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The Absent To-Night.

BY EDWARD S. CRAMER.

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"I beg you, Aunt Arilla, not to make any difference between me and my sister..."

"I feel too mean," she overheard Augusta say. "I can't give anything out of the family..."

"This is mine," said Arilla, holding up what seemed to Pleasant's unsophisticated eyes a perfectly regal breakfast-cup...

"A pleasant surprise, Vincent; it's a girl this time."

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This being the Lenten season the following, a summary of one of Bishop MacLaren's lectures in St. James, Chicago, sent to us by a friend, may be of interest to our Lenten readers:

The changing year has brought again the Lenten season and so much earlier than usual. Though not our Episcopal Lenten season, we believe in the observance of the Christian year. So last Wednesday I went over to St. James to the evening lecture of the Rev. Canon MacLaren.

The new rector, Mr. Courtney, from St. Thomas, New York city, will not enter upon the duties till after the Lenten season. The Bishop, Bishop MacLaren, is at present officiating.

This evening at the New England Congregational Church, the church membership are having their annual business meeting on Wednesday and Saturday. Their pastor is Rev. Arthur Little, formerly settled at Fon du Lac, a native of Vermont, who was graduated at Dartmouth college.

The meetings of either church through the week are numerous, the special feature at St. James is the observance of meditation and prayer at 5:30 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Last Sunday, the first of Lent, the Bishop with an assistant officiated. The Bishop's sermon was good. I would not weary with the notes I have written. Only a few remain. I will give you the words of knowledge. These are the words of knowledge. These are the words of knowledge.

The Bishop asked the attention to the alarming disregard of religious thought among business men. The cause best set forth by the variance in the male and female sex.

Woman is more religious than man, mothers are more faithful than fathers. Moral influences flow rather from the mother than the father.

The speaker spoke of the refining influences of education. Better spare them all than the sacred influence of home. Sisters, less difficult to influence than brothers, daughters less than sons. On Ash Wednesday, the 27th communicants only 10 per cent. were men. Woman's peculiarity has been observed in every age. Why is it? Is a question for every thinking man. No sin of which man has been guilty, which man has not committed.

The same depths of corruption can be reached, and the same methods of reaction and redemption are necessary for each. Adam's son or Eve's daughter.

The condition of life in either sex is essentially different. Man as a rule has a severer moral constitution than woman and for this reason only is woman's religious life easier. Man characteristically independent, but woman seeks retirement.

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Woman belongs more essentially to the social requirements. She is constantly under restraints which the other sex does not feel. Manner of living in the one is widely different from the other. The same is true.

Woman's frequent presence at the approach of death, when the trembling feet touch the ripples of that wide wild sea, is an experience which accustoms human life.

Man's temptation to fall are greater. The boy leaving the mother early soon learns what it will take years to unlearn.

Girls retain the childlike much longer than boys, and this suggests to us what we in the fall have lost.

No fortification can be deemed stronger than this. Peculiar dangers should be seen, the sooner, the better. The effects of sin never will wholly die out, never before eternity die out, never before the mark of the Holy Ghost made into his soul, when at the baptismal font he brought away the germ of spiritual life.

They know that it steals into the heart and develops strength and victory. They know that it gives pleasure. They know that it helps to overcome trouble. They know when they enter it down into the anxiety and turned of business, that out of it comes steadfastness. They know that it enables them to walk in the light, and as it says the word is true to them that believe it.

"Apply this heart unto instruction and thy ear to the word of knowledge."

A Misdirected Mind.

There is a young man, in Beaumont, Tex., having occasion to require some shirts from a well-known tailor in Troy, had written them: "Send me sample of cloth your shirts are made of." Before addressing the postal, a friend came in and a carriage ride was planned, which called for an invitation of a lady to enjoy the drive with them. The latter message was also written on a postal card, and as the shirts were mailed. The result was that the shirt firm received a cordial invitation to take a carriage ride by moonlight, and the young lady to carry the system interlocked with his been asked about it.

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