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CHRISTMAS.

No thought is so old and yet so fresh as the sweet thought of Christmas and its midnight cave. The pagantry of the world has passed along the highway of time but never with the thrill of Bethlehem's Babe.

A GREAT POPE.

The closing year has had no historical celebration so surrounded by personal merit and a universal exhibition of loyalty and unity as the golden jubilee of our Holy Father's priesthood.

It shows unselfishness, and at the same time adorns the power he sways with attractive grace. When others might repel the approachable ruler draws; when others discourage he exalts.

anything could express approval and admiration for the greatness of Pius the Tenth it is the gathering of the Catholic world in Rome this fall at the festivities of the golden jubilee of his holy priesthood.

ATTENDANCE AT MASS.

Few things indicate more the prevalence of religious indifference than the carelessness of attending holy Mass. Any excuse will satisfy the conscience of numbers who would not be so discourteous to an earthly friend, let alone be disrespectful to any law of the land.

Corresponder.ce.

THAT SERMON IN THE STAR.

The following letter was received last week too late for publication: Mr. Editor: I have been following the Saturday sermons of the Montreal Daily Star of late, and have, at different times, intended to publish my opinions concerning them.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, Miss Johanna Malone, Miss Annie Watters, Miss Annie Fox, Miss Helen Gillespie and Miss Elizabeth Webb, all of the City and District of Montreal, will present a bill asking to be incorporated as a charitable and philanthropic corporation under the name of "St. Anthony's Guild."

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