

MARILATRY—A PROTEST.

There was little Mariolatry among the Anglo-Saxons, says Mr. Tucker of the University of Vermont, in last week's Churchman.

"Mariolatry" is one of the most exasperating words which Protestant prejudice has fastened upon the English language. As "idolatry" means the worship of idols, so "Mariolatry" means the worship of Mary.

The Catholic idea pretty nearly when he says: "Ave Maria: Thou, whose name all but adoring love can claim." We Catholics honor the Blessed Virgin, because He that is mighty hath been pleased to honor her—hath done great things for her.

In the strict sense of the word, then, there was no "Mariolatry" at all among the Anglo-Saxons. What Mr. Tucker means to say is, however, quite a different thing. He wants to make out that the Anglo-Saxons paid little special reverence to Mary.

We trust that the standard of historical scholarship, which prevails in the University of Vermont, is somewhat higher than the calow performance of Mr. Frederick Tucker, Jr., seems to indicate.

VAUDEVILLE CHURCHES.

A Baptist minister out in Chicago takes a rather pessimistic view of the future of Protestantism. He is pained by the indifference of the people, especially in the matter of attendance at church services.

Perhaps they may even go so far as to introduce exhibitions of tattered main, skirt dancing and trained birds. The educated pig and the man who writes with his toes may prove strong enough attractions for a time, but even there will fall upon the senses, and there will be a popular demand for more up-to-date performances.

We sympathize with our Baptist friend in Chicago and with his Protestant brethren elsewhere who are struggling against terrible odds to capture and hold congregations.

worshippers, because they desire to comply with the precepts of their religion and to save their souls.

SPIRITUAL WRITERS, NEW AND OLD.

The Catholic World Magazine, in its current issue, makes a plea for the older spiritual writers. While it commends the work of the more recent writers, yet the farther one goes up the stream to its source the purer the water.

Allow me to draw the attention of your readers to the laudable act of presenting "spiritual bouquets," instead of perishable ones, on the death of a loved and lost one, writes a correspondent to an exchange.

It has been for ages, and is at present the custom to present some little floral decoration on hearing of the demise of some one who in life we have held most dear.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic has issued a Plenary Indulgence to all the faithful who have confessed and received Holy Communion during the month of December, and remained one hour thereafter in adoration of the Most Sacred Sacrament.

It is announced that the Rev. J. J. Griffin of the Catholic University of America, will deliver a lecture on Liquid Air, on the occasion of the opening of the new scientific building and museum attached to the university of Ottawa, which will take place on the 10th January.

On Sunday night the Rev. Father Alexis, O. S. B. C. preached to a congregation of about 200 in his chapel on Murray street. His subject was "The Religion of the Future."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. JOHN KELLY, DOUGLAS. Died at Douglas, Dec. 20th, 1900. Mrs. John Kelly (nee Margaret Falon) at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

THE DONORIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES. The following letter was received by Mr. George C. Gibbons, Q. C. yesterday:

"My Dear Mr. Gibbons: Your kind letter containing check for \$100 for Donorinal Memorial Services has been received and the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S, ONT.

The Christmas services were carried out at St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's with all due solemnity and splendor being the customary order of service.

CHRISTMAS IN ZURICH.

The feast of the Nativity of our Divine Saviour was celebrated with all the pomp and circumstance of a festival on Tuesday last by a High Mass at 8 a. m. followed by a Low Mass at 9 o'clock.

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LONDON.

St. Mary's Church, London on a musical standpoint, has always enjoyed an enviable reputation. The choir on Christmas for several years past, has been of an exceptional quality.

THE CATHOLIC BAZAAR IN CALGARY.

A Large Sum Realized as the Result of the Week's Labors. The spacious store in the Norman Block, Calgary, which was occupied by Messrs. Glanville & Robertson, has been a busy centre during the past week.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

The latest reports from the Transvaal show a very serious condition of affairs there. The Boers are divided into several small armies, which are not nearly so united as they were.

It can scarcely be doubted that Lord Kitchener will be able to meet the emergency. It is very grave one, and an idea of its gravity may be obtained from the fact that it has been necessary to reinforce the British troops in the Transvaal.

On December 19 General French attacked a force of 2000 Boers 10 miles from the camp of the British. More than 400 Boers were killed, and their force was routed.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE.

Signed on behalf of the pupils F. McCarron, C. Conlon, Pat. Noonan. While Kitchener falls the last night, and the Boers are to be glad of the last night, and the Boers are to be glad of the last night.

ADDRESSES AND PRESENTATIONS.

St. Mary's, Dec. 27, 1900. On the 21st inst. the pupils of St. Mary's Separate school gave a concert in aid of the bazaar.

IN CHINA.

From China there is but meagre intelligence during the past week. The negotiations for peace appear to be at a standstill.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON. London, Jan. 3.—Wheat, per cental—Wheat \$1.05 to \$1.10; oats, 75 to 80c; peas, 50 to 55c; barley, 70 to 80c; corn, 75 to 80c; rye, 70c.

TO OUR TEACHERS.

Learning with deep regret that you are about to depart from our midst, we, the pupils of St. S. No. 5, take this present opportunity of expressing our gratitude to you for your deep interest which you have taken in the faithful performance of your duties.



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Montreal, Jan. 3.—The grain market continues quiet, with only a few sales at 5c to 5 1/2c. Corn unchanged; Canadian at 31 to 32c.

LATEST LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO. Toronto, Jan. 3.—The following is the range of quotations: Western cattle market this morning: Cattle—Shippers, per cwt., \$1.25 to \$1.50; butchers, medium to good, \$1.25 to \$1.35.

MILLIONS OF WOMEN USE CUTICURA SOAP FOR THE HANDS AND SKIN.

For beautifying the skin, for the stopping of falling hair, for softening and whitening rough hands, in the form of a cream for smoothing and softening the skin.

THE CATHOLIC ALMANAC FOR 1901.

With a Frontispiece of His Excellency the Most Rev. D. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the Dominion of the Archbishops and Bishops of Ontario. Beautifully illustrated throughout with pictures of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., the Divine Infant; the Holy Family; Hermitage of St. Joseph—Venerable Mother Marie de l'Incarnation—the former and the present chapel of the Sacred Heart commemorative of the 200th anniversary of the first public celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

ADDRESSED TO COFFEY, Catholic Record Office, London, Ontario.

WANTED: A TEACHER for the R. C. Separate school section No. 22, township of Gloucester, Carleton County. Apply to Mr. D. J. Edna Wright of London, Ont. Salary, to Michael Kenny, sec., Orleans P. O., Ont.