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Catholic Temperance Organizations

Stirring Sermon Preached Last Sunday on the question by Father Minchah

On Sunday last, in St. Peter's Church, a Stirring Sermon on the Temperance Question and the need for Catholic Parish Total Abstinence Societies, was Preached by Rev. Father Minchah, the Pastor. The Reverend Gentleman took for his text the words—

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal., 6, 2)

Of the various congregations to whom St. Paul wrote, the Galatians were, judging by the severity of his language towards them, the most imperfect. Soon after this great apostle had shed the light of Christianity upon their souls they yielded to the seduction of some Jewish disturbers, who wanted to subject them to all the rites and observances of the Law of Moses. In his indignation at their conduct St. Paul calls them "senseless," "O senseless Galatians! who hath bewitched you that you should not obey the truth" (Gal., III., 1.) Yet it is to these weaklings that he addressed the words: "Bear ye one another's burdens; and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ." One would think that the utmost to be expected from such poor material would be that each should carry his own burden. The great apostle, however, understood Christianity and human nature far too well to propose such selfish individualism. The central idea of the religion of Christ is now a number of isolated units each looking after himself but a world-wide body knit together by the ties of divine love. "By this all men shall know that you are My disciples, if you love one another as I have loved you."

How fully St. Paul entered into this idea is evident from his words: "We being many are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Rom., XIII., 5.)

Mutual help is, then, the fundamental law of Christianity. It is at the same time the suggestion of enlightened selflessness. A number of beams of wood which, separate, would not support their own weight, will, when properly joined, support a heavy roof. So the weak individual, in helping others, acquires solidity and support for himself. Here is the plain

and profound philosophy of nature and of religion contained in the words of the greatest of missionaries to his very imperfect flock in Galatia: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ." If you follow the rule of everyone for himself you will soon, like separated coals, be extinguished in your own ashes. Your only chance of developing heat is to keep together.

To no subject is this more applicable than to that which now comes up for consideration in our series of summer talks, namely intemperance. There is no need of dilating upon the physical and moral ruin wrought by this vice. One has only to linger round some of our street corners on a Saturday evening and watch the stream flowing through the lightly swinging screen which shades from prying eyes the bar-room—men of every age, from the youth just emerging from boyhood to the grey and wrinkled toiler whose ast days will be spent in the almshouse—men who sink in shame-facedly and others to whom shame has long been a strange—men well dressed (though these generally patronize some club-room and are not so much in evidence), men grimy with toil—men of the parasite class, who are beneath toil—but whilst athletic and literary societies are powerful and indeed necessary allies, they are not of their very nature temperance organizations. And this fact has been brought home to the people of the great parish to the south of us by recent occurrences. Some of the most prominent members of the excellent young men's association in that parish have been set up in the hotel business in various parts of that parish. The object is quite obvious. It is hoped that their positions amongst and acquaintance with the young men of the literary and athletic association will be an inducement to a large number of the latter to help their genial comrade along in this new venture. A fine stroke of business, no doubt! And brought about by Catholic influence! Ah! when it comes to settling a bright young fellow on his feet behind a bar-room counter, we Catholics show a wonderful energy and ingenuity. In this respect we carry out St. Paul's words most admirably. We not only help to bear the other man's burden, but we supply him with house, stock, money, everything. We bear one another's burden most admirably when it is a question of the man who hands out liquor; in fact we carry him altogether. We are better than the good Samaritan, for we take a man who is not wounded at all and instead of putting him on a beast we carry him to the inn ourselves and instil him there. St. Paul, however, would hardly be satisfied with this more than literal fulfilment of his Master's and his own words. The great apostle would inquire what are we doing to bear the burden of the many to whom the liquor is served out, since we are doing so much for the one who deals it out. And when told that not a single effort was being made for these the great apostle would make the ears of our apathetic Catholics tingle with words of far stronger denunciation than he addressed to the Galatians. I remember that some time ago at a meeting of the Catholic Children's Aid Society, one of our best known Catholics, in speaking of the cost of looking after neglected children stated that intemperance was the principal source of the trouble. In following him, I could not refrain from saying: "This is perfectly true; but what are you and others like you, doing to remedy this state of affairs? Have you ever listed a flier to promote any temperance movement?" This wretched apathy with regard to matters of the highest moment—matters which intimately concern the temporal and eternal welfare of many of our fellow

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Catholic Temperance Association of this continent. Yet in all our city parishes we have not, at least visible to the naked eye, a society of any kind which has for its special object the suppression of intemperance. We have indeed an effort made with considerable success in the largest parish of our city to bring our young men together to give them a taste for reading and debate, to interest them in healthy and manly sports, and in this way to keep them off the street corners. A movement of this nature is a most effective ally of temperance, for it must be acknowledged that the temperance talks without intermission from one end of the year to the other become exceedingly dry and if we want to fight the influence of the social glass we must put in its place social enjoyments of a more elevating kind. But whilst athletic and literary societies are powerful and indeed necessary allies, they are not of their very nature temperance organizations. And this fact has been brought home to the people of the great parish to the south of us by recent occurrences. Some of the most prominent members of the excellent young men's association in that parish have been set up in the hotel business in various parts of that parish. The object is quite obvious. It is hoped that their positions amongst and acquaintance with the young men of the literary and athletic association will be an inducement to a large number of the latter to help their genial comrade along in this new venture. A fine stroke of business, no doubt! And brought about by Catholic influence!

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It is high time we quit our present statesque attitude. Where, I wonder, would Christianity be if the apostles adopted the plan of making themselves neither seen or felt in Jerusalem lest they might disturb the Jewish authorities? Different times and circumstances, no doubt, demand different methods. But the do-nothing method is inexcusable under all circumstances. Activity—a lively interest which will make itself felt in every department of life—is a duty at all times and in all situations. And may we be brought to a better realization of this truth by St. Paul's words: "Bear ye one another's burdens; and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ."

There is no need of dwelling further on the effects of intemperance now, for the question immediately arising from our text is: "What are we doing to remedy its undeniably serious ravages?" And this question comes home to us with redoubled force because of what others are doing to counteract, and also, also to extend these ravages. Quite recently we read with pleasure that at a convention of that powerful organization, the Catholic Temperance Association of America, a branch from Peterborough, Ontario, won the banner given for the greatest increase in membership during the past year. But with the pleasure evoked by this victory and still more by the enthusiasm with which it was celebrated by the citizens of Peterborough, came the humiliating question: Why have we nothing of this kind in the Queen City of Ontario? We are informed that a city of this Province which has not a Catholic population equal to some of our Toronto parishes numbers some fifteen hundred members in its division of the great

Catholic Temperance Movement
Editor Catholic Register:

I read with much pleasure and interest, the letter in your last issue signed "A Catholic Merchant," and I agree with every word he writes. I think that Father O'Brien, of Peterborough, is deserving of the praise and thanks of the Catholic people of all Canada for the grand example—"for we teach by example"—he has set in the noble work he has, and is, accomplishing for the cause of temperance.

I must confess that I have often wondered why a Total Abstinence Society has not been established in every parish in Ontario, in the face of the known fact that many hundreds of Catholic men, both old and young, are daily suffering for want of something of this kind. Yes, and are bringing untold suffering to hundreds and hundreds of others.

Father O'Brien's grand work in this grand cause certainly entitles him to the title of being the "Father Mathew" of Ontario.

"Hats off!" I say, to this noble priest, who is doing so much good to his fellowman, but do not, we pray, confine it all to Peterborough and vicinity, for I fear "the harvest is great, while the reapers are few." I would like to hear from others of your readers on this important subject. Thanking you for the space afforded me in your columns, I am

A CATHOLIC LAYMAN

Mr. Hall Caine on the Catholic Church and Drama

Mr. Hall Caine, presiding at Ramsey over a Catholic Bazaar opened by Monsignor Carr, and Monsignor Nuxent, in aid of new schools, said it would be within the memory of some of his Catholic friends that after the last time he stood on a Catholic platform he was taken severely to task by a club to which he belonged in London for want of fidelity to its Protestant principles. He made no apology for standing on a Catholic platform again. He was not there as a Protestant, as a non-Catholic, or as a politician. He was there as a citizen, who had nothing but admiration for the efforts of the Catholic Church was not shaking in the interests of education, and would wish to aid them by any means in his power. Speaking as a dramatist, he recognized the good feeling which had nearly always existed between dramatists and the Roman Church. That Church had been the friend of the drama in nearly all ages and countries. The English drama in its earliest form had probably been made by monks and priests, and the morality plays were almost certainly intended as illustrations to the teachings of the pulpit. When the drama widened its scope and embraced scenes of secular life the Catholic Church still clung to it, and guided it. The Church had not been responsible for what the drama had done in later or more licentious days. But even at the drama's lowest the Catholic Church had held on to it and tried to lift it up. From the earliest times the Roman Church had recognized the power of the drama to teach, instruct and amuse, and no dramatist, whatever his faith, ought to fail of gratitude to a Church which had done its best to keep his craft alive, even in times of degradation, excess and sometimes merited persecution. It would be allowed by students of the drama that the dramatists had recip-

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located the good will of the Roman Church. Even the most liberal of them had rarely or never used the drama as a vehicle for abuse of the Church or of its ministers. On the contrary, they had nearly always treated the priests or bishops, the services and offices of the Church, with a becoming reverence. This was especially noticeable in the works of the great dramatists in all languages. Shakespeare, who was probably not a Catholic, always showed respect for the greater as well as for the lesser clerics and religious—for the Cardinal statesman as well as the monks and friars. No temptation ever prevailed with him to forget the duty of reverence to a high and holy profession. The same was generally true of most of the great French and Spanish dramatists, and even the stout Protestantism of the German dramatists, of Goethe and Schiller, had never allowed itself to use the stage as a means of fanning the flame of anti-Catholic propaganda. May it always be so. If the Church was to be dealt with in the drama, if its office were to be indicated or its ministers were to be presented on the stage, let it be with the reverence that was due to all sacred things and to all great professors. This being so, Mr. Hall Caine could say nothing but good that could come of the drama's recognition of the Church and its affairs among the great factors of existence, closely associated with certain of the most important actions of life and wrapped up with human passions.

Priestly Dignity

(For The Register.)

In those modern days of go-aheadness and rush, we are gradually bringing everything to a common level. Nothing is sacred. There is no longer a reverential feeling for holy things, and we are becoming indifferent even to those placed in authority over us by Almighty God.

This is more particularly noticeable in the young people of to-day. They take religion, as they take everything else, as a matter of course, and while they may (carefully selecting the choicest words) speak of their religious emotions in a sentimental way, their hearts do not feel the sentiments they express. It is sad indeed to see Catholics letting this terrible indifference creep into their lives. It were better almost to be downright wicked, than to be lukewarm.

Some young folks (and old ones also), go to church only to hear the sermon—and criticize it. They forget that it is not necessary to put in flowery language the word of God, which is so wonderful in itself, that the simplest words are made grand when used to express it.

What, however, is most to be deplored, is lack of reverence for the dignity of those servants of God in whose charge we are placed. They think more of the man than of his holy office, and while meaning no offence, at times forget the great respect they owe to these representatives of our good Lord.

Perhaps, in an idle moment, they think of some action performed by a priest, which causes them amusement, innocence enough in itself, and forgetting the priest they take the man only into consideration, probably discussing the matter with others, thus causing good-humored ridicule and probably some disrespectful remarks. While anything like this cannot be denounced as a glaring crime, still it is a great mistake, and occurrences of this kind cannot berowned down too severely.

When people are looking for fun, they must not use as an instrument a priest of God. By their profession, they are placed infinitely above us, and we take the one step too many when we attempt to hold them up, even in a respectful manner, as a subject for amusement.

There is an old Scotch adage, originating I know not how, which tells us: "If we do not possess a virtue, to acquire it." Let us consider well these words, and if we have erred in the past, make up our minds here and now to atone for it in future. Our religion is already visited with

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One of the intimate friends of the Canadian Premier is reported to have told a representative of The Journal that although Sir Wilfrid is somewhat discouraged by the failure of his former attempts, he hopes that his journey will result in an increase of France's Canadian converts.

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I can begin my own story by saying that I never at any time had a "vocation" for medicine. But it was the fond desire of my parents that I should one day attach "M.D." to my name. When my profession was decided upon I interposed no objection. I received my authority to practice in the shape of a very small diploma with a very large seal. I had my photograph taken in a group with my classmates, all of us attired in gowns and wearing mortar-board hats.

After that solemn ceremony was over, we turned loose on an unsuspecting world. I hung out my shingle and had a long and weary wait for patients. They wouldn't come to me, and professional etiquette forbade me looking for them. One of the objections urged against me was my youth, I waited on, satisfied that time would remedy this fault. My money, however, gave out before I had acquired years enough to satisfy the carping critics. I realized that the time had arrived for sound business methods.

My first step was to call on a druggist in my neighborhood, and gently insinuate my desire for a little practice.

"But you have some patients?" he asked, in a brisk tone.

"Oh, yes, a few," I replied. "But scarcely enough to talk about."

"Well," he said, with the tradesman's laugh, "I had no way of discovering that you had any."

"What do you mean?" I asked, perked up at his tone.

"I mean," he responded, frankly, that none of your prescriptions ever come here."

"Well," I said, weakly, "I can't help that."

"Oh, yes, you can," was the blunt rejoinder, "you can instruct them to come to me."

There is no need to continue the dialogue further. I remained with him for an hour, and before I left I had made an arrangement by which he was to pay me 25 per cent. on the gross amount received from all prescriptions sent to his store by me. I also agreed to pay him 25 per cent. on all money received from patients sent by him to me. My ears tingled a little at the thought of the sordid arrangement, but only for a little time. His arguments satisfied me. He said they all did it, it was simply a game of "you tickle me and I'll tickle you."

After that I paid \$500 in instalments for the privilege of being the official physician of one of the largest hotels in my native city. Whenever a guest was taken sick, in the hotel I was sent for as the hotel physician. I can assure you that I made the patients, who were generally

well-to-do persons, pay me handsome fees. The instalments of my \$500 purchase money for the practice had to be paid. And, anyway, business is business.

A colleague of mine, who boasted the ownership of a horse and carriage, used to drive at breakneck speed through the principal streets of the town in which he resided. The neighbors all said, "What a tremendous practice that young doctor has! He scarcely takes time to eat his meals!" It was all a ruse, but it inspired confidence in the people and finally they did flock to him.

So I resolved to "get busy." One morning I took the curtains off my parlor window and determined to be my own laundryman, for that day at least. Just at that awkward time two patients came in, one after the other—the first I had in ten days. My coat was off, my sleeves rolled up and I was deep in my work. What was I to do? Why, turn the incident to advantage, of course. So wiping my hands quickly, I opened the door slightly and said: "Pardon me for a few minutes. I am busy with an operation."

Then I closed the door and resumed my operation, which was certainly important to me. When it was concluded and I had removed all evidence of my crime, I opened the side door, as if dismissing a patient, and said in a loud tone:

"Now walk very slowly. Don't expect yourself unnecessarily. Goodby."

I walked down the hallway and opened and closed the front door with a bang. Quickly regaining my office, I opened the sliding door and cried out distinctly:

"Next, please!"

A special opportunity comes in the life of every physician which, if swiftly seized and securely held, leads to a good practice. My opportunity, all things considered, came sooner than I expected. A street car turning a corner and giving a sudden lurch threw a well-dressed, elderly gentleman into the street. The usual crowd surrounded him and the usual voice cried out:

"Is there a doctor present?"

But the usual number of physicians did not step forward, and I felt it my duty to push my way through the crowd and proclaim my profession. I compelled the gaping spectators to fall back and give the injured man air. Then I tore off his collar and tie and opened his shirt front. After that I administered a stimulant. The man, who had been in a faint, revived at once.

Thus far I had been successful. A further examination showed that the man had broken his right arm. I directed that he be removed to his home.

"This is my home right here," he said, in a feeble voice, indicating a handsome brownstone house only a few yards away.

He was carefully carried to his room, and then the first crisis in my career confronted me. I was a medical and not a surgical doctor, and while in common with others of my profession, I possessed an element of knowledge of all the branches of the healing art, I felt some doubt about my ability successfully to set this particular broken arm, which presented unusual difficulties, diametrically opposite to my small experience. However, it would never do to yield to such misgivings in the presence of the patient. Assuming my most pleasing manner I said:

"Perhaps you have a family physician and would like to have him take charge of this case."

"I want my arm set," he replied testily, "and I want you to do it—if you can."

This was a command and a query I obeyed the command and ignored the query. The job was hard one, but it was not to be compared to the mental struggle that I underwent. Suppose I should bungle the case and lame the man for life. This and a score of similar thoughts flashed through my mind. I realized that confidence—assurance, if you will—was necessary, and I nervously up to it so well that my work was completed without a flaw. I received a handsome fee and more free advertising than any young man of my age in our town. The papers spoke of my skill, and my distinguished patient informed all of his friends that I was a wonder. Little did they dream of the nervous trepidation with which I approached a task which was to bring me so much unearned praise.

One of my most valuable experiences was in a hospital. If I do say it myself, I performed some good

work there, and gained information that could not be learned from the text books. The best thing I learned was the importance of decision in emergencies. One night, while I was on duty, a nurse came to me with blanched face and whitened lips to say that she had accidentally given the wrong medicine to two patients. I rushed to their bedside, and found that the mistake was likely to prove doubly fatal. Both cases required the instant use of the stomach pump.

Two men were dying from poisoning, and there was only one stomach pump in the room.

"Y-e-s," I replied drawing out the vowel of that simple word in the most painful and reluctant manner. "Yes, if you will subscribe to my conditions."

"What are they?" he asked anxiously.

"That you will place yourself unreservedly in my charge—that you will follow my directions to the letter."

"I'll do that! I'll do that!" he cried out with eagerness that was truly laughable.

But I was not through with him. I sat down at my desk, sighed pensively, and gazed through the open window.

"I do not know," I said, speaking again with that professional slowness and exactness. "I do not know whether I should undertake this case."

"Why not?" he exclaimed in some alarm.

"Because it will take up so much of my time—and my time—you know—is very valuable."

"So is my life," he interrupted, with a feeble attempt at humor.

"Very valuable," I continued without a change of muscle and as if I had not heard the interruption. "I may have to see you twice a day for several weeks."

"How much do you want?" he asked excitedly, as if eager that I should not get away from him.

"The true physician," I said, "has no price. I will cure you first, you can pay me afterward."

"How would \$500 do?" he asked.

"Sir!" I said, in a voice that was absolutely meaningless.

It might have meant that the amount was entirely too much, or that it was ridiculously low.

"I will give you \$1,000!" he shouted, with the air of a man at a public auction.

I cured him in a month and received \$1,000 for it.

Did I do right or wrong? I leave you to decide.

One night I was called in to see a little child suffering from malignant diphtheria. It was a bad case I didn't think she would last until morning. From all of the conditions I can say now that I would have been justified in leaving that child to its fate. Did I? Not at all. I was affected by the violent grief of the mother and remained at the bedside of the tiny sufferer all that night and all the next day. I did not do it for financial reasons. The family was poor, I did not do it for fame, for this is the first time it has been mentioned, and even now it is told anonymously. I liked the child, I acted from motives of pure humanity.

This little incident brought me in contact with an extraordinary young physician. Smallpox was epidemic in the city, and most of the doctors, who could do so with a show of decency, shirked smallpox duty.

One of them said that they were not feeling well; others said they had families of their own to consider, and a few were honest enough to say that they were afraid of the disease and did not propose to take any risks.

The young physician I speak of, filled with lofty ideas of duty, determined to devote himself entirely to smallpox practice. He took all the precautions that were counseled by science and human reason, but otherwise he was absolutely fearless. He used to vaccinate himself every other week, and as the siege lasted nearly three months, his arms were almost covered with scars and scabs from the virus. He did wonders for humanity. He waited on poor and rich alike. If they had no money he looked for no compensation. Where they had he expected a fee in proportion to his work. He saved many lives. It is such men and they are not rare, who enable the profession.

It is a profession whose days are made of diplomacy and whose nights are composed of crises. There is always a high duty calling, and there is usually a mere human man trying to respond. Had I possessed in the beginning the vocation for my profession which belonged to my friend, who had built a great career upon the foundation of a smallpox epidemic, I should long ere this have been either famous or dead. Such fame comes to a Jenner; such death comes to a Damien, who, if he had not been a priest, would have been a physician. All that I would say is that the physician should possess the intellect of a Jenner and the heart of a Damien.

If he attempted to cure himself he would be a dead man within six months.

"This is a remarkable case," I said, very slowly and very grav

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INDIFFERENT CATHOLICS

A special correspondent of that excellent English paper, *The Catholic Times*, has been travelling in France and describes the present deplorable situation in that land, "the eldest daughter of the Church," to the rapidly increasing indifference of the people to practical religion. In the country places and the villages the men simply do not go to church and only a few women. Many districts are cited as furnishing evidence in no way more startling than the average condition of the country exhibits, but quite appalling in point of fact. The obligation of assisting at Mass is ignored, and neglect of the Sacraments is so common that "in many villages the priests had almost forgotten the formula of absolution." Here is a brief summing up of the situation: "I found a consensus of opinion that throughout the country generally the Faith has almost totally disappeared among the male population. Brittany, Savoy, and a few districts in the northwest must of course be excepted. Here and there in other parts earnest, devoted and practical Catholics are to be found, but speaking of the overwhelming bulk of the men, it is no exaggeration to say that the Faith is dead amongst them. They have not, it is true, formally abandoned Catholicism, they have simply lapsed into utter indifference regarding religion and its observances. In the cities and large towns we meet with a considerable number who are actively hostile to the Church; with exceptions easily counted, the rest are simply nominal Catholics, whilst in the smaller towns, the villages, and the rural districts it is complete apathy and indifference which prevails rather than open antagonism."

This is a terrible revelation, and though we may say that the blight of faith in France is directly traceable to natural conditions, it may not be amiss to turn our eyes nearer home and see whether this evil of indifference is strictly confined to France.

It seems to us that some conscientious and intelligent observers are beginning to discern the early traces of the same blight in our own homes and parishes. There is a general suggestion of the kind in Father Minihan's stirring sermon on the temperance question, which we publish today. There is more than a mere suggestion of it in the communication which we publish from a Belleville correspondent under the caption "The Catholic Press."

To what degree this bane of indifference has spread amongst us would perhaps be a daring matter for estimation or positive statement, but that it is showing its head is only too true. Nor is it a thing that can be easily destroyed. The far spreading roots of this tree in the field of faith can only be reached when we have ascertained all its causes, although some are very well realized, and among these intemperance and ignorance are the most prominent.

The responsive chord struck by Father O'Brien's work for temperance has been well sounded in the letters which we have published from correspondents in various parts of the Province. But it is harder to discuss the other cause—that of ignorance. In using the word it is far from our mind to imply mere illiteracy, which is fast disappearing, if it has not altogether disappeared as a birthmark of the "common people." What we mean by ignorance—and it is the most pitiful variety among the spawn of a foul thing—is that sippant assumption of smartness which finds its higher education in cheap and vicious books and takes the daily newspaper as the staff of its intellectual pabulum. This ignorance is not by any means confined to the comparatively poor, who of necessity have most frequent resort to the free libraries and book letting societies. Not very many days ago a cer-

tain millionaire cut off his subscription to a Catholic paper, and in doing so stated that he had appreciated it highly, but being so busy he could not read more than the daily papers. It is more than probable he never reads anything else from one end of the week to the other.

Do and say what we may about this phase of the question, the daily newspaper, the cheap magazine and the yellow novel will go on expanding their influence in society. A temperance organization in a parish with literary and athletic branches and reasonable provision for proper amusement would furnish a very promising opposing agency. But our parish societies we are told do not hold together through the lack of a binding and inspiring union of the clergy and laity throughout the country. Such an organization, for example, as the Federation of Catholic Societies in the United States gives some direction to the pursuits of all manner of organizations of Catholics and takes up the discussion of broad public issues and interests forming intelligent Catholic opinion around them and acting upon the general body of public opinion throughout the nation. At all events an empty discussion of the apathy complained of by our correspondents is not enough. The discussion is good as far as it goes, but how much better would it not be to know that something was being done to arouse among the growing generation of our Catholic young men and women the desire for a higher and better understanding of their duty to themselves, to their country, their Church and God without which apathy must exist. And wherever such a weed is tolerated it will spread. The necessity of uprooting and destroying it is always imperative.

COERCION IN IRELAND.

Mt. George Wyndham is Secretary to the Irish Lord Lieutenant. The Secretary has a seat in the Imperial Cabinet and the Lord Lieutenant has not. This is according to the new dispensation, and is one instance of a tail wagging the dog. The tail of the Irish Executive is wagging its nominal owner quite vigorously these days. The new figurehead representative of the King had not been more than a couple of weeks in office when in the greater part of the island ordinary law was suspended and "coercion" proclaimed.

What Mr. Wyndham hopes to achieve is a puzzle to observers of Irish affairs. He is following the well-blazed path of the majority of his predecessors, leading a blindfolded Viceroy at the end of a string and doing the bidding to the landlords' organization with such abject obedience that Mr. T. W. Russell declared in the House of Commons he (Mr. Wyndham) must have sold himself body and soul to the Eviction Trust.

The immediate and practical result of Mr. Wyndham's open alliance with the landlords is to re-enlist and arouse many distinguished Englishmen on the side of the Irish people. Mr. Willard Scawen Blunt, who was imprisoned in 1887 for taking part in the Land League, has sent his subscription to the United Irish League. The Liberals of the old and honest school are raising their protests in the English press, and the King himself is reported to regard it as a duty imposed upon him to interfere, even as he is well reputed to have intervened in the South African business. The Irish Party and people have not the slightest cause to regret that such a crisis has been brought about by the literary young man upon whose shoulders Mr. Balfour has cast the entire responsibility of governing a nation, for that is what Mr. Wyndham's position really amounts to.

SOUTH BELFAST ELECTION.
The victory in South Belfast of a militant Protestant over the nominee of official Orangism is a sign of the times that may be regarded as little or nothing beyond the limits of the northern Irish city. But it is really a very significant and a very interesting fact. It means the separation of the rank and file of the Orange order from the landlords, who have for generations held the votes of the brethren as proxies and used them for their own emolument and political preferment. It makes but little difference what extreme views the new member, Mr. Sloan, holds. One of his platform supporters, Rev. Henry Burdett, as reported in *The Northern Whig*, stated his belief that all Catholics dying "are lost for-

ever," and Protestants in this life should be content with nothing less than absolute ascendancy. The rank and file may believe these things, but the world has got far beyond the rank and file Orangism. It was but natural then, to have expected that when Belfast voters at last had their eyes opened to the naked truth, they would turn upon their deceivers, the landlords, who have been realizing upon the game all these long years. To this extent at least the South Belfast election is a sign of progress.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF CASHEL.

Archbishop Thomas Kenneally of Cashel writes in acknowledgment of sympathetic messages from all parts of the world, and resolutions from Public Bodies in Ireland and Great Britain, in connection with the lamented death of his illustrious predecessor, "the Most Rev. Dr. Croke

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Fully half of Ireland is now proclaimed as disturbed and disaffected" Coercion is in force in all this area.

Sir Edmund Barton, Promoter of the Australian Commonwealth, arrived in Toronto on Monday evening. The party will be here for some days.

According to *The Tablet* it would appear that the stalwarts of Protestantism are about to make a fresh attack on the religious orders in England. At any rate, The English Churchman says: "It is stated that further legal proceedings will shortly be taken under the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829," adding "we believe the statement to be correct."

Dublin Corporation has paid honor to His Holiness the Pope on the occasion of his Jubilee. Sir Thomas Pile, a staunch Protestant, was no less sincere and earnest in his expressions of esteem for the aged Pontiff than the Catholic Lord Mayor. The proceedings were marked throughout by a dignity worthy of the occasion.

With the retirement of the veteran Commodore Mustafa, for over a quarter of a century Musical Director of the world-famed Sistine Choir, at Rome, Father Lorenzo Perosi (his assistant for the past five years) now assumes complete command as Mastro della Capella. It was Pope Sixtus IV who in 1480 suggested the founding of a "music school" in connection with the Sistine Chapel, but the idea was not materialized until the year 1513, when, under Pope Julius II, the "Cappella Giulia" was established for twelve singers, twelve choristers, and two Masters—one for "Grammar" and the other for Music. The renowned Jacob Arcadelt was the first Master, in 1539, followed by Palestina in 1551, after whom, in later days, came Bai and Scarlatti.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

Editor Catholic Register:
Dear Sir—I have little time or ability to write for newspapers, and if I were to fill a column of *The Register* each week I could not hope to make it more interesting or instructive than it is already. What I have to say to-day is more in the nature of a complaint against the apathy of our Catholic people—young and old—male and female, in promoting the spread of Catholic newspapers and Catholic literature. One would naturally think that in this land which is supposed to be cultured and intelligent, that no Catholic house could be found without at least one Catholic newspaper. But sad to say how many so-called Catholic families have no such source of enlightenment and instruction.

Pope Leo the renowned Pontiff, who so gloriously rules the Universal Church, whose every word is a word of wisdom, says the Catholic press is a missionary throughout the world. What must we think of men and women calling themselves Catholics who turn their backs to the missionary and despite his counsels and instruction? The least that can be said of them is that they are spineless Catholics, who know and care little for the faith they profess.

Several years ago I was quite a young man then—boarding in a so-called Catholic family. I was a regular subscriber to that grand old Catholic newspaper, the New York Freeman's Journal, edited at that time by the late lamented James A. McMaster, whose vigorous and learned

ed editorials, should be an inspiration to every Catholic. No other Catholic paper came into the house. You will say, perhaps, there must have been a regular scramble for *The Freeman*. No. I was the only one who read it. The members of the family read all the latest ten cent novels, and could impart lessons on the latest fashions, dancing, music and etiquette, yet they had no use for Mr. McMaster's brilliant writings and they were contemptuously thrown aside. If we look around us to day we will find men and women who never read a Catholic newspaper are weak-minded, weak-kneed Catholics,

who are continually looking for excuses for their religion, and who have neither voice nor pen to defend the Church, and who are always finding fault with every movement gotten up by the priest for the benefit of the congregation to which they are an encumbrance. We see Catholic young men who think nothing of wasting a quarter or two each day on cigars or something more dangerous, who would feel that they were hopelessly ruined if called upon to pay a dollar annually for a Catholic newspaper.

Do these young men think they are fulfilling their duty to the Church and society? No good can come to society or the Church from "baywood" Catholics. The Catholic who has no use for Separate Schools—who never responds to the appeal of his pastor for assistance in promoting Catholic objects and interests, and is always willing to let the other fellow do it—but is generous with his criticism and faultfinding—is generally the one who never supports a Catholic newspaper or buys a Catholic book. The tastes and aspirations of too many of our young men are running in a pernicious groove. They care little for the example they show their neighbor, and are soon too often about the street corners, and the saloon. What we want is some influence to rouse them, up to a sense of their responsibilities.

Whether this can best be done by the promoting of young men's societies, where lectures could be frequently given by the clergy, or by instituting temperance societies, on the line so successfully established by Rev. Dr. O'Brien, of Peterborough, is a question which I think might be discussed with profit.

Belleville, Sept. 1, 1902.

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BASILIAN FATHERS.
The annual retreat of the Basilian Fathers of America concluded at St. Michael's College on Saturday, after having been in progress for a week.

At the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning at St. Basil's Church His Grace Archbishop O'Connor admitted to orders in the Community of St. Basil Rev. Joseph Sharpe as deacon, Rev. Francis Powell and Rev. V. G. Murphy as sub-deacons. Rev. Mr. Powell will be ordained priest on September 29.

The assignments of professors among the various colleges and parishes under the control of the order is as follows:

St. Michael's College—Rev. Father Marion, Provincial of the Province of America; Rev. Dr. Toole, M. A. LL. D., Principal; Rev. Father Martin, Treasurer; Rev. Father Dumouchel, Director of Studies; Rev. Father Sullivan, Director of Discipline. The teaching staff is as follows: Theology, Father Frachon, philosopher. Father Teely, classics, mathematics and commercial, Rev. Fathers Sullivan, Plummer, Staley, Kennedy, Murray, O'Neill, Walsh, Oberier, Burke, Foster and Roach, and Messrs. Murphy, Hughes, Mulligan, Morley and E. Martin. Rev. Father Brennan will be parish priest of St. Basil's Sandwich College—Rev. Father Brady, Superior; Rev. J. B. Collins, Treasurer; Fathers Ferguson, Guilane, Shaughnessy, Gignac, C. Collins, Reath and Powell, and Messrs. Sharpe, Hogan, Ford, Sills, Plourde, Christian and Healey. Fathers Seamaud and Challenard will be parish priests of Sandwich.

The following have been appointed to the parishes outside Toronto:

Owen Sound — Rev. Father Kelly, Superior; Rev. Fathers Granotier, Buckley and McNulty, assistants.

Detroit—Rev. Father McGrail, Superior; Rev. Fathers Cote and Christopher, assistants.

Amherstburg—Rev. Father Renaud and Howard.

Port Lambton — Rev. Father O'Donoghue.

The Rev. Fr. Vaschale, D. D., Ph. D., will continue his work of research at Washington University. He is engaged in bringing out a work on Orientals, and is on the university staff.

The novitiate of the community on St. Clair avenue, this city, will be in charge of the Rev. Father Abouin. The scholasticate in the same building will be under the direction of the Rev. Freeman. No. I was the only one who read it. The members of the family read all the latest ten cent novels, and could impart lessons on the latest fashions, dancing, music and etiquette, yet they had no use for Mr. McMaster's brilliant writings and they were contemptuously thrown aside. If we look around us to day we will find men and women who never read a Catholic newspaper are weak-minded, weak-kneed Catholics,

SAVINGS OF ENGLISH CHILDREN.

Dr. Macnamara, M. P. who has been a school teacher, in a lecture on "Children's Witticisms" told a number of new stories, as well as many old ones. The really funny sayings are usually unconscious. Some sayings of the children were very suggestive, as for example: "Grace is what you have to keep up."

The late Bishop of London gave a prize entitled "Our Feathered Friends." He asked who our feathered friends were, and one little girl replied "Angels."

Mr. Tiller, head master of Boundary Street School, East London, communicated a paper by a boy on the question what he would do with his Whitewash holiday. One of the statements in it was this: "I shall put a parcel on the pavement, fastened to a string that I shall hold, and when somebody comes to pick it up I'll have vanished. Not lost, but gone before."

The question, "What was the general character of Moses?" drew from one child the reply: "A gentleman." Not understanding the meaning of the answer the inspector asked why. "Please, sir, when the daughters of Jethro went to the well to draw water the shepherds were in the way, but Moses helped them, and said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first, please!'"

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THE WORLD AND THE CLOISTER

(The Irish Catholic.)

Professor L. E. Henry, of the University of Cambridge, has just had published by Messrs James Duffy & Co., Ltd., of Dublin, an extremely interesting and edifying work entitled "The Cloister." In this volume Professor Henry shows how real and useful it is the apostolic work of the various praying and contemplative Religious Orders of the Church. The book has been produced under the imprimatur of Cardinal Vaughan after having passed the censorship of Dr. Robert Butler, O.S.C., who supplies an introductory letter dwelling on the merits and services of those holy men and women whose cause is ably championed by Professor Henry. If we may judge from the author's preface, "The Cloister" has been largely the result of Professor Henry's recognition of the cruelty and injustice of the persecution now being carried on in France against the Religious Orders. We should, perhaps, mention that Professor Henry is a convert, and that, in his Anglican days, he held the honorable and responsible office of Reader to the late Duke of Clarence, the King's eldest son. In the commencement of his interesting preface, Professor Henry reminds his readers that: "Honorable and brave men and women of the Church of France have been, out of mere spite towards God and His servants, sentenced to be exiled from the homes of their true King, and driven out as outcasts from their native land by apostates and degraded wretches." Not for the first time in the history of the two countries, the exiles of the Cross have sought and found freedom and protection amongst the Justice and liberty-loving people of Protestant England. Not without good reason, Professor Henry refers to the downward course of France under the dominance of an ignorant, selfish, money-seeking democracy, incapable through want of culture of appreciating the beauty of spiritual things, or the sacrifices and heroism of the spiritual life. Nominally, at least, France is still Catholic, but the majority of her people, must be behind their counters, in their counting houses, or in their fields, have gone on pursuing their avocations as it careless of the fate of the cloistered religious who have been expelled from their convents by an atheistical government presided over by an apostate deacon.

Not without just reason does Professor Henry ask, "Whither in France drifting? How far do anti-Christian changes recently introduced by Republicans into the national life of France accord with the old Catholic and Royalist spirit of Christendom? What is in store for France without the lead of Church, King, Nobility and Gentry, and with Democracy supreme again?" Only one answer, unfortunately, is possible to such questions, unless the masses of the people of France will hearken to the appeals of the Sovereign Pontiff and will insist that their Republic shall be a Christian Republic. We do not agree with Professor Henry in assuming, as he apparently does, that existing evils have their origin in the Republican institutions of the country. Abundant historical evidences, with which, of course, Professor Henry is familiar, exist to show that the Church was as cruelly ill-treated on more than one occasion by the Kings and Nobles of France as she is now being by the elected representatives of the people. Professor Henry must also be aware that the Protestantism of his own nation was the outcome of a regal and aristocratic conspiracy for the plundering of the ancient religious establishments of England. We cannot, therefore, any more than the Sovereign Pontiff has been able to, accept the theory that the deplored scenes now being witnessed in France are the necessary or inevitable result of the political and governmental changes which have taken place. The scandals which have occurred have been enacted because French society has been corrupted by widespread immorality, by an all perading greed for worldly gain, and by a selfish disinclination on the part of the bourgeoisie to make any sacrifice or to incur any peril in defense of the works of God and of the organization of Religion. Over a land and people such as this a terrible chastisement must impend. The day cannot be far distant when the wrath of the Almighty will manifest itself in some fearful national calamity. We know not in what form this will come, but that it will be widespread—unless France repents—so Christian can doubt. It would not, however, be fair to Professor Henry to allow it

to be assumed that his charming book is entirely taken up by pseudo-politico discussions. On the contrary, the greater portion of its pages are occupied by the discussion of the beauties and advantages, the motives and the purposes of the cloistered religious life. Furthermore, Professor Henry describes the rules and organizations of the various contemplative and praying Orders, and does so in words which can scarcely fail to prove gratifying to their members, as well as stimulating to the devotion of all his readers. "The Cloister" is a book which well repays perusal, and which we have no hesitation in most heartily commending to all before whom these words may come.

A BOY'S EDUCATION

Now that the holidays are over, some observations on the above subject cannot but be of interest to parents:

It might perhaps be easy for a wise mother who has God-given instincts to guide her, says Simon Y McFer-
son in The Interior, but a teacher, even if he be also a father, must reach the motor of another's boy by proceeding from without inwards. His first diagnosis will inevitably be superficial. Intimate and sympathetic knowledge is of relatively slow growth. Yet this kind of knowledge is essential, because no two boys are exactly alike. They are severally individual, with unique capabilities, good and bad.

There is difficulty also in the word "practical." If it means only the capacity to use brains in technical work the boy may become a useful, possibly a money-making machine, but there is danger lest he miss the abundant human life and be in the end one-sided and distorted, incapable, especially in later years, of making himself happy in human service. But if "practical" means real instead of dilettante, actual, concrete and positive instead of merely theoretical, abstract, and negative, then, in my opinion, it defines the true education of the normal and average boy. Every true boy, like every true man, will have a working ideal. The question is what his ideal shall be, for whether high or low, it will determine his goal. That ideal will emerge in little things as well as in large, and it will be set or changed by the aims which he is taught.

That ideal will be chiefly created by his heredity and by his home-training. A discerning boy will begin with the right ancestors centuries before his birth. But whatever his hereditary tendencies, they will be chiefly corrected, or confirmed, by his home. The home "forms" the boy most of all in his pre-natal training and the training of his early years. No school, college or university can do much more than build upon the foundations fixed by his home. Schooling may bring out the best, and restrain the worst, instilled by his earliest legacies and circumstances, but can hardly do much more. The raw materials presented to a school are always products of the home. Mothers and fathers are the primal and formative teachers.

But the school in the education of a boy, while keeping character and service as the end, will hold a triune method in view.

First, it will seek to develop his health and physical vigor. For upon these depend greatly the success or failure of his career. When he is wholesome a boy must be active. He ought to do bodily work, and, if possible, of a kind interesting to him. He should have his defects corrected. Physical rectification and training give him the physical basis of virtue. He hungers, too, for fun and for competitive games. Play is a demand of his nature. Nor was the psalmist the only one whose hands the Lord taught to war and his fingers to fight. Except in the lackadaisical, the competitive instinct is universal. Nor can agreeable games, to a boy's mind, be entirely free from peril or as he thinks, from heroism. Fond mothers may, for example, see nothing but brutal danger in football. They may ignore its splendid lessons in fortitude, in keeping the temper under difficulties, in learning to lead, by first learning to obey, in subordinating selfish personal display to the interests of a "team," in working together for a "cause," in ascertaining by hard experience the resistless value of organization. But their "barbarian" sons, meanwhile learning to keep the body under, will hold a different view intuitively and, as I think, correctly.

Second, the practical training of a boy should emphatically be intellect-

ual. The field of knowledge is already so large and so constantly growing larger, and the aptitudes of boys are, as they always have been, so various that these young aspirants cannot all be fitted to one Procrustean bed. But the order of education followed and tested for centuries has the presumption of superior value on its side, and the newer education is only proving its right to an equal standing. Moreover, the theory that mere "interest" or preference is a final gauge for the education of boys is much like the assumption that babies should live on sugar because they are fond of it. There is no easy or royal road to "practical," or real, education. If it be worthy of the name, it exacts hard work, some of which must certainly, at first, be drudgery. Easy writing makes hard reading, and indulgent, lazy education makes poor scholars and lazy men. The secondary school next after the home, and beyond the usual college experience, is the place for making genuine, trustworthy boys and students, not scholars. Such work is essentially character-building. Parents, therefore, who would be able to trust their boys to the growing freedom of college life, should support the secondary school in its highest intellectual standards.

In a third place, it goes without saying that moral education is a supreme element in "the practical education of a boy."

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

A sign of the growth of Catholicism in this province, and the rapid increase in the number of churches, will be witnessed this morning at St. Michael's Cathedral, when His Grace Archbishop O'Connor will perform the ceremony of consecrating twenty-six altar stones intended for as many different churches. This will be the first occasion upon which a public ceremony of this nature has taken place in Toronto at least within thirty-five years, and it will be attended by all of the clergy resident in the city and by many from outside.

To avert the calamity, to adjust the forces that will give to every man the chances that God furnished him with, all this requires very much better methods than have been adopted in the past. No amount of labor fighting against labor will stop the exactions of an Astor or the ambitious schemes of a Morgan or a Rockefeller. Strikes will never reduce the claims of the great landlords who collect ground rents. No chasing and abusing of Italians or negroes or Hungarians or Chinese or so-called scabs will restore to man the right to work whenever and wherever he pleases, so long as he does not encroach on the equal freedom of his fellow men, nor will it save him from the infamy of having to bear the whole burden of supporting government and supporting an idle aristocracy at the same time.

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A VISITING IRISH PRIEST.

Rev T M. Hardy, O.M., parish priest of St. Peter's, Dublin, has been in this country for a couple of weeks, accompanied by Rev. Father Twomey of Tweed. The visitor is making a tour of Canada, and from what he has already seen believes that his countrymen should look upon the Dominion with a kindly eye. "The curse of Ireland is landlordism," said Father Hardy in conversation. "No one outside the country can form an idea of the handicap it places on Ireland. The farms are small and the rents paid in most cases exorbitant. It is the aim of the National party to free the country from this yoke by arranging by legal means for such control of the lands as will permit of them being worked at a reasonable rental." Father Hardy spoke very hopefully of the Home Rule movement. The County Council measure introduced into Ireland has worked very successfully, and the Irish are delighted and the English surprised. This success, according to the visiting priest, augurs well for the success of the National Government in Irish hands. Father Hardy looks forward, not backward. In less than 50 years, he believes, old Erin will have regained prestige and prosperity. It is his intention to take steps on his return to Ireland to disseminate knowledge about the Dominion.

ALASKA MISSION APPEAL.

Rev Father Lucchesi, S. J., of the Holy Cross Mission, Kosciusko P.O., Alaska, appeals for help in the desolation which has overtaken the mission by reason of the plague. He writes: "The Alaska Mission of the Yukon finds itself in sore need of help, owing to a devastating plague which has raged among the Esquimaux, and which in a short time carried off one-half of the native population. It would take too long to describe the tale of horror witnessed by the missionaries during the plague. Suffice it to say that the well ones fled from shelter, from food and from home, abandoning the sick to their fate, amidst the unburied remains of the dead, and exposing themselves to the horrors of starvation. The missionaries exerted themselves to the utmost, nursing the sick, assisting the dying, burying the dead and distributing with an unsparing hand every means at command, leaving the mission now exhausted and in a very crippled condition, struggling to keep on with its schools and its work.

Relatives in Aylmer of Mr C R Devlin, Canadian Immigration Commissioner in Dublin, have received word that the commissioner is in excellent health.

The Havas News Agency has received an undated despatch from Fort de France, Martinique, announcing that about 1,000 persons were killed and that several hundred were injured, as the result of a violent eruption of Mont Pelee on Saturday, Aug. 30, which destroyed Morne Rouge and Ajoupa Bouloua, two villages near Mont Pelee. The despatch confirms the report that the village of La Carbet was damaged by a tidal wave, was also felt at Fort de France, where the people were panic stricken. Morne Rouge is the village that escaped the first disastrous upheaval. Its exemption from the deluge of fire was supposed by many to have been miraculous.

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A BRUSH WITH A MAN-EATER, AND WHAT IT LED TO.

CHAPTER I.

The glow of sunset mellowed the dark hills. Upon their tops a purple glory rested. The yellow sands that spread along the shore were brightened by a deeper golden tint. Westward across the calm but rippling ocean, a line of golden sheen swept sparkling on—sparkling with every ripple of the waters, like smiles of children in their angel sleep—to where the sea and sky did seem to kiss and the red sun went down in rote splendor.

Evening; the shadows circled round the hills; but yet the purple sunlight lingered o'er them. The blackbird sang upon the beach—gray; birds, the songsters of the grave, in shrilly carol sang out their weeper hymn with silvery tones; but he was leader of the feathered choir. How gravely sat that winged patriarch; how solemnly those deep notes rolled out.

How slept the hills as wrapped in drifts of wine. How calm and dreamy seemed the slumbering ocean. The birds were hushed, in cove and bush and tree. The sun grew lower now, the sea-path dimmer. That summer evening, in its very stillness, seemed soon to awake a whispering voice from silence.

The grass was rank and lush above the dead. On many a mound a few poor withered leaves told the old tale, how quickly we forget those whom we seemed to reverence while they lived. The elm raised up its proud and lordly head above the dust of untold generations. It had seen earthed there; the gloomy yew flung its long shadow o'er the mouldering turf—o'er boastful, slab and stately monument; o'er simple cross where loved ones told their love; o'er low green mounds where naught but daisies grew.

Other two women strolled, to that lonely field of God. They called it so in olden time; and one can bless the th—, that consecrates to heaven the sacred earth in which our loved ones sleep.

One of the new-comers was a queenly woman—one with snowy brows deep, dark, shadowy, but full of light—hair on whose soft brown waves the sunlight glinted—lips rich and roseate, pliant to the soul, of grief or joy the soft interpreters—a neck and form ripe, womanly, and gracious. Her robe was dark, and over her head there hung a silken hood which could not hide the beauty of her soft gold-brown hair; a silvery veil hung half-way o'er her face, but left to view the dimple on her chin and the soft smile that hovered round her lips.

Encircled by her arm a gentle maiden, fair as the lily, lovely as the dawn of April morning, lingered by her side. They spoke not till they reached that sacred spot and stood where o'er the soft green mound of turf, a monument rose up, a sculptured cross, emblem of Christian thought and Christian hope.

And they sat them down beside the grave. Not spoken words, but moving lips made known the silent prayer they waited up to Heaven. To her companion's breast with close embrace the maiden shrank, and in soft accents whispered:

"Mother—for such you've even been to me—none other by that sweet name have I known—in life he loved you dearly and in death he left me, with his blessing, to your care."

"Darling," the lady whispered, "so true trust he placed in me I shall be ever true. My love as well as duty prompt me, sweetest. A good and just man was he; may I hope I've done my duty."

"Mother darling mine, duty—with you in love and love is duty. Mother—sister—call you what I may—you've ever been my gracious guide and guardian. All that there is of good in me I owe to your soft, gentle training. Mother mine, we'll never part again."

"My darling one," the lady said, taking in fond embracement that gentle form, "our loves will never die. But these will come when higher, deeper love will call you home. My blessing will go with you, and your home—if my poor prayers can make it—will be happy."

They sprinkled flowers on the grassy mound. They breathed a prayer and bowed up to Heaven. They

blo officer. "This will revive him, I think."

O'Reilly opened his eyes with a deep sigh; but as his gaze met that of the other who was bending compassionately over him, he immediately comprehended the situation.

Holding out his left hand, with a faint smile of recognition, for he could not lift his right arm, he murmured.

"Ah! it's you who are my preserver, Gerald Moore. Thanks. Have you killed him?"

"Yes, Hugh, my boy, your enemy lies dead at your feet."

O'Reilly gazed at the lifeless form of the monstrous, yet beautiful beast, with a palpable shudder.

"What a splendid brute!"

"Yes," replied Moore carelessly, "he was a beauty. This is the fellow that devoured poor Gregg. You're badly hurt, Hugh, my boy, and I see you are in great pain. But, courageous there is nothing dangerous; and we shall soon have you all right again. Hero comes those cowards of yours; we must beat you back to the bungalow at once, and get you under the hands of the surgeon. Here, you fellows, some of you sling that dead brute over that horse's saddle, and bring him along. And help me to bring your master home."

But Hugh O'Reilly was not "all right" again, so soon as his friend predicted. His shoulder was terribly inflamed, and fever and delirium supervened. For days and night he lay tossing and raving on his bed, and the doctor almost despaired of him.

"Poor fellow," said Moore, sadly, "it would be a pity he should die, so young and so brave."

"He has a vigorous constitution," said the regimental surgeon, "and that may triumph yet."

Gerald Moore nursed his young friend almost as tenderly as a woman.

"Poor lad!" he would say. "He has his secret sorrow. It is what seems to be very like a hopeless attachment. I wonder who this Laura is of whom he is constantly raving? Some rich man's daughter evidently, or he would not be deplored his own poverty so. They are sad, foolish things, these misplaced attachments. Years hence, should he recover, when he will, perhaps, return home, rich in purse but with health broken down, and liver damaged, he will, doubtless find his fair Laura a comely matron, with a large family around her. Poor! we men are fools."

At length, when O'Reilly's patience was nearly exhausted, Abdalla crept forward to him with a look of mingled satisfaction and apprehension.

"We have come upon him, Sabih, he whispered. "He is there."

"Where?" said O'Reilly eagerly.

"There yonder, in the jungle I heard his tread on the leaves."

"Good!"

Hugh got his rifle in readiness. His horse seemed to scent some foe not far off, for he shied a little and began to grow restive.

"Quiet, Boabdil," said the young officer soothingly. "Quiet, good horse. Now then for a pot-shot. I wish Moore were here."

He had scarcely spoken when a terrific roar was heard, and an enormous tiger bounded out of the jungle to within a dozen yards of him. The monster paused at sight of horse and rider, glared upon them with eyes that seemed to send forth flashes of fire, and then looked carelessly round upon the retreating attendants.

Hugh coolly raised his rifle to his shoulder, and taking steady aim, prepared to fire. But just then the frightened horse shied, and the ball only grazed the beast's skin. Ero O'Reilly could fire the second barrel of his rifle, the infuriated tiger sprang upon him with another dreadful roar, and tore him from his saddle.

"Tut, boy," said Gerald Moore, "you might as well have been here as anywhere else. All places are the same to me. Besides, I think my traveling days are well nigh over. I yearn to behold the dear old scenes of childhood again; and I begin to long for rest."

"What a strange, chequered life yours must have been," said O'Reilly meditatively. "You must have some secret sorrow, Gerald, that drives you thus, a lonely wanderer, over the world, when Nature meant you to be an ornament to civilization."

"Tush! flatterer," replied Moore, with a careless air, "we must all endure some sorrow in this life, and I have had no more than my share. Look into your own heart, Master Hugh."

The young Lieutenant blushed as red as a peony.

CHAPTER III.

One day a letter came—a letter with a mourning envelope and a large black seal. It was addressed to "Lieutenant Hugh O'Reilly," etc., in a very formal hand.

"I wonder who is this from?" said O'Reilly, as he held the letter in his

hand and stared at the superscription. "I have no correspondents, and here is a letter that seems to indicate a recent death. I wonder whence it comes."

"Break the seal," said Moore, who was quietly smoking, "and you will soon solve the mystery."

"Hm!" muttered O'Reilly. "That is the Dublin post-mark,—here goes for a plunge into the unknown."

As he read, his cheeks grew paler, and then flushed again, and his eyes sparkled. Then, looking up with a smile, he said.

"Congratulate me, Moore. I am a rich man."

"I congratulate you with all my heart," said the other. "But how has this windfall come about?"

"Ah! it's a sad thing too. This letter from the family solicitor, informs me that my cousin, who had led a rather wild and dissolute life, has recently died of consumption, and that his aged father, stricken by the bereavement, succumbed to the blow, and did not survive a month. I am, therefore, sole heir to an estate of five thousand pounds sterling per annum."

"I could not hope for better companionship," said Lieutenant O'Reilly.

CHAPTER IV.

How the hours, how the days, how the months go by! What a dream is time—what a passing cloud, gloomy, shadowy, yet edged with silvery light. There are thousands of miles to travel over, and there are hearts which we hunger to meet again. But we still hold on in heart of hope, and oh! what joy is ours when we clasp the dear ones to our heart. Anticipation of joy is joy in itself, picturing the glad looks of those we love, but whom we have not seen for many a weary day, picturing their welcoming embraces and their words of love is itself a strange, restless, eager kind of happiness. Homeward are we bound; and thousands of miles of ocean melt away in the distance. Our feet are on the green sod of Erin now, and the island home of our race—God bless it—is ours again.

"Aye, aye," was the answer.

"You did not know how near to the mark your shaft went that day?"

"I had a pretty good guess, though," said Gerald Moore.

"How?"

"Why, you foolish boy," the other answered, languidly, "you let the whole secret out in your delirium."

"The deuce I did!" the Lieutenant exclaimed in laughable surprise.

"Yes, and the fair lady's name is Laura. Tut, man; you need not blush; there is nothing to feel shame-faced about."

"Well," said O'Reilly, "let me tell my story, it is a brief one. When I last visited Ireland, on leave, I stayed some time with a lady (a widow), a distant relative of my mother. There was on visit with her, at the time, a young lady, so exquisitely beautiful, so attractive in manner, so winningly gentle, that I had not been in her society an hour ere I was hopelessly smitten. We were necessarily much thrown together, enjoying the same drives and the same walks, and the result was the confession of a mutual attachment. But, alas! my friend, I was deplorably poor, while I discovered that Laura's father was a rich man. I felt the sense of bitter self-reproach, when I comprehended the facts, for having won this sweet girl's love for a poor, penniless subaltern. My father, you are aware, was a younger son, with no fortune but his sword, which was all he could leave me. Shortly before his death he procured me a commission from the East India Company, whom he had served with honor and distinction. What right had I poor beggar, to dream of marriage? What right had I to gain the affections of this sweet girl? I told her all, but she said she would wait; and that I might yet win distinction and wealth. We plighted our troth, and often have I reproached myself with it as a crime against the sweet girl whom I loved so dearly. But, now, all is changed, thank Heaven! I am rich, and can face her father on equal terms."

"Why yes, my friend," said Moore, "there is no ground for despairing now. But as you have given me your confidence I will now give you mine. You have wondered why I am ever so restless, wandering to the ends of the earth. I will tell you. Years ago I loved a young lady—a noble, queenly creature—loved her as devotedly as hopelessly, for I was poor and so was

she. From earliest childhood she had been my playmate, yet I never told her of my love. An old and very wealthy man proposed to her his impoverished parents for her hand, and at length she was induced by frequent solicitations, to accept him. On the day that saw her a wife, I fled from the country in despair, revolting to put thousands of miles of ocean between me and my cherished idol, now lost to me forever. In Australia, hard toll was my consoler, and I amassed wealth in a wonderfully short time. Then an irresistible longing to travel, for perpetual change of scene, seized upon me, and over since, I have been the wanderer you see."

"My poor friend," said O'Reilly, pressing Moore's hand, "your's is indeed a sad story."

"Tush," replied the other, with a forced laugh. "It is not so terrible after all. I'll weather it out, and make, I doubt not, a respectable old bachelor yet, at peace with the world and with myself, when you are a dignified paternostler. Late, a yearning to visit the old scenes again has grown upon me, and so I have resolved to return to Ireland with you."

"I could not hope for better company," said Lieutenant O'Reilly.

CHAPTER V.

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"Madra mis, you are silent and melancholy to-day."

"Poor Gerald!" sighed the elder lady, "I wonder where he is at this hour."

"And who, dear," said the girl, drawing nearer to her friend and winding her arms round her neck— "who is Gerald?"

"The playmate of my childhood," was the answer—"a true and noble gentleman was Gerald Moore. He left the country suddenly, after my marriage with your father; and I have never heard of him since."

"But now," Laura said, "he will be my guardian, indeed, when he is my mamma's husband."

With a flush upon her cheek, the elder lady kissed the girl, as she whispered:

"I had thought that Gerald, should he return, should be your best guardian and protector, for you would have loved him. But now—"

"But now," Laura answered, "he will be my guardian, indeed, when he is my mamma's husband."

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re-echo the banjo's caoine,
By the grass grown tomb of Cormac her paled face is seen.

Swells from the harp of Erin, a tremulous dirge of woe;
The pride of her heart, her bravest, at Cashel to-day lies low.

Who joyed in her hour of glory, who grieved her wrongs to see,
As he joyed with His Lord on Thabor and sorrowed on Calvary.

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We in our grief are selfish; golden his great reward

Who toiled thro' stress of the noon-tide in the vineyard of the Lord.

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THE MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat in Eastern-Quebec Rail-The Live Stock Trade.

Monday Evening, Sept. 2.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

The street market was quiet today, the chief activity being in grain, live stock and horses. The market was closed Saturday morning.

Wheat—Prices were weaker, with a general fall of 10c. to 25c. bushels of 20c. lower at 60c. to 70c. and 200 bushels of 20c. lower at 65c. to 75c. One load of 200 bushels was sold at 60c. per bushel.

Barley—Old sold 15c. to 20c. lower at 40c. to 50c.

Hay—One load sold at 15c. to 20c. lower at 40c. to 50c.

Live—One load 25c. lower at 18c. per bushel.

Beef—Two loads of old sold 20c. to 25c. lower at 40c. to 50c. per bushel.

Sheep—One load unchanged at 10c. per bushel.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, Sept. 2—No cheese boarded at the principal cheese market today. The demand was very poor, and the price of 10c. per pound was unchanged.

Campbellford, Sept. 2—At the Campbellford Cheese Board to-day, 1,000 boxes were boarded. Sales at 10c. per pound.

Wheat—Increased 25c. per bushel during the past week, and 200 bushels of 20c. per bushel and oats increased 50c. per bushel; a few bags of wheat decreased 25c. per bushel.

Toronto Live Stock.

The trading at the Toronto Cattle Market to-day was rather quiet and prices were steady. There was a moderate run and the trade of last week was ordinary. The conditions for live cattle were not particularly good, fat ready to market for 20c. per bushel, while the low grades were inclined to move slowly. The abundance of poor cattle prevents activity, and unless there will be little or no increase in the demands sheep and lambs were steady for lamb and calves were firm. Hogs were steady for 20c. per bushel. The total receipts were 48 loads, including 200 bushels of sheep and lambs and 200 bushels of hogs.

Export Cattle—Prices were unchanged at 40c. to 50c. per bushel. An occasional lot brought 50c. more, and when the quality was superior, Medium grades, including light weights, were rather dull, with quotations unchanged at 40c. to 45c. per bushel. The demand was confined principally to the finer grades, and all of these were quickly snapped up. The others were a trifle slow and hinders had difficulty in finding new customers.

Live Hogs—There was a steady demand for live hogs, and prices ranged as high as 50c. The call for fat hogs, however, is so small as to be scarcely noticed, and the inferior animals have a hard time in finding new customers.

Sheep—There was a steady demand for sheep, and the offerings were easily absorbed. Prices of sheep were steady, with no change.

Lambs—25c. to 30c. per bushel.

The market is a little sensitive, however, and sellers fear that large shipments would cause a stampede in prices.

Live Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, Sept. 2—Cattle—Receipts, 625 head; mostly common, 100 bushels.

Little demand; prices steady.

Sheep—Demand, 100c. per bushel.

Live—Demand, 10c. per bushel.

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