Never had there been a merrier or more joyful Christmas Eve in the town of Chartres, than that on little story will recount. Every one seemed imbued with the spirit of mirth. There were soldiers, fiddlers, young men, and boys from all quartof the town, carrying torches and lanterns. They marched joyfully through the streets, now and then pausing beneath the windows of the through the streets, now and then pausing beneath the windows of the rich to chant their sweet Christmas carols, and receive the coins which were dropped into their purses. The bells of the eleven parish churches of the town and the majestic chimes of the town and the majestic chimes with the cathedral mingled their triumphant tones with the hoarse voices of the weather-beaten soldiers, the sweeter and clearer notes of the poor children, and the somewhat harsh music of the violins and bagpipes, as they accompanied the gay Christmas refrain which all were merrily chanting. But there were some to whom this glad Christmas Eve brought only sad and bitter was Mme de Barmainville, who sat alone in her elegantly furnished room. She was gazing with tearful eyes at a little cradle prettily decked with rose-colored silk, which was standing near her bed, draped with rich and sumptuous hangings and bearing the noble escutcheon of the house of Barmainville. Two years had sped away this Christmas Eve since her cherished babe had been taken from this downy nest and laid in his tiny white collin. Many a since her cherished babe had been taken from this down nest and laid in his tiny white coffin. Many a tear had lady Margaret shed since then, but to-night her heart bled more deeply than usual, for Christmas is the feast of little children and happy mothers, and she was childless and desolate. The distant hymns which came floating up from the streets below, spoke to her of the joyous maternity of the Virtant hymns which came floating up from the streets below, spoke to her of the joyous maternity of the Virgin Mother, and when she opened her missal she saw only the canticles of joy in which the Church greets the coming of the Infant-God. She glanced at the large fireplace, where the yulelog was brightly burning, and her tears fell faster as she thought of the tiny stockings which her little Gactan had once hung there. "If I could only have him to fondle and caress," thought she, "how happy I should be. But, oh my God! why should I condemn myself to weep all my life beside an empty cradle, when in some parts of the world—at Chartres, perhaps—there are many unfortunate mothers who have neither food nor clothes to nourish and dress their children."

This evening the cathedral was a splendid and gorgeous sight, for Midnight Mass was about to be celebrated. Hundreds of wax tapers gleamed amidst fragrant flowers on the high altar, near the Crib, and all along the galleries. hundreds of lamps, covered with crystal globes, from which depended sparkling lustres, hung from the majestic arched roof of the stately building. The vast nave resounded with the harmonious notes of the organ as it pealed forth its hymns of praise, whilst clouds of perfume escaped every moment from the golden censers, as if bearing to the highest heaven the prayers and homage of the prostrate crowd.

Amid this multitude of people was a poor unfortunate widow, named Gehendrine, who carried in her arms her only child, a beautiful, fair, rosy boy. Sorrow and misery had done their work, and for some time the widow had known that she had not long to live. But this evening and gorgeous sight, for Mass was about to be ce-

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renerable bishop paused to prostrate himself, the Virgin Mother showed him the pillar near which the poor woman had fallen. The prelate arose and advanced gravely towards. Gehendrine, giriking the ground with his crozier. When he came near he bent down and blessed her. She heard, vaguely, a voice which murmured over her the prayers for the dying. She tried to respond, a feeble sigh escaped her lips, then all was over.

The old clock in the steeple had just struck five when gentle Lady Margaret de Barmainville took her missel and repaired to the Aurora Mass at the first flush of dawn. She was sad; her pale cheeks still, bore traces of the tears she had shed during the night, whilst calling up sad memories of her lost child. When she drew near the Crib she was filled with amazement. Upon the bed of straw, instead of the waxen figure of the Infant Jesus, was a fairhaired babe, who stretched forth his hands, gazed at her with his bright blue eyes, while his sweet red lips were parted in a happy smile.

Madame de Barmainville feared at flist that it was all a dream, then she smiled back at the child, murmuring as she did so: "O my God! how much he resembles mine!" Then the faithful began to flock around the Crib, wondering at the strange and beautiful sight. In a few moments the Dean of the Chapter hastened to behold the child in the manger. "Poor little cherub," said he, "who could have brought it there?" A few minutes later one of the sacristans discovered near the pillar the dead body of poor Gehendrine. She held tightly in her arms the waxen figure of the Infant Jesus of the Crib, which was not whiter than her own dead face, with its beautiful unearthly smile. "God has her soul in His keeping," said the priest, "but what is to be done with her child?" "Oh," cried Lady Margaret, "give him to me, I will adopt him as my son."

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of that Christmas Day the child of Gehendrine slept in the silken cradle, adorned with the nosilken cradle, adorned with the no-ble arms of the house of Barmain-ville; and since then no tears of re-gret have dimmed the beautiful eyes of Lady Margaret, for on that Christmas morn the Divine Infant brought to her sorrowing heart— peace.—Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

JEWELS FOR VIRGIN'S CROWN.

A most editying feature of the observance of the feast of the Immaculate Conception was witnessed in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Fhiladelphia, where at the evening service the members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virg,n gave old gold and jewels of all kinds to be wrought into a crown for the historic statue of the Virgin that adons the chancel of the Church. This statue was given to the church many years ago by Francisco Cooper and Joseph R. Chandler, two Fast Masters of the Masonic Order in this city. It is said that the two men were returning from Furope on a ship which was caught in a storm and was at the mercy of the waves. In the midst, of the

Furope on a ship which was caught in a storm and was at the mercy of the waves. In the midst of the storm a Portuguese priest celebrated Mass and prayed for the intercession of the Virgin to abate the storm. Cooper and Chandler, who overheard the prayer, remarked to the priest that if the ship survived they would give to some church the funds for a handsome statue of the Virgin. The storm did subside in a short time, and the ship reached port.

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Chandler and Cooper carried out members of the Sodality, who have their promise. Some time ago the just closed their jubiles celebration, decided to present a "jubi secrown" for the statue, and agreed to collect gold and jewels from all the

lished in his diocese, the Bishop says: "To my mind, every dollar spent in support of the Catholic press has two great effects. It is invaluable personally to those rendering the assistance; it is of immense value to the parish where the help is given, through the intelligent and wholesome interest in all things Catholic which the truly Catholic paper never fails to create, and further among the Catholic faithful." That is the way all Catholic schould look at this matter of patronizing Catholic journals. The money thus expended brings a good return. Catholics who read Catholic papers are easily distinguished from those of their brethren who do not read them. They display a knowledge about the affairs of their Church, both spiritual and temporal, that amazes those into whose homes a Catholic paper never comes. We have the testimony of the Catholic clergy that the best Catholics in their parishes are those who subscribe to Catholic weeklies. And that is one reuson why all the priests of the country should be carnest supporters of the Catholic press.

LONGEVITY IN IRELAND

The Registrar-General for Ireland, The Registrar-General for Ireland, in his report for 1900, congratulates the Emerald Isle on the fact that nearly 20 per cent. of her people die of old age. There are 212 Irish men and women now living over 100 years old, a proportion far above the average of most nations.

NOTES FOR FARMERS

FARM PRODUCE .- All kinds of farm produce are selling at a higher price this year than for a long time

previous.
Oats is one of the most important Oats is one of the most important grains affected. There has lately been an advance in the price all over the province. The publication of the Ontario crop report shows that the yield is 11,000,000 bushels short of last year. In the east and Manitoba the oat crop was also below other years.

The advance in price originated in Montreal and Quebec when it was found that the contracts were very hard to fill. The price soon reached 50 cents a bushel. Around Ottawa oats now sell for 55 cents.

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The grain crop report for Ontario shows a decrease of \$4,000,000 be shels of corn which has rai el their prices. Hay, bran and all other kinds of feed are equally advanced in price.

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