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# THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

WHAT IS GOOD?

" What is the real good"? I asked in musing mood.

Order, said the law court ; Gruer, said the law court; Knowledge, said the school; Truth, said the wise man; Pleasure, said the fool; Love, said the maiden; Beauty, said the page; Freedom, said the dreamer; Home, said the sage; Fame, said the soldier ; Equity, said the seer ;-

Spake my heart full adly : " The answer is not here.

Then within my bosom Softly this I heard : Each heart holds the secret : Kindness is the word." JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

# THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The Mission of Catholic New papers.

## The Feeble and Insufficient Support They Receive-Some Prac-tical Suggestions.

This was the subject of one of the papers read before the Ostholic Congress at Baltitheir whole duty in the matter of supporting Catholic papers. We give the following lengthy extract from Mr. Wolff's remarks. The subject is very important ; and we hope the words of the learned speaker will not be strewn on rocks or on a harren soll.

" That Catholic newspapers may even approach the realization of what we have been urging, it is necessary that a support far greater than any of them new receives be accorded them. Until this is done, and it is net done now, much that we have written will be entirely impracticable, purely visionary. Editors of Catholic newspapers and their assistants are notoriously over-worked and underpaid. There are, among editors and writers for Catholic newspapers, men of eminent ability, sincerely desirous to de their full duty in their respective positions; men who in other paraults or on non-Catholic journals might win their way to fortune and to fame, and yet who receive a meagre com-pensation. They are overworked, for no two or three men can properly and thoroughly do the work that "is comprehended in an idea Catholic newspaper as we have sketched it. Yet the ideal is not emphatically not, a visionare or impracticable one,

"Were it necessary to give sharper point to what we have written, we might easily do it. We could name at least ten or twelve Protestant journals, which, as respects numerical strength of editoral staff, number of regular contributors and correspondents, scholarly work, careful thought, and painstaking, discriminating labor employed on them contrast most forcibly and favorably with even the very best of our Catholic newspapers. In the respects we have mentioned they are incomparably superior to almost every, if not every, Catholic newspaper in our country. It is unpleasant to say this ; it is unpleasant to you to hear it ; but unhappily, it is true.

SOME EDUCATED CATHOLICS TO BLAME.

Whese fault is all this ? Is is that of the Ulame as regard expend for

writers and their work, and especially Oathelie : be called, having for its objects the removal journalists. The Fathers of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore have repeated that blas-sing. They declarothat those of them who give themselves faithfully to the work, are worthy dress :---

""But all this will be only words in the ir, unless it can be brought home to each parent and made practical in each beusehold. If the head of each Catholic family will recognize it as his privilge and his duty to contribute towards supporting the Catholic press by subscribing for one or more Catholic per-iodicale, and keeping himself well acquainted with the information they impart, then the Catholic press will be sure to attain its rightful development and to accomplish its dostinod mission,"

THE MISSION OF THE PRESS MUST BE FUL-FILLED,

"Who can reach the heads of Catholic families-reach them effectively ? The Ca-tholic press, using its best efforts, employing the most successful canvassers, cannol-we mean cannot without the active assistance of our prelates and clergy. Even with their assistance it will be a difficult task. We have the testimony of worthy zealous priests who energetically labored to increase the circulation of Catholic newspapers in their respectmere, by Mr. Geo. D. Wolff, editor of the live parishes, that their efforts were attended Oatholic Standard of Philadelphia. It was a | with but little success. Yet, diffi ult as the lengthy address, and the theme was handled work is, it must be undertaken, continued, in a very atle manner. Mr. Wolff made it and persevered in, until success crowns, as and persevered in, until success crowns, as very clear that our Catholic people do not do success eventually crowns it, if it be thus carried on. For, until this work is accomplished the Catholic press of our country, to a great extent, will fail to fulfill its high mission ; but when it shall have been accomplished, then will our Catholic periodical press become, as our Holy Father Lee XIII. urges it should strive to become-a most efficient and potent instrumentality for advancing the highest interests of society and defending the Church."-Pittsburg Catholic.

### NEW YORK'S LATE 5T MURDER.

#### Fatal Italian Family Quarrel in Which a Woman is Killed.

NEW YORK December 4 .- Shortly after noon o-day a fatal row occurred among a number of Italians at the house No. 69 James street in the Italian quarter. Mrs. Antoinette Varella, aged 26, came to the house to visit her mother, Maria Cerease, and her sister Petraello Periso. A woman named Rounda Buquto was temporarily stopping with Mrs. Cerease and she, with her husband, Antonio Buquto, and her brother, Guiseppe Scanteno, were present when Mrs. Varella entered. In a few minutes the other tenants in the house were startled by loud words and ten shots being fired in rapid succession. Antonio Buquto and Guiseppe Scanteno were seen to rush down stairs. A policeman soon ar rived and found Antionette Varella dead on the floor, with a bullet through her heart. Maria Cerease was shot through the left elbow, while Petraello\_Periso received a bullet in the left breast. The injured women were removed to the hospital.

Asunda Baquto was found under a bed in the room where the shooting occurred. When prested she intimated that the shooting was due to a quarrel on money matters. The wounded women say the prisoner fired three shots. The prisoner's husband and brother are said to have fired the other seven shots. It is asserted that they were seen after the shooting with pistols in their hands. Policemen were sent in every direction looking for the two men. The police thick the arrested woman fired the shot which killed Antoinette Varella. The owners or business managers of Oatholic shot which since Anotherse values with newspapers? To the latter question we an 44 calibre catridges was, as well as a leathern swer no. There are exceptions, but, as a pistol care. In the prisoner's pocket were two rule, we believe that the current supposition knives. The prisoner, when arraigned in court, is enterely false. The fault lies at the door of the Catholic public. And we believe that S100, the return of which the had been unable our intelligent, educated Catholics are most to secure. The husband of the dead woman, higher as regards this. They expend for Salvature Varella, declares that the loan story The quarrel, he says, arose out of a is untrue. division of furniture in which both families were jointly interested. Mrs. Buquto is a large, well built woman. Her face is badly pitted with smallpox. She says she is a tailoress. The women at the hospital are not likely to dia

of all praises and of the highest commendation River Company was such an enterprise, it is and that their memory will be held in bone- held, having entered the angar trust in order and these shelf memory will be need in benefit of sugar, They desire that their numbers and diction. They desire that their numbers and their strength shall daily increase, They desire that the circulation of Catholic journ-ils shall be greatly enlarged. But the same Fathers also declare in them Pastoral Ad-All and the prior in the pastoral Admarely to limit production and advance prices. All are alike inimical to the interests of the community which they reb.

## AN OTTAWA BLOPEMENT.

The Husband's Efforts to Save His Monor-The Wife's Heartless Conduct.

OTTAWA, December 5 .- A rather startling story of demostic infelicity has been current in the city this last few days and rapidly gained in importance as it grew older. To day it is confirmed. The wife of a member of the civil service, has, says the *Free Press*, eleped with a well known man about town. The lady's name is given as Mrs. Colin Campbell. Her paramour is said to be Mr. Fred O'Connor, but his friends declare that his absence can be satisfactorily explained. They are known to have left town last Thursday. The deserted husband is lying seriously ill at home from the effects of the The facts of the case given by a blow. friend, who states that he was an eye witness to most of them, are as follows :- The husband returned to the city early last week from New York where he had gone to seek medical advice. Immediately on his return he discovered things were not what they should be at home. During his absence for several weeks the paramour is said to have been a great frequenter of the house. The husband suspected from one or two incidents that came under his notice that the visitor was rather more intimate with his wife than was necessary. The climax came on Wednesday. On the evening of the day several friends including the two elopers, were at the olvil servant's house playing cards and otherwise amusing themselver. The young Lothario on leaving for home was followed by the lady of the house. They were at the gate of the garden rather longer than the chilly night made comfortable, and the husband went down to see to his wife's welfare. He overheard enough to discover the plans of the pair and saw the young man caress his wife before parting. There were other witnesses to this also. The distracted husband immediately endeavoured to save the honor of his name and . ramatic scene is said to have been ensoted. The husband implored his wife to look well before she took a step which was bound to destroy their good name and ruin their home. Remonstrances were in vain and threats only angered. The husband then procured a revolver and,

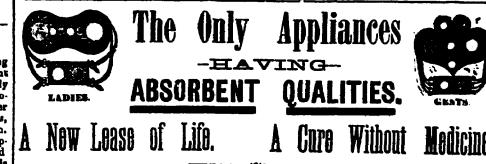
blinded with passion and rage, attempted to save his name from disgrace by attacking the other party. He had sent a message to him saying : "If you ever cross my path I'll kill you." The husband went to the depot in search of the paramour, but failed to find. His last remonstrance was useless with his wife and the train steamed out of the station bearing her away, to the arms of her partner in flight, who is believed to have gene ahead. The husband, continues the Free Press, then went back to his house. Several letters have been received in Ottawa during the last few days from the couple. The husband was seen this afternoon at his residence. He was in bed ill. He preferred not to discuss the matter, but it was too true, he stated, he had several troubles just now in addition to this one, and it was a severe blow. He seemed completely prostrated.

# Lieut. Stairs Heard From.

HALIFAX, December 5 -Letters were received to-day by several friends from Lieuten ant W. G. Stairs, the Haligonian who holds an important position on Stanley's force in Africa. In one letter sent from Usambiro Mission station, Victoria Nyanza, August 30th last says . "I wrote you last at Yambu. ya. Our starvation periods, fighting fevers and other trials would occupy pages. You must read Stanley's letters to the English papers. Directly on leaving Yambuya some had bad fever. Then we got into terrible countries without food, and lost men at a terrible rate. Natives shot a great many. When, on December 16th, 1887, we reached Albert Nyanzs, we had 170 out of 414 men that left Yambuya. We could not then connect with Emin, and had to return 120 miles west of Albert Nyanza. Here we built a strong fort, and I started back to a place 228 miles down the river, to bring up our sick, Meantime Stanley and two of our efficers went east to the lake and connected with the Pasha. Then our return much to Yambuya commenced. On April 12th the united expedition left Kavallis, on the Albert, for the Indian eccan. Our numbers were then 1,175. Now, on reaching here, Ursala, we have about 670. We have made many important discoveries, one of the most important being Mount Rouangari, which all these 3,000 years has been undiscovered. The very source of the Nile is from snow-capped peaks. It is a wonderful eight, I went up ten thousand seven hundred feet, but was stopped by ravines 2,000 feet deep. Anchori and Albert Nyanza are new places to Europeans, at least beyond the mere names. There in Karagive we found the Urigi to be a large lake instead of the petty thing laid down on the maps. After a hard march of four months we reached here Ursalala) and found Mr. McKay and Mr. Dreaks, of the church missionary society. We have been here three days and from these kind-hearted people received a most hearty welcome and rejsiced again in a cup of tes, with milk and biscuits. We fortunately found that cloth and beads for us had come up from the coast-enough to buy our way out to the coast. Everything has been stopped on its way inland by the Arabs, who made affairs assume a very critical aspect for missionaries and attacked whitee living inland. From here to the coast, should we have open roads, is four and a half months' march for this caravan. If the Arabs, however, oppose our progress, ne one can say how long it will take. Of our trials, suffering, etc., I have said very little, but so far our expedition has been an immense success. In spite of sneers, seen in some of the English papers, I hope we will emerge triumphantly to the coast. The Pasha we have, also Casati, the Italian, beside Egyptain and Turkish officers, soldiers, men, women, and children and convicts, We have no news from the ceast here for over one and a half years-and we are all in uncertainty. If pluck and determination

JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND Sticots had called there Sunday and drawn about \$72,000, Silests is under bould for bould for about \$72,000, his securities numbering about fif. CRUCIFIXIO

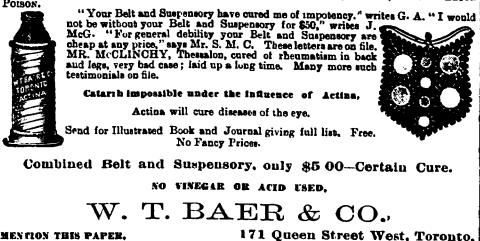
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fungi, and though we hunted and fished not | most favorable circumstances the patient a thing could we bring in. Of course our cannot be moved for at least ten days. Emin misjudged the height of a balcony poor men died like dogs and wo whites were just about pegged out when we reached food."

Pure Politics.

feet. When found his right eye was closed and blood was issuing from his ears. His body was terribly bruised. In Cardinal Gibbons' new book, "Our Christian Heritage," occur these striking The Ave Maria Sung for Presbyte-

santences : The ballot is the expression of the will of a free people, and its purity should be guarded with the atmost jealousy. To violate that purity is to wound the state in its tenderest

and have drawn large houses. Their work point. is much admired. On Saturday it was an-nonneed that Miss Emma Juch would sirg The repeated cry of "election frauda" is one full of warning. In many instances, un-Gouuod's Ave Maria at the Church of the doubtedly, it is the empty charge of defeated Convenant--which President Harr son attended

\$50,000, his scourties numbering about fif-teen persons. Take is, however, an indemnity bend given to the sergenet at-arms and Mr. Leviem, whe is himself boaded in the sum of \$50,000, is directly responsible for the abort-age. Mr. Leviem says he would have transed Siloct with any sum of mensy. Mr. Leefom was just about to turn over his office Leasen was just accus to then over all effice to the newly elected sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Holmer, but this event delays the transfer. Mr. Leedem mays it was within Silcott's power to have carried off \$166,000. This, hewever, would have changed the nature of the orime from embersions to theit and thereby have embiasted the restriction to m thereby have subjected the perpetrator to ex-tradition, even in Canada, whither it is rumored the missing man has fied.

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themselves and their families ten, twenty, fifty dollars on non-Catholic publications for every two to five dollars that they expend en Oatholic periodicals or newspapers. Conyerse with one of these intelligent Catholics. He tells you that he is deeply interested in some movement in laver or against the Church. Hand him s Catholic newspaper, er monthly, or quarterly, which contains an Interesting article from a Catholico writer of distinguished ability on that very subjectsay from Cardinal Manning or Cardinal Newman. He thanks you warmly ; he will read it with great gleasure; not now; he has not time but soon. The article could be read in five minutes. It is placed on his table ; perhaps it speedily finds its way: unread, to the waste basket, or it is labeled carefully, placed where it may be easily found ; and then it is fergotten. Meantime he and his family consume hours every day in reading non-Catholio newspapers and periodicals, some of which contain things which every Catholic should sonscientiously abstain from reading. This is no fancy sketch.

#### A CLASS THAT BEMAINS IGNOBANT OF CATHOLIC MATTERS.

"As regards Catholic young men and young women, and Catholics of the less educated class, it is notorious that they spend dollars equatorial lakes, something worth seeing would for sensational, trashy "story papers" and be found, but I was not prepared for such a new fact. Catholic newspaper.

"There is still another class : Catholics who attend to their religious duties, who take a daily or weekly non Catholic paper for the aske of reading the 'news,' but who take no Catholic newspaper, no Catholic periodical or journal of any description ; who are centent to be as ignorant as "a heathen" of all that is going on in the Catholic Church outside of their own parish, who hear and know nothing whatever of what is going on even in their own discesse, who know nothing whatever about what the Church is doing throughout our country, or in Europe, Asia or Africa : nothing whatever about the movements of its enemies, nothing whatever about what it is doing in defence of the truth and for the welfare of society, nothing whatever about its great charitable and missionary operations. The Holy Father might be tortured or driven from Rome, and they would remain ignorant of it until told of it by some better informed fellew-Cathelic, or by some sneering, scoffing non-Ostholic acquaintance.

#### SUBSTANTIAL AID THAT THE CLERGY MIGHT GIVE.

"The Ostholio newspaper press cannot bo what it ought to be, and what it might be, until it is much more generally and gener ously sustained.

"Where are we to look for a remedy We reply unhesitatingly, to the Catholic clergy. Without their active, practical asclergy. Without their acuve, practical as-sistance, owners, managers and editors of Catholic newspapers will labor in vain to securs for their publications the support they enght to have, and which for the proper promotion of Oatholic Interests, it is necessary for them to have. We have the goed will ef the Oatholic clergy so far as general approval and desire for our success go; but these are not enough. We need, we require their carnest, active efforts to increase the circulation of Catholic newspapers in every one of their respective parishes

# STANLEY'S CONDITION.

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#### Re Feels Like a Laborer Returning Home for the Sabhath's Rest.

LONDON, December 4.-Stanley has arrived at Bagamoyo. In a letter to the *Herald*, dated Mruwah, November 30, he says :-- "I am in perfect health and feel like a laborer of a Saturday evening returning home with his week's work done, his week's wages in his pocket and glad that to morrow is the Sabbath. Looking back over what has been accomplished I see no reason for any heart's discontent. Over and above the happy ending of our appointed duties we have not been unfortunate in geographical discoveries." Stanley recounts some of these discoveries, already made known, and says : "And right under the burning equator we have fed on blackberries and bilberries and quenched our thirst with crystal water fresh from snow beds." Stanley further says: "I always suspected that in the central regions, between the

He then remarks : "This has certainly been the most extraordinary expedition I have ever led into Africa. A veritable divinity seemed to have hedged us while we journeyed. It impelled us whither it would, effected its own will but nevertheless guided and pr tected us." The explorer then relates how the rear column discharged his orders to march from Yambuye August 17. 1887, the result being that three-fourths of them died of slow poison, their com mander was murdered, their second officer died of sickness and grief, while another wasted to a skeleton and returned home. LONDON, December 4.—The Stanley expe-

dition arrived at Ubiki December 1. All the Europeans were well, with the exceptions of Commissioner Stevens, who has a very bad fever. The whole camp is in a state of perfect discipline. A party of German soldiers, under Lieutenant Schmidt, preceded the main body and chose a camp ground for each night. Stanley and his companians praise very highly the kind reception they have received from the Ger-

BEBLIN, December 4.-The Kaiser has telegraphed to Emin Pusha and Stanley an expres-sion of sympathy for their bardships and perils. He congratulates them upon the fortunate ending of their journey and welcomes them back to civilization and home.

LONDON, December 4 .- Oscar Dickson, the Gothenburg merchant, the generous patron of Arctic exploration, (fiers to defray the expenses Greeland expedition to the Nurth Pole if Dr. Friby, of Nansen, who command the recent Greeland expedition, will accept the leadership. Dr. Nansen is willing to commanded a polar expedition, but as he is an officer of the Norwegian Government he desires that Norway shall defray the expenses.

### The Supreme Court on Trusts.

The trusts of the country have reason to dread the results of the decision of the Supreme Court of New York rendered Nov. 8th, austaining the action of Judge Barrett. of New York, in dissolving the North River Sugar Refining Company. The Court holds

can carry us through we shall reach the In another letter Stairs writes : " One of our greatest dangers has been from starva-tion in the immense forest between the

Congo and the Albert Nyanza, which was thought to be an open, gravey country. In this forest we lost, out of 600 Zanzibaris, some 360, asso 16 Somali beys and about 40 Nubian soldiers. This was en route to the Pashs. The less of life since leaving the

partizans against the victors; yet enough re main, of a substantial character to be ominour. In every possible way-by tickets insidiously printed, by "stuffing" the box, by "tissue ballots," by "colonizing," "repeat ing" and " personation"-frauds are attempted, too often successfully, upon the ballot. It is the gravest menace to free institutions. Defective registration laws and negligence to secure the ballot box by careful legal ensotments, in part account for such a state of affairs; but the prime cause is that the better class of citizens so often stand aloof from practical politics and the conduct of campaigns. It is one result of universal suffrage that elections very frequently turn upon the

votes of that large class made up of the rough and baser sort. To influence and organize this vote is the "dirty work" of politics. Gen:lemen naturally shrink from it. Hence it has gotten, for the most part, with general political machinery, into unreputable handa and from these hands issue the election fraud which thicken in the great cities, and gravely endanger our institutions. The ballot is the ready and potent instrument that registers the will of a free people for their own govern ment, and the violation of its purity leads directly to the point where there is either loss of liberty or revolution to restore it. We all remember what happened in 1876, when al leged tampering with election returns effected the Presidential succession, and a great cloud arose, and for weeks hung, dark and threatening over the land. It was a tremendous orisig. and perhaps only the memories of the recent

war avertad disastrous strife. The privilege of voting is not an inherent or inslienable right, but a solemn and s sacred trust to be used in strict accordance with the intentions of the authority from which it emanates. When a citizen exercises his righteous judgment in casting his vote for the most acceptable candidate, or for a measure that will best subserve the intereste of the community, he is making a legitimate use of the prorogatives confided to him. But when he sells and barters his vote, and

dispones of it to the highest bidder like a merchantable commodity, he is clearly violat-ing his trust, and degrading his citizenship. The enormity of this offense may be readily perceived by pushing it to the logical consequences. If one man may sell his vote, so may the multitude. Once the purchase of votes is tolerated, or condoned or connived at, the obvious result is that the right of suffrage will become a mere farce, money and not merit will be determined not by the personal fitness and integrity of the candidate, but by the length of his purse. We hall it with satisfaction that a more

healthy public opinion on this subject seems developing, that reputable citizens appear disposed to bear an active part in practical pelitics, and that "reform," "a free ballot," "a fair count," are becoming, under the pressure, more and more party watchwords. It is a purifying tendency in a vital direction.

## Emin Bey's Bad Luck.

ZANZIBAR, December 5,-Emin Pasha has met with a probably fatal accident. Being nearsighted he walked out of a window by mistake and fell on his head, fracturing his skull. He now lies at Bagamoyo in a critical condition. All the doctors, except Stanley's

Now, the Church of the Covenant is a regular true blue Presbyterian place of worship, where if anybody had taken in the meaning of the Ave Maria the deacons would have fainted dead away, and the pastor, Dr Hamilton, would have done likewise. But nobody saw the comic side of it, and on Sunday Miss Juch trilled and warbled the Ave Maria to the great delight of the congregation, deacons and minister. The wags have been poking fun at them ever since."

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rians.

The Washington correspondent of the

"Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are here this week,

Boston Transcript says :---

### Terrible Fate of a Farmer and His Son.

KINGSTON, Ont., December 5 - A sad tragedy has occurred near Ganancque. A farmer named Modeler owned a thriving farm near that town. Late last night the house (. frame one) was discovered to be on fire, the occupants being all in bed and asleep, at the time. The alarm was quickly given and everyone managed to eauspe from the burging building. The fire had gained a firm grip and defied all efforts to extinguish it. Mr Modeler seeing that the house was rulned, directed all his attention to getting out any article of furniture that could be got at. With his fourteen-year-old son, he entered the burning house. They succeeded in taking out a good many things, and emboldened by success returned for a final trip, although warned that it was dangerous to do so, the fire having gained a firm hold on every part of the house. Mr. Modeler and his son had hardly entered before, with a terrible crash, the whole building gave way, and collapsing over them buried the unfortunate man and boy in an awful mass of fire and ruins. Their death must have been instantancone, as the very weight of the falling timber was sufficlent to crush their lives out at once. Mr. Modeler was much respected as an houses, hard-working and conscientious man, and his loss and that of his promising son will be much felt by his neighbors. He was a brother of Mrs. Miles Sinnott, of this city, and was well-known here. A wife and several small children survive him.

### "Whitecaps" Threaten a Bishop.

DYERSVILLE, Is, December 4 .- Bishop Hennessy, in dedicating a large Catholic church here yesterday, in the presence of 6,000 people, read from the altar a letter which he had received, signed "Whitecaps" threatening his life if he dared appear at the ceremonies. The Bishop bitterly denounced the authors of the letter, pointing irequently at certain portions of the church as though indicating the presence of his enemies There are two factions in this church, which is located in an almost exclusively German parleb. One faction desired Bishop Hennessy to place Father Brinkman in charge of the parish, but the Bishop sent Father Herr, This occated considerable dissatisfaction.

### Gone With \$72,000.

WASHINGTON, December 5. - From present appearances Edward Silcott, cashier of the sergeant at arms of the House of Representatives, has fled, carrying off about \$72,000 of the funds entrusted to him. Silcott was trusted emyloyce. He was appeinted by Mr. Leedom when that gentleman assumed office six years ago. He had good business qualifiphysician, declare Emin's injuries will prove | oations and soon possessed himself of the un-"Our Holy Father has blessed Cathello (the any " appriment, accountion, combina-"Our Holy Father has blessed Cathello (the or arrangements, or whatever else it may forest for three weeks we lived on roots and saving Emin's life, but says that under the at the Treasury department showed that Canaur.



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