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## CHRISTMAS.

In the solemn hush of midnight many centuries ago the still small cry of a little child awoke the world to the realization that a Redeemer had come.

A tiny infant appeals no one, rather it excites sympathy and love. So with the Christ Child. Had He come in His might and in His glory the humble ones of earth, in their utter contempt for their condition, would have buried themselves out of sight, not daring to raise their eyes to meet the majesty of this awe-inspiring King. On the contrary, He, in an excess of loving kindness, came as a little child, so that the very ones among whom He was to minister would be the first to gather round Him and bid Him welcome to a world which was to make Him such an ignominious return.

The Saviour coming under the guise of a little child, Christmas, then, is, verily, the children's feast. They have been looking forward to it for weeks, wondering, conjuring in their minds what Santa Claus, the dear old friend of the happy childish years, will bring them, and with what unbounded joy are the stockings searched on the long-looked-for morning. The gifts of old were suggested by loving hearts, establishing a custom which, coming down the ages, has resolved itself into either, as then, a pure expression of love or else a vulgar sham.

This is the season when friends exchange good wishes; when family reunions bring together those perhaps separated or estranged for years; when old animosities are forgotten and buried out of sight, when the poor are remembered out of the abundance of Christmas cheer; when the house resounds with childish glee, keeping the heart young and bringing out the best that is in us.

The spirit begotten of the Christ-Child is that of love. Let us, then, diffuse that spirit as much as it lies in our power, not only to the ones who have a claim upon us, but to those whose lives are loveless and unfortunate, so that we, too, may not go empty-handed to welcome the King, but having remembered the least of those who are His friends, spreading around us the spirit begotten of the Gospel He has taught, that priceless, Christ-like peace and happiness will be ours.

Christmas will have passed ere another issue reaches our subscribers. We, therefore, take the opportunity of extending to each and everyone our sincere wishes for a very happy Christmas.

## THE TIME OF DANGER.

It is impossible to write of Christmas and its memories at the present moment without sorrowful reflections upon the condition of the church. As the Holy Father in his allocution of December 6 said: "More than ever, can the Church be compared to a ship tossed by waves in the midst of the sea; but our faith does not waver in the least."

No, though the time may be approaching when the practice of Christian life shall return to the ancient reality of heroic sacrifice. Upon every hand, though notably in the older lands of Europe, persecution appears to be emboldened by the indifference of men who are Christians in name and even in profession. This indifference in itself is evidence of cowardice and disregard for human rights and liberty of conscience.

Nations have consented under democratic sway to laws that would have called the people to arms against despots. The right of public meeting, freedom of speech and the security of property have suffered. The oncoming wave may carry civilization a long distance towards socialism; but if every privilege formerly prized be already overthrown or threatened, what trials the future may present cannot be conjectured. It is within the Church the Holy Father perceives reserve strength. "The greatest comfort," he says, "is the singular cord flourishing throughout the episcopacy, which is fully united to us, word of discretion. This imposes May God make all Catholics conform to the most luminous example of their pastors following their sacred duty on Christians, emphasized by the present needs of religion, namely, that when there is hostility to the Church people must proceed with compact strength to win, and, in those regions where hostility threatens Catholics generally, renouncing animosity and dissensions, must leave no means unattempted allowed by the laws and Christian conscience happily to overcome the evil."

The moment of danger should always be the moment of courage, and courage is what the times we live in demand from Christians. Courage to obey and to serve. This is the highest quality of fortitude. And from fortitude shall come peace.

## IRISH PARTY AND THE EDUCATION BILL.

Our article of last week seems to have anticipated the more recent rumors concerning the English Education Bill. A compromise now is reported within reach; and if this should turn out true, the credit in large measure must be awarded to the Irish Party. In the letter of Mr. John Dillon on another page, a free and candid expression of distrust of the House of Lords is reiterated. When the Lords take issue with the people of England it will be a blue day for their Lordships; and it would be a pity that any Irishman should be found in their company. If the Liberal leaders give ear to the claims so logically advanced by the Irish party against what Mr. Dillon describes as provisions inconsistent with Liberal principles, a compromise that may save the situation for the Government as well as for the Lords can be arrived at.

It would be more in harmony with the principles of the British Liberal party to challenge the Lords upon some question that will unite the democracy of the three kingdoms. The present Education Bill presents no such issue.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Berlin official paper suggests rather a new solution of the Polish question in Prussia. It wants the Poles sent to Canada, for, according to it, they would succeed there where other emigrants fail. "They are for the most part farmers," we are told, "and far better able to weather the Canadian climate than Southern Slavs, Italians, etc. Canada would eagerly accept strong, able-bodied European emigrants, and Canadian soil is fabulously fertile, and in view of these circumstances, and of the fact that the Canadian Government is opening up vast tracts for settlement, Canada seems eminently suitable to become the future home of the Polish population." The German Government would like to see

the Poles all across the Atlantic. Then there would be neither a Polish National question, nor a Polish school question. But it is to be expected that the Poles will refuse to leave their country entirely to strangers. "The policy of settling German farmers in Prussian Poland, which has cost twenty-five million pounds," says the Kreuz Zeitung, "has not improved the political aspect of the Polish question." Under the circumstances, that the German Government should think for a moment that the Poles will desert their own country for Canada looks like as if it had not yet even begun to realize the character of the patriotism and love of their own land which inspires the Polish people. Canada welcomes strong settlers, and would heartily welcome the Poles, but not for the reasons advanced by the Berlin paper.

The movement for the beatification of the eleven Bishops who are commemorated in the English College pictures at Rome as having died for the faith in prison under Queen Elizabeth is gradually making way, according to the London Tablet. During October a step was taken by the Bishops of the six northern dioceses, which it is hoped will before long lead to the introduction of the cause in the Roman Courts. At their annual meeting at Ushaw, the Bishops of Middlesboro', Hexham, Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool, Shrewsbury and Salford discussed the case of the eleven Bishops and unanimously agreed that the inscription set up by permission of Pope Gregory XIII. beneath the picture of their prison can only be understood as a sign of that Pontiff's intention that these eleven Bishops should be held up for the same honor as the other martyrs commemorated in the pictures. In accordance with this conclusion, their Lordships addressed a joint letter to the Archbishop of Westminster, praying his Grace as Metropolitan to sue from the Holy See the honor of beatification for the eleven Bishops. To this the Archbishop promptly replied, stating that he would certainly do all in his power to give speedy effect to the wishes of the Bishops.

The splendid statue of Father Nugent, in Liverpool, unveiled there last week, has been photographed, and is greatly admired for the excellent grouping of the priest-philanthropist and the child—the child always, and in all circumstances, being this great Catholic priest's first care. The programme for the public inauguration of the statue contains beneath a photograph of the monument the following inscriptions:

## "SAVE THE BOY."

An eye to the blind.

A foot to the lame.

The father of the poor.

The apostle of temperance.

The protector of the orphan child.

The consoler of the prisoner.

The reformer of the criminal.

The saviour of fallen womanhood.

The friend of all in poverty and affliction.

Father Nugent was the greatest philanthropist Liverpool has ever known, so far as the children of the poor were concerned, and his monument has been subscribed to by all classes and creeds, for his good works were confined to no creed or class, but spread themselves out amongst all sects along the Mersey during a long, beautiful and most strenuous and fruitful life.

The Irish College at Rome, having increased very much as to number at the opening of the scholastic year 1906-1907, the Rector, Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, secured the privilege of a special Pontifical audience for the new students. He presented them to the Pope. His Holiness advanced to the door of his room to welcome the numerous band of young Irish Jesuits, and gave his hand to each. When they had risen from a kneeling posture, the Holy Father spoke to them in Latin of the work they were

beginning, its peculiar character and importance. He counselled them warmly to seize the splendid opportunity afforded by their youth and dwelling in Rome for the acquisition of virtue and learning so as the most worthily possible to undertake the work of the Catholic apostolate in their native country. At the close of the reception Plus X. blessed all the religious objects which the students had brought with them, and conferred the Papal Benediction on themselves and those dear to them.

The third number of the Canadian Pictorial, which is its Christmas issue, is both tastefully and interestingly compiled. The letter press is excellent and the up-to-date illustrations portray for the most part things purely Canadian. Hence, being so patriotic, it most assuredly will prove to be an important factor in helping to weld together the people of this great country. A picture attracts where one would so easily ignore an article mayhap of mighty weight; but when one sees portrayed in the very best style huge waterways, immense tracts of land opening up to great railways, ports for the landing and shipping of our country's vast products, then one begins to realize that after all there has yet to be found a better country than "the Greater Britain beyond the seas;" and a people enjoying a more enviable position than we Canadians. We heartily welcome the Canadian Pictorial among our many exchanges.

The Irish emigration returns for the year still show increase, though the season is practically over. Down to the end of November there was an increase of 4514 as compared with 1905. All the provinces contribute their quota, but Ulster, strange to say, furnished the largest proportion. The total number of emigrants to date is 34,593. About six hundred more may be expected this month, so that will exceed 35,000 for the year. Eight years ago it had sunk to 32,000, so that little or no progress is being made in the work of reducing the outflow. About 38 per cent. of the passages to America are booked on this side of the Atlantic.

An Irish trademark, applicable to every article manufactured or produced in Ireland, has been registered and Ireland thus becomes the first country to have a national trademark as a protection against fraud. The design consists of an old Irish ornament with the words "Danta I Sirinn," meaning "made in Ireland."

The Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, celebrated his fifty-third birthday yesterday. He was born at Quebec on Dec. 19, 1853.

A Benefactor to All.—The soldier, the sailor, the fisherman, the miner, the farmer, the mechanic, and all who live lives of toil and spend their existence in the dull routine of tedious tasks and who are exposed to injuries and ailments that those who toil do not know, will find in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil an excellent friend and benefactor in every time of need.

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Where is Mass said and benediction given at present? IN A GARRET, the use of which I get for a rent of ONE SHILLING per week. Average weekly Collection...3s. 6d. No endowment whatever, except HOPE. Not a great kind of endowment, you will say, good reader. Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened, I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great mission.

Best outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming? I have noticed how willingly the CLIENTS of ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO LITTLE. Do that little which is your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly. DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO MY URGENT APPEAL. "May God bless and prosper your endeavors in establishing a Mission at Fakenham."

ARTHUR.

Bishop of Northampton.

Address—Father H.W. Gray, Hampton Road, Fakenham, Norfolk, England.

P.S.—I will gratefully and promptly acknowledge the smallest donation, and send with my acknowledgments a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart.

This new Mission will be dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua.

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## FIRST CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA.

It may or may not be generally known, but the first Christmas celebration in America took place in the West Indies and in the year that America was discovered. The great navigator, Christopher Columbus, who showed the civilized world the way across the Atlantic, was master of ceremonies. On Christmas eve, 1492, he lost his flagship, the Santa Maria, which ran on a reef on the north coast of Haiti. Fortunately for him and his crew, the native Indians of the island were friendly, and they not only came to his rescue, but saved all the wreckage of his vessel, which they piled up on the beach at Guatoco, near the present city of Cape Haitien. The Indian cacique did all he could to allay the grief of the Spaniards, and on Christmas day spread a banquet to which they were invited and at which many of his own people acted in the capacity of servants.

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## OBITUARY.

CANON DUHAMEL.

The Rev. Canon L. H. Duhamel, pastor of the parish of St. Pie, diocese of St. Hyacinthe, died on Tuesday, at the age of fifty-four years. On Saturday last the reverend gentleman had an attack of apoplexy, and, despite the best medical attendance, he passed away. The Canon was ordained a priest in 1879. From that time to 1893 he was pastor of the Cathedral at St. Hyacinthe, and assisted the late Bishop Moreau as theologian at the first council of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal. After leaving St. Hyacinthe he took charge of the Parish of St. Pie, retaining his position, however, as one of the canons of the chapter of the diocese. The funeral will take place at St. Pie to-morrow morning.

MISS LIZZIE MCCALL.

On Saturday evening there passed away after a protracted illness Miss Lizzie McCall, daughter of the late Mr. Edward McCall. Deceased had always taken an active part in the good work of the parish to which she belonged. The funeral took place on Tuesday at St. Anthony's Church.

MR. PATRICK MCENROE.

The death occurred on Monday morning of Mr. Patrick McEnroe, a well known resident of Montreal, at the age of 76 years, after an illness extending over two years. Two sons and two unmarried daughters are left to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from his late residence, 872 St. Denis street, to St. Agnes Church.

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# IRISH P

Mr. John Dillon, dressed the following editor of the London

Sir,—Intemperate religious bigotry blinded in Mr. Dillon's sense of fairness in even to have depraved power of being a ment of facts. I ed in your issue of says: "To speak as a party of mod farcical when Mr. Education Bill is no and when he encour of Lords to amend existence."

Will Mr. Hirst name the occasion a guage in which I e House of Lords to cation Bill out of only recent occasio alluded to the House at Liverpool last m warned our people the House of Lords safety of our schools heard of any institut in English history, ance was in the Hou which did not ultim long run come to g

True, I did descri provisions of the pr Bill as inconsistent principles. So they support of that view language of Mr. Zin Pres dent of the Eas beral Association, that view in terms as any that I used.

In pursuance of your Lobby correspo Hollowell goes on to wants to concentrate school villages, he n attention to Wrights cashire, where the o miles around is a Ro school, and in this sel thirds of the scholars Yet it is for this and that he tries to persua ment to extend Claus Surely Mr. Hollowe ignorant or so stupid know that even the amendment proposed Lords would not stre cover such a school.

the sake of his inven tends to believe that "promise" favored by r respondent.

He concluded his let "Already it is absolute we shall not accept left the Commons as a settlement." Who are would, indeed, be an e Liberal party if that "the majority of the Pa

What is the real clai tholics against whi well's denunciation is is that in schools built crifice by Catholic mon ly by the money of people, and in which ti ting majority are of

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Previously acknowledged Mr. L. Doyle, Brechin. M. J. McAndrew ..... A Friend, Hespeler, O

Total to date .....

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGH

Report for the week day, 16th December, 1 Irish, 94; French, 4 21; other nationalities, 172. All had a night's breakfast. By calling u men can be had to atten other work.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A.

CITY.

In the list of officers p our last issue, the name chard Dolan, assistant se inadvertently omitted.

There will be an adjour of the Society on Sunda inst., at 8.30 p.m., at w members are requested to

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

ANN'S.

The temperance da which took place at