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### MOTHER.

Mother—, a creature, of fondness and meekness,  
Richer and dearer than earth's precious gold,  
Mother—a treasure of exquisite sweetness  
Of affection transcendent—affection untold!  
Tho' lightnings may leap, and tempests may snarl,  
And Life's ocean billows dash upwards on high,  
Her presence resembles the song bird's sweet carol,  
Or beacon light gleaming from out that dark sky.

In the dawn of existence by our cradle lone watching,  
She joys in our joys—she weeps in woes,  
Each little syllable dropped ever catching,  
We her fond comrades wherever she goes:  
In sorrows and pains of life's autumn season,  
Abandoned by dearest, the fondest, the few'  
Well we can utter with confident reason,  
"Of all in the world she's constant and true.

Other may flatter, some few may cherish,  
May seem to caress with heaven's own love,

But friends even truest, like fall leaves shall perish,  
Like long fleecy clouds shall constantly move:  
She like the ivy that grows in the wildwood,  
That clings to the tree till its final decay,  
She, the protector, the guardian of childhood,  
Shall never forsake us, shall never betray.

Hers is the bright light, that warms the fireside,  
Hers is the magic that circles the home,  
She is the angel that watches the bedside,  
When Sickness and Sorrow with dusky wings come:  
When Adversity's winds around us loud bellow,  
Howling, whilst seeking their prey to devour,  
Her words are the rainbow so peaceful and mellow  
That girdles our pathway after the shower.

Faithful as sunshine that comes in the morning,  
Faithful as starlight that comes in the eve,  
True as the springtime, each valley adorning,  
Nor chaplet of roses did son ever weave,  
Half so expressive of that odor of beauty  
That clings 'round the shine of a fond mother's fame,  
Earth's noblest tribute—our fondest duty  
To reverence, to worship that loveliest name.

J. P. M.

### LITTLE WILLIE. (*Concluded.*)

Five minutes later he rolled his glaring eyes again—struggled faintly—gasped—and died. The mother, kneeling by the bed-side, gazed for a moment upon the pale corpse; but seeing Willie no longer there, all the pent up agony of her soul suddenly burst forth in a perfect storm of grief. She could scarcely be controlled. "Oh Willie! Willie! Willie!" she would exclaim, "why were you taken away from us!" Then wringing her hands, she would pour forth her sorrow in such a flood of tears, that it would seem as if her cup of bitterness were full to overflowing. The father, too, felt the heavy blow.



Rising from beside the little corpse of his once fair child, his bosom heaved with emotion, and big tears rolled down his cheeks; for Willie was the pride of his heart and the foundation of all his hope.

Two days later a small procession of people went forth from that lonely cottage, headed by six little children clothed in the livery of sorrow, and bearing in their midst a small snow-white coffin decked with the most beautiful flowers. It moved towards the Church, and having entered, soon came forth and passed on to a remote corner of the graveyard. Here they paused, and, lowering the little coffin in the grave prepared for it, consigned to its primitive element all that was mortal of poor little Willie. That night in their lowly cottage, beside a dim taper, the bereaved parents sat lonely and alone. They thought of poor Willie, assuring each other that he was in heaven, and wondering if they would ever meet him in the life to come. They reflected upon the nothingness of this world's gifts, and determined henceforth to place all their hopes in Heaven—to spend the rest of their days in serving God, so that they may perhaps yet be united with their darling boy, and enjoy with him the blessings of a happy eternity.

To-day the little cottage back in the fields is crumbling into ruin. Tall weeds and rank grass grow wildly around it, the wind whistles through it and the night owl hoots from its broken casement. In the Churchyard by the roadside, close to the spot where Willie was long ago laid to rest, two other moulds of earth may be seen. No stones tell who they are that sleep below, but every body knows they are the parents of poor little Willie. They lived a good life, they died a good death, and now they are most probably united with their darling boy in Heaven.

"A Home in Heaven! What a joyful thought!"

A. M.

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### CHEERFULNESS.

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In the formation of character the beautiful quality of cheerfulness should never be overlooked. It is the most important of the social virtues—one which is pleasing and acceptable to everybody; and upon which much of the joy and happiness of life depend. A cheerful countenance is never shunned or despised; it rather attracts, diffusing its brightness upon all with whom it comes in contact, and in a manner communicating to them the happy spirit that inspires it. It is the most reliable evidence of our own internal peace and contentment, and constitutes one of the surest and most efficacious means of promoting the happiness of those around us. Indeed it is almost impossible to be unhappy in the

midst of cheerfulness. The hardest frost of winter always melts before the summer sun; so the sourest temper sweetens and brightens in the atmosphere of continuous good humor. As well night fog, and cloud, and vapor, hope to cling to the sun-illuminated landscape, as sullenness and moroseness to combat jovial speech and exhilarating laughter. Like the morning beams of the sun, the light of a cheerful face spreads radiant brightness, where before was nothing but darkness and gloom. Who, therefore, would allow his life to become miserable, and his days to drag heavily, when, by the cultivation of a pleasing and joyous disposition, the most dismal shadows will vanish and the pure light of happiness burst forth around us. In youth this beautiful virtue should be especially attended to. It will make our company pleasing and agreeable, it will gain for us numerable friends, and it will diffuse an attractive brightness around the higher perfections of heart and intellect. It is next to impossible to create a favorable impression upon those around us when our temper is sullen and morose. To gain the good will of our fellow-men, we must be cheerful; we throw off the dark mantle of gloom and dejection, thus proving to them that we have a regard for the feelings of others, and that we have a desire to promote their happiness, even though our own hearts be sore and sad. Much, too, of the joy and peace of after life will depend upon the early cultivation of this virtue of cheerfulness. There is no path but will be easier travelled, no load but will be lighter, no shadow on heart or brain, but will be vanish sooner in the presence of determined good humor. True indeed, it is not always easy to wear a pleasing countenance when naught lies beneath it but sadness and sorrow; but, though such times be common in men's lives, we must nevertheless fight bravely, and strive as best we can to dislodge that arch-enemy of our happiness. Remember well that sullen gloom and passionate despair do nothing but multiply thorns and thicken sorrow; that the ills of life must visit us sooner or later, and that if we accept them in pleasant cheer, they will turn to good in our hands, and thus lose their apparent sting. There is nothing, indeed, more beautiful and Christian-like than calm and cheerful resignation in adversity. Dark clouds of trouble, care, and anxiety, will certainly often steal round us; but bright smiles and joyous words, like the sunlight of heaven, will paint on their bosom the beautiful rainbow of love and peace, and thus make them lovely in the midst of their gloom.

It should be a rule in the conduct of everybody, to preserve a calm and agreeable temper. From pettishness and sullenness, nothing is to be gained; but from a cheerful and jolly disposition much is to be hoped. Who that has gone forth into the world, depending upon the world for support, will tell you that urbanity of manners and cheerfulness of disposition are practical—



ly of little or no importance? The people of this nineteenth century are too refined to easily tolerate sour or gruffy temperaments, too sensitive not to be offended by the least failing in point of true genuine politeness, and too independent to care an iota for a person who is always sullen and morose and has no regard for the feelings or happiness of others. Pleasant smiles and gentle words go farther than many suppose; they possess a kind of magic power, which seldom or never fails in its influence over even the most obdurate hearts.

To all those, therefore, who wish to spend their days among men peacefully and agreeably; who wish to blunt the stings of life's ills and to lessen its burdens of trouble and care; who wish to rise in the estimation of their fellow-man, and to be to those around them a source of pleasure and enjoyment,—to those we would commend assiduous cultivation of this beautiful and simple virtue of cheerfulness. It shows not only a calm unselfish nature, but also a good heart and a clear conscience. Only the virtuous can be truly cheerful. The bad and vicious may be gay and humorous, but always in a vulgar and boisterous way; genuine suavity and gayety of manners can seldom or never be acquired by those whose hearts are not good and pure. Virtue and all the other Christian graces necessarily go hand in hand.

A. M.

SANTA FE, N. M. Oct. 22th, 1884.

Very Rev. M. J. Marsile.

Rev. and dear Friend.

I should have written you long ago, and through you to my friends of "ye olden times" but the fact is I have only begun to feel settled and have been awaiting the proper mood to give you an elaborate description of the strange features that daily come up before one in this strangest of strange lands; but moods, as well as tenses, and all things that have a sense of order, are entirely foreign to this locality; so I will have to give you a plain unvarnished tale without any of those stereotyped embellishments that make Governors of news-paper-men.

I arrived in Santa Fé some two months ago, after a few week's stay in Denvir, and the features that at first occupied my attention have since grown so common place that it is like essaying a description of Bourbonnais, (to draw out a few pointers regarding the historic old burg.) old—well I should smile as the boy has it,—old enough to vote you would say did you but pass through the principle business street with its monotonous rows of adobe (dried-mud) houses, some of which contain more wealth within those primitive walls than

many of your "bloated-aristocratic" establishments on State steet.

Here and there among them stands a modern brick, like an interloper, a beardless youth among sages: though the old Moorish building be in the ascendancy a comparatively short time will find it a mere relic of antiquity, for no where in the world is American energy and push more marked than here where the native "don't-care-whether-school-keeps-or-not" disposition seems to impregnate the very system of nature! Those, who have taken pains to look the matter up, say, that the prevalence of Moorish customs among the Spaniards is not less apparent here than in Europe and the tenacity with which they hold to them is surprising. The houses without exception, are built in single-stories as if earthquakes were the order of the day; mud roofs, supported by powerful piece-timbers, fill up an ideal picture of Babylon of old, with a profusion of vegetation and wild flowers of a liver-complaint hue covering all; the floors are of sand neatly swept and though the modern chair has crept into many of the houses even though said chair be as invitingly soft as an oriental divan they will still persist in sitting on the floor. Every house, like Desdemona's father's house in the Moor of Venice, is built with an open space in the centre, called a "plazita;" though it has the sky for a roof it is the principal room and strange to say after Socrates' principle of building a barrel they start with this and build outward. The Spanish greaser, the American ideal of cussedness does not exist, unless in border mythology. The natives are to all appearance a good people; emotional, they may be sinning one minute and praying the next.

There is much in their character that savors of the Old Country Irish disposition, generous to a fault with that primitive simplicity that seems to vanish at the very hint of contaminating modern influence. If there be one other feature, peculiar to New Mexico, barring the mountains, that reach up to the sublime it is this grand simplicity, I was going to call it pre-Adamite innocence but fancy you already ridiculing me at the other end of the line.

If I only possessed the ability of the average newspaper scribe and were to remain long enough to become thoroughly informed I would consider it a duty to brand some of those untruths that have been spread broadcast through the East, regarding these paragons of righteousness. They can not be outdone in their respect for religion or its representatives.

I think the native a badly abused subject and if he has a hearty detestation for the average American it is because he has suffered at the hands of the scape-goats that have infested the locality in times gone by. In fact the district is still pretty well represented by the



"rif-raff" from "back in the States" and, though I have yet to be "Mexicanized" before going back on the land of my choice and of my birth I am glad to state that we have many among us representative Americans who would do credit to any association yet in strict justice to all I can say that virtue is below par and the moral standard is just what Americans make it.

Of course all these things belong to a border town and create no surprise. The gambling however is without qualification, the stakes running from a nickle up to \$500.00 and the paragon of American virtues, even if a church-member will sometimes hold the "4 ones" though of course ignorant of their value. To settle disputes, instead of using "Hoyle's literary gem" they toss an ounce or more of lead and are guided by how it falls and oftentimes the dissentient dealer is carried off a better representative of a mining claim than many a one located in the mountains, yet we have not every element of cussedness for the bunko-steerer seems not to have gotten farther into the wilderness than Denver. Upon coming into the city a stranger would conclude that some local dignitary had died to judge from the figures clad in black, that steal about the streets, but there he would be diametrically wrong as white is the mourning color if the memory of a Castilian be involved.

Though taking in a few of our Eastern nations, the conventional black shawl, drawn tightly about the mouth, is the acknowledged head-dress and only a few years back the accoutrements of modern female warfare known as Gainsborough hats would be placed in the Archives side by side with rare emanations from defunct Indian pueblos (villages.)

Seeing that "'tis which is t'other and which is which" owing to the sameness in head-dress, that eastern invention, the "masher," would be sadly at a loss; the plot of the "Comedy of errors" must have been conceived in some such locality, though they have raw boned vestals here as well as elsewhere that you might readily distinguish from the Goddess of Justice.

We have not the "masher" but the "dude"—yes we have it if you will rank a sombrero covering a pair of top-boots as it loose, baggy-trousers setting off his classic posterns. The genus is the same; it is true he won't wear a heavy cane because the day is cold but will sport a "gun" with a meekness that would make a Moses blush, and then, you know, our species supports American timber, plays a weak game of "ante" and does other worldly things.

If you hear one say Je—rusalem! upon entering the town you may conclude that he isn't "way up in Jography."—It happens, and were I not myself posted on biblical topography I would have verily been looking about for the residence of the High-Priest, so akin are the street scenes to those portrayed relating to the

Sacred City. The Jack-ass, or "burro" as he is styled in the West, is everywhere (I mean that he is numerous not that he is of the angelic class). He is called the poor man's friend and is indeed a living witness of God's providence: in no single feature is there such a striking manifestation of His care for this portion of the great family. He can live upon almost anything except Western editorials. They have been known to kill, but under ordinary circumstances he can digest a volume of Ingersoll and Robert is right here to corroborate my statement. He will digest a tourgeroise or an instalment of cacti, of which the mountains are full, and round up to the front door of his master's cabin in the morning with an expression of meekness that mocks proud human nature and a few minutes later "waltz" down the mountain side with a "don't care if do" mood that Shakespeare was not in possession of when he wrote "The world is a stage and we are players on it"—Yet withal you would credit this little donkey with doing his part if you met an hundred or more of them in "burro-alley" each with a load of Piñon wood strapped upon his back, which conveys the idea of a good deal of wood and very little "burro." But thus, are his days spent and then he dies hard—indeed I am told in some instances he petrifies.

In support of his longevity it is reported as orthodox, that he will slip down a mountain side, and, after a hundred or more revolutions, fetch up at the foot of it, languidly turn on his side and give way to some of these soul stirring notes that are peculiar to his assiness and that have won for him the sobriquet of the mountain-canary" and with a boost from the proprietor is up on his feet and away to the market.

Now, dear friend, I think I have worried you sufficiently for this trip and am twisting myself about on my "divan" with a view to giving you a rest. I would like to supplement one of my efforts in the sublime, for I

am thoroughly filled with impressions of Santa Fé canon through which I recently passed and which seems the reservoir of nature's gifts, but still have, though western contact has, well nigh rubbed it off, a touch of charity that saves you from the excruciating details of "dead man's gulch" and such, for this time at least. In the ordinary course of things I shall remain here this winter, perhaps forever for this is verily the land where chronics should embrace one another and say: "Truly we have struck it well" my ecstatic dispositions are reviving for next to the weather subject I feel most at home in climatic ebullitions, so I will call a halt wishing yourself, your community, institution and old friends all that the word success indicates.

Sincerely Your Friend.

M. P. O'Driscoll.

Santa Fé N. M.



## LOCALS.

- Turks!
- Turkey fights!!
- Thanks given—
- The weather is bracing up.
- Boys, there is ice on the old-mill-pond, get your skates sharpened!
- Is it going to be forbidden to take sleigh rides this year? Can't we make bargains?
- Oh my! if I knew it would not be over my head I would go and save him....
- Lennie has a light little red hand-ball—and a little ally of his own—only two play on it. Very Romantic.. O Lennie.
- Bang! goes Dan's firelock, and the cunning duck ducks his head under water. "He sinks already!" thinks the sportsman.....Up shoots the little black head a few paces below—bang! goes his gun again—and the fowl wings its airy flight to some safer quarter. "I must have wounded him, says Dan—see, he can hardly fly!" Deluded hunter, put in more ammunition and try something tamer!
- The buttons (probably from the immortal Old Grimes long-tail-coat) afford the boys many hours of agreeable pastime—giving the menders plenty of sewing into the bargain.
- We hailed the first snow-flakes last week—May they be the forerunners of a drifting and salubrious old timed winter with slick sleigh roads and brisk Zephyrs.
- Perrie P. returns from home with a homely flush of health—and is already hard at work.
- Our "Poet laureate" has immortalized himself by an extemporaneous—ex abrupto—spontaneous production which he caused to be read by the light of our bonfire last Saturday.
- It's no use going out hunting any more: Brosseau was out the other day with Commeree and the game is all scared out of the country!
- Our friend Damase Masse from Kansas visited us a fortnight ago.
- Messrs. K——y and C——k will furnish us with Greek poems and locals etc., at very low figures.
- J. C——k is getting so corpulent that he can hardly find a chair in the study-hall that will bear his weight. It is the same with Bib at the table.
- Our most expert Billiardists this year are Messrs. Glen Park, Miles Lancaster, Will Cutsinger, and Alex Granger. These are closely followed by J. Moore and Claude Leggett who are masters of what is called, in billiard parlance, the scratch.—Eh, Famous?
- On Thanksgiving's day we had the pleasure to greet the familiar faces of many friends, among whom were Rev. Fr. Alfred Belanger C. S. V. Rev. Fr. Antho-

ny Mainville C. S. V. of Chicago Rev. A. L. Bergeron of Chicago, Rev. Joseph Lesage of St. George. Rev. Bro. Dionne also of St. George; and many other gentlemen from Chicago and elsewhere.

— Quite a spirited game of foot-ball took place here last Tuesday. We began after one o'clock and the more we played the more we wanted to play. More kickers gradually swelled the combating armies, and every new game excited the players to redoubled exertions. Thus in healthy sport we spent the whole afternoon until the bell called us in as the shades of evening were gathering on.

— A war to the knife and fork was carried on in Gilman last Thursday. The attacking army consisting of Profs. Murphy, McGavick and Shannon besieged Turkey on all sides and after a well sustained siege defeated the enemy and captured the booty. Mr. McGavick after a noble charge, succeeded in annihilating the entire right wing. Mr. Shannon advanced against the breastworks and cleared every thing before him, while Prof. Murphy, displaying his forces to the rear began a spirited fight; thrice on the point of surrendering he contrived to battle until success crowned his efforts, and not a vestige of the enemy's baggage remained.

The veterans returned Thursday evening unscarred—well pleased with their trip. They are loud in their praise of the whole souled generosity of Fathers McCartney and Deveney and hope to repeat their visit in the near future.

— Our musicians did not let pass the anniversary of St. Cecilia without a salute this year. At the morning mass the religious melodies "Angel of Hope" and the Hymn to the Virgin, pieces full of devotional sentiments, were well rendered by the Choral Society and the young choir. The Band serenaded Rev. Fr. Beaudoin and Notre Dame Academy. The afternoon was agreeably spent in outside sports as the weather was fair.

The evening celebration was marked with features novel and particularly enjoyable. Such among others was the shooting of magnificent fireworks, the bonfire illuminating the whole town, the speeches, the good old songs by the "Fireside Club," the war dance around the fire, and the *Poem!* The outside fun over we all filed in in martial order and took our seats to listen to an entertainment of an entirely musical character. The Band opened the concert.

Then followed some apt remarks by Rev. Fr. Daly on the day of St. Cecilia. We were then treated to some of the finest music that our several artists could furnish. Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, flutists, soloists, Pianists, Declaimers, all in a word joined in harmonious concert in rendering the evening a pleasurable one.—May St. Cecilia whom the lovers of music honor as their Patroness, and ever lead them onward to the perfection



of that divine art so well adapted to sooth many of the gloomy passages of our pilgrimage furnishing as it were a foretaste of heavenly harmonies.

Queenstown,  
Sept. 10th. 1884.

Editor; St. Viateur's College Journal.

My Dear Friend: You will be glad to hear that our voyage on board the *Britannic* the *White Star* line was a pleasant one. During the first few days sail everything appeared gloomy, the sea was rough the sky cloudy and many were suffering from sea-sickness. But soon the hope of seeing the *Emerald Isle* took the place of sea-sickness and light and gladness shone on every countenance till the end of our voyage. It was on a calm and beautiful Sunday morning, after nine days sail, all standing on deck with eager eyes turned towards land that our boat arrived at Queenstown. All the boats from America enter this harbor and friends of the passengers from all parts of Ireland come to meet them, here.

Queenstown is a city about the size of Kankakee. It is built on the shore of the Atlantic which rises many feet above the level of the sea. On an eminence overlooking the whole city stands a massive Cathedral of beautiful architecture. Its tapering tower, crowned with a large marble statue of the Blessed Virgin, is the first object to indicate to the American tourist that all danger is over, that land is near; it is also the last glimpse, the Irishman, departing from his home, catches of his native land.

Four miles from this city is an island called Spike island. It is in this island which is about nine miles in circumference that almost all the Irish prisoners are confined. At present they number about four hundred. No prisoner is sent to this island unless he is condemned to penal servitude for a term of at least three years. Not having sufficient employment in this island for so many prisoners they are daily marched to an adjacent island called Haulbolin where they work the whole days on the docks loading and unloading the government ships. A warder with cutlass in one hand and a revolver in the other is placed over every three prisoners.

The number of convicts have greatly increased during the late years of agitation. But this cannot be wondered at, as the guiltless are often dragged before the court and being tried by a hostile judge and jury are condemned to penal servitude of many years.

The first thing that attracts the attention of the tourist after Cork Harbour, is the city of Cork which is the third in size, and population. It is situated on the river Lee thirteen miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It is a prosperous and flourishing city. The public walks and scenery such as Montenatta, Sundays Well and Black Rock are

very beautiful. There are no frame buildings of any description. The streets are wide and always very clean. On one of the principle streets which is known as Patrick's Street, there is a monument erected in memory of the great Irish temperance preacher, Father Mathew. The Shandon Steeple which stands about midway in the city as a monument of no little beauty. Its lofty pinnacle visible from all parts of the city and the sweet chiming of its bells is heard far and near. The post-office, the custom house and the butter market are well worthy of the foreigner's attention. The butter market encloses more than two blocks. It is under one roof divided by rails into many departments each of which is occupied by a merchant and his staff of employees. To this market almost all the butter of the country is sent where it is sold and thence exported to English markets where the merchant sells it at a much higher price. What I have seen of the country in this neighborhood is very rich and fertile. The people are very hospitable and kind to strangers. To labour hard and be industrious seem to be their motto. It is a puzzle to the stranger who is not acquainted with the unjust laws of the country why these people are not more prosperous.

Nor can I soon forget the sad spectacle I witnessed at Queenstown the first day of my arrival in this country. Aged men and women thronged the shores from early morning till late at night to give a last embrace to say the last good-bye to the child of their joy, to the child of their affection and happiness, who is compelled to leave his home and family to make his living in a foreign land. It is indeed a sad picture to see the son standing upon the deck of the departing ship echoing to his aged parents good-bye; to see the afflicted father raise both his hands and in mournful tones lament his departing boy, while the mother kneeling upon the sand in tearful prayers recommends her child to God. Surely it is a striking fact that in a country where family affection and friendships are so binding thousands of people yearly emigrate; it is evident that in such a country a great evil some where lies hidden but every finger points at this evil to be English misrule and oppression. In all I could learn and from what I have seen I concluded that were these a free people they would be a prosperous and a happy nation.

T. L.

#### CATHOLIC NOTES.

Monsignor Capel, who is now in this country, is considered one of the ablest expounders of Catholic doctrine. He is forty nine years of age.

A handsome new church under the patronage of St. Patrick has been completed in Washington, D. C. and



the dedication, owing to the Plenary Council, will not take place until the 21st. inst.

On the 30th. of Oct. His Grace Mgr. Bourget, Archbishop of Martianopolis, Canada celebrated the 85th. anniversary of his birth.

In the diocese of New Orleans, 5404 persons have been confirmed since last Easter by Most Rev. Archbishop Leray.

Archbishop Lynch of Toronto celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate on November 25th.

Archbishop Gibbons has received a special greeting and benediction from the Pope, upon himself and the members of the council. The Archbishop immediately acknowledged the receipt.

Last month at St. Charles College, Howard county, Md. was celebrated the tricentenary of the death of St. Charles Borromeo the patron saint of the institution. The College was founded by Charles Corroll of Carrolltown, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The present building was erected in 1848 and has been under the care of the Sulpician Fathers of Paris as a preparatory school to St. Mary's Seminary of St. Sulpice on North Paca St. Baltimore.

Rev. J. M. Schayer the Catholic priest Litzelstetten, near Constance, has invented a "universal language" called Wolapuek. He studied twenty languages in order to construct one that would be of service to the whole world. The rules of this language, it is claimed, are few and simple and have no exception; any person of ordinary intelligence may master it in three or four months. The knowledge of Wolapuek would enable educated people to express their thoughts intelligibly to each other on every subject, just as they now understand music and arithmetic by signs all can read.

It is alleged that the oldest church in America is situated in the village of Tadousac, where the Canadian river Saguenay flows into the St. Lawrence.

The church was built by the French discoverer Jaques Cartier, for the French colony he had founded.

It is only a small building being only about twenty-five feet square with a very low ceiling, and was erected in 1517 twenty-five years after the discovery of the continent. It contains a very remarkable pictures of the Blessed Virgin, painted more than three hundred years ago, by one of the Jesuit Fathers of the mission.

The objects of interest in the church—for besides this picture, there are some ancient vestments and a very curiously embroidered altar cloth—are freely exhibited to strangers.

spends a few weeks of recreation in Manteno with Father Chouinard.

Jas. Danohoe '84 is teaching the rising generation of the Garden City.

J. J. Jennings '84 is one of our representatives, in Baltimore.

Ed. Schubert '78 is a partner in one of the first drug-store in Kankakee.

Rev. Thos. Deveney '82 has returned from Albany where he went to present Gov. Cleveland with the cane voted to him at the recent Catholic Fair in Gilman. He enjoyed the trip very much and pronounced the governor a paragon of good nature and politeness.

We were agreeably surprised last week on receiving a letter from M. P. O'Driscoll '82. His health which, for the past two years, has been very poor is slowly but surely, returning, thanks to the mild climate of Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he is spending the winter. We hope to see him with us next year sufficiently recovered to continue his course of studies.

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#### EXCHANGES.

Our old friend and name-sake the "College Journal" from N. Y. City is welcomed to our "Sanctum" this week after many months of unaccountable absence. We are rejoiced to see that it has lost none of its former meritorious qualities.

The "Occident" from Kalamazoo is raising its literary standard. "Value of Fiction" in the last issue was a noteworthy paper.

St. Mary's Sentinel is retaining its former position among College Journals. "T. W. continues to unite some charming verses:—"When my Ship comes in" in the last issue was a brilliant piece of composition.

"King's College Record" like all our English Exchanges is an excellent literary Journal. We are rejoiced to learn that the little difficulties that lately existed between Faculty and students have been amicably adjusted.

Our old friend the "Carson Index" comes to hand this week for the first time. In appearance and in matter, the Index is as sprightly as ever.

The "High School Index" of Ann Arbor Mich. is undoubtedly first as a practical educational magazine. Our schools and colleges need many more of the same kind of Journals.

We welcome the "St. James Reveille" from Macon Mo. and gladly place it on our exchange list. It is well gotten up. "Success" in the issue now before us is an able piece of composition.

Of the Torch from N. Jersey we can say scarcely anything—as its columns are filled for the most part with advertisements.

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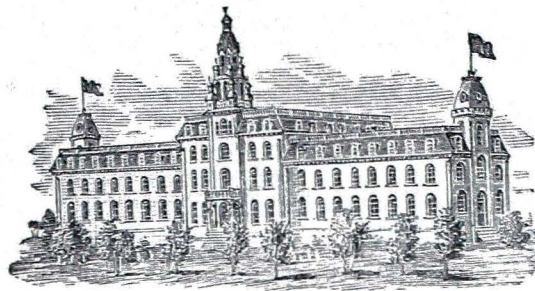
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