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What Children's Pennies Can Do.

Some months ago, it was proposed to present an equestrian statue of Lafayette to France, and that the amount required to defray the cost would be subscribed by the school children throughout the United States—each to give one penny. The whole amount required was estimated to be \$765,000; already the penny contributions have reached the sum of \$75,000. It must be considered, however, that the time was too limited, the scheme was not properly advertised, and very few of the children were aware of the object of this collection until the other day. Despite all these obstacles it is a splendid object lesson to find the enormous sum of \$75,000 resulting from the pennies given—in a few weeks—by the children. Apart from the immediate case under consideration, we think that in our own country, and even in this city, a practical lesson might be drawn from these facts.

Hundreds of children would feel more delight in contributing a penny—such a small sum—to some grand and universally approved object, than to spend the coin for candies, marbles or other childish luxuries. Take for example, the enormous and important undertaking of the Catholic High School; a penny would not weigh

very heavy in the balance, when we consider the cost of such an establishment; but a mass of pennies would soon become dollars, and every dollar has its place in the structure, even as every stone in the material edifice is necessary to the stability of the whole. We are merely taking the example before us, and presenting it to our readers as a good suggestion. The great difficulty in life, at present is the fact that we are too liable to underestimate small things; yet it is the aggregate of small things that constitutes the great, the enormous things in the world—whether in the material or in the social orders. We do not pretend that such a sum as \$75,000 could be gathered—in pennies—from school children in Canada, or in Montreal; but in proportion to our population, in proportion to the object in view, and in consideration of the great spirit of faith and sentiment of generosity inculcated into our children, we know that most unexpected results could be fairly calculated upon. Moreover, the proverbial "widow's mite," is as acceptable as the rich man's large donation—it is proportionate to her means, and the hearts of both beat with the same noble desire to advance a good cause.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Most people know the old adage, about giving a dog a bad name. The Filipinos if they get a glance at the newspapers must feel astonished at the category in which they are now placed. The general impression was that they were at home in their own country. The idea that prevails amongst them, no doubt is that they are fighting for their own firesides, in their own land, where they were born, and where their forefathers for generations lived and died. In the war now being waged against them, they might claim to be the natives, and the forces opposed to them ought it seems, to be called invaders. But all that has been changed. For some reason which Senator Hoar and many others cannot apparently divine, the United States, having gone to war with Spain for the purpose, avowedly, of giving Cuba self-government, has not only taken possession of Cuba and raised the flag of the republic there, but has covenanted with Spain that for \$20,000,000 the Philippine Islands are to be transferred to the Stars and Stripes, despite the fact pointed out by the leaders of the Filipinos that it was to be distinctly understood that they too, were to be in control of their own country when once liberated from Spanish bondage. The thickheaded followers of Aguinaldo are just as stupid as Senator Hoar. They scout the idea that they should be sold with their lands and tenements and their pride of race for \$20,000,000, like so many heads of cattle, and because they do not understand diplomacy, and cannot recollect the words of the President of the United States, prior to the war with the acts of his admirals and generals since, they are dubbed insurgents, and the invading army glories in the title of the National forces—were the position less tragic it would be humorous, but the melancholy fact is this, that tens of thousands of lives are likely to be sacrificed, before the natives of the Philippine Islands shall have fully realized the significance of a modern nation's act, in going to war for the sake of humanity, before they shall fully understand that in plain English, they are henceforth to become and remain a subjugated people. The move made by the commander of the native forces, if, indeed, he be not misrepresented as is most likely the case, when he is said to have attacked General Otis' forces, was in the judgment of all disinterested parties a false and fatal one. It consolidated public opinion in the United States, in favor of expansion and the attack, was apparently unjustifiable, inasmuch as the natives are not drilled or equipped so as to contend against forces supplied with the engines of modern warfare. Let us hope, that in the end the unfortunate inhabitants of those Islands may find the Americans better masters than the Spaniards prov-

largely on the increase. There was a time, when the feeling of self-respect was strong enough in the people to prevent them from seeking the free aid intended for the very poor. Now, it is quite different, and so great has the abuse become, that some of our institutions have felt called upon, to speak out and state, that a remedy for this state of affairs must be found. Why people should not feel ashamed of being classed amongst the pauperized it is difficult to understand; but there is another and a more powerful motive, that should prevent any one, able to afford payment for medical attendance, from throwing themselves upon public charity. It should be patent to such persons that they are doing a grave injustice to the deserving poor, they are taking what belongs to the latter, when they appropriate a part of that which is destined for the really destitute. The clergy cannot investigate every case, so as to give a perfectly reliable certificate, but such associations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, with their active energetic and efficient committee of investigation, have all the machinery needed to make such enquiries to establish the bona fides of any claim for hospital or dispensary treatment. If such a certificate was required by applicants, for medical attendance at the hospitals, there would be fewer cases of deception and actual imposition upon public charity. Every now and again reports are published, of the straits in which our public hospitals are placed, for lack of necessary funds, and can it be wondered at, when we find it stated upon reliable authority, that fifty per cent. of the recipients of this charity is made up of persons well able to pay for medical attendance by private practitioners. Ordinary human respect and honesty ought to be enough to prevent people from practising a deception, that burdens our institutions of charity, and robs the deserving poor.—A. F. P.

A GLANCE AT EUROPE

Continued From First Page.

That M. Faure was a person no person will admit, that he was a marvel of statesmanship we cannot fairly claim; but no far-sighted critic can ignore the talents, the abilities and the higher qualifications which enabled a man to ascend, step by step, the great ladder—often a tottering and dangerous ladder—of political success. The son of a carpenter and a seamstress, himself by trade a tanner; a man whose ambition seemed to be centered in the commercial development of his own, and then of his country's interests, it was led, as it were by the hand of Providence, from one height to another, until he closed his career and his life under the roof of the Elysee, and practically and actually in the presidential chair of the French Republic. This was the man of whom the Emperor of Russia, the Queen of Great Britain, the Emperor of Germany, the crowned heads of the world considered and treated as an equal; whom the President of the United States looked up to as a statesman whose example was worthy of imitation. And yet through all these changes in his eventful life, he was the same business-like, kind-hearted, poverty-helping, friend-respecting individual. Surely there are in these few characteristics the elements of greatness!

Greatness! "Dieu seul est Grand, mes freres," exclaimed the immortal Bossuet, in opening one of his masterly funeral orations: "God alone is great," said that genius of the pulpit; and the last words of President Faure, spoken to his valet, are a confirmation of the same truth: "You see," he said, "how little a man is, even he be President of the French Republic." It is that sentiment of humility, joined to the fact, that, despite the shortness of the time between the first stroke and the final breath, a priest of the Catholic Church stood beside the dying President, and ushered his soul into the presence of God, which may be the greatest consolation of those dear to him in life, and the grandest gift that his angel may carry beside him, as he renders an account of his conspicuous life, before the eternal tribunal.

In the historic sanctuary of Notre Dame, there where so many scenes in the great drama of French history have been enacted, the church chants a solemn Requiem over the remains of France's dead President. The tide of political strife may lead itself into fury outside, the cries of conflicting parties may awaken the echoes of the capital, the passions of the hour may burst forth in restrained vehemence, censure and praise may meet and grapple for supremacy over the multitude; it matters not! The solemn "Libera" goes on; the eternal sacrifice is offered from the altar; the remains of the last head of the nation rest in the sacred aisle where

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THE GAIIC SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

One of the most successful meetings yet held by the Gaiic Society of Montreal, was that which took place on Monday evening last, in their hall, 662½ Craig street. As has been mentioned in recent issues of the "True Witness," the Gaiic Society was lately established to perpetuate the Gaiic language; the study of which is being revived among the Celts throughout Ireland and the United States. The Gaiic Society of Montreal has the honor to be the first to inaugurate the revival in Canada; and Messrs. Lavelle and Mangan, the president and secretary respectively, deserve great praise for their herculean efforts on behalf of the language. Both are proficient Gaiic linguists and they have liberally volunteered their services every Monday evening, to teach, free of charge, all those who desire to learn the Gaiic language.

THE LATE PRESIDENT FAURE.

A solemn Requiem service for the repose of the soul of the late President Faure of France, was held in the Church of Notre Dame, on Thursday morning. The ceremony which had been ordered at the request of M. Kleczkowski, Consul-General of France, was most impressive. His Grace Archbishop Brecheux presided, and chanted the absoute at the conclusion of the service. The church was most sombre in its drapings for the occasion, and a most representative gathering was present. Among these were noticed: Lieut.-Governor Lette, Mayor Sheppard, A. D. C., Hon. J. J. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, who represented the Federal Government; Premier Marchand, representing the Provincial Government; Lieut.-Col. Roy, D. O. C., Chief Justice Sir Alexander Lacoste, and a number of judges. The bar attended in a body, as also a number of French National societies. The spacious sanctuary was filled with clergy and the students of the Grand Seminary. The various religious orders were also well represented.

Mr. J. C. Mangan was again called upon, and he favored those present with a monologue in the Scotch dialect. Mr. W. P. Stanton, then made a few remarks after which the entertainment closed with the singing of "God Save Ireland" in the Irish language.

At a meeting of the executive committee which was subsequently held, arrangements were made to have a grand concert on March 4th. The talent will include some of the ablest in the city. Mr. M. J. P. Quinn, Q. C., M. P., will deliver an eloquent address on "The Life and Times of Robert Emmet," and the programme will include several Gaiic songs and recitations. Mr. J. C. Mangan will also deliver a short address in the Irish language. It is expected that a large attendance will be present. Tickets are only 25 cents, and can be had at their hall, 662½ Craig street, or at the residence of Mr. J. C. Mangan, 366 St. James Street.

On Thursday evening last, Messrs. Lavelle, Mangan, and Birmingham, organized a ladies' class at the residence of Miss Stafford, 21 St. Louis Square. A good number were present and it is expected that the enthusiasm of the ladies to learn the Irish Gaiic will soon rival that of their husbands and brothers.

On Friday evening the same gentlemen established a private class in the Knights of Columbus Hall, corner Bloor and St. Catherine St., as many of our Irish Catholic citizens prominent in professional and commercial circles expressed the desire to learn the Gaiic language. From present appearances the Gaiic movement in Montreal, promises to be an unequalled success.

PERSONALS.

The many friends of Mr. B. J. Coghlin, 151 University St., will be sorry to hear he is confined to his residence through illness.

Rev. Canon Cousineau of the Archbishop's Palace, and Rev. Father Lormagan, of St. Bridget's Church, were in Ottawa last week, and visited Rev. Father Champagne, who was ill at the Water Street hospital.

Miss May Flaherty, who is the guest of Mrs. Edward O'Brien, 29 St. Fiamme street, has arrived on a visit from Boston.

Rev. P. E. Mignam, the Lenten preacher at Notre Dame, was unable to preach on Sunday owing to illness. He is to preach on Sundays and Fridays and during Holy Week.

Miss Mullaney is visiting Miss Murphy, Ottawa.

LONDON CABBEN.

London's crowded streets have been relieved by a new police order directing cabben to drive into the nearest side street as soon as they have discharged their passengers. No empty cabs are allowed on the main thoroughfares. The rule keeps the streets clearer, but the cabben object that they miss many customers, and the Londoners that they can no longer find cabs where they want them most.

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Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of the "True Witness."

Sir:—The spirit of Christian charity, that prevails so largely everywhere, has opened wide the doors of our hospitals and dispensaries. It appears, however, that abuses have

RANDOM NOTES For Busy Households.

Some twenty years ago there was an enthusiastic desire displayed by the majority of Irishmen, and Irish-women too, to have a home of their own for their families.

When it is considered that many of the chief banks for saving in this city are actually overburdened with the increasing millions of deposits and that the financial condition of the average wage-worker is very much better than it was from three to five years ago, some idea is gained of causes which have brought about this tendency of the man with a few thousand dollars to withdraw his savings and to invest them in a home.

A large proportion of depositors in saving banks are persons who depend for a living upon the returns from their daily work. They add to the holdings of the saving banks for their individual benefit until the approach of middle age or a change in their social surroundings suggests the necessity of a permanent home.

Then comes the withdrawal of their savings for years and a visit to the real estate salesrooms to bid on a parcel offered at auction or to the office of a broker, where enquiry is made as to the price and terms, on which a particular parcel may be bought.

With the head of the family earning sufficient to support the family, and a little more, the returns from the payments by tenants can be applied to decrease the mortgage.

Father Alfred, Franciscan Provincial in a sermon recently delivered at St. Francis, Stratford, England, in speaking of the home said:—

That home should be the model of every Catholic home. As the parents lived so generally the children lived after them, though we did, of course, hear sometimes of good parents having bad children. Parents ought to have little to say to their children, their example should be sufficient.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DOWRIES.

(From the London Chronicle.) According to an estimate that has been made of the Anglo-American marriages during the past few years no fewer than 152 American women have married European noblemen.

PHYSIQUE AND PHYSIO.

(From the Maryland Medical Journal.) We are often too ambitious in ordering our patients change of air in lung troubles. They do not need to go a thousand miles to obtain fresh air and that change in their way of living which their health demands.

back from the ways of sin many an erring youth. Instead of being like the home of Nazareth, how many Catholic homes were the abodes of wretchedness because of dissensions and sin. The parents of such homes would have a terrible reckoning to make before God, not only for their own souls, but for the soul of every child God had committed to their care.

In a Christian borough—which was none other than their own borough of West Ham—there was an institute frequented by children which was circulating literature which was so blasphemous it made one shudder which spoke against Jesus Christ, who was God. There was already enough bad literature in the world without public bodies circulating it.

Red tape may be a good thing in the right place, but there is no room for it in works of charity, says the Church News. When the thermometer is hovering around the zero mark and the streets are rendered impassable by snow there is no time to refer cases of suffering to committees for investigation.

Here is a recipe that should be cut out and pasted in a corner of the kitchen mirror, where it can be seen, for it will save many dollars' worth of time and strength, says the Prince Edward Island "Agriculturist."

Use a little also, when cleaning your windows, and you'll never again regard that task as something to be put off as long as possible. For cleaning sinks, wash basins and slop jars, there is nothing that can equal it, and by its use the dish towels can be kept nice and white without rubbing.

physique. No one can perfect the capacity, bony frame and muscles of his thorax without also developing back, loins and limbs. A good chest means good arms and like enough good legs.

An Ottawa Singer Praised.

The Denver, Col., Sunday News has this to say of one of Ottawa's talented musicians:—"Few strangers have made so warm friends in so short a time in Denver as Mlle. Helene de Rideau, and it is with sincere regret that they learn that she will return this week to New York, to resume the musical life which was interrupted when she came to Denver to care for her brother.

endeared her to many, and her magnificent knowledge of musical art, combined with the quality of her soprano voice, have made her an acquisition to musical circles in Denver, which it is a pity they must lose.

BOUNTY MISAPPLIED.

(From Punch.) Philanthropic Duchess (who has taken several tickets for amateur concert, to two young ladies)—would you like these tickets? I am not going myself, and I'm afraid you'll be awfully bored.

A WOMAN'S WIT.

A lawyer defending a prisoner on trial for stealing money, began his cross-examination of the principal witness, a woman, by saying:—"Tell me my good woman, what sort of money had you?" "I had 8s in silver and a sovereign in gold."

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A NEW TRANSLATION.

Stood the doleful Mother weeping, By the dark Rood, vigil keeping, While, uplifted died her Son, Grief his sword relentless driving

Oh with what deep sorrow laden Was that blessed Mother-Maiden Who God's One-begotten bore When she saw her offspring peerless,

What man living so hard-hearted, As to feel no grief imparted, By th' excess of Mary's woe? Who could witness her great anguish,

She beheld Christ's agonizing— Victim scourged, Priest sacrificing— For His people's debt of sin: On her Son she gazed with moaning,

Mother, fount of love o'er flowing, Ah! may I, thy colors knowing, In thy bitter grief have part: May my spirit cold, unruled, Burn with love of Christ, God truly, And console His Sacred Heart.

see a sovereign in anything else but gold?" "Oh yes, sir," answered the woman with a calm smile, "I saw Queen Victoria."

A WAY TO WEALTH.

(From London Telegraph.) Upon one occasion the late Earl Poulett was paying his physician, and on handing the medical gentleman 400 guineas in gold, asked him if he knew how to grow rich.

A LESSON FOR BACHELORS.

The Bachelors' Club of Chicago has closed up its affairs and gone out of existence. There were only three members. They died on February 10—all on the same day—and were buried side by side in Calvary Cemetery.

chael Nolan, 87 years old. Although it was nearly half a century ago that the club was in active existence, these three members were true to their early vows and remained bachelors to the end.

BOYLISTS HAVE RIGHTS.

A French Court has just made a decision that establishes the point in France that when a bicyclist is attacked by a dog, and in attempting to drive it off meets with an injury, the owner of the dog is liable.

Money for Lord Kitchener.

London, Feb. 17.—In the House of Commons on Friday last, Mr. John Dillon, asked if it was true that the Government intended to give the sum of £30,000 to Gen Lord Kitchener to enable him to support his new fleet.

The Experiment of Workmen Directors.

Some interesting statements appear in the half yearly report, just issued, of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and particularly in regard to the addition of working-men directors to the board of the company. The directors state that the profit-sharing system, which was introduced in 1889, continues to justify its existence, as it induces a generally intelligent interest, in the welfare of the company on the part of its officers and men, who by their better work earn the profits that are distributed among them annually.

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At the Month's Mind of the Late Bishop Nulty.

From time to time we meet with published sermons, the perusal of which is calculated to inspire the reader with burning sentiments of Faith and Patriotism.

In the course of it the eloquent preacher said:— "Dr. Nulty was born under the shadow of the penal law; he lived to see a Tory Parliament offer to Ireland a first measure of self-rule.

that loved him. Is it strange that the man's terrible grief, soured by his sense of terrible injustice, should revolve into a madness of anger, and with the cold method of implacable hatred, ponder over plans of wild revenge? How easily! He knows the turning of the road, just where the thicket stands.

It has been openly asserted and repeated countless times that the anti-Dreyfus agitation in France has been due to the Jesuits; is the following language—from the lips of a Jesuit preacher—an indication of any such spirit existing? Referring to Bishop Nulty's enforced silence, regarding matters to be decided before the courts and which affected his life as a man and as a Bishop, the preacher said:—

Read, ponder over, remember the words of this sublime orator! We know of none more touching and beautiful in our language:— "Thus he is gone from amongst us, a great mind, a saintly soul, a character sincere, fearless, resolute, yet without great-hearted as a patriarch and simple as a child.

ful the pious and devout reading of the Holy Gospel in editions containing notes and approved by a Bishop, as the Catholic Church requires; begs your Holiness to be good enough to grant to those who shall read the Bible devoutly for at least a quarter of an hour the indulgences which are given to those who recite the Christian acts."

The following is the text of the Brief concerning the reading of the Gospel:— His Holiness Leo XIII., at an audience on Dec. 13th, 1898, with the undersigned prefect of the congregation of Indulgences and Relics, made known that he grants to all the faithful who shall have devoutly read the Scriptures for at least a quarter of an hour an indulgence of three

hundred days, to be gained once a day, provided that the edition of the Gospel has been approved by legitimate authority. Furthermore, the Sovereign Pontiff grants monthly, a plenary indulgence to all those who shall have read in this way—faint cete lecture—every day of the month. It can be gained on the day of the month when, after confession and communion, those who have fulfilled the conditions shall have offered up the customary prayers for the intentions of the Holy See.

Given at Rome on the 13th December, 1898. CARDINAL GOTTI, Perfect. Seen and certified. CARDINAL RICHARD, Archbishop of Paris.

LA CONGREGATION DE NOTRE DAME.

The young ladies of the intermediate department of this famed institution, not to be out-done, and no doubt incited thereto by the great success attending the "Margaret Bourgeois Reading Circle," founded by their elder companions, have formed themselves into the "Literary Guild of St. Agnes."

At seven o'clock, the members—24 in number—received in great state state the commodious Academic Hall of the Convent, the Rev. Mother Provincial and the Rev. Mother Superior, who were accompanied by the teaching staff of the institution, and also by the young ladies of the senior department; their entrance was marked by song and smiling and greeting. An interesting musical, literary and educational programme of which the following gives the various items was gone through with; but the mere printed list entirely fails to convey

Women With Pathetic Careers.

On Friday there was interred in Ballynabs cemetery an old woman named Bridget Mulvey, who had a pathetic not to say a romantic career. Born almost totally blind, her first experience of life as a young girl was the heartless eviction of her widowed mother on a Christmas Eve.

an idea of the excellent manner in which each of the participants performed her part; nor can it describe the enthusiastic manner in which each was applauded, nor yet the hearty commendation which was bestowed by the Rev. Mother Superior in encouraging her youthful charges to devote their spare time to the preparation of those little entertainments which must always prove instructive to themselves as well as entertaining to their teachers and fellow-pupils, a sentiment which met with hearty approval from the audience.

largely attended. On the coffin was a beautiful cross bearing the following inscription:—"In loving memory of Biddy Mulvey from the Bog of Allen Men who reinstated her.—Leinster Leader.

Not long ago, I saw an old lady whom I had known for many years as an office holder in one of the departments. She was in former days, a beautiful woman, but crippled. She also had about \$50,000 invested. She was engaged to marry a Catholic gentleman, but he died before the wedding could take place.

ANOTHER GONE.

(The following lines are too graphic to need any comment; they tell, in a few words, the great, universal lesson that daily is taught by passing events.) Ten thousand men obeyed his slightest word; He pressed a button at his desk and lo! Men who for years had struggled on and on Awoke to find their dreams of riches gone. And bowing servants saw him come and go.



SIR CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN. The new Leader of the Liberal Party in England.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Bart. P.C., who has been elected to the leadership of the Liberal party, is now in his sixty-third year. The youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell, of Stracathro, Forfarshire, he assumed the additional name of Bannerman under the will of his maternal uncle, the late Mr. Henry Bannerman, of Hinton Court, Kent.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Mr. Alph. Charron, of the Experimental Farm, lectured before the University students on Tuesday last. His subject was "Food." The St. Patrick's Literary Association, are preparing an elaborate programme for St. Patrick's night.

real, visited the Rev. Fathen Champagne in the Water Street Hospital, last week.

The Club Dramatique of St. Ann's parish gave an entertainment in aid of the St. Charles Home, on Monday night of last week.

The mortal remains of Mr. E. A. Mara were conveyed on Sunday, 12th inst., to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Libera was chanted, Rev. Father Whelan, in cope, presiding, assisted by Rev. Canon McCarthy and Rev. Dr. McNally in tunics, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

SCIENTIFIC BREWERS.

A professorship of brewing and malting is being established at the Birmingham University, and the chair will be well worth holding, for nearly £23,000 has already been subscribed locally toward the endowment.—St. Louis "Review."

It is true that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but the depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.—Bacon. The ablest men that ever were have all had an openness and frankness of dealing, and a name of certainty and veracity.

Every real and searching effort at self-improvement is of itself a lesson of profound humility. Men are apt to mistake the strength of their feelings for the strength of their argument. You cannot fight against future. The world is governed much more by opinion than by laws.

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POPE LEO AND THE BIBLE.

The Holy Father has issued a Brief granting special indulgence as an encouragement to reading the Bible. Before the publication of this Brief, according to the Unvers, of Paris,

Cardinal Gotti had addressed the following request:— "Holy Father:—The Abbe Garnier, of the Diocese of Paris, moved by zeal for promoting amongst the faithful

