

A Christmas Legend.

It was the holy Christmas-tide
In Ireland long ago;
The hills and valleys were covered o'er
With the snow-fallen snow.

THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL.

My little children, Christmas is your
special feast. You learn now that
Jesus was once a little babe and a child
like you.

beautiful angel to take care of us.
You've got one and so have I.
"Have I? Where is he?"
"By your side. My mother says the
angel never goes away; he is never leaving
you for a moment; he is by your side
now."

But Nanny was a wicked woman; she
hated all things good and holy, she was
the worst of all bad people, an epitome
Catholic.

He went on talking, as though the
angel were speaking to him. Then he
thought the angel knelt by his side, and
placed his cool hand on his head. There
came a low sound of sweet music in his
ear, and clearly through it he seemed to
hear the angel's voice, which said:

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the Catholic Church than this long contin-
ued one of her bishops going to and
returning from the Apostolic See at regu-
lar intervals of a few years.

THE VISIT AD LIMINA.

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the Catholic Church than this long contin-
ued one of her bishops going to and
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lar intervals of a few years.

For, who is it we now honor in Rome?
Certainly not the good citizen of Perugia
as such, who against his desire is elevated
to the chair of Peter, not the aged man,
who, worn out with years, is totter-
ing to the grave, not the weak mortal,
who despite his many virtues, makes
daily confession of his faults to God, No,
he who is honored there is not the man,
the mortal or the sinner. It is

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The Usual Course.

The world was made when a man was born;
He must taste for himself the forbidden
springs.
He must fight a boy, he must drink as a
youth.
He must kiss, he must love, he must swear
to the truth.
Of the friend of his soul; he must laugh to
scorn.
The hint of deceit in a woman's eyes.
That are clear as the wells of Paradise,
And as he goes from the world grows old,
Till his tongue has grown cautious, his heart
has grown cold.
Till the smile leaves his mouth and the ring
leaves his hand.
And he strikes the bright headache you ask
him to quit;
He grows formal with men and with women
and
And distrustful of both when they're out of
his sight.
Then he sits for his palate and drinks for
his head.
And loves for his pleasure—and 'tis time he
were dead!

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Catholic Columbian.
Tuesday's cable brought us the news of
the ordination by Cardinal Manning of
a former Anglican clergyman. On
the same day was chronicled the con-
version of the widow of Hon. W. H.
Hunt, Secretary of the Navy in Gar-
field's cabinet and afterwards Minister
to Russia. Last week we were happy to
mention the resignation of Mr. Bowen
from a Protestant pulpit to embrace the
'faith of our fathers'. And so the spread
of the light goes on. There is often,
however, an unjust outcry against the
man who changes his views; he is accused
of being so strong and beyond logical
resistance. Orville A. Brownson, in
January, 1844, his own views on religion
especially then undergoing a salutary
change—sketches the morals of the whole
matter in these words: "His who really
owns a reputation will change his views
often as to the means to be adopted; but
changes of this kind imply no fickleness
or want of stability; they imply merely
an enlarging experience of more practical
wisdom. There is fickleness only where
there is frequent change of purpose."
Colorado Catholic.

We are sure the editors and managers
of the daily papers would not let their
own children read the sensational fifth
that is being dumped over from London.
For God's sake, keep such rot away from
the young. They will learn vice soon
enough.

Fathers who spend the Sunday fishing
and hunting instead of going to Mass
ought not, be surprised if their boys go
to play base-ball or loaf around saloons
on that day. It would be a surprise were
it otherwise. Like a parent like child, like
child like parent is an old but true saying.
Sunday is the Lord's day and those who
devote it to idleness, pleasure and un-
necessary work to the exclusion of God's
honor commit a grievous sin besides
scandalizing their neighbors and their
families, and for this scandalous sin it
occasions they are held accountable. Pa-
rents should so conduct themselves as to
be the guide for the emulation of their
children; and if they do so, there would
be far less sin, trouble and suffering in
them in this life, and probably a more
hopeful prospect for them in the next.

Catholic Times.

If a statement that a Berlin corre-
spondent who is usually well informed
be correct, Emperor William cherishes
the desire to ratify the re-establishment
of religious peace in his dominions by
personal meeting with His Holiness Leo
XIII. The following report appeared in
a recent issue of the Oesterreichische
Wochenzeitung:

"We hear from Berlin that Mr. Tietz,
the learned Bishop of Varmia, has had
an interview with His Majesty the
Emperor. The Minister of Worship,
Baron Gosslar, was present during the
interview, which lasted about an hour.
The Emperor, in the course of the con-
versation, said to the Bishop: 'I am
glad to have restored religious peace
in my country. I wish to see the Pope
before I die, but how can I do it?'
The interview, the Bishop dined with the
Emperor."

N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

It is of great importance that the ques-
tion of the rights of laboring people
should be dissociated from the rival
theories of Communists whose theo-
ries would end in confusion and despoil-
ment. The interests of honest labor, looking
the reward of industry, has a deca-
dary in Communism, and the latter
all independent organizations of right
and leave nothing but the weak, un-
individual in face of the "State" organiz-
as ever, by the most unscrupulous grasping
of its most adroit members. The
Christian organization of society, and
the State only the powers of a high pop-
to protect the law abiding, and to pun-
law-breakers. It is of pagan origin, pro-
moted by the system of pagan Rome,
reproduced by the legists that destroy
liberty in Europe in later centuries, to
the entire poverty of the people, to the
State.

Baltimore Mirror.

One of the bitterest reproaches advanced
against the Church by the shallow think-
ers of the day is, that she represents
principle of authority, of "despotism,"
they call it. She, forsooth, is out of
with the times, a relic of a high pop-
which once controlled the social elem-
of the civilized world. We are "em-
cipated" now; mind is free; every one
thinks and does what he likes, so long
as he refrains from breaking the laws of
land. Yet there could not be a freer
view of the world as it now ex-
Thomas Carlyle touched the keynote
the situation when he declared that
was less individuality now than
before. There has simply been a shift
of authority. One man no longer
his fellows; the majority rule is
And this authority, he it noted, has
effect of crushing individuality. For-
erly, the rulers at least had a chance
develop their peculiarities; but now
a thing is not allowed. And this tend-
towards the strongest and most sub-
form of authority increases. Every
We behold working men enrolling
selves in working societies for the pur-
to securing higher wages. On the
band, employers are forming similar
cliations to keep wages down. The

A Wedding Present

Of practical importance would be a bottle
of the only pure corn cure—Putnam's
Painless Corn Extract—which can be
had at any drugstore. A continuation of
the honey moon and the removal of corns
both secured by its use. Beware of imita-
tions.

A Heavy Load.

"When I ate, my food was like a lump
of lead in my stomach. I took Burdock
Blood Bitters. The more I took, the more
it helped me. I am like a new man now,"
says Ezra Babcock, Cloyne, P. O., Town-
ship Barrie, Ont.

The History of Hundreds.

Mr. John Morrison, of St. Anns, N. S.,
was seriously afflicted with a disease of
the kidneys that droopy was developing
and his life was despaired of. Two bottles
of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him after
physicians had failed.

Archbishop Ryan and a "Catholic
Charity Ball."

N. Y. Freeman's Journal.
The "Catholic charity ball" was for
several years a social event in Philadel-
phia. It was as well-managed as any
gathering of the kind, and was more than
tickets are sold, and anybody of decent
exterior admitted.

A Cure for Drunkenness.

The Cure of drunkenness is a task which
the regular practitioner has been unable to
make. St. Vincent's medicine, which a man
may overcome by force of will. Drunken-
ness had been all we are in the world,
moderate drinker. In the confirmed drunk-
ard it becomes a disease of the nervous
system. The medical treatment of this dis-
ease consists in the employment of
remedies that act directly upon those por-
tions of the nervous system which, when
diseased, cause insanity, dementia, and the
drinking habit. Remedies must be used
that will cure the appetite, for strong
drinking steadily the trembling hand, revive
the lagging spirit, balance the intellect.
The nervous system of the drunkard drinker
being all shattered, the patient must be
given a nutriment that will take the place
of the accustomed liquor, and prevent the
physical and moral prostration that often
follows a sudden breaking off from the use
of alcoholic stimulants. This nutriment
will be given in the form of a tonic, and
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