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Nellie's Lesson.
 FROM CHURCH NEWS. CONCLUDED.
 She called softly to one and another, "Mother! Susie! Davie!" But there was no answer, and she grew frightened at the stillness.

Red Hood hopped about the room awhile, and finally drew Nellie's attention to the big Bible lying open at the family record.
 Ann there in great black letters were the names of all she loved beneath the heading of "Deaths" — Mother, Susie, Davie, Baby and all.
 And then came the quick remembrance of the tender mother-love that had smoothed the rough places for her daughter's feet, toiling on so patiently day after day to make the little home a happy place; of Davie's sturdy, loving arms around her neck, and his brown eyes shining like great stars; of Susie's quiet, timid voice and loving ways; of baby's shout and crow of welcome that she must miss for evermore. And over all the dreadful sorrow that she had parted from them in anger, and now they could never know how sorry and ashamed she had grown. Gone—all gone! And then she grew so frightened and distressed that she gave one great cry; Oh, mother! mother! come back for one moment, only one—but the cry seemed to die in her throat and became a sob. Then the house seemed to totter and reel about her—
 And Nellie woke!

For all this was only a dream. She looked about vainly for the little old woman, and could not find her anywhere. A brown chipper was hopping about in the tree branches above her head and the spring was gurgling its same old song.
 Very thankfully did the maiden fill her pitcher and turn homeward after her doleful dream. And oh, how sweet and dear the patient mother-face looked as Nellie came cheerily home with her burden! how she kissed the baby over, and over, remembering how the empty cradle and the dusty lily looked.
 All the doleful clouds seemed to vanish out of the sky, and her face was a pleasant one to see, as she went to and fro, brightening this thing and that, when she well-nigh complained again, a memory came back of the lonely home, of her unforbidden dream, and she smothered all complaints by kissing the baby a dozen times instead of once.

Corpus Christi Children.
 The following prizes were awarded at this school last week: A class—1st prize for regular attendance, Minnie Carmody; 2d prize, Maggie Hanrahan. B class—1st prize for regular attendance, Louis Kammer; 2d prize, Charles Mason. Frankie Bryant received first prize for perfect deportment, Florence Bissell 2d prize, Amelia Gommenginger 3d prize.

Usefulness.
 There are few qualities more valuable to the professor or more highly appreciated than that of usefulness. The useful boy or girl is a treasure at home; a help to father and mother, a counselor to brothers and sisters, and a trusted companion. Usefulness implies industry, reliability, intelligence, capacity, self-control, and these are the foundations of a successful life.

The useful boy sees opportunities that others neglect. He is attentive to little things. He is careful of his employer's interests. He puts conscience into his duty, and is sure sooner or later to attract the attention of those placed above him. He is thus always in direct line of promotion, and advancement is seldom long deferred.
 If he cultivates his gift, and grows to be a useful man, his possibilities for good will be greatly enlarged. He will be consulted by his employers, for they will have confidence in his judgment; added responsibilities will be committed to him, and he is then well started on the road of higher promotion and honor.

We hope all our young readers will enjoy their vacation during the hot months.

IRISH NEWS.

June 15, Mr. Claude Guinness, the managing director of Messrs. Guinness and Co., Limited, directed the heads of the various departments in the James' Gate Brewery to announce to all the mechanics and laborers, both men and boys, employed in the concern that the directors had decided to increase their wages by one shilling a week. There are 2,550 persons employed in the brewery who will receive the increase, which will mean an additional expenditure in wages of nearly £7,000 per annum. The directors state that the increase has been granted because of the increased prosperity of the brewery. The announcement was received by the employes, who had made no application whatever, most gratefully, and came as a very pleasant surprise to all of them.

In the Catholic churches of Kilkenny, and in all the churches throughout the diocese, on Sunday June 15 there were read four important resolutions which were passed at the meeting of the Synod on Tuesday last. One of these forbids any kind of intoxicating drink to be used on the occasion of wakes, and goes on to say that in case this rule is violated no mass will be said for the dead, no funeral service will be held, and the prayers of the congregation will not be requested for the repose of the soul of the deceased. Another of the resolutions forbids farmers to use intoxicating liquors on the occasion of ploughing matches, etc. etc. The third resolution forbids the presence of intoxicating liquors at supper, concerts, etc. The Bishop Dr. Brownrigg requests that these rules will be strictly enforced.

Archbishop Croke of Dublin has contributed \$250 toward the tenants' defence fund. John McNery editor of the Limerick Leader now in Tullamore jail, is in good spirits although the work of sack making put upon him is greater than his health permits.
 William Woodcock, division magistrate of Dublin, brother of Bishop Woodcock of Ardagh and nephew of the late Sir Dominick Corrigan died June 12 aged 50 years. A Whan of Dunkirk, aged 50 years, is dead. Misses Connolly and Murphy of Wexford have sailed for Davenport, Iowa, to enter a convent there. Richard O'Donnell, solicitor, Carrick-on-Suir aged 80 years, is dead. Messrs. J. & G. Boyd's oil and color warehouse, William st. Limerick, was almost totally destroyed by fire, June 8th. Father Spellman, C. C., Moycullen, died June 12th.



Catholic Society Notes.
 The following from our esteemed contemporary, the *C. M. B. A. Monthly* is very pertinent:

We are pleased to note the enlargement of the "CATHOLIC JOURNAL," of Rochester N. Y. and see in it a good sign for the better encouragement of Catholic newspapers. We hope the JOURNAL will continue to increase in prosperity and usefulness. We cannot see why Catholics should neglect their local papers of the faith, to foster and encourage those which revile that faith.

At the meeting of the re-union committee on Monday evening, it was decided to hold a re-union of all the C. M. B. A. branches, the time and place to be arranged for at a meeting of the committee called for July 10.

With the July number, the official organ of the supreme council, the *C. M. B. A. Monthly*, enters upon its fifth year. Brother Deare also announces that he will then commence publishing a semi-monthly or weekly edition. We hope it will be the latter and that it will receive the support it deserves.

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