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DO NOT NEGLECT THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES .----The Magi watched for celestial phenomena, followed the guidance of the star, and were led to the place where the young child lay. And should we not wait for spiritual manifestations? And following these, shall we not be led to the Church of Christ, where we, too, may rejoice with exceeding great joy?

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY .--- The wise men opened their treasures, and presented to the infant Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Is anything too rich and costly for us to offer in honour of our Saviour ? Think of this, ye rich and poor, and each your offering bring to Christ's servants who are serving Him and you.

CHEER THE HEARTS OF OTHERS .- At this festive season many church and charitable institutions appeal for aid. They are all needed, all worthy, and should all receive encouragement and aid. When our own homes are bright, and our hearts are glad, let us think of the widow and the orphan, of the homeless and the wandering, of the destitute and the sorrowing, and by some generous gift try to allay their sorrows, and cheer their

and dealt with. Such a differentiation seems to us to be exceedingly difficult of attainment. There are at present too many men of the type so graphically described by Mr. Burns himself as "gentlemen who get up to look for work at mid-day, and pray that they may not find it."

Social QUESTIONS .- The Duke of Argyle, in speaking of land value in reference to this question, states it as his opinion that the idea of settling the price of the hire of land by the State is as absurd and irrational as the idea of settling, by the same agency, the price of the produce of the land, or of the hire of labour, or of anything else that is bought or hired. The value of everything is a fact, and to attempt to manipulate it, in the interest of one class or another, by the arbitrary action of so-called Courts, is an attempt to go back to the dark ages, when the price of everything, wages included, was subject to arbitrary, mischievous interference.

THE IRISH TENANT HIS OWN LANDLORD .- Mr. Russell, the Liberal-Unionist member for South Tyrone, Ireland, in his address the other evening in Toronto, said at the end of forty-nine years he may sit under his own vine and fig-tree, as "by the Act of 1890 the sum of £40,000,000 sterling has been placed at the disposal of Irish farmers for the purchase of their holdings, and I rejoice to tell you here to-night that, in despite of threats and inducements to take the opposite course, 30,000 Irish occupiers have been transformed into Irish owners. And where that operation has been carried out absolute peace and contentment are to be found."

BELFAST THE CITY OF INDUSTRY .-- Mr. Russell said where they had law-abiding people, they had the hum of industry. "Take the city of Belfast as an example of what I mean. Why, sir, when I went to Ireland first, now 85 years ago nearly, that town had a population of 80,000. It is now a great prosperous city of more than a quarter of a million inhabitants. The ship yards vie with those of the Clyde and the Mersey ; it is there the greyhounds of the Atlantic, the Majestics and the Teutonics, are turned out. The ship-building industry there is one of the greatest industries of the world, as you know, and wherever you go you see men with business to do, and intent upon doing it."

hearts, and illuminate their lives.

LAY BAPTISM.-The Bishop of Argyle, in his correspondence to the English Guardian on this subject, says : "I have reason to doubt the validity of lay baptism, as that term is now generally understood amongst us. Once, I must admit, I took the popular view, and without investigating the question I believed implicitly that I had the whole authority of the Church Catholic on my side. But, after bestowing upon the matter a good deal more thought and study than many of my brethren in the ministry seem to think it worthy of, I came to a very different conclusion."

THE CHURCH SERVICES .- The Scottish Guardian wisely says the Church's system and teaching give her many advantages over the religious bodies around her. She has preserved, as they have failed to do, the ideal of worship as distinct from mere preaching. She has cherished brightness and beauty, art and music, not as possible attractions where religion has failed, but as adjuncts and vehicles of the highest religious offerings to God.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN ENGLAND .- Mr. John Burns emphatically holds that until the differentation of the labourer from the loafer takes place, the unemployed question can never be properly discussed

OF THE MONSTROUS PROPOSAL OF THE HOME BULE BILL, Mr. Russell said, "It is that this great free, industrious, Protestant Ulster shall be put under the heel of that part of the country which is neither free nor industrious nor Protestant. It is just, gentlemen, as if you were to propose to place Ontario under big Quebec. Let me say, in conclusion, that we are there, and that there we mean to remain. We shall not submit either our civil or religious freedom to that power which the Meath election petition has shown to be what it always was and always will be."

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE ENGLISH POST OFFICE. -Some idea of the vastness of the operations of the General Post Office may be formed from the following statistics : Before the Penny Postal Law came in force 88,600,000 letters and 80,000,000 newspapers were handled. Now it is 1,650,000,-000 letters, 159,000,000 newspapers, 441,900,000 books, 217,100,000 post cards and 42,858,000 parcels. Making a grand total of 2,511,150,000