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felt the danger of revolutionary prin-

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the Church or seek her protection

against the coming evils of radical

and irreligious education. Pius IX.

was followed by Leo XIII., whose

intellectual force the world appreci-

ated better. The evil fruit of the

evil tree was ripening. Men were

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therefore, Pius X. came to the throne

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hung over the Church. One was the

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It had even reached to the lecture

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-with no diplomatic courtesy on the

one hand and no subtle argument on

the other. He let France burn the

solemn national treaty and Europe

raised not a single voice in protest.

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cordat Pius the Tenth showed his

greatness by ordering the clergy of

France to face spoliation and there

by preserve their freedom. He pre-

wealth and comfort at the cost of

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Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

CHRISTMAS. No thought is so old and yet so fresh as the sweet thought of Christmas and its midnight cave. The pageantry of the world has passed along the highway of time but never with the thrill of Bethlehem's Babe Heroes there may have been and leaders who have directed the destinies of nations. The Child who is this day given us sways the whole world and turns the tide of tory. All the glory of God and all the peace of man look to Him for their brightness and accomplishment Truth and virtue, religion and morality, life and death-all kneel in adoration at the manger seeking an answer to the questions of the soul Well for us that the circling year brings back its memories lest absorb in this world and forget the unutterable gift of God-who hath so loved us as to give His Only Begotten Son for us. Well for us to renew our faith, and offer it in reparation for the want of faith there is in Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethleare many to-day "What think ye of Christ?" will bring so many answers that doubt will prevail where certitude should There is one living witness to Him-His holy Church thanksgiving we owe Him for coming is doubly due because He gave us the pillar and ground of truth save us from the confusion and conbridges between Paris and the Vatitradiction of novelty and our own unstable judgment. Joy and hope are with us. His coming did not change our lot. It gave a reward for humility, a crown for obedience, and consolation for suffering. His infant silence is the invitation ptaise God with Him. His love and His message to us all. May it bring to our readers all, the mercy, the peace and the good will they need and wish. This is our cordial Christmas greeting to them and theirs.

### A GREAT POPE.

The closing year has had no historical celebration so surrounded rsonal merit and a universal exhibition of loyalty and unity as the golden jubilee of our Holy Father's priesthood. We Canadians may well feel proud of our own tercentenary, laden as it was with national me mory and national hopes. It was of another order. The classes are not When the Head of the Catholic Church sang his jubilee Mass Peter's he had around him the mitred forms of every nation: he had the devotion of the Catholic world. In such a celebration there is admiration of the Supreme Pontiff himself, who by his personal qualiwins double affection from those of his vast flock who have the good fortune of seeing him. There is surer sign of greatness than for no non in position to be approachable. first principles of Christianity. If

ration 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 sness of attending holy Mass. Any excuse will satisfy conscience of numbers who would not discourteous to an earthly friend, let alone be disrespectful any law of the land. The stress of weather is sufficient to diminish a Sunday congregation. Cold in the street and an ill-heated church rain even only a light shower snow, so injurious to furs-heat, fatigue, aches of a trivial nature are all made to salve the mind and quiet the reproof of conscience. Mothers cannot go because of the children, and the children cannot go alone Fathers are weary with their week's business. Servants cannot be spar ed on account of the breakfast, find it inconvenient to attend an early Mass. Young men are portionately the chief offenders. They cut religion very much out of their life and conduct. It means self-restraint and makes for discipline These are things which pretended independence will not bear. Neither in the piety of any devotion nor reprimand of instruction nor in acquiescence to authority do they find the perfection they need nor the gratification they would seek where. Why is the Church losing its hold upon the rising generation? No blame can be attached to the Church upon its own account. It cannot be alleged that our Mother has grown stern or that she exacts more from us than she did from our fathers. Her discipline is more moderate than her commands the same exever: cept that they are administered with more leniency and with an exceeding consideration for our weakness. Why is it, then, that young men drifting from the Church? We may as well candidly admit the truth and face the consequences. There was a time, not long ago, when a schoolboy leaving school stepped into a business apprenticeship or a higher institution of learning, walking with the same steady gait of unchanged towards church or home. conduct Things are different now. There is scarcely an apprenticeship; and higher education prides itself in its irreligion and its want of discipline. The youth is changed. He thinks he is his own master. He has appointed himself judge. He reads what he likes and does as he likes. He selects what companions he pleases. The same is to be said about his books. Indulgence is the consequence. This in turn reacts upon the mind, and the mind upon the heart.. Corrupt principles undermine virtue; just as vicious habits blind the intellect. Here may be found some of the reasons why young men do not attend Mass and shun the practice and influence of their religion. It may be that religion leaves all amusements in other hands. Perhaps more could be done in an indirect way to win and hold the young-not so much by authority and religious associations as by entertaining communication, intercourse, wholesome talks. Here can be found a vast field for good whose harvest will be proportionate to the tact and zeal exercised. It is hard to follow the stray lamb wandering hither and thither. These are they who the shapher's care, who in self-conceit of youth do not see their danger or feel their wounds. Worldliness a has a strong allurement for them. The sneer of those aroung them sinks deeper into their soul than the fear of God. They can bear with more equanimity the sanction of religious law than the taunt of those would wish them as careles and bad as they are themselves. Anti-clericalism uis popular for many generations. It has votaries amongst the rich who serve the world, votaries amongst the poor who think they would be happier without religion, votaries amongst those whose pride cannot seand commands of Mass and Coafession and Sacraments. Amongst this class non-attendance at Mass is worse than amongst others. More grace is abused, more malice played, less pity is evident and greater evil induced upon the soul. i énnocence and virtue are all the more to be admired when found and practised by young men. They shou,d be fostered and guarded with all the greater care. It was this very virtue which our Lord commended the young man of the goscel and for which our Lord gave him a higher

call. Self-denial and poverty

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known of him. So it is to-day.

Mass and holy prayer are shunned.

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### Corresponder.ce.

THAT SERMON IN THE STAR. The following letter was received ast week too late for publication:

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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 opinion concerning them. However, after reading Rev. W. E. Gilroy's talk of last Saturday, I decided to proceed. Mr. Gilroy is a B.A., remember, the pastor of the Brantford, Ont., Congregational Church.

Judging from his picture, I was ready for the Freshman mannerism that characterizes his style and literary synthesis. The Star, I know, is an old offender; hence it is not

is an old offender; hence it is not necessary to explain how little surprised I was to see Preacher Gilroy's bigotry paraded in its columns; no more than I was to come across Juvenile Artist Seward's drawings of Catholic clerical faces on Christmas day, and exhibited in the same issue.

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The first great mistake Mr. Gilroy makes is due to the fact that he the state of first great into the fact that makes is due to the fact that takes himself too seriously for the takes himself to seriously for the takes himself too seriously for the takes himself to seriou akes himself dollars. may be what Cardinal Newman would call an attempt at the fine, but his I's and my's leave the read-er with as cold a heart as if he had spent a session of three hours in an e with an electric fan keep him warm, and that, notwith-standing good intentions to the con-

trary. Preacher Gilroy makes bold to tell Preacher Gilroy makes bold to tell us that when he beheld Italian squalor, it was not with the eye of bigotry, for he remembered England
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If Preacher Gilroy did not strike the "clean" note especially, in the Italian street and home life, it is ot the fault of Rome's people. not the fault of Rolles people is true they do not believe in divorce or child-murder; that you would not meet as many drunken men on Roman streets in a year as you would in Toronto in a week; but then, you see, Mr. Gilroy remember-ed London, and did not mean to be bigoted.

But our preacher is a thinker, too,

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He says, "the Gospel of Christ is neither a creed nor a theory, nor a theology—it is a power."
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Please pass the shall sneeze after that.

He finds "sham beneath the creed' of the world's religion. Poor man, we know that it is not surprising, then giving his sermon, that he is when giving his sermon, that he is ready for sham: he has lots of it to spare, we think. With all the fake-churches and joke-sects in the land of his dwelling, he wanted to sing "Home, Sweet Home" while going through the streets of the Eternal City.

Another instance where the preachshows himself a thinker, is he exclaims, with all the solemnity of a lawyer pleading for the acquit-tal of a first cousin, "Men are not saved by the death of Christ, but

by the power of God."

Now, we had never thought ario had such a theologian as is Mr. Gilroy. At that point in sermon we were longing for a lifebuoy: the preacher had menaced to drown us in his logic-pond. And so on

To end, let us ask when the Star intends to be mindful of the fact that thousands of Catholics are subscribers. to mean little quarter-columns in th reports of Catholic festivals, such the Immaculate Conception; we are willing to stand even that, if the paper will cease inflicting Freshman excuses for sermons upon

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Montreal, December 21st, 1908.

BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN.

Attorney for the Institutes and the Curator to the Substitution of the late Maurice Gougeon.

### 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 saking to be incorporated. 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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