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THE JUBILEE OF STH DECEMBER. We have much pleasure in presenting

to our readers the following address of Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, given at St. Joseph's church, Newfoundland. It is based on

Church, presided over by Flus IX., and the dogmatic declaration by the same Pontifi that Mary the Mother of God was immaculate in her conception; that is Mary's soul in the very first instant of its being was free from the stain of sin, unlike all others of the race of Adam who came into existence fact that Sacred Scriptures, honored tradition, the unfailing faith of the Christian Common-wealth and various enactments of his predecessors in the Roman See, had all clearly maintained that Mary over-throm Starp in her year conception. clearly maintained that Mary over threw Satan in her very conception; he, surrounded by a vast concourse of Cardinals and Bishops, gathered from the ends of the earth, and assembled in the Vatican Basilica, did solemnly define and decree "the doctrine which holds that Mary, by the special intervention of the Almighty, was completely preserved from sin in the first instant of her conception: such a doctrine ne Pontiff declared) was revealed by (the Pontill declared) was revealed by God, and as such was to be believed by all faithful Christians." This enact ment was received with exultation all over the globe. And well might it be so received, for in this declaration of years have rolled by since then, and in the midst of a sconflig, incredulous generation, we hear, once again, the mighty voice of infallible Rome rising high and clear over the babel of contending sects, and telling the nine. contending sects, and telling the nine-teenth century another great truth about God's Mother—telling that never, even for an indivisable instant of times

could she have been satan's slave.

This glorious doctrine was in accordwith Sacred Scripture, Church tradition and popular belief long before the saintly Pius spoke the Infallible word: but it lay not as an article of strict belief, but as a seed of faith secreted in the heart of the Church until in our days it has come forth to add new fire to Catholic piety—new lustre to Holy Mary and new glory to that God of Whose hands she was the creature—"For He that is mighty hath

un. creature "holy, innocent and un-defiled." The non-Catholic may say, "this prerogative you Catholics claim for holy Mary is too singular: too uncommon. But (we may reply) was she chosen for an ordinary office? Was it chosen for an ordinary office? Was it a common thing to be God's mother? a common thing to be And if as St. Thomas teaches God suits his creatures to the offices which they are to fill, can we, dare we think that one who came so near Himself-one from whose body He was to clothe himself with flesh and blood—can we regard such a one as his enemy—even for an instant of time. No! for that momentary contact with sin by the soul of Mary would have been the brand of Lucifer, and how can we, unless we would be blasphemous, think that God would have humanity from the very s enemy? No if Scripture slave of His enemy? No if Scripture had never spoken, if the Church had been silent for all time, still would the Christian heart cry out in all ages, 'Verily, O Mary, wert thou Immaculate in thy Conception.' How, then, is the Blessed Virgin presented to us in Holy Writ? Even at the dawn of human history she is spoken of by the Creator Himself as the Woman destined to humble satan's pride and revenge Eve's disgrace. The Creator spoke thus to the serpent "Because thou has done this thing I shall place enmities between thee and the woman; between thy seed and her seed, and she shall crush thy Head, and thou shall lie in wait for her heel." Here is a clear allusion to Mary the

New Eve ; the Mother of that creation which was not to be wrecked by satan's guile. More happy was Mary than the first Mother—being destined to have and to preserve that original justice which the first had lost; and, having which, be a worthy Mother to Him who was to overthrow the empire of satan for "she shall crush thy head." Again how does Gabriel salute her? says "Hail Full of Grace." Surely was no ordinary tribute, this meant even more than purity of life; it in-cluded purity of origin as well. Especwe take the form of address in connection with the tremendous message of which he was the bearer, viz., that Ghost should overshadow her should be called the Son of God. And

in this latter phrase is embodied the great principle which when accepted in sincere faith makes all the Church's doctrines easy and natural, and gives an answer to every objection.

seek her intercession—why we keep her festivals; and why the Catholic Church would face fire and sword for Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, given at St. Joseph's church, Newfoundland. It is based on a Pastoral Letter issued by his Grace Archbishop Howley to the Archdiocese of St. Johns, and sets forth the conditions to be complied with by the people of the Archdiocese in order to gain the Indulgence annexed to the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception:

Just fifty years ago on the coming Sth of December a memorable ecclesiastical event occurred in Rome. It was the holding of a grand council of the Bishops and Cardinals of the Church, presided over by Pius IX., and the dogmatic declaration by the same the doctrine of her Immaculate Conception, let an angel from heaven answer for us: "Because He that is to be born of you shall be called the Son of God." How aptly, too, does the Church apply to this select being the many grand titles and significant sayings in Holy Writ which apply with special force to Mary as studied in her relation to her Son, who was the Word made the Son of God." How aptly, too, does the Church apply to this select being the many grand titles and significant sayings in Holy Writ which apply with special force to Mary as studied in her relation to her Son, who was the Word made to the Bishops and Cardinals of the Church, presided over by Pius IX., and the dogmatic declaration by the same the doctrine of her Immaculate Concep-Holofernes, the Esther who pleads for her people, the mother of the Maccha-bees who sends her son to death. Or we may hear the angelic chorus chant-ing in her honor the triumphial hymn: Who is she that cometh up from the desert flowing with delights; or again, stain of sin, unlike all others of the race of Adam who came into existence slaves of satan, enemies of God. The law of original sin was universal. All mankind fell in Adam. Mary the Mother of God was the one glorious exception to this general curse. In the "Acts" of Pius IX. we read that the said Pontifi "mindful of the fact that Saered Scriptures, time-stat that saered Scriptures, time-sunder her feat, and surgounded by than an army set in battle array." St.
John sees her in vision "The woman
clothed with the sun; having the moon
under her feet; and surrounded by
twelve stars." Such things would not be applied to one who, like the rest of her race, was born a "child of wrath." Therefore Mary was Immaculate in her Conception. The Fathers and Doctors of the Church, even from earliest days, of the Church, even from earliest days, were bold and strong in proclaiming the fact of Mary's Immaculate Conception. St. Augustine declares that "we must have no thought of sin as in the soul of the Blessed Virgin." And again: "She was redeemed from sin by heing presented from falling." And again: "She was redeemed from shi by being prevented from falling." And St. Bernard: "She obtained from God the grace lost by Eve." To which add the voice of St. Jerome that "there was no virtue, no splendor, no grace that would not shine forth in the soul of Mary." Besides these you have St. Ambrose, St. John Damascene, St. Peter Damien, St. Cyril of Alexandria and scores of others, all conspirso received, for in this declared and andria and scores of others, all course of that far off time when the Fathers of Ephesus told the unbelievers of His ways, that He "sanctified His of His ways, that the was a closed way in the beginning of His ways, that the was a closed ways as a closed way and the way was a closed way. Fathers of Ephesus told the during that Mary was of the fourth century that Mary was the Mother of God. Fifteen hundred tabernacle, that she was a closed the Mother of God. Fifteen hundred tabernacle, that she was a closed garden, a fount of grave and sanctity never defiled." But what lessons are never defiled." But what lessons are we to derive from the feast of the Immaculate Conception? Need I tell you the first great lesson which we should derive therefrom? Does not reason tell us what it is, particularly at the season when once again the voice of the Baptist shall seem to resound in our churches as it did of olden times in the desert: "Do penance, for now the axe is laid to the root." Penance—actual penance—and the spirit of penance is the most obvious lesson which this festival has to teach us. Mary was

immaculate, therefore dear to the Heart of God. But the rest of the human race has not shared in this privilege. Sin, brought upon earth by the envy of satan and the disobedience of the first of mankind, reigned from Adam onward. done great things to me and holy is His amame."

This reign of sin has made humanity both individually and collectively detectable in the eyes of God. The keeping with Sacred Scripture. For does not every passage in Holy Writ pointing to God's Mother pre suppose a to come once more into God's Roother pre suppose and the suppose are suppose as the suppose and the suppose and the suppose and the suppose and the suppose are supposed as the supposed as the suppose are supposed as the supposed as the suppose are supposed as the supposed as the supposed as the supposed as confessional, the great sacrament of reconciliation. But our souls must also be imbued with the spirit of penance; and why? Because of the demoralized nature that is in man, a nature which needs the strongest curbs to reduce it to discipline. How different with our Virgin Mother Immaculate Mary! In-nocent from the first, she had all her Reason and will, illuminated and fortified by grace, placed her at the beginning on the very pinnacle of perfection.

"Her foundation, were in the Holy

"Blease." From that the went on grow. From that she went on grow ing in perfection until in the sight of God and His Holy Angels her soul was the most glorious object in creation. Yet her life was one of untold penance. See her with her Infant Son in the cave at Bethlehem : see her when Simeon's prophecy drives the sword of sorro through her soul; see her in the crowded city whilst the people cry aloud "His blood be upon us and upon our children." See her at the foot of the cross, and then all you "who pass by the way, attend and see if there be any corrow." any pagence like rate Mean! crowded city whilst the cry aloud "His blood any penance like unto Mary's sorrow," any penance like unto Mary's Now if the Immaculate one was Queer of Sorrows, how is it with us? have a spiritual passion-swayed. Holiness in our case always means a struggle. And yet the thought of repentance, of a good confession scarcely enters our minds. The great veneration we should have for the Immaculate Virgin and the power of her intercession with God is another of the great lessons to be learned from this festival. Men admire the Michel Angelo or a works of a Michel Angelo or a Raphael, but the admiration goes beyond the glowing canvass or breathing marble and rests on the artist who fashioned the Masterpieces. Catholic Church from the first century to the fourth and from the fourth to nineteenth has proclaimed the glories of Mary, and in so-doing has proclaimed the glory of that Lord Who made her

what she was. Up from ten thousand shrines will go prayers to Mary on her festival day asking once again to speak the word of might with her Son and renew the

He was subject to Mary, and, praying sacrament of And when men ask why we crect shrines to the Blessed Virgin—why we seek her intercession—why we keep

to Him, hidden yet in the sacrament of His love, we shall ask Mary Immacu For now the voice of Rome has spoken

once again and our Holy Father Pius X, has proclaimed a solemn jubilee to be held throughout Christendom in honor of the half hundreth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Once again he who "speaks with International authority" has bidden the nations rise up and do honor to the Mother of God. Once again will United Christendom obey the word of the Sovereign Pontiff, and more than two hundred and fifty millions of practi of Catholics dwelling as far apart as sunrise and sunset shall make the globe resound with the praises of her who brought salvation into the world. Yes, from cathedral shrines and college chapels, from parochial churches and from monastic oratories, from cities, towns and hamlets: from across far seas and from over distant mountains, from east to west and from pole to pole, shall the great Catholic choral voice of prayer and praise to the Mother of Our Redeemer and Our God, farise and spread, until Christendom shall be one vast shrine of devotion made vocal with songs of jubilee in honor of her, who uttered in days of old the prophecy "And behold from henceforth all gener

ations shall call me blessed."

To that great international chorus of praise for God and Mary shall all praise for God and Mary shall all peoples lend their voices; on that great world-circling ocean of jabilee shall all the children of the Church go forth; into that great Apostleship of prayer all who inherit the Catholic name shall enter. "God and Our Lady" shall be as a conquering battle cry on December 8th wherever 'neath the canopy of Heaven a Catholic church or shrine

Heaven a Catholic church or shrue uplifts its cross-crowned spire.

Daring this jubilee time it will be our duty to pray for the intentions of the Universal Church and of Our Holy Father the Pope according to the instructions conveyed to us in the Pastoral letter of his Grace the Arch bishop just read. In obeying the commands and carrying out the directions given in the Pastoral Letter we shall be taking the right steps to merit some share in the great fruits of this jubilee for ourselves individually. We shall also be aiding in however small a measure in that great worldwide prayer which shall ascend to the Queen of Heaven, that the visible Head of the Church may triumph over the malice and envy of his infernal foes.
Against the Head of the Church the instruments of its enemy on earth are actuated by that spirit of ency which is always the hall mark of the devil's agents; by that spirit of ency which is ever the brand of the beast on the foreheads of the children of hell: that envy which first moved the infernal serpent to wreck the work of the older creation, and which still shows its infernal origin by arraying itself with unfailing instinct against whatso-ever is right and good and true. When envy first appeared on earth it took the form of a reptile; and it has in no wise improved with the centuries. It is a reptile's vice even unto the present day. We speak thus of the ser-pentine passion of envy because it is precisely the chief passion by which emies of the Holy See are moved in attacking the Vicar of Christ.

Therefore in praying for the Pope's intention this season of Jubilee we shall beg that Mary may come forth—like a valiant conquering queen and crush the head of the envious serpent even as it was her destiny to do, foretold from the dawn of crea-"She shall crush thy head." We shall also pray for our own personal spiritual needs and wants, and just as according to the Fathers of the Church the prayers of Mary hastened the Holy Ghost on the apostles gathered in Jerusalem before Pentecost so shall the same prayers hasten the coming of the Spirit to us individually by His gifts and by His

graces, if we loyally fulfil the conditions for gaining the fruits of the What was true of the Catholic Church under the first Pontiff is still true of the same Catholic Church under Pius X. Under St. Peter she was beleagured by the forces of her enemies. her was Mary the Mother of Jesus. Under Pius X. she is still beleagured by the forces of Satan, and with her still is Mary the Mother of Jesus. May the same Mother of Jesus, who is ever with the Church Universal, be with us, individual members " now and at the hour of our death!

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

October is the month of the angels and the month of the rosary. We can honor Our Blessed Lady through both, she is Queen of Angels and Queen of the Rosary.

How happy to know that every one of us has a pure heavenly spirit, an angel bright and beautiful from the very side of God in heaven, ever watching over us; that he has done so from our birth, and shall not leave us till death shall separate our soul from our body! Though this is of Christian faith, yet how few ever think of it! We are thinking of creatures all the time, of those around us, and when they are not present we feel a sense of loss and desolation, and yet ever with us are our dear guardian angels sweetly min-

miracles of Cana. We, too, during our visits to the Blessed Sacrar out in Jubilee time, will remember that during God's hidden life in Nazareth, much time and trouble. These sweet companions of our exile are the truest friends we have. If we would only think late to add her prayers to ours, and shall find by proof that the Queen of Heaven can obtain for her clients such grace as will restore them to the immaculate state, dear to the Heart of God. lowship with them in heaven!

Let us ask our guardian angels to get us renewed graces to this end but let us ask especially Our Lady Queen of the Angels, and for this let us recite daily her favorite prayer, as shown us by her to S5. Dominic — the Holy

Rosary.

In the rosary we have all that is to be desired in a prayer, since it com-prises prayer and meditation alike. It is so nice and simple it comes within the range of all. It is one of the best of practices to recite a third of the y; that is to say, one Our ten Hail Mary's five times over, meditating at the same time on some of the mysteries of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. What a tribute we offer both in this beautiful devotion! Well is it called the rosary, for it is chief of the flowers of piety and is fraction, with the odes of reactive. grant with the odor of sanctity. It is the heart's love and the soul's devotion It is the most grateful prayer in one. ake, and will be gratefully re-God and His Blessed Mother, and shall bring down on us most plent ful graces and blessings.—Bishop Col-ton in Catholic Union and Times.

THE OTTAWA SCHOOL CASE.

The Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD : Dear Sir-In the Toronto News of the 21st inst. there appears a report of the Injunction proceedings in the suit brought by J. D. Gratton against the Separate School Board of Ottawa, and in the course of the article in ques filed by Mr. Gratton from which the following extract is taken:

Ottawa,took strong ground in his sermo against the action of those members of the

Permit me to say that while I did take strong ground against certain actions of the School Board which I specified I did not mention the employment of the Christian Brothers, nor did I allude to them in any way. English-speaking Separate schools are not affected by the prosposal to employ the Christian Brothers and consequently English-speaking Separate school rate-payers (myself included) are not conpayers (myself included) are not con-cerned with the dispute between Mr. payers (myscherolege cerned with the disputer cerned with the Board.

Gratton and the Board.

Yours truly,

W. J. WHELAN.

Ottawa, Sept. 28, 1904.

LOW CHURCH DISORDERLINESS IN ENGLAND.

London, Oct. 5 - Extraordinary scene were witnessed at Liverpool yesterday, in connection with the annual Church of England Congress now proceeding there. The lord mayor held a recep-tion at the town hall which was at-tended by all the leading bishops and clergy of the United Kingdom, Then the procession formed up and marched

to the cathedral. Large crowds gathered in the streets to whom several low churchmen in cluding followers of the late John Ken sit's son and Wycliff preachers, an organization founded by the late Mr. Kensit, had previously distributed anti-ritualistic pamphlets. As the procession —headed by the civic regalia and the corporation, followed by the bishops and clergy, in their robes, on foot neared the cathedral, the demonstrators commenced to shout, "Down with pop-ery!" "Oh for another Luther!"

When the venerable Archbishop of York appeared, his silver cross of office held up before him, the crowd booed and shrieked, "Traitors!" "It is pop-ery in the streets!" "Send them all to

Amidst a storm of hissing and shout-Amidst a storm of hissing and shou-ing the Archbishop passed into the eathedral unmoved by the uproar. A strong force of police was stationed about the building, the authorities fearng more serious trouble.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Roy, Albert Reinhart, O. P., pasto of St. Joseph's Church Somerset, Ohio and editor of the Rosary Magazine was stricken with paralysis while conducting the High Mass at his parish church on Sunday, September 18. Physicans offer little hope of his company of the strick of the s plete recovery. The whole left side is paralyzed and the vocal organs are so flected that he is unable to make himself understood.

The Orders of the Fathers of the Holy Ghost, expelled from France may locate in Manitoba. One of the works of the Fathers of the Holy Ghost in France was the creation of large gricultural establishments, after the manner of the Trappists, and since they can no longer hold property in the nch Republic, they are seeking new

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's favorite nephew, Romuald Laurier, whose father is the member of Parliament for l'Assomption, has left the world and entered the Dominican monastery at St. Hyacinthe. He is only twenty four years old, a brilliant student in medicine at Laval unique the second of a fine baritane. versity and possessed of a fine baritone

THE DOLORS OF MARY.

The law of the Incarnation is a law of suffering. Our Blessed Lord was the an of sorrows, and by suffering He redeemed the world. His passion was not mystery detached from the rest of His but only the fitting and congruous nd of it. Calvary was not unlike Bethehem and Nazareth. It exceeded then n degree; it did not differ from them n kind. The whole of the three and thirty years was spent in consistent suffering, though it was of various kinds, and not of uniform intensity. This same law of suffering, which belongs to Jesus, touches all who come nigh Him, and in proportion to their holiness, envelopes them, and claims them wholly for itself. The Holy In nocents were, in the counsels of God, simply our Lord's contemporaries, but them in a sea of suffering, and for His sake their fresh lives must bleed away in their distracted mother's arms, to be ollowed by eternal crowns and palms a happy merchandise, a huge fortune swiftly made, and then so marvelously

The same law wound itself round each of the apostles, upon whom the indescribably blessed choice of the Incar-

nate Word had fallen.

It was a cross to Peter and his brother, a sword to Paul, hard stones to James, the flying knife to Bartholomew, and the boiling oil and the long years o wearisome delay to John.

But, in whatever shape it came out

wardly, inwardly it was always suffering. It went with them into all lands. It overshadowed them in all vicissitudes. It walked with them along the Roman roads, as if it was their guardian angel; it strode by the side of their uneasy galleys on the stormy waters of the Mediterranean. They were apostles. They must enter into the cloud, and the darkness of the celipse must fall upon them on the top of some Calvary or other, from Rome to Bactria, from Spain to Hindostan.

The same law has environed the

martyrs of all ages. Their passions have been living shadows of the great Passion, and the blood they shed mingled its kindred stream with the Precious Blood of their Redeemer, the

King of Martyrs.
So with the saints. Whether they have been bishops or doctors, virgins of matrons, seculars or religious, unusual love and unusual grace have always reached them in the shape of unusual trial and unusual suffering. They, too, must be drawn into the cloud, and they will come out of it with their faces shining, because they have seen, and seen closely, the Face of the Crucified.

It is so in its measure with all the lect. They must stand at least within the fringes of the dark cloud, or it must overshadow them in transit, perhaps more than once, in order to secure the salvation of their souls by giving them at least an adequate likeness to their Lord.

What, then, must we think of His Mother, who came nighest to Him of It can plainly be no wonder, if she shall suffer more than any one but Him-

The immensity of her sorrows will neither be a distress nor a surprise to us, but rather the obvious conclusion from all we know of the grand mystery of the Incarnation. The amount of her sufferings will be the index of the mag-nificence of His love for her. The of her pains will come the nearest of all things to fathom the abyss of her Maternity will raise her dolors close up to His greeious Passion. Her sinless-ness will almost seem to inclose it within the same life-giving law of expiation. Her union with Him will render her Compassion inseparable from His l'assion, even while for a thousand reasons it is so manifestly distinguished from

The Woman clothed with the Sun will e wrapped round and round with the bright darkness of that same terrible destiny, which He vouchsafed first to appoint and then to accept as the great

law of His Incarnation.

We must be prepared to find Mary's dolors beyond the reach of our imagination, above the possibility of our descrip-We can only gaze upon them such instruments as faith and love supply, and note the beauty and the strangeness of many phenomena which we can only imperfectly comprehend. Especially can we thus increase our devotion to the Passion many unknown lighted up for us by the contact of her dolors, just as in the occultation of Jupiter, the luminous, tearlike planet, the occultation of s it touches the dark portion of the light along the unseen edge, like a re velation, and then by its disappearance not see. -N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

THE D'YOUVILLE READING CIRCLE.

The D'Youville Reading Circle entered on its fourth years' work on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Judging by the very large number present at the initial meeting there is no waning of interest in the doings of the society.

For the benefit of new members the egulations governing the society and e library were explained and a mention made of the general aims of the

At the beginning it was decided to make a philosophical study of history considering the subject under four headings, the four R's — Renaissance, Reformation, Revolution and Reaction. Last year we noted some important

re-actions and we shall continue the subject. The Oxford Movement will re-ceive special mention. In this connec-tion Cardinal Newman's "Dream of

tion Cardinal Newman's "Dream of Gerontius" was mentioned. It has lately been placed in the library.

As text-books for our literary work, we shall use Edwin Arnold's two poems, "The Light of Asia" and "The Light of the World." The Light of Asia treats of that wone will man Buddha. We can form some idea of the power he has been and is still when we realize that more than one third of the human that more than one third of the human family are at the present day Budd-hists. By "the Light of the World" is meant, of course, Christ, the Redeemer. We hope to get, from this study, a very clear notion of the religions of Asia and this knowledge will have a direct bearing on present Asiastic problems. We shall continue our work at least one lecture on the subject.

J L. Stoddart's lectures in twelve

beautifully illustrated volumes are a late addition to the library, also four volumes of copies of the world's famous paintings. These copies present the true coloring of the original masterpieces and each one is accompanied by an explanatory note.

planatory note.

Auything from Father Sheehan's elever pen is always welcome. His latest published work is "The Fallen Angel of a Ruined Paradise." It is a story of modern life, painfully true to life, indeed it is. A yet unpublished book by the same author is called "A Spoiled Priest." At first sight it seems strange to find a priest witing novels, and yet. to find a priest writing novels, and yet perhaps there is no one better qualified to write things that will be true to life, for who should know the world better? There are many sides to the "ministry," and our Catholic clerical writers on all lines are doing a grand and sold reads.

and noble work.

The Catholic Truth Society work was resumed, in fact has been going on

was resumed, in lace has been going of all summer. During the year this branch may possibly be enlarged.

Our solemn opening day will be Oct. 16th. His Grace, the Archbishop, has consented to be present. We appreciate very highly His Grace's kindness in coming the scale year for our formal. in coming thus each year for our formal opening day and blessing our year's work. Mr. Walters, M. A. will be our first lecturer, his subject being "Shakespeare's Lesser Brethren."

The members were advised to have by them for constant reference John Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies." Sometimes Ruskin says things with which we cannot quite agree, but when he "preaches" one can usually listen we cannot quite agree, but when he "preaches" one can usually listen with profit, keeping ever before our eyes our Beautiful Ideal of Womanhood. There can be no question of intellectual inferiority or superiority. "The Higher Education" shall but make us more womanly in the noblest Christian sense of the word. It shall teach us the beauty—nay, even the sanctity of duties, even the most trivial, faithfully performed. And more, it shall lead us on from truth to truth until we reach

finally The Eternal Truth.

B. DOWDALL.

AN ANGLICAN MINISTER'S IM-PRESSIONS.

Rev. Dr. Lang, vicar of All Saints, Southend, England, gives his parish magazine some impressions of Switzer-land, where he recently spenta holiday. Describing how Sunday is passed at Bristen, he says:

"As I went to the church at 8:30

a. m., I found the rustic path that does of all things to lathom the abyss of her love for Him. Her far rolling sea of sorrow will measure the grandeur of her holiness. The loftiness of her divine versation, others sitting side by side on the roadside railing. This is probably their weekly club, where they get the chance once in seven days of exchang-ing family news—and smoking a pipe together. I wondered at first whether all these members of the 'nobler' sex were coming to church, as when I entered the sacred building there were only women and girls present, filling up the entire left side of the church, kneeling down or sitting quietly, looking neither to the right nor left-most of them with books of devotion. Presently, however, the male part of the community began to file in, in military order-each one making his genuflec tion and signing himself with the holy water—filling the right hand seats from the top to the bottom of the church the centre. There is no need to ask where are the men? in some parts of Christendom. As I sat there I could not help contrasting this Catholic village with Protestant Lausanne, in which it was my misfortune to have year, and where most of the shops are open on Sunday, and no one seems to go to any place of worship, but to be bent on loafing about in Sunday at-

After giving an outline of the serv-

ices, Dr. Lang concludes:
"The thought of 'Roman' had vanished from my mind—these people were Catholic Christians keeping their Lord's commandment on His day. Many of them had made their Communion at one of the Masses earlier in the day, and all had a long and toilsome journey to make before they could get home. No won-der then, if after service, some stayed behind in the village for refreshments and conviviality, yet all was quiet and without anything of disorder, and soon the village returned to its normal state. One can not help being impressed by such scenes as this, and it is imposs ble not to see that instead of wanting to convert these peasants and giving them bibles and tracts, we might wel take many a lesson from them in their Christian devotion and simple piety.

Put out the lamp of works and you lose the light of faith.