picture of His Holiness driving through the gardens of the Vatican, (April 20), was the next achievement. Several weeks later I was admitted to the Vatican gardens, on which occasion His Holiness recognized the biograph, and asked if it were not the same apparatus and I the same gentleman he had seen in the Loggia early in the summer. On receiving an affirmative reply, he laughed and said, 'Oh, then we must do something for him!' That evening the camera was placed opposite the door of

the garden villa, and the Holy Father kindly lent himself to the requirements of the biograph. A valuable series of views was obtained, in connection with which Leo XIII. showed a kindly and intelligent interest. He asked me how long I would remain in Rome. I replied that that depended on His Holiness, 'I am altogether at your disposal,' he answered 'and am charmed to assist you by every means in my power.' When I arose to go he detained me, entering with extreme cordiality into my description of the manner in which the mutoscopes would be placed and their important use in bringing His Holiness before that largenumber of people who were debarred from a pilgrimage to Rome, and the reception of the Pontifical blessing.

"When, a little later, I submitted to Leo XIII. the mutoscope containing the living reproduction of himself, he betrayed the most gleeful interest, exclaiming frequently, 'Oh, see me blessing!' Then to Monsignor della Volpa, 'Why, how splendid you look!'"

"At the close of the interview I said, 'Holy Father, will you not complete the sum of my indebtedness by giving me one more sitting in the garden by the Summer Villa?' He laughed and shook his head. 'Have you not enough?' 'No,' I answered; 'but give me to-morrow morning, and I will promise to be content.' His Holiness was silent a minute, and then said: 'Well, then, I agree, but not for to-morrow morning. To-morrow afternoon at six o'clock.'

"Next day, punctually at the hour agreed, the superb carriage was seen winding its way along the avenue. The guards fell into position, and Monsignor della Volpa and Count Pecci—the one glorious in robes of scarlet and purple, the other stately

in blue and gold—advanced to meet His Holiness. Roar, roar, went the machine, all fell on their knees, and the Pontiff walked to the stone bench beside the gate. After a brief interval, during which he conversed easily with his immediate attendants. His Holiness rose to complete the programme agreed upon, and began to cross the intervening space to the throne; but here an unavoidable contretemps occurred. My assistant had been so hurried that he had not time to replace another film, so I was forced to beg His Holiness to return to the bench while this was being done—a request with which he cheerfully complied. I then threaded the machine in breathless haste, pivoting it in the direction of the throne, after which I invited His Holiness to pass into the picture, which he did, scattering smiles and benedictions, and interchanging remarks with his nephew and the maggiordomo, and finally taking his seat right royally upon the crimson throne. Before leaving, the Pontiff gave me a special blessing, and laughingly demanded if I were at last satisfied."

The best things which one does are what he does himself without guidance from another. Encouragement, sympathy, and assistance one craves as a thirsty man craves for water; but the force and guidance which lead to one's success must be one's own. The men who make the greatest successes are not those who have had the most guidance, but those who either by environment or instruction have had the best development. But no man should fail to appreciate the true worth of sympathy, encouragement, and assistance of the right kind. These are, however, really a part of his armament. Unfortunate is the man who has them not.—P. T. Austen.

For Boys and Girls.

CONDUCTED BY T. W.

EASTER GREETING.

We cordially extend Easter greetings to all our young readers and trust all are entering into the true spirit of this glorious festival.

If any little word of mine May make a life the brighter, If any little song of mine May make a heart the lighter,—

If any little love of mine May make a life the sweeter, If any little care of mine May make a friend's the fleetier,

The Fate of Mamma's Bonnet.

Mamma had gotten from the milliner's a new spring bonnet, and it was the "most beautiful one" that our little Gypsy had ever beheld.

This bonnet of mother's particularly struck her fancy; it was small, she could most get it into her two hands, it was made of velvet, and was softer even than her kitten; then it had such lovely black satin ribbons, that altogether it completely carried away this little piece of vanity.

When ready to start for school the next day she went to her mother's wardrobe, not, however, without something telling her that she was not doing exactly right, for, you see, if she had not thought she was doing wrong she would have gone straight to her mother and asked permission.

Now, it happened to be a lard bucket; empty, it is true, but unwashed. This did not foil the little lady, who bent upon one object only—that of getting the bonnet and being off with it as quickly as possible.

Arriving at the kindergarten, she lacked just one minute of being late; most of the other girls were at their places, so she hung the bonnet up on a peg, with her hat and lunch basket, and had to content herself with whispering to the children sitting nearest her that they could all see it at recess.

would-be heroine that she burst into tears, repeating again and again that it was beautiful when she put it in the bucket.

The hubbub brought the teacher, who after learning the whole story, wrapped the ill-fated headdress in paper, wrote a note to Gypsy's mother and sent all three home together, contented to await results, for she was sure results would follow.

In getting home she was late, and all on account of that bonnet. Papa and all the children were there just before her, all in the dining-room just ready to sit down to dinner.

But with Gypsy no bonnet ever quite took the place of that beautiful one made of gray velvet and black streamers.—Chimes.—

April Fool.

This being the 1st day of April, it recalls a little anecdote that is told by Laurence Hutton, in his delightful recollections, "A Boy I Knew." He says that a long siege with a certain tooth had left him one early spring day, with a broken spirit and a swollen face.

When the father returned, he brought the brick, enveloped in many series of papers, beginning with the coarsest kind and ending with the finest. All the confining cords were tied in the hardest of hard knots.

It was now necessary to get even with the father, and Uncle John was consulted. He advised patient waiting. The father, he said, was absolutely devoted to the Commercial Advertiser, which he read every day from first letter to last.

The Commercial Advertiser of that date was put safely away for a twelvemonth, and on the first of April next it was produced, carefully folded and properly dampened, and placed by the side of the father's plate.

Nobility of Character.

Many young folks do not make sufficient efforts to acquire self-control. They allow themselves to be mastered by their feelings, impulses and appetites, and thus become the greatest obstacles to their own happiness and self-advancement.

Therefore all should begin at an early age to form their character. Continually honor and respect your parents and obey them in whatever they may direct you to do.

to those younger than yourself, do not get into difficulties and quarrels with your schoolmates, and respect old age. Be of a friendly and kind disposition, busy and active in endeavoring to do good to others.

Tried to Comply.

A good story is told in the Youth's Companion about the manufacturer of a certain brand of cigar, who advertised it far and wide as "The Unparalleled—Everybody Smokes It."

Not even a stamp was enclosed for postage, but Smithby took some pains to comply, with the request, and after a lapse of two or three days Brownson received by mail, duly packed in a small box, a stump of a cigar three-quarters of an inch long.

"Dear Brownson—Impossible to send one that everybody is smoking, but here is one that fifteen separate newsboys have smoked on. Yours truly, Smithby."

CURIOSITY SEEKERS AT FIRES.

These extracts from a recent article in the New York Post, are not without interest, even in Montreal.

"Such a fire as that which destroyed the Windsor Hotel, a week ago," said a veteran fireman policeman to-day, "has a side other than the serious one. We who are detailed to keep the fire lines have some odd experiences, for you may be sure. Take this last fire, for instance. One would think that our chief trouble would be with men whose curiosity leads them to try to get access to the immediate neighborhood of a recently burned building.

"And that," the officer continued, "makes me wonder what there is in a fire that seems to fascinate the average woman. It is not the pile of bricks and half burned wood they wish to see; that's plain. They seem possessed of a desire to get near enough to be within sight when a body is taken from the ruins.

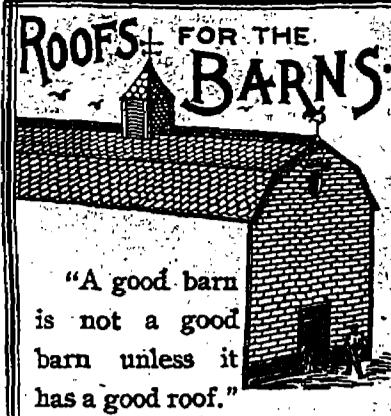
"That this statement is not exaggerated any one who was present the last few days can testify. During the search of the Windsor ruins well-appearing women have stood for hours at a stretch, one, perhaps, two, blocks away, where nothing could be seen save huge piles of debris and, on rare occasions, a wooden box, surrounded by laborers and policemen.

Yet even that much appeared to afford a good deal of satisfaction. One—an elderly German woman—managed to pass the lines one day and got midway into the Fifth Avenue block just as a body was brought to the police booth. She pushed her way through those standing about—nearly all present on business—and did her best to see what was in the coffin, desisting only when an officer took her by the arm and forced her away.

A Protestant Pastor's Salary.

The sudden and unexplained stoppage of the stipend of a priest in France by the Minister of Worship is not an infrequent occurrence, but clerical circles have recently received something of a shock on hearing that

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something similar had been done in the case of a Protestant pastor. It appears that the Rev. M. Comte, the clergyman of St. Etienne, who is a member of the League of the Rights of Man, has for a long time past been taking an active part in public meetings against the Army.

Violation of the Mahdi's Tomb. Mr. Broderick, Parliamentary Foreign Secretary, announced in the British House of Commons a few days ago, that the Government did not consider that further action was necessary in the matter of the desecration of the Mahdi's tomb than to express its disapproval of the removal of the body from the tomb and the casting of it into the Nile.

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