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increase of grace to the soul and preserve its life. Besides this increase of grace, each sacrament, when received with the proper dispositions, confers a special gift, which is called sacramental grace. I would ask you to try and get a clear idea of what is meant by sacramental grace, because, once you fully realize what it is, you will receive the sacraments fre-quently. Let us try and bring this home to you by a familiar example. I have heard many persons say that whenever they enter this church they are impressed with its beauty. Now, to bring about this beauty, many workmen ekilled in entirely different kinds of work were required. Some built the built the sltare, others stained the win-dows. It is the combination of these widely different kinds of work that pro-duce the harmonious beauty of the edi-fice. Now, our sanctification is an edifice which we wish to construct. Good works are the materials we must employ, and it mentices all the empty and industry which we wish to construct. and are the materials we must employ, and it mouries all the energy and industry

character. In Baptism, the cross of Jesus Christ has in some way or other been im printed on our souls. Confirmation has marked us out as soldiers of Christ, and these masks will remain for all eternity. They will remain to bring us shame and sorrow if we go to hell. They will re-main to be a source of glory if we go to heaven.

The Feast of the Epiphany.

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wholly His. The author of the "Manual of the Anti-Masonic League," at a recent con ference implored the Pope to grant an indulgence to the faithful who would engage never to become affliated with Freemasory, and who would combat this organization. The request has been favorably received by the Holy Father. He has granted on the ordinary condi-tions-first, plenary indulgence to chil-dren who, at their First Communion, shall undertake never to enter a secret shall undertake never to enter a secret shall undertake never to enter a secret society condemned by the Church; second, plenary indulgence to all the faithful who, on a date specified for them, shall make or renew an engage ment never to become a member of the Massonic sect. Masonic sect.

But give me for my friend one who But give me for my friend one who will unite heart and hand with me, who will throw himself into my cause and interest, who will take part when I am attacked, who will be sure before-hand that I am in the right, and if he is criti-cal, as he may have cause to be towards a being of sin and imperfection, will be so from very love and loyalty, and a wish that others should love me as heartily as he.—Cardinal Neuman. A little how was told that Rev. Mr.

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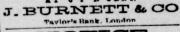
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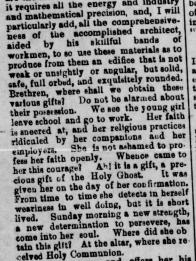
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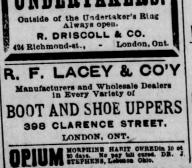
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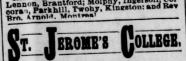
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