

The Weight of a Word.

Have you ever thought of the weight of a word? The weight of a word is the force of a thought...

O Fortune, my mother! he said earnestly. The friends all repeated the exclamations...

The vessel was of the class called galleys. Long, narrow, low in the hull, and propelled for speed and quick manœuvres...

He would not rest until he knew his ship's whereabouts. He would not rest until he knew his ship's whereabouts...

Under blue eyed plants of the Ombra? The labour of the rowers there was not enough to give occupation to their minds...

"What?" he asked of the man who was going on at the moment. "From number sixty?" returned the child...

And every hour a whole lifetime is a lifetime in a boat's life. It is not a relief but in labour-time that time not a word from any whistler...

BEN HUR; OR THE DAYS OF THE MESSIAH

BOOK THIRD.

"Cicero... Our size of sorrow, proportioned to his grief, was as great as that which makes it..."

CHAPTER I. QUINTUS ANNIUS. The city of Misonum gave name to the promontory which it crowned...

In the old time, moreover, there was a gateway in the wall at a certain point fronting the sea...

There were twenty or thirty persons in the party, of whom the greater number were slaves with torches which flamed little and smoked much...

"You are not blind or hickie. All Antium, where our Arrius questions her, she answers him with nods and smiles...

"Happy Quintus! We congratulate thee." "The preferment foretunneth promotion. We salute thee dumvir; nothing less..."

Quintus Annus, the dumvir, hath a better sound than Quintus Annus, the tribune. In such manner they showered him with congratulations...

"I am glad with thee," said the bibulous friend, "very glad; but I must be practical. O my dumvir; and not until I know if promotion will help thee to knowledge of the tessera will I have an opinion as to whether the gods mean thee ill or good in this business..."

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Speech of Mr. Curran at Chatham. On Friday afternoon, the not less than 2,500 electors of Kent assembled in the House, the majority being French Canadian Catholics...

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assiduous in their frequentation of the
sacraments as the women. We always
have as many men as women approaching
the tribunal of penance and the Holy Table.

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In the Vicariate all the tribes there
were, needless to say, pagan and more or
less barbarous. Cannibalism was com-
mon enough among them. Besides, the
deformed, the infirm, and the old were
often abandoned in the woods on the
banks of lakes and rivers, there to die
of hunger, or be devoured by wild beasts.

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knowing me to be grievously sick, im-
posed on me the obligation of coming
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other Fathers even supposing that all
the actual missionaries were in sound
health, but I, myself, saw, on my way
south last summer from our most remote
central mission in the north, Good Hope,
established in the Polar circle itself,

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THE MAIL AND JUDEA KEOGH,
vs. BISHOP CLEARY.

The Mail, in its parting shot just
before the elections on the 28th, took
deadly aim at the Bishop of Kingston,

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to do, via, organize at once and on a
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Clearly the Bishop of Kingston must
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Taken at Our Word

Before the tabernacle, full of fervor,
And all eyes were turned to the young man...

ALONE WITH THE LEPEERS.

LABORS OF FATHER DAMIEN IN THE MOST SELF-DENYING OF MISSIONS.
Chas. W. Stoddard in Ave Maria.

Father Damien and his heroic labors among the lepers of Molokai are now the subject of widespread interest...

Dr. Halbeck, an Eastern traveller, tells us that in looking down from a neighboring height into the great leper settlement of Hamal on Arade...

Father Damien's duties were never-ending. From early morn till long after the flock was housed in sleep he was busy...

of most of them. The small chapel which he found at the settlement has become the transept of the present edifice...

High Mass at Kalawao—the solemn mystery offered most in the spirit of a Requiem; for the participants are doomed, and the living are well-nigh dead...

With the greatest sweetness and gravity the celebrant proceeded. The chapel was filled with worshippers, and all of them seemed to be singing or trying to sing...

This is the Feast of the Master as celebrated at Kalawao; and to celebrate it thus in Father Damien's blessed privacy...

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CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, has found a simple vegetable remedy...

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A NEW TREATMENT. Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious...

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FROM WATERLOO.

Bro. A. Kern, of Waterloo, Wis., we are glad to learn, resolved to embark in business in a thriving village some sixteen miles from that place.

Bro. John Martel, of the Grand Central, which has only recently been finished, invited the members to a sumptuous lunch, which was heartily enjoyed and all returned home with light hearts and sentiments of brotherly love for one another.

BRANCH 24 THOROLD. Chancellor—Rev. T. J. Sullivan. President—John Corbett.

BRANCH 17, PARIS. President—James Gardiner. First Vice-President—J. P. Keaveney.

BRANCH 25, CAMBRIDGE. Representative to Grand Council—Father Bardou.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY, M. P., ON RECENT EVENTS.

"What do you think of Mr. Chamberlain's overture to the Liberals, in his speech at Birmingham on the 23rd ult?"

"It was a very sudden change," replied Mr. McCarthy, rather dryly; "but no more sudden, you may remember, than his defection from Mr. Gladstone."

"What do you think will be the effect of Churchill's present action upon his future career?"

"Oh, that is a mere form; it means nothing. It is done every time a member of a Cabinet resigns. He will not give the Government support, although he will probably oppose Mr. Gladstone."

bling of Parliament will be a vigorous attack on the policy of the Government, and I do not give the Government a much longer lease of life."

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Milwaukee Citizen. The Western Watchman remarks that "Some three or four cheap Catholic papers have been started in the east."

The down grade in morality is taken almost imperceptibly in small details.

Not a defaulter of millions who did not begin his dishonesty with a misappropriation of pennies.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bagnawe, Bishop of Nottingham, England, in his Advent Pastoral, encourages Catholics to resist the monstrous tyranny of the exactions of tithes for the support of the Anglican Church.

Our esteemed contemporary, the New York Independent, pays hearty tribute to the symmetry and efficiency of the Catholic system of popular missions, or "revivals," as it calls them.

Scotland has a deep rooted and rapidly spreading Home Rule Association. The general desire for the restoration of the Scottish Parliament is winning recognition in high places.

"No sign of the advance of the Home Rule for Ireland movement here is more encouraging than the large number of meetings which are being held in the smaller towns and villages throughout the country."

Speaking of the death of Gambetta, the notorious French tribune, Mr. E. Drumont, after describing the scene round his death bed, remarks that in the Office for the day on which he died the following words occurred: "They are dead that sought the life of the Infant."

Mr. von Fielden, who was for several years American Consul in the Fiji Islands, thus compares Catholic and Protestant missionaries: "One striking difference exists between Catholic missionaries and those of the Protestant churches."

are traders, and seem more desirous of making money than of gaining converts. They manage to acquire large landed property, and several of them are amongst the richest of the European settlers.

A correspondent asks why, in the death notices of religions, the word "precious" is sometimes used to qualify death.

There are schools where young men and women are carefully educated in all the ways of business, so that they can go forth and enter the business world with success.

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A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.

Leo Lespes, alias Timothee Trimm, tells us such a pretty story of a "wake," that I cannot resist the temptation of telling it to you.

It was Christmas eve, and a good nun had come to Paris from a country province to collect money wherewith to purchase a beautiful window and altar piece for the convent chapel.

When the midnight Masses were finished, however, she began to retrace her steps to the convent where she was staying in Paris.

It was not long, however, before they found that it was no mask, but a real nun who sat with them.

sounded a pure Church canon, sung by an angel's voice. Not an eye was dry as the holy strains continued.

She told this to her own Sisterhood, when she returned to them, which she did within forty-eight hours from the time she had set out from it.

Conversions in England. Conversions to the Catholic Church are still numerous in England.

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