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*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope
for all Associates.*

Respect Due to Authority.

MUCH will be said in history of the century which is about to expire. Whatever may have been the marvels wrought by the civilizations of the past, whether Egyptian, Assyrian, Phenecian, Greek, or Roman, and which have been lost to us either by the mere lapse of centuries, or whose record has been totally obliterated by the destructive agency of war, it is scarcely credible that any previous age, since the creation of the world, should have been so prolific in startling discoveries and wonderful inventions. Were those who lived, let us say, but a century ago to rise from their graves, they would be astounded at the prodigious strides the world has made since their day in mere material progress. Those of us now living, whose memories can reach back but fifty years would never in our childhood have dared, even in our wildest flights of fancy, to picture to ourselves the prodigies accomplished in so