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Chats with the children
FORM COMPETITION.
THE SPARROW.
What bird has more freedom than the sparrow.

Building their nests upon the tree tops,
And the roofs and niches high;
Fluttering round among the farmers' crops;

Think their little ones might not die.
Picking the crumbs from off the ground
That fall when dinner is done;

O, shame, shame on the little child,
Who robs the nests of the birds fair;
And nuel it is to harm the sparrow

In the free and brazing air.
—BERTHA BOLAND, 13
Age 12.

The cousins must be careful to write on only one side of the paper, and not too close together. Cousin Bertha's effort came very near going into the waste paper basket because she wrote it on both sides, and mixed it up with replies to puzzles also.

Sometimes holiday time makes us get too busy. When we have nothing to do in the long, hot summer days except run about and amuse ourselves, we are apt to put off all sorts of things because it is too much trouble to set about doing them.

Now I believe there are a good many of the cousins who have the makings of good writers in their blood, only they don't know it. They see something interesting and think they would like to write and describe it to someone else;

There was once—a good many years ago now—a little girl about 12 years old. She was very fond of scribbling verses and tales, and, in fact, anything that came into her head.

Only one muse, and poetry that one, could sound the praises of the loyal son, who humbled his proud head unto the ground.

Now I wonder if any of you have guessed who the little girl was?
—COUSIN FLO.

With a fearless smile the lad who mounted amid the cheers of the people.
"How old was it?" asked another woman of the fair young thing.

My first cousin my second to grow. My whole is a large second and always turns towards my first.

PUNCTUATION.
Punctuate the following paragraph correctly; five marks credited for correct answers.

Some persons believe there are no longer any duties to be fulfilled beyond the tomb and there are few who are true friends to the dead the name of our friends their glory and family have still shine on our affection which it would be guilt not to feel they should live still in our heart by the emotions which subsist there in our memory by our frequent thought of them in our voice by our eulogiums in our conduct by our imitations of their virtues

Answers to puzzles of July 28th.
DIAMOND ACROSTIC.
S H E E P
I R E L A N D
A T

DECANTATION
1. Show—now.
2. Can't—out.
3. Boats—oats.
4. Fact—act.

MISSING WORDS.
An old lady was crossing the street when she saw a car coming; she stepped back and was knocked down by a cab, but was not hurt.

MARKS.
B. Boland, 4; G. E. Duffy, 8; F. J. Duggan, 4; T. J. Murphy, 2.

Strategic Value of Porto Rico.

Mr. Frederick A. Ober writes an article for the August Century on "The Island of Porto Rico." Mr. Ober says: "Until it was discovered that Porto Rico possessed great operations, the fair-lye numbered undisturbed, merely a link, and no important one, in the emerald chain that separates the Atlantic and the Caribbean."

Former Salvation Army Brigadier to be a Nun.

New York, July 27.—Miss Susie F. Swift formerly a brigadier in the Salvation Army, whose conversion to the Catholic faith a year and a half ago caused a commotion in the army, is about to devote herself to a religious life by retiring from the world and entering a convent.

Irish Local Government Bill Goes Through.

LONDON, July 29.—The Irish Local Government bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords to-day with some unimportant amendments.

Mr. Montague, DUNVILLE, Ont.
Has an Interesting Chat about

Dr. Chase's Ointment.

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Domestic Reading

The path of duty is the path to pleasure.
Also alone truly gauges virtue's worth.

Man must die—man must live; "life we must have of eternal life, whether it is to be a happy or a miserable one is a matter which is largely under a man's own control.

We all, perhaps, say some wretched things which dwell on other people's minds long after we have forgotten them ourselves.

There is no good quality of a woman's heart and mind which is not necessary to perfect housekeeping, it follows that there is no power of the mind or affection of the heart which may not be gratified in the course of its discharge.

The reward of faith will be in proportion to the tests which it has successfully endured. The promises of God were enlarged to Abraham after he went from his country and his kindred, not knowing whither he went.

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and try to detect them by the magnet.

A formal politeness chills the affections and repels those who would rationally be drawn together; so also does the courteous manner which is insincere. The courtesy which ranks so highly, and the lack of which is often deplored, is the natural and graceful expression of a kindly feeling.

The nearest approach to a new experience is to lie under a tree. Lie flat, face up, beneath a tree and you will realize that you never appreciated arbor anatomy before. How light and strong it is! How full of lessons for engineers and builders and painters!

Misplaced devotion to the fancied needs of others is universal even among those who have never heard of the new names applied to the principles they put into practice. Sins are condoned which should be denounced; children are indulged to their own undoing; while women, especially, often sacrifice themselves to the whim of others as fervently as Eastern devotees throw themselves beneath the car wheels of an idol.

The ripe, mature, full mind not only escapes the limitations of the time in which it finds itself, it also escapes

from the limitations of the place in which it happens to be. A man of deep culture cannot be a provincial; he must be a citizen of the world. The man of provincial tastes and ideas owns the acre; the man of culture commands the landscape. He knows the world beyond the hills; he sees the great movement of life from which the village seems almost shut out; he shares those inclusive experiences which come to each age and give each age a character of its own.

"Agonizing Heart of Jesus, have mercy on thy dying." By a decree of February 2nd, 1859, an indulgence of 100 days is granted each time this prayer is recited, and a plenary indulgence to those who during the month recite it, at intervals, three times a day, after having approached the Sacrament and prayed for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

Truth has many powerful enemies against which to struggle, and to which it is too often sacrificed. Fear, passion, desire, envy, malice, greed, shame, and a host of other emotions come into conflict with truth, and prove its deadly foes.

Truth is less apparent and less open to criticism, but not less effective in its assaults. This is the desire of being forcible, emphatic, of creating an impression, of being interesting in conversation, of being successful in debate.

whereas truth is many-sided, and would tell a good story is strongly inclined towards exaggeration, whereas a faithful adherence to truth would moderate or tone down his remarks, taking away, perhaps, much of their sparkle and brilliancy.

The Duke of Norfolk, England's Catholic Postmaster, is courteous and self-possessed as well as kind-hearted and plous. Not long ago he visited the postoffice for the purpose of sending a letter to the Duke, and, while waiting, he noticed the immensity of the clerks, a young woman, treated all who approached her. When his turn came she seized his telegram, looked at it, and flung it back to him, saying: "Put your name to it. What's your name, anyway?"

"That isn't the name of a man," she said, "that's the name of a county." "I will trouble you for another blank," said the Duke, and wrote a fresh date, which read:—"Permanent Secretary G. P. C. London: Clerk at this office exceedingly insolent to the public. Reprimand severely. Discharge one second complaint. The Postmaster-General."

As he handed it to her he said: "This is official, and will so force." The offender nearly fainted, and begged his pardon over and over. So the Duke, who had only intended to give her a lesson, administered some good advice, lifted his hat, and walked out.

Mermen and Mermaids.—Sailors of antiquity were firm believers in the existence of beings half fish and half human, and they produced so-called apparent proofs that the so-called scientific writers of old gave credence to these improbable tales. Of course, there never was nor could be such creatures, yet these startling stories were not purely fictitious creations. The dugong, a species of marine mammal, found in the waters of both great oceans, but especially off the coast of Australia, in the Pacific, is believed to have furnished the basis upon which have been founded the tales of mermaids. Its body is from 3 feet to 20 feet. It has a head much resembling that of the human species, and breathes by means of lungs. It feeds upon submarine beds of seaweed, and when wounded makes a noise like a mad bull. Long hair in the female species, and hair and beard in the male, add to the human resemblance of the head and neck. The flesh of this sea animal is used for food, and is said to have the flavor of pork, mutton, or beef, according to the part of the body from which the meat is taken.

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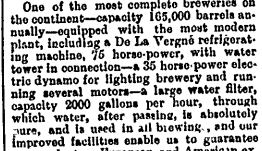
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Tributes of the Press.

[Canadian Baptist.] He was amiable, genial, and kind hearted and a lover and promoter of peace. He was also a writer of considerable ability on ecclesiastical and social questions, and it is estimated by some of his friends that an edition of his works will shortly be published.

[True Witness, Montreal.] Though loyal as he was to Canada, the country of his adoption, he always entertained a sincere affection for the land of his birth, as was abundantly proved by the fact that it was owing to his initiative that the members of the Irish Bacon Convention was held in Dublin recently. May he rest in peace!

[Catholic Record.] The monuments which Bishop Walsh leaves after him in this city (London)—the Mount Hope Orphan Asylum for helpless childhood, and the Institute of St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Peter's magnificent cathedral, would suffice, had he not won a name in grateful memory to many future generations.

What Archbishop Walsh has done for Toronto, what achievements he has accomplished during his short incumbency of nine years in the Queen City, let a grateful press and priesthood and people there relate. It is his pride and glory to claim universal admiration for the person and deeds of their great lamented Archbishop. We in London can but speak of the marvels he wrought in our midst and thank Heaven for it, while the unbidden tear will course down many a languid cheek and the trembling lip will pray for rest, eternal rest to the soul of Archbishop Walsh.

[Canadian Freeman.] The Catholics of Toronto—of the city and of the diocese—have suffered a grievous and an irreparable loss. But almost the Catholics of Toronto are not alone in their hour of sorrow. The Catholics of Ontario feel themselves sorely bereaved; they, too, feel keenly the loss of a great and good and learned chief. Moreover, here in Kingston, we, who have so recently passed through a similar sorrow, can we not recall the friendship, the enduring and affectionate relationship of the late illustrious Archbishop of Kingston and now also the late lamented Archbishop of Toronto. Our loss is one: our sorrow is one. But above and beyond these particular circumstances, which are the memory of our own great Archbishop, we have a sorrow in common with the Catholics of Ontario, because God has withdrawn from our midst a leader, such an able a defender, so wise a leader, such an experienced administrator. We feel the loss sorely indeed, and did not our faith come to our aid, we should fear our faithful flock thus left unsheltered and alone.

[The London Tablet.] LONDON, August 8.—The Tablet commenting on the death of Archbishop Walsh, says a notable life has been removed from Catholic life in Canada. "He died," continues the Tablet, "amid the mourning of the province. His simplicity of heart, his directness of manner, endeared him to all conditions of men long before his death. There is satisfaction in knowing that the old hostility to Catholicism has disappeared."

[The Weekly Register.] LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Catholic Register says Archbishop Walsh earned the enthusiastic loyalty of his flock. He was a native of Ireland, the prime mover in the Dublin convention, and his taking away is a grievous loss to the Catholic Church in Canada, with its great opportunity for growth under his leadership. "Those in a position to know say Archbishop Walsh was a probable successor of Cardinal Taschereau, and that the appointment was about to be confirmed by the Vatican."

[The Orange Sentinel.] The deceased prelate held broad and liberal views, and was respected and beloved by the clergy and laity of his communion. Personally Archbishop Walsh was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and it was largely due to his firmness and kindness of disposition that during his occupancy of the archiepiscopal office the very best feeling has existed between those holding different views in the community. His death will be mourned by the poor of the diocese, who always had in him a warm and generous friend.

NOTES. There will be a solemn high Mass of Requiem on this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock in St. Mary's church for the repose of the soul of the Archbishop.

Death mask of the deceased prelate was taken by Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy, R. O. A., under the Superintendence of Dr. S. P. May, Superintendent of Art Schools. A bust of the Archbishop will be executed by Mr. MacCarthy.

Rev. Father Ryan on Saturday received this telegram from Mr. Scott, St. John's Newfoundland: "Deeply grieved at the sad, unexpected announcement of the good Archbishop's death."

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Irish Benevolent Society has delegated Dr. Sippi and Mr. B. C. McCann to attend the funeral of the late Archbishop Walsh, Toronto. His Grace was a life member of the I. B. S. and took a deep interest in the charitable work. The members of the society passed a resolution of condolence, which will be forwarded to his nephew, Rev. Father James Walsh of Toronto. President J. L. Fitzgerald presided.

The resolution was moved by Mayor Wilson, and seconded by Dr. C. A. Sippi. Among the speakers was Sir John Carling.

Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N.Y., writes: "I have been afflicted for nearly a year with that most-to-be dreaded disease Dyspepsia, and at times went out with pain and want of sleep, and with pain almost everything recommended. I tried one box of Parmele's Vegetable Pills. I am now nearly well, and believe they will cure me. I would not be without them for any money."

An orator often says the air when he ought to be saying wood. "What is the greatest war story you ever read, Grumps?" "My own diary since I married."

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