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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

No wish is so universal as that made at the beginning of the year. We cheerfully join in it and wish to our patrons a very happy New Year.

THE LATEST CHURCH UNION.

Some expression, however tentative, has been given to the growing desire which Protestant sects feel, of coming to a closer union and better understanding.

The desire for Church Union is undoubtedly laudable. It should be the object of watching, work and prayer; for divided Christianity is a pitiful spectacle and a perpetual source of weakness.

The growth of the evangelic spirit within the churches, and the pressure of the religious and missionary problems from without, have combined to make union the truest statesmanship, the highest duty, and the most imperative necessity.

truth, was to abide with it in a continuous action, the guarantee of its unity, the personal pledge of its sanctity, and the omnipresent token of its universality in place and time.

Such a union as is presented by these three sects federating will never stem the torrent of materialism. Let us explain. Christianity is a religion, not a system of philosophy.

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A CENTRAL CLUB.

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It is not a question of statesmanship at all; it is a question of humble submission to the teaching of our Blessed Lord. The question is: Did Jesus Christ found one, individual church? Where is it? Does it still exist?

way the blessed work of Peterborough's potent worker. Still another instance may be quoted. In Ennismore the parish priest is Rev. Father Fitzpatrick and from our exchanges we learn that this Reverend gentleman has federated his entire district by the establishment of a Catholic High School.

Now though we quote others as doing such excellent work, and though we affirm that Toronto is somewhat lacking, we do not want it to be understood that nothing has been done or is being done amongst us.

DR. OSLER ON DEATH.

This distinguished son of Canada has again crystallized into a dictum a large number of facts which he observed at some five or six hundred death scenes. As a result of his experience, Dr. Osler concludes that the majority of men die as they lived, practically uninfluenced by the thought of a future life.

A Kerry Visitor With a Patriotic Mission

Rev. Father Thos. Hart, one of the priests sent out last spring by Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, to collect for the completion of the O'Connell Memorial Church at Caheriveen, is a visitor in Toronto and, as the Register understands, intends to lecture at some date so far not settled on, upon the life work of O'Connell and the long delayed memorial near his birthplace.

D'YOUVILLE READING CIRCLE

The d'Youville Reading Circle held its fortnightly meeting last evening and was largely attended.

The Cervantes study was resumed, attention being confined to the dramatic genius of the broken soldier, whose pathetic story was ignored by his king, the memorial he had drawn up before leaving his Moorish prison was simply consigned to the Archives, there to remain till many years after the gallant hero's death.

It is from these national plays we learn the dreadful fate of Christian children in Moorish captivity. It was shown that these rousing appeals to his people helped to put an end to the Moors' sovereignty in Granada, and led to the deliverance of 20,000 prisoners in Morocco.

The second part of the evening was given to the study of two Shakespeare heroines: Portia of Venice, in the casket scene, and Cleopatra, in the scene where Brutus fails to convince his noble wife that by and by he would construe to her all the "characters of his sad brows."

The Pope and the Widow's Mite

Writes the Rome correspondent of the London Tablet, under date of December 3:

Last Monday Father Brandi, editor of the Civiltà Cattolica, made his fifth Calabrian visit to the Holy Father with over eighty thousand francs in his inside pocket—a sum which brought the Civiltà subscription to over 550,000 francs.

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