ITS POWER OF RECUPERATION

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The Fower of RECOFERATION Father Robert Hugh Benson has written many excellent things about the Oatholic Church but we have not seen anything from his pen to surpass the eloquent peroration with which he con-cludes his article on "Catholicism and the Future" in the Atlantic Monthly for August. It deserves to live among the classics of Catholic literature. One last indication of the future of Oatholicism lies in its power of recuper-

the classics of Catholic interature. One last indication of the future of Catholicism lies in its power of recuper-ation. Not only is it the soul religion which has arisen in the East and has dominated the West, and now once more is reconquering the East; but it is also the one religion that has been pro-claimed as dead, over and over again, and yet somehow has always reap-peared. Once "the world groaned to find itself Arian;" now Arius is en-shrined in the text-books and the Greed of Athanasius is repeated by living men. Once Gnosticism trampled on the ancient faith everywhere; now not one man in a hundred could write five lines on what it was that the Gnos-tics believed. Once the Tarks overran Africa and Spain and threatened Christics believed. Once the Tarks overran Africa and Spain and threatened Chris-tendom itself; now the nations trained by Christianity are wondering how they can best dispose of Constantinople. Nero thought he had crucified Chris-Nero's thought he had crucined Chris-tianity in Peter; now Peter sits on Nero's seat. Once Elizabeth disembow-eled every seminary priest she could lay hands on, and establish Protest-antism in Ireland. Now Westminister Cathedral draws immeasurably larger concretions than Westminister congregations than Westminister Abbey, where Elizabeth lies buried; and Catholic Irishmen are dictating in an English Parliament how the children in English schools are to be educated.

"MODERN THINKERS" MAKE POOR

TROPHETS At every crisis in the history of Christendom—at the captivity of Avignon, the appearance of Luther, and the capture of Rome in 1870—it was de-clared by "modern thinkers" to be ab-solutely certain at last that Catholicism was discredited forever. And yet, somehow or other, the Church is as much alive to day as ever she was; and that in exits of the fact that she is, in

somehow or other, the Church is as much alive to-day as ever she was; and that, in spite of the fact that she is, in her faith, committed to the past and to doctrines formulated centuries before modern science was dreamed of. THE CATHOLIC BURDEN Is there any other society in the world, secular or sacred, that has passed through such vioisitatides with such a burden on its shoulders, and sur-vived? For it is a burden which she cannot shift. She cannot, at least, "re-cast her theology" and drop upopular or unfashionable dogmas (as can all sects which claim merely human author-ity), and yet live. Yet who can doubt that she is more of a force to-day than all the most accommodating denomina-tions around her. She has lived, too, in the tumitutous rush of Western life, not in the patient lethargy of the East. She has struggled, not only with enemies in her gate, but with her own children in her own house. She has been betrayed over and over again by the treachery or wickedness or coward ice of her own rulers; she has been ex-iled from panyle very country which

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ADDRESS TO THE KNIGHTS

Recently, at Canton, Ohio, an open meeting was held by the Knights of Columbus, at which Mr. John P. Dunn, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., delivered an address on "True Knighthood." The Ogdensburg News says that Mr. Dunn gradually led his audience on by con-trasting selfshness and charity the former too frequent in the lives of men to-day-in business commercial, family, and religious life; the latter too in frequent and deplorably absent. Sel-fishness found its true antidote in the life and sacrifice of Jesus, Who sacrifued all, even His life on the cross to teach men a lesson, that it must play no part

all, even his life on the cross to teach men a lesson, that it must play no part in the life of a true Christian. With the enthusiasm of a Knight of old he spoke feelingly on charity, and how it should animate men to a better under-standing of one another's wants. The Knights of Columbus were established to helo by charity, fraternity and edu to help by charity, fraternity and edu-cation, those who are in need, and devote the best in them to loyalty to

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which the Protestants are not prepared, who, therefore, are subject to a Mass-acre whenever the papists are ready." We should be thankful that our Pro-testant fellow -citizens are emerging from the darkness of such suspicions as were uttered in that petition, and that a better knowledge of their Catholic friends gives the lie to the assertion that "the people of the Roman Catholic Church are bound by their principles to be the worst subjects and the worst of neighbors." — Sacred Heart Review.

HAD THE PRIEST

From time to time one meets with a particularly striking verification of the statement once made by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, that, whatever may be thought of Catholicism as a religion to live in, it seems certainly to be the best one to die in. In a wreck on the cother day, Fireman William Tobin was very seriously injured, being pinned beneath the wreckage for an hour and twenty three minutes. Priests from the episcopal relidence were soon on the scene, and Father Hurst attended to the injured fireman. The latter's brother, Joseph, being informed that it was a man named McCornack who was pinioned in the engine, and seeing that every assistance was being rendered to him, hastened to be of service to the injured passengers. It was fully fifteen minutes before Joseph, learning that it was his brother William who was held prisoner, hastened to cheer the sufferer, begging him not to lose courage : that

ished picture; the artist shall give it the last touch at his easel; the science

"Sprang from Freemasonry"

Senhor Bernardino Machado, Minis-ter of "Justice" in the Provisional Government of Portugal, speaking in Lisbon on November 20, said, according Parish, near Glasgow, Scotland, arrived recently on the Anchor liner Colum-bia. Father Charleson is said to have Lisbon on November 20, said, according recently on the Anchor liner Colum-to O Mundo, a Government organ: "The triumphant revolution sprang from Freemasonry. It is impossible to forget the important part that Free-masonry played in it. We give a proof of our esteem for the Masonic order by embracing in the name of the Govern-ment the Grand Master, Senhor Magal-hear Line "

single friend. A quarter of a century ago such a change would have meant bitter-ness, loss of friends and perhaps persecu-tion, he added.

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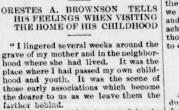
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we had just begun shall be completed, and the incipient destiny shall be achieved. Fear not, then, to begin; thou hast eternity before thee in which to end. hood where she had lived. It was the place where I had passed my own child-hood and youth. It was the scene of those early associations which become farther behind. "I stood where I had sported in the freedom of early childhood; but I stood alone, for no one was there with whom I could speak of its frolics. One feels singularly desolate when he hears only strange volces in what was the home of bis early life. MISSION AT BIDDULPH

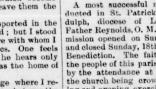
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Father Reynolds, O. M. I., Buitaio. The mission opened on Sunday, Dec. 11th, and closed Sunday, 18th, with the Papal Benediction. The faith and fidelity of the people of this parish was evidenced by the attendance at all the exercises, the church being crowded at the morn-ing and evening exercises. A series of instructions and sermons by the elo-cuent preacher mide a lasting impres-

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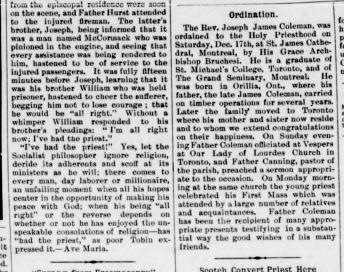
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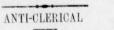
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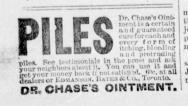
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credit" over more hearts than any other earthly sovereign, and more heads than any philosopher of the schools; she side and more hatred or contempt on the Atonement in regard to St. Peter and the Catholic Church, the example of the society's submission has in-fluenced them to do likewise. Since practically the entire community have one to us, these pious women have or to more, after I had finished my work, achieved my destiny; but to die before my work is completed while that destiny is but begun—this is the death which comes to me indeed as a "King of Terrors." "The hope of another Iffe to be the i this city took place the successful munits this city took place the successful munits

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