

ALL SOULS' DAY.

Written for THE TRUE WITNESS. Oh! blessed soul, so dear to God; How gladly welcomed in this day, When prayers ascend like incense high, And pierce the clouds with brightest ray.

How dear they were to us on earth; How much we prized each loving heart! Before the dreaded summons came, And whispered low "We now must part!"

A BIG BOSTON BLAZE. The Business District of the City Swept by Flames—Two Hundred Firms Burnt Out—Insurance Companies Heavy Losers.

Boston, November 23.—The most disastrous fire from which Boston has suffered since 1872, and which in property loss, more than rivals the great conflagration at Lynn, broke out at 8:20 a.m., to-day in the six-story granite building owned by Gordon, Marsh & Co., and occupied by Darrell & Co., dealers in dry goods, on Bedford street at the corner of Kingdon.

The fire was discovered by a letter carrier, who noticed the flames bursting from the top of the Brown building over the elevator shaft in which it originated. The carrier notified a policeman who rung in the first alarm. As soon as Chief Webber, of the protective department, arrived, it became apparent that a long fight with the fire fiend was before the department and a general alarm was sent out, and this was soon followed by calls upon all the neighboring cities and towns for assistance.

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Two firemen believed dead. The firemen of ladder No. 3, Daniel Buckley, unmarried, and Frank P. Loker, who has a wife and child, have been missing since early this morning. They were last seen in the Brown-Darrell building and their bodies are believed to be in the ruins of that structure.

Heavy losses for insurance men. According to the figures given by the agents of insurance companies having risks in the burned districts, the insurance will aggregate about \$2,700,000. Of this the Liverpool & London & Globe holds nearly \$200,000; the Royal is in for \$184,000; the Commercial Union, of London, for \$60,000; the Phoenix, of London, for \$52,000; the Imperial, \$45,000; the Guardian, \$40,000; the North British & Mercantile, \$40,000; the City of London, \$35,000; the Western, of Toronto, \$35,000; the North American, \$30,000; the London Assurance, \$27,000. The London & Lancashire also has a small amount. The total loss, according to latest conservative estimates, is \$1,100,000.

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DISCOURSE ON MIRACLES.

Rev. Father Walsh Presents His Views. On the Subject—They are the Messengers of God's Will and the Channels of His Ordinary Providence.

The Rev. Father Walsh of St. Peter's preached on "Miracles" Sunday morning. He said: "The gospel of the day tells the story of dead raised to life. The life of Our Lord is full of the miraculous. It is not sufficient to describe this element by wonderful. It is more miracle than marvel, and more supernatural than natural. The element that so entered into Christ's life must have a unique purpose to serve, Christ had done all things well, and miracle is one of them. Their frequency proves their utility. Their power goes beyond the individual cured. They are useful in three ways: They are proof of God's power, a warrant of doctrine and the teacher, and a test of holiness."

A DISTINGUISHED CONVERT. General Russell Thayer and His Family Become Catholics. [From the Philadelphia Times, Nov. 21]

General Russell Thayer, son of Presiding Judge Russell Thayer, of Court of Common Pleas, Nov. 4, and the Superintendent of the Park Commission, has joined the Catholic Church, together with his wife and three children.

General Thayer and his family have been members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of St. Paul, at Chestnut Hill, where he had his residence, and there is no more prominent or influential name in Episcopalian circles than that of Judge Thayer, his father. Judge Thayer has been for years an active and, in many instances, a pronounced member of the Diocesan Convention of Pennsylvania. He is considered to be an authority on canonical law, and is a foremost member of the church.

General Thayer is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, and stood high in his class. He did not remain long in the army, but soon resigned and accepted a position as civil engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. While he held the position he was appointed Brigadier-General, commanding the First Brigade of the National Guard, from whence comes his title.

General Thayer was appointed Superintendent of Fairmount Park, and he has held the place without interruption for about ten years.

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JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND

AT THE TIME OF THE CRUCIFIXION. The grandest work of Art in America, pronounced by the clergy of all creeds, and by the thousands of people who have visited it, as unequalled anywhere for magnificence of conception, beauty of color, harmony in composition, and so LIFE LIKE that one feels actually as if on the sacred ground. THE CRUCIFIXION scene is a marvellous work, alone worth coming many miles to see, apart from the CITY, MOUNT OLIVET, MORIAH, MIZPAH and ZION. This grand PANORAMA to be seen at the OYOLORAMA, corner St. Catherine and St. Urban streets, Montreal. Open every day from morning till 10:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 to 10:30 p.m. Street cars pass the door.

WHAT IS JOHNSTON'S GOOD FOR? JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF. FIRST—As a STRENGTH-GIVING FOOD for invalids and convalescents. SECOND—As a NUTRITIOUS BEVERAGE. THIRD—For making RICH GRAY and STRONG SOUP. FOURTH—To spread on the slices of bread FOR SANDWICHES. FIFTH—Whenever a food is needed that will NOURISH, INVIGORATE and BUILD UP the constitution.

BISHOP NULTY'S PLAIN WORDS. The Beloved Prelate Celebrates His Silver Jubilee. On Nov. 5th, the Silver Jubilee of the Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, was publicly celebrated in Navan. The town was in brilliant festive array, the shops, the house-fronts and prominent points being profusely decorated, and evergreen displays along the line of streets upon every side.

RESULTS OF THE CONGRESS. The Platform Adopted by the First Catholic Congress. The net result of the proceedings of the first congress of Catholic laymen in the United States is made manifest in the platform adopted with enthusiastic unanimity. The platform rejoices at the marvelous development of the country and regards with just pride the part taken by Catholics therein. In the words of the pastoral issued by the archbishops and bishops in the third plenary council: "We claim to be acquainted with the laws, institutions and spirit of the Catholic Church, and with the constitution and spirit of our country, and we emphatically declare there is no antagonism between them."

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