into her arms and rocked her as it

she had been a baby.

Another found is done. Another year 1, run, Bin., e thou from me didst turn the

THE YEAR'S ROUND.

face away No travel where there is not year nor day
And yet I reckon here

Another year, Winter's cold and the Summer's blossoming, Autumn's flush and the wild sweet of the spring

O Sun's gold v heel, Arc you not tired of turning O stars of steel Give over your cold burning! Flowers, shrivel and fade

A grave is made Sick earth, will you not wither up

and die, Since in your bosem cold my love dot' h.?

- MR, in Irish Monthly

#### THE DECAY OF IRELAND.

County Carlow Considered as an Example The Carlow Lensus

(Dublin Freeman's Journal) The first detailed census of an Irish county issued by the Commissioners is the census of the County of Carlow It is worth a close study by every person in-terested in the problems of Irish population. Carlow is not, in some respects, a typical Irish county, but where it differs from the type, in material circumstances at all events, the differences are not to its disadvantage. In the first place it is fairly prosperous At least the cry of distress is rarely heard there. Congestion of the population is not a difficulty Illiteracy has almost disappeared Among the population over five years of age the percentage of illiteracy has sunk to 9.2. Here, then, we have conditions that would lead one to expect the arrest of the decay of the population. But what do we find? The population which was \$6.28 in population, which was 86,228 in 1841, which was 40,396 in 1891, has now sunk to 36,793 — a decrease of 10.1 per cent. The percentage of decrease at the census of 1861 was only 9.6, and the percentage at the census of 1881 only 9.8 per cent. Thus the population of one of "the model" counties is decreasing more rapidly than in the fifties and sixties. That in itself would be an alarming fact demanding grave consideration. But the alarming feature of it is that the decrease has occurred in a de-cade during which the emigration from the county declined by over 67 per cent. During the sixties 5,-405 emigrants left Carlow, during the seventies, 5,440, during the eighties, 8,064; and during the nineties, only 2,610. Yet instead of this decline of emigration being accompanied by a lessengerate accompanied by a lessengerate accompanied by a lessengerate accompanied by a lessenger accompanied by a lesseng companied by a lessened rate of decrease in the population, the percentage of decrease is greater than when twice the number of emiwhen twice the number of em-grants were leaving, and almost as great as when three times the num-ber were joining the exodus. This sinister feature of the census is explained by the returns of marriages, births, and deaths. The marriage rate in Carlow is only 4 3, or 5, less than the low general rate for Ireland. There were only 8,325 births, while there were 7,617 deaths in the county during the de-

the increase registered.
Such statistics are not forth comand from any other country in the civilized world at the present day The Carlow marriage-rate would, in any other country of Western Europe or any State of America, be regarded as the critical symp-tom of a decadent condition. Yet Irish improvidence in marriage is, or rather used to be — and that, too, amongst people who ought to too, amongst people who ought to know better — a favor te explanation of the Irish lack of prosperity. Of nineteen thousand seven hundred people over the age of 25 in County Carlow seven thousand three hundred and nineteen are unpartied. The old best large way married The old bachelors and maids of Carlow are nearly a molety of the marriageable population, Political economists deduce but one meaning from such figures. The struggle for life is so difficult in this "model county" that the voung men and maids can-not afford to marry. In the Car-low Union district of the county, out of four thousand three hundred and eight-one young men and wonen fetween the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five two thousand eight hundred and ten are unmarried. Pauperism is slightly increasing, notwithstanding this forethought. In 1891 the ratio of pauperism to the population was a ten pers to the population was 1 to 32; in 1901 it is 1 to 31 The people may have the means to live, hey

cade. So that the natural increase of this thirty-six thousand of the Irish population for ten years was only 708; and if there were neither

migration nor emigration from the county that would have been

certainly have not yet won the sheans to thrive.

The decrease in illiteracy is the

and 15 girls are illiterate, of 1.5 per cent. That we take to be the ercentage of the future on the basis of the school work being done under the unanagement of the "obscurantist" clerical managers of County Carlow. Yet here a melancholy fact, showing how the natural resources of the population tend, has also to be noted. Not-with tanding the progressive school work, the number of Catholic chil-dren in the primary schools, which was --20 in 1881, is now only 4,though the percentage of tendance has not decreased. future of Carlow's population is anything but bright. One figure Gaelic Leaguers will note with sat isfaction—the trish-speaking population of this County of the Pale has nearly doubled. It is only 222 out of thirty-six thousand, but it was only 123 ten years ago. And the increase is among all the ages Superior education is also on the re-grade. The school statistics are the only bright spot in the Carlow Census, and they are brighter, we nete, in the rural districts than in the towns, though the latter are better off otherwise Carlow town town and Tullow have declined but its grip of its holding. The other villages are falling away with the population of the fields around them But clearly if the towns of Ireland get a chance now they may stay the population on its down

#### **Democracy** and Education

A reprint of the address of Mr. John Millar B. A. Deputy-Minister of Education, delivered before Dominion Educational Association in August on "The Educational Demands of Democracy "makes an interesting and useful pamphlet. Following a practical review of the educational field in Canada and abroad, Mr. Millar

Democaracy should emphasize moral training in all educational efforts. Too often it is assumed that knowledge and education are identical. Growth in morals has not kept pace with growth in knowledge. In spite of much ethi-cal progress, every day brings to notice instances of intemperance, dishonesty and untruthfulness. public life charges of corruption, bribery and intimidation are too prevalent. It should be settled that high moral principle is essential for every public position. France is a powerful illustration of the evils that result from exalting the in-tellectual at the expense of the moral element in education. Domestic life should be carefully guarded. In evey home the flame of patriotism, of purity, of righte-ousness, and of the higher life, should be fed constantly by parents. We have no guarantee of the permanency of democracy unless the doctrines set forth in the "Sermon on the Mount" are maintained. tained. The avenues for promi-nence in social, industrial and political positions should be closed to men not noted for rectitude. High qualifications, not simply in scholarship but in power to mould character, should be demanded of teachers Scholarshin without moral power, should qualify for no University professorship. Teachers should become leaders in every movement that has for its object the moral elevation of the people

the moral elevation of the people.

The opinion here mentioned, and the end to be obtained, may appear high. It should be understood however, that only with a standard of this kind can our system of government acquire stability. Unless democracy is guided by Christian principles, our boasted civilization must, like that of the nations of antiquity, pass away. No progress in mere intelligence, and no zeal for Imperialism against the form for Imperialism, can save us from the fate of other great nations. No patriotism is worthy of the name which rests upon any platform lower than the one proclaimnearly two thousand years ago by the Founder of Christian civilization. Puritanism, and not military success is the force which has made the British nation what it is to-day. Puritanism is characteris tic of the best elements in both the Roman Catholic and the Protes-tant churches. As thus understood Puritanism is the salt of Democ-

## Holy Innocents

Only three days after Christmas the Church calls us to keep the Feast of the Holy Innocents In olden times this day was called "Childermas;" and is to honor the memory of those dear little child-ren who were smatched from their mothers' arms b the command of wicked King Herod. He was seeking to kill Jesus, and not knowing where to find Him, he ordered his where to find Him, he ordered his soldiers to put to death all the male children in Bethlehem that were less than two years old. The Angel of the Lord told St. Joseph to take the Blessed Virgin and the infant Jesus into a distant country, and He was gone when the little children were murdered This lovely band of infant martyrs now The decrease in illiteracy is the conjly istatistical fact upon which Carlow can be congratulated It is the only evil of their condition for which the people have the means to provide a remedy And they are doing it. In 1891 the percentage and upwards of filiterates among the inhabitants aged five years and upwards was 149, now it is only 9.2 of just three thousand boys and orla is the county only twenty-six boys will be accepted.

Try, and He was gone when the little voice chimed in.

"Twenty-two centuries!" cried the delays; but He loves persever ance, and grants it everything.—

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## she had such smooth, shiny brown gair) smiled. She took dilapidated little Diana-of-the-Phesians Smith CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE NEW YEAR

(By U. Colmay Downe.)

All hail to the New Year Adieu to the Old The past and the future The dross and the gold.

Good will to thee neighbor May peace be thy lot, Like the New Year thou livest Like the Old one forgot.

On the Eve of the New Year Memories surge fast, is the Old Year decrepid Files in with the past.

All its gleamings of joy, All its shadings of sorrow, Will be merged in the bygone Forever tomorrow.

Like a day-wearied sun Gliding slowly to rest, Thy friend is going, Strive, live for the best.

#### A SICK CALL.

Father John closed the door of his study and sank into a chair before the firef It had been a hard day with him, and he was weary, body and soul. Without the wind shricked, the storm sobbed.

"Daddy wants you," piped a lit-tle voice at the young priest's side, and he turned, startled, to find he was not alone. A child, a tiny, fair-gaired girl, had followed him.

"Daddy is dying," she continued, fixing a pair of wistful eyes on his face. "He wants the priest."
"Who is daddy, and where is he?" asked Father John, roused from all languor by the call of duty

duty.
"At No. 2 Long's Court, in the garret," answered the little one.
"You are a brave little girl to venture out in such a storm. What is your name?"

'Angie," she answered, softly. "Sit down by the fire, Angle, and get warm. I will be ready to go with you in a moment," and Father John passed into his little chapel to make preparation, for his sick call. But when he re-entered the room the little messenger was gone. Anxiously he harried into the street, shinking to find her without, but he was met by a wild swirl of wind and sleet, in which all trace of his tiny visitor was lost. The priest struggled on through the storm to his goal — a wretched heap of rookeries tottering to their fall — in one of the lowest purlicus of the town.

"There ain't no dying man here."

"There ain't no dying man here," was the surly answer to his inquir-

ies at No. 4.
"That I must see for myself," said Father John taking the smoking lamp from the wall and pressing up the rotten staircase. "In the name of God is there any

one here?" he asked, as he reached the low-pitched, dark garret under the leaking roof
"Aye, aye," cried a feeble voice

from a pile of rags in the corner.
"I am here dying — dying alone.
Godbe praised, it is a priest! Och, father, who was it brought you to me in this devil's den?"

"My poor friend, you forget you sent your little child for me,"
"My child, is it?" sobbed the dying man. "Shure, father, I have no child; me darlin' little Angie died six months ago."

And Father John thought of his little blue-eyed visitant, and a strange sweet awe thrilled his soul. He felt heaven had been very near to him that night.-Catholic Home

### THE OLDEST DOLL.

"She's so old!" Comfort said a ittle crossly. "An' so 'lapidated

all over!"
"Well, why not? She's been lap'ed so much," remarked the big boy, who made jokes and laughed at them himself. The big boy was Comfort's brother.
"I don't believe there ever was

"I don't believe there ever was such an old doll as Diana-of-the'Phesians is," lamented the little mother voice, ruefully. She was holding the poor dolly up for the aunties to see, and the aunties both lauched. The curly-haired auntie held out her hand for the doll. "Poor Diana - of - the - 'Phesians Smith!" she said, gently. "She does look old and as if she had met perils by land and by sea—"

"Yes'm,she has — both of them," said Comfort, briskly. "She's been carth-quaked and drowned, and

carth-quaked and drowned, and once she caught a sunstroke. An' I guess she's 'most a hundred years

old!"
"The doll I saw last summer was twenty-two hundred years old," the smooth-haired auntic quietly remarked.

"Twenty-two hundred years old!" Comfort's shrill, astonished

"Yes, as old as that -- possibly a little older. She wasn't very handsome, of course. You couldn't expect such an old, old dolly as

that to be handsome. They told me (the people who take care of me (the people who take care of her) that she is the oldest doll in the world."

"Why, auntie, why!"

"Dearie me!" murmured the cur-

ly auntie.

The bir boy whistled.

"Hos she — is her little mamma
live to see to her?" comfort querled in rather an awed tone. She
always felt awed in front of very old people — and twenty-two hun-dred years old!

"No," auntic said gravely. "Her little girl mamma died three centuries before Christ, Comfort. She was a little princess and lived in Egypt. When she died they wrapped her little body in soft, strange wrappings that kept it all these twenty-two centuries just the

"Little girl mummy," muttered

the big boy to himself.
"Yes, a baby mummy. And when they opened her tomb (people of this century) they found the old, old dolly held tight in the little princess' hand. She had held it there twenty-two hundred years!"

"Oh," breathed Comfort, very softly. She reached out for Dianaof-the-'Phesians and clasped her in her arms. Her face was very tender and loving. Diana-of-the-'Phesians seemed suddenly very young, indeed, and very dear.

The big boy was swinging his

feet noisily and he had turned away so nobody could see his face at all. Something about his eyes bothered him.

"The princess' dolly is made wood rudely cut out. It is little and homely, but the little princess loved it."

"O yes, she loved it," Comfort whispered. wanspered.
"It is in the British Museum
now," the smooth-haired auntie
went on. "They keep it among the
sacred relics, and there it lies un-

der the glass, looking up at this queer, uniamiliar world of to-day; if it could feel, how it would wonder where its little dark-jaced mo-"An how lonesome it would feel!" finished Comfort, softly. "Poor little dolly!"—Primary Ed-

ucation. The Prayers the Little Children Say.

The prayers the little children say No toiling angel brings, They pass right thro the shining

That searches selfish things.

They are so little that they slip Between the guarding wings:
And God says, "Hushl and give
them way,"
The prayers the little children

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## Talks With Young Men

MARCONI.

(From The New York Sun.) Prospero's Ariel, in our Shakes-

peare's phrase, In forty minutes round about the earth
Would put a girdle, 'compassing

its girth With thought's electric band. Our father's days Marveled how poets, in their

fancy's maze, Could bring so vain a prodigy to birth

And, 'twixt their surmise and their scoffing anirth, Deemed it a phantom of a dream-

er's lays! Yet you, Marconi, you have shamed us all-Poets or builders in the realm of

things-Stern realist or scales of the teeps -Blithe Ariel is a droner by the

wall, And Thought herself has taken your magic wings,
Speeding to Thought across the awful deeps!

-John Jerome Rooney.

#### TALENT AND CHARACTER. (Max O'Rell, in New York Journal.)

Talent helps a man to obtain success, but it is character which secures it for him. A man will succeed with character and very little talent, and will never succeed without character, whatever talent he may have at his disposal.

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No one wants shrewdness without housesty, or diplomacy without incerit

When von are in the presence of a man who for many years has been a great success in life, take it for granted that you have before you a steady, sincere, honest and reliable man,

Whatever talent he may possess s of no use to him unless that taland you will find that this holds good no matter what the pursuit in life of that man, whether he is a man of business, an employer an employee, or a professional man, lawyer, doctor, journalist, ar-tist, literary man, actor.

## ATHLETICS HAVE GOOD POINTS.

(University of Ottawa Review.)

Are not our violent games a vestige of barbarism? Is it not purely for the sake of football, for instance, that many a youth seeks the classic monotony of college? Why train the animal to the almost complete exclusion of the most complete exclusion of the projection? most complete exclusion of the spiritual? How condone the fear-ful list of casualties? These are a few of the problems calling up de-bate at the end of each season. Is it considered barbaric of cultured Greece that she suspended every oc-cupation to be present at the Olympic Games and there crown the victor with wild olive leaves, the sole honor so many aspired to? Suppose youths enter college entirely with the idea of training thews and sinews; if, like the lad that swallows his hard crust for the sake of the jam smeared therefor lack of ability or application; at least they are not mere useless at least they are not mere useless drones if they find this outlet for their energies. Better this than idle loafer and cowardly tough. Whatever brings the mind into play, exercises qualities of courage, endurance, perseverance directs individual effort towards a comment and in divergent of act common end in disregard of self, cultivates confidence in leaders, decultivates confidence in leaders, deference to the wisdom and experience of others is nothing, if not highly eadvantageous? What signifies a few accidents? The bruises and fractures of conflicts are preferable to the tumors and toadstools of effeminateness. Excess of study is not a whit better than excess of sport; a due mixture of the poisons neutralizes the effects of each. Give us Athletics and — rive them hot. Our professors will find in us, appetites none the less keen for their lectures.

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