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A Social Event.

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From the Summerside, P. E. I., Agriculturist of Dec. 5 we take the following account of a very interesting C. M. B. A. social which recently took place in that town:

An exceedingly pleasant social took place at the Campbell Hotel here on Thursday evening, when Bro. Daniel D. Macdonald was, on the eve of his departure for St. John, N. B., entertained at an oyster supper by the members of Branch 215, C. M. B. A. The spread was an excellent one, and highly creditable to the house, and everything passed off in a most enjoyable manner. The speeches were eloquent and witty, and interspersed with songs and recitations, Dr. A. A. MacLellan, Emerald, accompanying the vocalists on the piano. Mr. S. M. Bent, President of Branch 215, presided, with Rev. D. J. G. Macdonald, Chancellor, as vice chairman. After the fine spread provided by Bro. Noonan had been discussed to the satisfaction of all, the following programme of toasts was honored, in cold water:

"The Queen and Royal Family." Vocal, "God Save the Queen."

"Canada, Our Country," responded to by Bro. Jas. R. Kenny.

"The Officers of the Grand Gouncil of the C. M. B. A.," responded to by Bros. Rev. D. J. G. Macdonald, Dr. MacLellan (Souris Branch), and John T. Mullin (Kensington Branch). Recitation by Bro. L. J. Reddin (Halifax Branch).

"Sister Branches," responded to by Bros.

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"Sister Branchs," responded to by Bros. Henry Moynagh (Kensington), and L. J. Reddin. Comic song by Bro. Thos. Donahoe (Kensington Branch).

"The Professions," responded to by Bros. D. A. H. MacLellan and A. C. Cullen. Song, "Annie Laurie," by Bro. D. J. G. Macdonald.

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Gour Guest," "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," Address below read by Bro. J. B. Strong, and spoken to by Bros. Strong, Jos. McCullough, James A. MacNeill, Wr. Murphy, Patrick Hamil, S. J. Cameron, J. C. Macdonald, F. Perry, J. G. Dempsey, John E. Delaney and Jas. R. Kenny, all of whom spoke highly of Bro. Macdonald, and expressed their regret at his departure. Bro. Macdonald made a short but feeling reply, expressing his pleas ure at the honor done him on this occasion, and his regret at having to, for a time at least, interrupt his pleasant fraternal relations with the brothers of Branch 215.

"Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. MacLellan, Mullin, Moynagh and Donahoe.

"Our Host and Hostosa" responded to by

"Our Host and Hostess," responded to by "Our Host and Hostess," responded to by Bro. J. R. Noonan. Song and Chorus, "Bonnie Charlie," solo by Bro. Dr., Maclellan.
Then followed the song and chorus, "Swamee River," solo by Bro. Reddin, and the solo, "When Ye Gang Awa', Jamie," by Rev. D. J. G. Macdonald. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind ever held in the Campbell Hotel.
The following is the address which was presented to Bro. Macdonald, with the signatures of the Brothers above named attached:

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TO Bro. Daniel D. MacLonald.

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To Bro. Daniel D. MacDonald,
Branch 215, C. M. B. A. Summerside, P. E. I.
Dear Sir and Brother—It is with feelings of
deep regret that we have learned of your intended departure from our miest, and we take
advantage of this occasion to assure you that
our kindinest wishes follow you wherever your
not be compared to the charter members of Branch
15, you have always taken a deep interest in
everything tending to the advancement and
prosperity of the branch, and wherever there
was work to be done, you were always to be
found doing a generous share, and doing it
willingly and effectively, and your efforts have
materially assisted in placing Branch 25 in the
position it occupies to day, the acknowledged
banner branch of Frince Edward Island.
We shall miss you in our weekly meetings,
in our social gatherings, and in our daily comings and going, and in bidding you good bye,
we again assure you of our best wishes for
your success and happiness, while at the same
time expressing the fervent hope that ere long
we may have the pleasure of welcoming you
home again.

Summerside, P. E. I., Dec. 3, 1895.
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Resolutions of Condolence.

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At the regular meeting of our Branch No.
48, New Germany, held on December 7, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to visit the family of Mr. Edward Haiter with the death of his son the Rev. Jos. Halter, priest, of the Congregation of the Resurrection of our Lord;
Whereas the death of the esteemed priest occurred at the early age of thirty nine years,

in the midst of a useful career when he was a once the joy and consolation of his family it, kesolved that the members of this branch

sad bereavement, and it is our prayer that sou may console them by looking upon his many virtues and labors in the vineyardef the Lord and the precious crown he gained at the eternal resting-place in heaven, where he has gone to receive them after a God-fearing life. Resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered on the minutes, that a copy be for-warded to the CATHOLLC RECEND and a copy be sent to the family of our Rev. Brother. E. Schmalz, President; S. Forster, Rec. Sec.

New Glasgow, December 2, 1896.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 248, the following resolutions were moved by J. C. McKinnon, seconded by A. D. Gillis.:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take to Himself the beloved wife of our respected Bro., John Connolly,

Resolved, that we, the members of Branch 248, tender to Bro. Connolly, our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement, and the assurance of our humble prayers for himself and family, as well as for the eternal repose of her who was a model wife and mother. And it was, further,

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Connolly, entered on the records of the branch, and forwarded to the Canadian and Catholic Record for publication. New Glasgow, December 2, 1896.

At a special meeting, held on the Sth Dec., by Branch No. 17; of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. New Castle, the following preambles and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God, in His mysterious designs, has been pleased to remove suddenly from the scene of his earthly labors our lamented brother. Chanceller W. T. Connors, of Branch No 202, Chatham, and Whereas, the association has, by his death, lost a most worthy member and efficient officer, the State a model citizen, his family a fond father and loving husband; be it, therefore Resolved, that this society, while bowing in humble submission to Divine Providence, do sympatbize with its sister branch of Chatham, and extend to the bercaved widow and family its expression of sincere condolence in this their hour of deep affliction. And, be it further, Resolved, that these resolutions be placed in the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy thereof be sent to the sorrowing wife and damily of our deceased brother, to The Canadian and the local journals.

NEW BOOK

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Another volume (an enlarged edition) of "Mostly Boys," by that popular story-teller for children, Rev. Francis J. Finn, S. J., has been issued by Benziger Bros. Any of Father Finn's novels would be a most sourable X-mas gift for our Catholic youth. Price, 85 cents.

A. O. H.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of Division No. 2, held in the hall of the Division, Red Lion block, Yonge street, Toronto:
Whereas this Division has learned with

whereas this Division has learned with sincere sorrow of the death of Mr. Thomas Brew, father of our worthy Brother, Mr. M. J. Brew, be it, therefore. Resolved that this Division tender the bereaved family its heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss of their beloved parent, who was not alone a kind and indulgent father, but also an exemplary Catholic and a citizen much respected for his unobtrusive virtues and upright character. Be it, further,

ther,
Resolved that this resolution be entered in the minutes of the Division; that a copy of it be forwarded to Brother Brew, and that it be published in the Catholic Register and the CATHOLIC RECORD. M. J. Ryan, Sec.

E. B. A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
St. Paul's Branch, No. 8, Toronto.

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The meeting for the election of officers was well attended, and great interest taken in the proceedings. The following officers were elected for 1807: President. P. Hurley; Vice-Pres. J. Neill; Rec. Sec. J. Cleary; Fin. and Insur. Sec. J. J. McDonald: Treas... J. Leston; Guard. E. King; Steward, J. Taylor; I. Guard. E. King; Librarian, J. Davey; Asst. Librarian, W. Leston. The remainder will be elected at the next meeting.

St. Pataria Branch, No. 21 Pataria Proporty.

St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough.
There was a good attendance of members,
and the various offices were closely contested,
the following being elected: Chaplain, Rev.
Father Scenlan: Chan., Jas. Drain: Pres. H.
Carveth: Yice-Pres. J. Lanergan: Rec. Sec. J.
Hahrahan: Insur. and Fin. Sec., J.
Hickey: Treas., J. H. Primeau: Stewards. E.
R. Ward, J. Collins, W. J. Deviln. R. McAuliffe; Mar., R. McAuliffe: Asst. Marshal,
C. Wall: I. Guard, W. J. Deviln: O. Guard,
Jas. Collins.

I. C. B. U.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. At a regular meeting of the Catholic Celtic League, branch No. 2, I. C. B. U., the follow-ing resolutions were adopted:
Where it has pleased Almighty God to re-move by the hand of death the beloved mother of our esteemed Brothers, James and Thomas Spelman.

Spelman,
Resolved that we, the members of Branch
No. 2, L. C. B. U., tender to Brothers Spelman
and family our heartfelt sympathy in the great
loss they have sustained by the death of their
beloved mother, which sad event makes this a
time of sorrow to them. Be it, further,
Resolved that a copy of this resolution be
spread on the minutes of this meeting and a
copy of the same be forwarded to our estecined
Brothers, and that one be sent to the Catho
Lic Record and Catholic Register for publication therein.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

On Tuesday, the 8th of December, the ceremonies at St. Mary's cathedral were very elaborate, as it was the patronal feast of the cathedral. Large numbers approached the lioly Table at the early Masses. Grand ligh Mass was celebrated at 10:30 by Rt. Rev. Mgr. McEvay, with Fathers Hinchey and Mahony as deacon and sub deacon. His Lordship the Bishop was present, attended by his secretary. In the evening at Vespers the sanctuary boys choir chanted the psalms and the hymn "Ave Marie Stella" in a very pleasing manner.

On Sunday evening last the Bishop assisted at Vespers accompanied by Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay and Father Mahoney. He distributed a large number of crosses and diplomas to promoters of the sacred Heart League, and then preached on the devotion to the Sacred Heart. He said he was highly pleased to know that the League was a highly pleased to know that the League was a highly pleased to know that the League was a highly pleased to know that the cathedral parish, and praised the good work done by the director, Father Mahoney, and by the promoters.

On Monday evening Dr. Balfe, of this city delivered the second of the Leo Literary Society's course of lectures. He took for his subject "Physiology." His lecture was a most interesting one throughout, and was listened to most attentively by a large audience.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

The solemn renewal of the consecration to the Sacred Heat of the Promoters of the Holy League was observed in the cathedral, London, on Tuesday evening, December S. Vespers were begun at 7:30, the celebrant being Rev. M. J. Tiernan. Seated in the sanctuary, besides the Director of the League, Rev. Father Tobin, were: Revs. T. Noonan and P. McKeon. His Lordship the Bishop was unavoidably absent.

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Immediately before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Rev. Father Tobin stated that as it is customary in all places where the Holy League is established, to assemble the Promoters together, at least once a year, to soleanly renew their consecration to the Divine Heart of Jesus, and to place themselves in a special manner under the protection of His Blessed Mother, he thought no more fitting time could be chosen for this purpose than that of today, when Holy Church calls upon her children throughout the world to commemorate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is inseparably united to that of His Blessed Mother; but every intelligent Catholic knows that there is a very great difference between the divine honor which the faithful render to Jesus, and the veneration and love which is paid to His Immaculate Mother. Because of the stainless purity of Mary, it is meet that we should love, respect and honor her, remembering that in proportion as we venerate her it redounds to the honor of her Divine Son Jesus Christ. The and love which is paid to His Immaculate Mother. Because of the stainless purity of Mary, it is meet that we should love, respect and honor her, remembering that in proportion as we venerate her it redounds to the honor of her Divine Son, Jesus Christ. The Church teaches that the Blessed Virgin at the very moment of her conception, by a special privilege of Almighty God, was preserved from every stain or taint of original sin. This is what is meant by the Immaculate Conception. This favor of exemption from original sin was bestowed upon Our Lady, not from any merit of her own, but by a special privilege of Almighty God, for His owa wise purpose—in order to prepare a fitting abode for His Divine Son. Reflection upon the Immaculate Conception leads us, naturally, to a consideration of the mystery of the Nativity, the commemoration of which joyous festival is now so near at hand. Before the coming of our Divine Redeemer man was in a most deplorable condition, on account of the sin of our first parents—even the very gates of heaven were closed against him. Almighty God, had He so willed it, could have left man in that riiserable state. The angels committed only one sin, still they were hurled into the very depths of hell. Yet, how mercifully God deals with us, His creatures, who have committed thousands upon thousands of sins! He so loved us that His own Divine Son became incarnate in order to redeem and save us. And in many other countless ways has came incarnate in order to redeem and save us. And in many other countless ways has He shown His enduring love for us, His creatures, most especially by His Real Presence in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. It is to make open profession of our thankfulness to Jesus for all the graces and gitts which He is continually bestowing upon an ungrateful world, as well as to renew in a special man-ner our consecration to His Sacred Heart, that ner our consecration to His Sacred Heart, that we are this evening publicity assembled on this the feast of the Immaculate Conception. At a sign from the Director, the Promoters, with lighted tapers in their hands, advanced to the attar-railing, and, led by Father Tobin, slowly and solemnly read the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Rosary was then recited, while the Promoters remained kneeling in a body until after the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE LATE FATHER HALTER.

An esteemed correspondent sends us the following additional details of the life of the Rev. Joseph Halter, C. R., and also an account of the funeral obsequies:

Rev. Joseph Halter, C. R., an esteemed member of the staff of St. Jerome's College and St. Mary's church, Berlin, died on Thursday, 26th Nov., in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

The deceased, son of Mr. Edward Halter of New Germany, was born in New Germany

pital, Guelph.

The deceased, son of Mr. Edward Halter of New Germany, was born in New Germany on March 4, 1857. Having received an ordinary education in the Public school of his native village, he spent several years of his youth in commercial pursuits in Guelph. Then he resolved to take a classical course of studies, which he did at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and St. Jerome's College, Berlin.

In 1879 he went to Rome, Italy, where he joined the Order of the Resurrection of Our Lord, completed his philosophical and theological studies at the Gregorian University and received Holy Orders June 19, 1886.

Having completed his studies he was sent by his superiors to act as professor at St. Mary's, Ky. A few years later he was called to Chicago, where he founded St. Stanislaus College, which he directed for two years. In 1894 he returned to Berlin, where he labored as master of studies and professor tof the College, and as assistant in the parish of St. Mary's.

The deceased was a deep student and ripe scholar, a thorough and efficient educator, and a clear, logical and convincing lecturer and pulpit speaker. Being endowed with the finest qualities of mind and heart, and an indefatigable worker he was eminently successful in whatever he undertock, and was esteemed and loved by all who came in contact with him.

His giant frame and sound constitution seemed to promise a long life of exceptional usefulness. But a very severe attack of the grippe in 1835, which again returned in 1856, undermined his health, and gradually brought on heart disease, resulting in dropsy.

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In order to give him sill the care and treatment possible, he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guslph, where his condition grew rapidly worse until he breathed his last at about 12 o'clock Thursday night, November 26. He bore his long and at times severe illness with great Christian fertitude and cheerfulness, retaining consciousness to the end.

end.

The funeral took place on Monday morning, November 30, at 10 o'clock at New Germany, in the presence of sixteen priests and an immense concourse of people who had come from near and far to honor the memory come from near and far to honor the memory of the beloved priest and to express their condolence to the family in their hour of trial. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Wm. Kloepfer, Provincial of C. R., Rav. Father A. Weiler being deacon, and Rev. S. Foerster master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Monsignore McLvay, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, performed the absolution. Rav. H. Aymans, C. R. of St. Agatha, delivered the funeral sermon, in which he spoke feelingly and eloquently of the zeal and meritorious labors of the deceased as priest and teacher.

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Father Joseph Halter was the last ordained of seven priests who sprang from this mission and also the first whom as we sincerely trust the unscrutable will of God has called to his eternal reward. His memory and many virtues will always live in the hearts of his brother priests among the students of the Collegos for whom he worked so hard, and it will be blessed in the missions where he was ever anxious to labor for the care of souls. R. I. P.

FROM BROCKVILLE.

The collections here for the revived Regiopolis College, at Kingston, as ordered by His Grace Most Rev. Archbishop Cleary, have, so far, amounted to \$2,000. This, in addition to \$1,000 donated by the pastor, Very Rev. Dean Gauthier, speaks well for the piety and zeal of both pastor and people.

For some reason best known to the people of this town, the municipal elections are run on political lines. Last year an effort was made by the leading citizens, to effect a change, but the result was not successful. Mr. D. W. Downey, merchant, is in the field for mayor on the Liberal side, although it is believed a very large number of citizens will throw politics aside and give their sutfrages to Mr. Downey as a fit and proper person for the effice. Mr. Downey has been in the municipal council for a number of years, and has the reputation of being an efficient and conscientious official. He is a prominent C. M. B. A. man. Brockville will do itself an honor by electing Mr. Downey.

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The Ottawa Journal, of Dec. 7, says that the Catholic Truth Society of that city held its annual meeting, on the 6th and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Joseph Pope; Ist vice-president, Rev. H. Constantineau, O. M. I.; 2nd vice president, Rev. H. Constantineau, O. M. I.; 2nd vice president, E. L. Sanders; secretary, W. C. De Brisay, (re-elected); committee, W. L. Scott, E. P. Stanton, Wm. Kearns, John Gorman, J. A. J. McKenna, F. B. Hayes and D. Burke.

The Secretary reported the distribution of 5893 publications during the year, bringing the grand total, distributed since the society was organized in 1891, up to 37,440 publications. The organization of four branch societies was also reported, and the deaths of two of the Ottawa members. The city was also congratulated upon its immunity from the scourge of anti-Catholic lecturers. The treasurer reported a substantial balance to the credit of the society.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN CONNOLLY, MILBANK, POTTER'S BRIDGE.

The New Glasgow, N. S., Chronicle, of Dec. 3, says: Mrs. John Connolly, Milbank, Potter's Bridge, passed away on Thursday night, at 11 o'clock. She was a long and patient sufferer, but her last hours were peaceful. Her funeral took place on Sabbath afternoon, and considering the weather and the state of the roads was the largest we have seen in New Glasgow for a long time. The steamer Elsie took up a number from Picton on a special trip. There were quite a number from Stellarton, Westville and Thorburn in attendance. There were seventy two carriages in the procession which passed down Provost street, besides the large number who went on foot. The remains were taken to the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, where an interesting and solemn service was held, and taken part in by Revs, W. B. McDonald, Lourdes, and R. McDonald, New Glasgow, Miss Roberts sang a beautiful anthem: "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." After the service was over the remains were deposited in Lourdes Cemetery, beside that of her young son who died a year ago last April.

Mrs. Connelly was a daughter of the late Phil. Carroll, Pictou, a well known and respected citizen of that town. She was a lady of fine qualities, and was greatly respected by all who knew her. She was active and diligent in good works, not only in her own communion but outside. She was a representative member of the Aberdeen Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, and took a deep interest in that institution. She will be greatly missed by her friends, but especially by her husband and family, who are left bereaved of an affectionate wife and kind mother. To her husband and three children wa, in common with their many friends in New Glasgow and the adjoining sections, offer our sympathies in their bereavement. Taken away in the prime of life, we are reminded of the sad but sure fact that Death knows no age or station in life, but all are subject to him and must come under him.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

The Greatest Happiness Will Com From Giving Happiness to Others.

"We must not allow ourselves to forget the true meaning of the Christmas spirit," writes Edward W. Bok of "The Christmas That Lies Between," in the December Ladies' Home Journal. "It will bring happiness to us just in proportion as we bring happiness to others. To some the day will this year bring other than happy thoughts or memories. Sorrows are harder to bear on festal days than at any other time. But no sor-row should crush the Christmas spirit from our hearts. It is not in the amount that we do, or are able to do, that we shall find happiness for our-selves and for others. The simplest pleasures and acts ofttimes make the nearts of others overflowing with hap piness. To fail to do something be cause you feel that you cannot do much is wrong. What seems ever so trifl ing to you may make some little hear sing all day long, which but for you might pass the day without a note of happiness. Don't grow impatient of the Christmas myth or legend. Keep it alive. God knows that we have few enough ideals in these investigating days of ours. Let us not disturb the Christmas traditions. It is a duty to ourselves to keep this day as unlike any other. And we can only do this by fanning into flame the smouldering embers of the Christmas spirit which is in everyone of us. God implanted it there. It was good that we should have it, or He would not have given it to us. In childhood the fire burned brightly enough within us; in old age the light of Christmas will reflect in our faces and our natures. But in the meantime we must keep the spirit alive so that it may glow the warmer and softer in old age. Let us have an old-time merry Christmas this year, a real, old-fashioned, happy one. Let us make everybody forget that there is anything in the world but good-fellowship and happy laughter. To the sick let us bring forgetfulness of pain ; to the sorrowful, the sweet balm of a happy smile; to the aged, loving thoughts of consideration ; to the poor, a suggestion of the greater material blessings which are ours. Then, as we bring light to other eyes, color to other cheeks, happinsss to other hearts,

we shall be happy ourselves. Christmas spirit will keep alive within us. Our years must be spanned, not with a Christmas at either end. but with an unbroken bow of happy Yuletides, the center brighter even than the beginning and the end. Living memories must intertwine and link to gether the golden curl and the snowy lock. Then we will live in the full richness of the Christmas that lies be tween; the Yuletide of the present, the Christ Day that is now and here.'

A CHRISTIAN'S WEAPONS.

We learn from the Gospel that we re not to expect to go on smoothly in this life without ever meeting anything that will disturb us. On the contrary, our Lord would have us clearly under stand that we are to be tried on every side, for His words are: "And thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee. and compass thee round, and straight en thee on every side."

The axiom has it, "Forwarned is

forearmed;" so then we have great reason to be grateful to our Lord for His pointing out what we are to look for during our stay on this earth. The evident reason of this prediction is that we should be prepared to meet whatever befalls us. whatever befalls us. The question arises, then, have we the means on hand to combat and overcome our enemies? enemies? Yes, in abundance. We have so many helps, all of us, that they are too numerous to mention. Why, to name some of them, we have prayer, the sacraments, our Lord Himself in the Sacrament of the Altar-what more can we ask for? If we are overcome by our enemies we have but ourselves to blame, for our Lord has said, "Come to Me all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." do this? Don't we rather turn to the things of earth and to try to drown our sorrows by means of them? I am afraid the latter is what many of us have recourse to, and hence we are vanquished by our adversaries. How many of us, when it pleases the Lord to take from us one whom we loved dearly, turn to Him in prayer and seek assistance in that hour of trial? Is it not often the case when, for instance, a father or a mother is taken away that the son, terrified at the affliction. endeavors to get rid of it by drinking and carrying on in a disgraceful man ner—and to what good? True, drink may make one oblivious of his sur roundings for the time being, when its influence has passed away the trouble returns with redoubled vigor whereas, if at the outset he would turn his thoughts to God and beg of Him the grace to bear his trials manfully, it would be a stay for him to sustain his troubles and a source of merit here-

There is not one of us that is not ready to oppose and conquer the enemy when he threatens the life of our body and if we are so solicitous about that which, after all, is but to last for a few years, what shall we say when He at-tempts to deprive us of what is to continue forever-the soul? Now, then, an enemy, common, I was going to say, to us all, is detraction; that is to say, telling the faults of our neighbors to their detriment to every one that will listen. Knowing, then, the adversary, what steps are we to take to put him down?

There is a hidden life in every separate being that composes each homely circle, impenetrable to the rest of its members.

The first thing such a person does is to institute a daily examination of conscience. At the expiration of each The first thing such a person does is

day it is carefully noted down how many times this fault has been committed; one day, one month, is com-pared with another, so that within a very short time the state of the con-science is pretty exactly known; and the number in this particular sin comparatively few, supposing, as we said before, the person is in earnest. This help, together with a weekly or monthly confession, will produce in six months' time a gratifying result to God and the soul who has had so much success in the warfare against the adversary.

Conversions.

The Quebec Telegraph of Dec. 11 says that on Sunday, 22nd November, at St. Patrick's church, in that city, a very imposing ceremony took place, when Mr. and Mrs. Bohn, son and daughter, of Copenhagen, Denmark, were baptized and received into the Catholic Church by Rev. Father O'Reilly, P. P. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the ceremony, the rev. pastor preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, which was followed by the choir singing the Te Deum, concluding with the solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For Adoption.

The Children's Aid Society have three girls and two boys for adoption in Catholic homes. Address Secretary, London, Ont.

Many critics are like woodpeckers, who astead of enjoying the fruit and shadow of tree, hop incessantly around the trunk, peck ing holes in the bark to discover some little vorm or other.—Longfellow.

MARKET REPORTS.

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London, Dec. 17. — Wheat, 82 to 84c per bushel. Oats, 153-16 to 20-25 per bush. Peas, 35 to 45c per bush. Barley, 19-18 to 31-15c bushel. Buckwheat, 14-15 to 30-15c per bush. Rye, 28 to 30-45c per bush. Peas, 22-5 to 35 short per bush. Rye, 28 to 30-45c per bush. Oarn. meat supply, and very good forequarters of beef could be bought for \$3.30 to \$8.40 per cwt. Lamb, 6½c. per pound by the quarters for 7c. a pound. Geese, 5c a lb. The years of to 7c. a pound. Geese, 5c a lb. Ducks. The years of years of

beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; beef, fores, 2 to 4c; lamb, carcass, per lb., 5 to 5c; veal, carcass, 5 to 5c; mutton, per lb., 4 to 5c; dressed hogs, \$4.25 to 85 25.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special).—The grain market continued quiet and unchanged. Peas are nominally quoted at 45 to 30c, and oats sold at 25 to 35c.

Malting barley was steady at 15 to 47c. Buckwheat was neglected, at 35 to 35c.

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Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 7c per pound; hens,
5 to 6c. per pound; alive, 4 to 5c per lb.; tur-keys, 8 to 9c per pound; pigeons, 15c per pair, alive; ducks, 9 to 10c per pound; geese, 6 to 7c per pound.

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One hundred and fifty to two hundred stockers were purchased at prices ranging from ½ to 3½ per purchased at prices ranging from ½ to 3½ per purchased at prices and at about these figures.

Calves were not much asked for, at from \$3.50 to 86 each.

We had no change in sheep and lambs: trade was fair, and choice lambs and sheep are in moderate demand at from ¾ to 3½ per pound for lambs, and ½° for good shipping sheep.

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