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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Wishing all our readers the best  
blessings of 1899, we present them with  
this very practical thought expressed  
by the priest-poet, the late Father  
Abram J. Ryan.

Singing, I hear the whole world sing,  
Afar, anear, aloud, aloud:  
"What to us will the New year  
bring?"

Ah! would that each of us might  
know!  
Is it not truth? as old as true?  
List ye, singers, the while ye sing!  
Each year bringeth to each of you  
What each of you will have him  
bring.

The year that cometh is a King,  
With better gifts than the old year  
gave;

If you place on his fingers the holy  
ring  
Of prayer, the king becomes your  
slave.

**CURRENT COMMENT**

William Dean Howells, Ella  
Wheeler Wilcox, Madame  
Janaschek, Chauncey M.  
Depew, Richard Croker, Admi-  
ral Gherardi, and Viola Allen,  
in the December Cosmopolitan,  
answer a series of questions by  
the editor as to what they fear  
here and hereafter. Not one of  
them says anything definite  
about the hereafter, not one of  
them seems to understand what  
the fear of God really means.  
Their answers all positively stink  
of shallowness, insincerity and  
worldliness. There are two  
points on which almost all of  
them agree: what they fear most  
is poverty and death. In this  
they are two thousand five hun-  
dred years behind the sages of  
early heathen Greece and behind  
millions of Hindu devotees in  
our day. Verily, this is a beauti-  
ful triumph of modern civiliza-  
tion. And to think that there are  
running through this web of  
earthiness thousands, perhaps  
millions of Catholic souls that  
love poverty and long to be  
dissolved and be with Christ!

"Lollius", the garrulous Free  
Press contributor, draws a clever  
moral from a way many Winni-  
peggers have of pronouncing the  
word "mayoralty". They accentu-  
ate the syllable "ral", and as the  
l's of such people are unaccount-  
ably thick, they have to insert a  
vowel between the l and the t,

so the word in their mouths be-  
comes "mayorality" with a strong  
accent on the central or third  
syllable; a mispronunciation  
which, Lollius says, suggests  
how indissolubly the ideas of  
the mayoralty and morality  
ought to be united. We wonder  
what moral Lollius would draw  
from the extra vowel which not  
only the "great unwashed" but  
many first class public school  
teachers insert between the l  
and the m of Elm Park, pronoun-  
cing it Ellum Park.

On the Feast of the Immacu-  
late Conception, Dec. 8th, 1898.  
"The Universe" of London com-  
pleted its thirty-eighth year of  
vigorous and learned Catholic  
defence and propaganda. It was  
the first in the English field as  
a popular penny Catholic news  
paper and it has ardent admirers  
in all parts of the world. Long  
may it prosper.

A little over a year ago, after  
a lecture at Rat Portage in  
which Father Drummond re-  
minded a largely Protestant au-  
dience that the cross, once the  
gibbet of slaves, had been set in  
the crown of the Caesars, the  
Rev. Mr. Andrews, Methodist  
minister and father of the popu-  
lar Mayor of Winnipeg, publicly  
expressed his regret that he had  
not been able to persuade the  
trustees of his new church to  
put a cross on top of the steeple.  
All honor to that venerable Me-  
thodist minister, who has grasped  
this Catholic idea which, as  
the following extract from the  
Liverpool Catholic Times shows,  
a now notorious Anglican  
blasphemously repudiates:

"When Mr. Kensit visited Bel-  
fast a Mr. Chambers informed  
him with pride that Ritualistic  
images had been removed from  
St. Clement's Church in that  
city. The last cross—that on the  
spire—had been taken away  
that evening (loud cheers). It  
would seem as if one were read-  
ing of savages seeing the treat-  
ment of the emblem of Our Lord's  
Passion. "God forbid", says St.  
Paul "that I should glory in  
aught save the cross of Christ."  
And the Protestants glory in  
treating it with contempt.

Three weeks ago we predicted  
that, if Mr. A. J. Andrews were  
opposed, "the masses of the peo-  
ple would be found at his back,"  
and we added: "there is no ques-  
tion that Winnipeg will retain  
Mr. Alfred Andrews at least for  
another year as its chief magis-  
trate." This is not the first time  
our forecasts as to the mayoralty  
have been strikingly verified,  
though they were never so over-  
whelmingly confirmed. Mr. Car-  
ruthers made, in opposing May-  
or Andrews, an irretrievable  
blunder. His crushing defeat  
will lead the public to think less  
of him than he really deserves,  
and will spoil his chance of fu-  
ture civic honors.

**A WINNIPEG INVENTOR.**

*A Dirigible Balloon.*

Mr. A. K. de St. Chamas has  
kindly explained to us, with  
strict injunction of secrecy, an  
invention which he has been  
maturing for several years past,  
and which he intends to offer to  
the U. S. War Department. It is  
a dirigible balloon of a new pat-  
tern, ensuring absolute safety  
against sharpshooters, capable of  
sailing very close to the wind  
and of rising or falling without  
increase or decrease of weight.  
The model which we were al-  
lowed to examine is certainly  
very ingenious and at the same  
time extremely simple, embody-  
ing an idea which one is surprised  
not to have seen carried out  
before.

**THE NEMESIS OF UNFAITH.**

Well informed and practical  
Catholics know by experience  
that the true faith is one of the  
strongest bulwarks of common  
sense. So true is this that a huge  
volume has been written in  
French entitled "Le bon sens de  
la Foi"—The good (or common)  
sense of Faith. The fulness of the  
Catholic Faith preserves its ad-  
herents from all the follies of  
superstition. The multitudinous  
fads and wild vagaries of Protes-  
tantism are an unfailing source  
of amusement to Catholics,  
though they seldom write about  
them because these follies seem to  
them but the natural outcome of  
fundamental error.

Outside of the true Faith,  
childish credulity grows in exact  
proportion to the distance that  
parts misbelievers and un-  
believers from the Catholic  
Church. The average Protestant  
is ever ready to believe any cock-  
and-bull story or any silly theo-  
ry that wears the cloak of religi-  
on; but the Agnostic can give  
points, in the game of supersti-  
tion and credulity, to any Pro-  
testant. Both refuse to admit the  
overwhelming evidence proving  
that the Roman Catholic Church  
is the Church of Christ; but they  
will believe any blatant anti-Catho-  
lic or simply non-Catholic  
fool on his mere unsupported  
assertion. It is God's awful way  
of punishing their pride. They  
will not believe the only reason-  
able religion in the world; so he  
withdraws from them, in matters  
religious, even the most element-  
ary light of human reason.

Charlatans like Miss Diss  
Debar are fully aware of this.  
They discount the ghastly credu-  
lity of the Protestant public. In  
a Catholic country they would  
simply be laughed to scorn.

A curious example of this non-  
Catholic tendency to superstiti-  
ous credulity is furnished by a  
friend who sends us the follow-  
ing with his comments thereon.

Major Laurie, who fought with  
Kitchener in the Soudan, is re-  
ported to have said that the Sir-  
dar owes his life to a spider.  
The spider made a nest in the  
top of his helmet just before the  
battle of Athbara. He recognized  
at once that the spider had cho-  
sen to constitute itself his  
mascot. Accordingly, he left the  
insect undisturbed and went  
through the battle without a  
wound. Grateful for the protec-  
tion thus clearly given him by  
the spider, he allowed it to re-  
main in his helmet, and conse-  
quently was able to pass through  
the battle of Omdurman without  
injury. He then shipped helmet  
and spider home and followed  
in person to tell the story to his  
fiancée. His prospective mother-  
in-law was so impressed by it  
that she made his bride a wed-  
ding present of a diamond spider.

"This clipping is from the To-  
ronto Globe of Dec. 13th. It is a  
favorite pastime with Protestants  
to talk of the superstition of Catho-  
lics in wearing blessed scapu-  
lars, medals, etc., though these  
pious practices are founded on  
reason illumined by faith and  
detract nothing from the provi-  
dence of God or our dependence  
on Him; but here we have one  
of the British Empire's great  
heroes attributing his wonder-  
ful passage through two battles  
to a spider in his bonnet! Does  
not this prove that there was a  
bee there too?"

However, what can you ex-  
pect of the hoi polloi who put  
their faith in that piece of  
Masonic tomfoolery, the horse-  
shoe?

**SPREADEAGLE CATHOLICS.**

The Rome correspondent of  
the N. Y. Freeman's Journal  
lately reported a long interview  
with "an ecclesiastic in Rome  
who has followed the America-  
nizing movement with keen in-  
terest for many years, who has  
broad American sympathies, and  
has spent some time in the Uni-  
ted States and France, and who  
is besides in an excellent position  
to be well informed." This eccle-  
siastic says there are no less than  
four kinds of Americanism: the  
Italian, which is simply Italian  
liberalism decked out in the  
Stars and Stripes; the German,  
which is a thinly veiled ration-  
alistic Protestantism; the French,  
which has good intentions cou-  
pled with a grotesque ignorance  
of American conditions; and the  
American Americanism, which  
has produced absolutely nothing  
but sporadic excursions into the  
field of heresy followed by  
speedy retreats as soon as the  
foolhardy guerilla found out the  
nature of the territory he had  
invaded.

Apparently, a commission of  
Cardinals is examining this ques-  
tion. Cardinals Satolli and Maz-  
zella, both of whom have lived  
in the United States, are at the  
head of it. The decision may not  
be given for a couple of years  
yet. "I am not much of a prophet,"  
says the Freeman correspondent,  
"but my conviction is that this  
decision will contain no explicit  
mention whatever of "Ameri-  
canism," whether of the Italian,  
German, French or American  
pattern. It will, on the other  
hand, contain a number of propo-  
sitions which are held, more  
or less formally, and more com-  
monly, in all these countries,  
and in some others. The holders  
of the propositions will either  
promptly retract their errors or  
proclaim that they never held  
them, and the whole thing will  
end there and then."

The following week that same  
Rome correspondent was less  
serenely indifferent. Under date  
of Rome, Nov. 22 (see N. Y.  
Freeman's Journal, Dec. 10th,  
1898), he writes: "All this extra-  
ordinary newspaper notoriety  
serves to show at least that it is  
high time the whole question  
were settled. It is already caus-  
ing more turmoil and heart-burn-  
ings than even the question of  
Papal Infallibility did thirty  
years ago."

It was doubtless the foregoing  
view of the Protean varieties of  
error that prompted Father De-  
lattre, S. J., to entitle his work,  
published only a few months  
ago, "Un Catholicisme Améri-  
cain" as who should say, "One  
kind of American Catholicism."  
The author proved, by apposite  
quotations, how uncatholic was  
this narrow nationalism which  
could not be so noisy were it  
not so deplorably ignorant.

**A CHRISTMAS TREAT**

FOR THE ORPHANS.

Mr. J. B. Leclerc, Dr. Lambert,  
Mrs. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs.  
Allaire, Mrs. L. N. Bétournay,  
Mr. and the Misses Gosselin,  
Mrs. Alfred Levêque, Mrs.  
(Judge) Prendergast, Mr. F. Jean  
and the Misses Jean, Mr. Joseph  
Bernier, Mr. Noël Bernier, Mr.  
Joseph Chambeland and several  
other devoted and charitable  
friends of the St. Boniface Grey  
Nuns met the orphans of Hospice  
Taché in the reception room

after Vespers on Christmas Day.  
The girls sang a Christmas  
hymn, and then the distribution  
of Christmas boxes began. The  
older orphan girls drew lots for  
fancy handkerchiefs, bonbons,  
stationery, etc. Then, after J. B.  
Leclerc had set the example, all  
the ladies and gentlemen of the  
party went round bestowing  
toys and dolls, skipping ropes and  
candies on the smaller children.  
Even the old women were not  
forgotten, each one getting her  
share of fruit and sweets.

Besides the ladies and gentle-  
men mentioned above the follow-  
ing persons contributed to this  
Christmas treat by sending pre-  
sents of various kinds: Mesdames  
Elie Genthon, P. d'Eschambault,  
Bernier, S. A. D. Bertrand, Lau-  
rendeau, Lecompte, Béliveau,  
Chénier, Paradis, Lamontagne,  
Brabant, Messrs. P. d'Escham-  
bault, S. Jean, G. Couture,  
Liguori Gagné, Ed. Marcoux, J.  
C. Smith, Hon. J. E. P. Prender-  
gast, Messrs. Jean Gingras, T.  
Pelletier, J. A. Phaneuf, Thos.  
Beaulieu.

**THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS  
WINNIPEG.**

Mr. Alfred J. Andrews was  
re-elected last Thursday by a  
majority of 1,734 out of a total  
of 4,160, the largest majority on  
record for the Winnipeg mayor-  
alty contest. The Aldermen elec-  
ted are: Ward 1, Donald A. Ross;  
ward 2, Thomas Cowan; ward 3,  
D. J. Dyson; ward 4, Jas. G. Har-  
ver; ward 5, J. T. Spiers; ward 6  
J. T. Mitchell. The School  
Board of 1899 is: Ward 1, D. W.  
Bole; ward 2, J. J. Roberts; ward  
3, D. McK. Horne (here lies  
John O' Donohue, slain electoral-  
ly); ward 4, E. Benson; ward 5,  
J. A. Mc Kerchar; ward 6, J. H.  
Dulmage.

**ST. BONIFACE TOWN.**

There was only one contest in  
St. Boniface town, that in ward  
1 for councillor. E. Hébert de-  
feated L. J. Collin by 3 majority.

The new council stands:  
Mayor, L. W. Bétournay; coun-  
cillors, ward 1 E. Hébert;  
ward 2, J. H. Sénécal; ward 3,  
T. Pelletier; ward 4, Jos. Turren-  
ne.

**RURAL ST. BONIFACE.**

There was a warm contest for  
reeve in the rural municipality  
of St. Boniface and Mr. Mager  
was defeated by P. Dumas by the  
narrow majority of six. Mr.  
Mager served five years at the  
council board and for four suc-  
cessive years held the position  
of reeve. He states that he is  
pleased to be relieved of his pub-  
lic duties after so long a period  
of service. The councillors elected  
for 1899 are: Messrs. Jos. Riel,  
P. Carrière, J. McDougall and  
Payette.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES.**

*Midnight Masses.*

**POLISH HYMNS**

*An Armenian Crusader.*

In St. Mary's church, where  
midnight mass was held com-  
mencing with the birth of Christ-  
mas day, the celebrant was Rev.  
Father Kulawy, who was assist-  
ed by Mr. Munroe, of Salt Lake  
City, Utah, who acted as subde-  
acon. The solemnity and impres-  
siveness of this service was great-  
ly enhanced by the excellent  
singing of Miss Jennie Perkins  
who took the principal soprano  
parts. Miss Roberts and Mr. James  
Perkins also sang some well ap-  
preciated selections.

At the church of the Immacu-  
late Conception a grand high  
mass commenced exactly at mid-  
night, Rev. Father Tourangeau,  
S. J., of St. Boniface College was  
the celebrant of the mass and he  
was assisted by a deacon and