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THE RT. REV. J. B. BRONDEL, D.D.
ON SPIRITUAL FLOWERETS.

REV. L. B. PALLADINO, S. J.,
Missoula, Montana.

REV. DEAR FATHER,

Your seventh and revised edition of the *May Blossoms*¹ came duly to hand. I read them with much spiritual profit. I am sure they will do an immense amount of good. Each blossom is as a seed, thrown into the heart of the individual who receives it, and as it is personal and but one seed of truth given at one time, it is bound to grow up with all the vigor of the soul.

What I admire is the practicability of every act of virtue inculcated in language suited to the people. Your ministry in which you have grown grey gave you the necessary experience to give practical advice in a practical manner.

May our dear Lord and his Virgin Mother be for many years to come your delight on earth, until the day they will receive you at the golden gates of Paradise. Yours most devotedly,

✠ JOHN B. BRONDEL,
Bishop of Helena.

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,
Helena, Montana, April 6th, 1899.

¹ The title under which *Spiritual Flowerets* first appeared. See the Preface to this ninth edition, and the Introduction.

PREFACE

TO THE NINTH EDITION.

Spiritual Flowerets is a unique publication, the only one of its kind, so far as we know, being published in two different forms, that is, in tiny slips, and in book form. In slip form, it has gone through several editions, the latest one having been issued within the last twelve months. In book form, it made its first appearance in 1899, when H. L. Kilner and Co., of Philadelphia, who had been publishing it in slips for some time, brought it out as a booklet, under the original name, *May Blossoms*; now changed to *Spiritual Flowerets*, as explained in the Introduction.

In this, the second edition in book form and the ninth in slip form, are contained all the readings or paragraphs published heretofore, that is to say, 720. One year or so of comparative rest from missionary duties, has given us the time and opportunity to go over the work once more. This we have done, and as now offered to the public, the readings are all newly revised, several retouched and a few also recast.

We here wish to thank those of our friends who by their kind criticism and suggestions,

have enabled us to correct some minor defects which had been overlooked by our shortsightedness.

The Preface to the eighth edition is reproduced, being partly historical. We only rectify a misprint in the date 1879, which should be 1877, and also an ambiguous construction from which it would appear, as if *May Blossoms or Spiritual Flowerets* had been published in book form prior to 1880, and this, too, by John Murphy and Co., neither of which being the case, except with regard to the Introduction, intended to accompany the slips. The dual form in which the work is brought out, lends itself to some ambiguousness, and our reference to it in that preface, having been made without any distinction of 'which was which,' conveys an erroneous meaning, which we have also corrected.

Lewiston, Idaho,

Betrothal of our Lady, Jan. 23, 1908.

PREFACE

TO THE EIGHTH EDITION.

The picking of the May Blossoms,¹ we mean their compilation, was commenced whilst the author was convalescing from a protracted spell of sickness at St. John's Hospital, Helena, Montana, in the spring of 1877. Devoting to it subsequently spare moments snatched here and there, as other occupations would permit, the May Blossoms were first published at the Mission of St. Ignatius, by the Mission press in 1886, the typesetting and presswork being done by the Indian children of the School. Later on, in 1891, they were revised and reprinted, John Murphy and Co., Baltimore, Md., being the Publishers. They have since passed through several editions, the sixth, seventh as well as the present one, being enlarged by the addition of several new readings. In the present edition the May Blossoms are issued for the first time also in book form.

It had been the author's wish for some time to revise once more the little work and add to it some new paragraphs, suggested by further experience and observation. The

¹ Now, *Spiritual Flowerets*. See Preface to the ninth Edition and the Introduction.