

CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

ROME, Dec. 8.—The Vatican has been informed that a contingent of British bluejackets from the flagship Duncan will arrive in Rome shortly...

An exchange has the following on certain phases of social life: If Long-fellow yet lived, instead of telling us that he "believed in the bridge at midnight," he might have said...

"The Catholic position in the United States," says a recent writer, "seems an ideal one for missionary effect."

Mrs. Gertrude Halle Lanman, widow of the late William C. Lanman, has joined the Catholic church.

THE ANGLICAN.

The Christian World, London, acknowledges the receipt from a Newfoundland correspondent of a New Year's message...

The dean of Norwich, England is one of the many Anglican clergymen in the world who have given their lives to the service of the poor...

THE PRESBYTERIAN

Among recent missionary news we have read an account of a mission full of promise and rapid growing strength in the district of country...

Speaking of the comparative growth of the various churches in the United States, Rev. Dr. Carson of Brooklyn says: "Four and one-tenth per cent. increase in the Unitarian Church while the increase in the Presbyterian churches as a whole was 44.8 per cent."

The Presbyterian Standard gives good advice to the preacher. The pulpit is no place for speculation or a gospel of doubt.

The Baptist convention of Mexico was held a few weeks ago at Guadalajara, which is the second Mexican city in membership and importance...

BAPTISTS

The Baptist Union of Scotland, which has just had its annual meeting, reports that in membership there was a decrease of 30,516, but that last year's school increased by 18 teachers, scholars by 408, gifts and the general work made progress.

Japanese Baptists were much blessed in their work last year. Four hundred and two converts were baptized.

ST. JOHN CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS DAY, IDEAL WEATHER, SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL IS UNIVERSAL

Enjoyable Functions at Public Institutions—Many Presentations of Public Interest—Special Christmas Services in the Churches—Good Behaviour of the Crowds—Lack of Snow the Only Drawback

Christmas Day, 1909, was celebrated by the people of St. John in the usual, but happy manner. The weather was all that could be desired, the day being one of the finest and brightest of the early winter. The lack of snow was a drawback to a certain degree, but enabled those who have their meals here to return on board the steamer till late in the evening.

The religious side of the celebration of the day was observed by special Christmas services in the majority of the city churches. The Presbyterian congregations of the city held a united service in St. Stephen's church in the morning. The Baptist churches held their Christmas services yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Max Nordan Delivered Which He Expected of Jewish Nation

HAMBURG, Dec. 25.—The International Zionist Congress, the first in Germany, opened here today with a large attendance. David Wolffsohn, Cologne, president of the executive committee, greeted the delegates.

THIS GIRL BUT SHE WOULD BE A MARRIED WOMAN

Miss Mary O'Brien Municipal Controversy

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Fighting to hold a position that has been shorn of its compensation in an effort to remove the incumbent, Miss Mary O'Brien of Lowell, assistant superintendent of the Massachusetts State Department, is the centre of a peculiar political controversy.

DOUGLAS AVENUE CHURCH. Rev. J. C. B. Appel of Douglas Ave. Christian Church, gave his Christmas message as follows:—

THE BEAUTIFUL PRESENT Three Inches of Snow More Than 100,000 Given Free Christmas

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Christmas was brought to New York a snow storm, cheering all who delight in a wintry holiday, softening the rumbles of what little traffic was abroad in the streets and especially gladdening the heart of the small boy with the new sled.

VICTORIA STREET CHURCH. In Victoria Street Baptist Church the morning service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, and Rev. Benjamin White, who preached in the evening from Isaiah ix. 6.—"His name shall be called wonderful."

ABSOLUTE SECURITY. Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Must Bear Signature of Wood.

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