

MAY.

O happy, laughing, merry May,
Thou com'st in jocund gushing day;
Breathing blossoms in the shade,
In the upland woody glade.
The dead oak leaf hangs on the tree,
But soon in death for ever free
Crowded off by life behind,
The plaything of the idly wind.
Thrice happy, flowering, pregnant May,
Adown the south wind in array;
Maid of Song, Queen of Spring,
Spirit of Creation, brood again.
The night owl hoots in yonder tree,
The blasting north wind chills through me.
Oh, mystery; in the spring of life,
To live, yet, die, whence this strife.
Yet joyful, fecund, happy May,
Time of bird's love, mating day;
In thy blossoms, rich appears
Fruit of this, and all the years.
The passionate bird sings on the tree,
It sings of love, for mate and me;
And yet by night, those echoes fade,
Type of the coming, silent shade.
We'll love thee, May, without a fear,
Thou sweetest month of all the year;
Our praises for thee now we say
Rich, budding, blooming, happy May.

Highland Park, May 20th, 1874.

CREMATATIONAL.

Here rests his ashes on the shelf beneath,
A youth to coffins and to shrouds unknown;
Fair sextons frowned not on his humble death,
Incineration marked him for its own.
No longer seek his cinders to disclose,
Nor draw his fine residuum from this pot,
Where they, alike impalpable, repose,
Trusting his spirit never felt 'twas hot.
Gray

Some Important Suggestions to Inexperienced Teachers.

- 1st. Activity is a law of childhood; hence accustom the child to do,—educate the hand.
2d. Cultivate the faculties in their natural order; first form the mind, then furnish it.
3d. Begin with the senses; never tell a child what he can discover for himself.
4th. Reduce every subject to its elements; one difficulty at a time is enough for a child.
5th. Proceed step by step; be thorough: the measure of information is not what the teacher can give, but what the child can receive.
6th. Let every lesson have a point; and in this utilitarian age, make all your instruction practical.
7th. Develop the idea, give the term, cultivate language.
8th. Proceed from the known, to the unknown, from the concrete to the abstract, from the simple to the more difficult.
9th. First synthesis, then analysis,—not following the order of the subject always, but the order of nature.
10th.—Change is rest—variety is a law of childhood.

ONE IN THE WORK.

Mr. Editor.—Deeming that a slight history of the present status and growth of all religious and other institutions, in this city, would prove of interest to our citizens, I beg to hand you the following:

The Catholic Church, although not ostentatious in architecture is a very respectable edifice and reflects credit on the members of its congregation. It is located on an eminence commanding an extensive view over the western portion of the city and country in addition to the beautiful lake scenery on the east, and is distant west from the Railroad, two blocks, and south from the principal thoroughfare, one block. The erection of the building commenced late in the season of 1871, and the committee who had charge of it were gratified beyond their expectations in the success of the enterprise and return the thanks of the pastor and congregation to the many kind friends that so cheerfully responded to their appeal for aid, particularly to the Highland Park Building Company through the influence of its agent, Mr. Frank P. Hawkins, for their gift of the site whereon the church is erected, and also to Alexander McDaniel, Esq., for his gift of land to aid the building. The contemplated improvements of the present season will place the

church in condition to comfortably accommodate 500 persons. The estimated expense will be about \$4,000 and is undoubtedly a low figure for so good a structure as it will then be. The greatest harmony exists between the members of the church who are devotedly attached to their pastor Rev. Father Netstretter, whose duties to another parish render it impossible for him to devote his whole time to the Highland Park congregation. The Society at the present time owes but a trifle—about \$140—and with the liberal feeling manifested by its members, will ere long, be clear from debt, and its building thoroughly completed, and the prediction may be safely ventured that a more comfortable and united congregation than the Catholics of Highland Park will not be easily be found.

WHOLESOME DISCONTENT.—I would make men and women discontented, with the divine and wholesome discontent, at their own physical frame and that of their children. I would accustom their eyes to those precious heirlooms of the human race, the statues of the old Greeks; to their tender grandeur, their chaste healthfulness, their unconscious, because perfect, might, and say: There; these are tokens to you, and to all generations yet unborn, of what man could be once; of what he can be again if he will obey those laws of nature which are the voice of God. I would make them discontented with the ugliness and closeness of their dwellings; I would make the men discontented with the fashion of their garments, and still more, just now, the women of all ranks, with the fashion of theirs; and with everything around them which they have the power of improving, if it be at all ungraceful; superfluous, tawdry, ridiculous, unwholesome.—Charles Kingsley.

A BIT OF ROCK-WORK.—There is many a shady nook and corner in the vicinity of country homes which might be beautified with very little expense—northern exposures, where the sun seldom shines, and which are left bleak and bare because grass and flowers refuse to grow. Any time harness the old horse and start for the woods to hunt up suitable material for what our English friends term "a pleasing bit of rock-work." An unusually rough stone, all over angles and uncouth projections, is a prize; let such form a load to begin with. Next collect a supply of the unctuous leaf mold which has lain buried beneath its covering for many years, until it has become as dark and firm as the most fastidious plant can require. These things, with the addition of some good sharp sand from the creek's margin, supply the groundwork for the structure. In arranging the stones upon the heap of soil do not attempt any mathematical precision; endeavor to imitate some shelving mass of rock, such as may be found in nature; the wilder and more irregular in outline, the more effective and appropriate it will prove. With the advent of Spring, repair to the woods, and wherever the little curling fronds of the ferns are just peeping above the leaves, with the aid of a strong trowel carefully pry out a good ball of earth, roots and all, and transfer them to their artificial home. There are also many other pretty and modest native plants which will thrive luxuriantly amid just such surroundings; watch for these during summer and mark them, so that when the dormant season arrives they may be removed with safety. An occasional trailing vine, clambering over and festooning the surrounding shrubs, will add a dainty grace to the hitherto unattractive corner.—N. Y. Tribune.

If there is one time more than another when a woman should be entirely alone, it is when a full line of clothes comes down in the mud.

Evanston girls won't marry in the full of the moon, believing that they would have ill luck through life, but a Lake Forest girl wouldn't let forty full moons stop her ne second.

FLOWERS.—The sole fashion which should never change is the fashion set by good taste. A fashion that is not so set is the fashion of using artificial flowers where natural ones can be substituted. On hats or bonnets the former are, of course, indispensable; but they should never be worn in any other way upon the person, or employed in the decoration of rooms.

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