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"To me!" said the lecturer, in surprise. Then followed this conversation:

"Did you not once teach school in —?" asked the host.

"I did," replied the lecturer.

"Do you remember a boy in that school by the name of Jack?"

"I do."

"I am that boy."

Scenes long since past were again fresh before them, and tears moistened their cheeks.

The facts in the case were, that one day when the ice had formed on an adjoining pond, Jack, who was a ring-leader in the school, persuaded several boys to remain at recess beyond the time allowed. The teacher signalled for their return. The boys still lingered, but at length, with an air of apparent indifference, entered the school-room. The teacher's feelings were hurt to the quick. He showed, however, no temper. He talked tenderly and kindly, and then forgave the transgressors.

But as to the future, he said: "I shall be compelled, for the sake of the school, to punish severely the scholar who shall again disobey me." And Jack, when the teacher's back was turned, shrugged his shoulders.

Three days passed. There was again skating on the pond. The boys were at recess. Jack heard the bell, but while others returned, he sped off in another direction, and, fifteen minutes late, with an air of defiance, entered the school-room. The teacher was sad.

He asked the rude boy, who was nearly as tall as himself, to come to the desk. He did so. The teacher questioned him, asked him if he understood the command of the former day, and if he remembered what was said as to the punishment, to all of which Jack replied that everything was perfectly understood.

"I must punish you—punish you severely," said the teacher. "Will you take off your coat?" Jack removed his coat, but with no intention of being flogged. The teacher, taking from his desk a heavy ruler, and placing it in the boy's hand, at the same time extending his own to receive the blow, said, "Strike." Jack paused for a moment, then struck.

"Harder," and "harder," were the words of the teacher. Then, when the hand of the teacher was bruised black and blue, he, pale and trembling with pain, said, "Now you can take your seat."

There was scarcely a dry eye in that school-room, and when the scholars were dismissed, they lingered, and some of them kissed the kind-hearted teacher. On the way home they walked in little groups, skimming at every turn the boy who had been so heartless.

That boy that night could not sleep. At midnight he arose, sought the teacher's home, went to his bedside, fell upon his knees, and asked forgiveness; he, of course received it. His life from that day on was changed. No scholar was more obedient, and loved the teacher more than he. By that day's discipline his manhood was evoked, and to that teacher he felt indebted to the extent of all he was and all he possessed. —Catholic Home.

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Catholic Society Notes.

Branch 126, C. M. B. A., of Albany will give an entertainment in April.

One new member was initiated at last Monday's meeting of Branch 81, C. M. B. A.

Sunday last seventeen members of Branch 138, C. M. B. A., received Holy Communion at Corpus Christi church.

St. Aloysius' Society, New Haven, Conn., is contemplating erecting a building.

A new branch of the C. M. B. A. will be organized soon in St. Francis' parish, Cleveland, Ohio.

Knights of St. John are reminded that assessments Nos. 15, 16, and 17 expire March 10.

Daniel Dougherty will lecture for the benefit of the confraternity of St. Vincent de Paul, New Haven, Conn., on the evening of March 14th.

There are twenty-six branches of the Catholic Knights of America in the State of Louisiana. There are ten branches in the city of New Orleans.

The O'Donnell Abbot Society, of Syracuse, will celebrate the anniversary of Robert Emmett, the martyr-patriot, on March 4th. John Boyle O'Reilly, the distinguished editor of the Boston Pilot will speak that evening on "Illustrious Irishmen."

Four Days a Knight.

On Sunday Feb. 9, Sir Knight Fred Wick, of St. John's No. 49, commandery, Sandusky, O., breathed his last, fortified by the last Sacraments of the Church. Mr. Wick was initiated a Sir Knight on Feb. 5, 1890, at which time he was feeling ill, but remarked he would attend the regular drill the following week on Feb. 12, and requested the secretary to provide a uniform for him. But Providence willed otherwise, for on that day the commandery followed his remains to the cemetery. His funeral was held on Feb. 12, from St. Mary's church, and was largely attended, the Knights of St. John and St. Joseph's Benevolent Society being present in full numbers.

The following official notice has been promulgated by the Supreme President, under date of February 17, 1890:

To the officers and members of the C. M. B. A.:

In accordance with a resolution of the Supreme President and Board of Trustees passed at a meeting held in this city Feb. 5, 1890, notice is hereby given that John O'Meara, of Peterboro, Ont., is hereby designated and appointed as the person on whom legal process against the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, a corporation of the State of New York, may be served in the Dominion of Canada, and to look after the interests of the Association in cases which may come before Canadian courts.

Fraternally yours,
R. MULHOLLAND, Sup. Pres.

St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society of Montreal celebrated its golden jubilee on Sunday Feb. 16. Fifty years ago the society was founded by the Rev. Father Phelan, who afterwards became Bishop of Kingston. Formed with comparatively a handful of members, to-day the society numbers its thousands of pledged total abstinents, and the benefit branch is over 200 strong. The celebration commenced with the members assembling in their hall and proceeding to St. Patrick's church to attend early Mass. His Grace Archbishop Fahey was the celebrant. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. Father McCallen. —Catholic Weekly Review.

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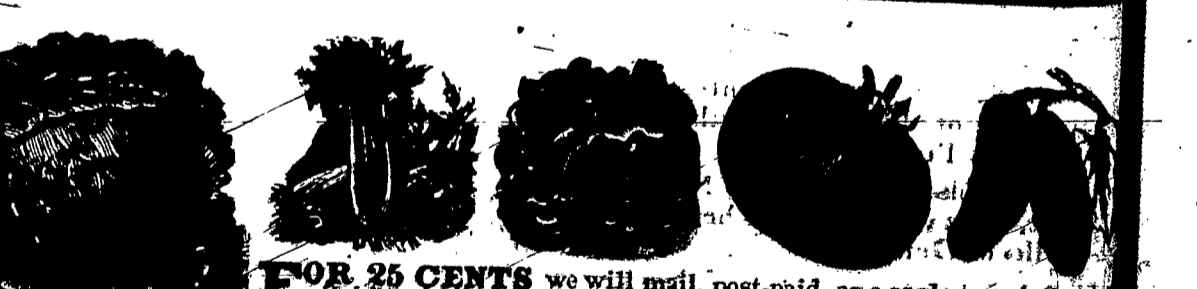
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