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**BRIEFLETS.**

Bishop Joulain, O. M. I., of Colombo, on his return to his diocese had a very hearty reception from his people. In replying to addresses his Lordship spoke in Tamil.

The late Earl of Buchan died a Catholic, and the funeral at Uphall, Linlithgowshire, on Thursday, Dec. 15, was carried out with the full ritual of the Catholic Church.

Rev. Father Paquin, S. J., Rector of St. Boniface College, left last Thursday for a six weeks' rest insisted on by his physician. During his absence, Rev. Father Tourangeau, S. J., is acting Rector.

Yesterday, Jan. 3rd, Messrs. Deegan, Jobin, Marrin and other devoted friends of the St. Boniface Orphanage rejoiced the orphan girls and old women of the Hospice Taché with a plentiful supply of nuts, sweets and fruit.

A correspondent sends us a handbill announcing a forthcoming lecture by an anti-Catholic ex-convict. We may say that when once an ex-convict of this class has been sufficiently exposed we do not think that Catholics ought to take the slightest notice of him.—L'pool Catholic Times.

1899 is altogether "up to the nines." Add the figures together and you get 3 times 9. The first two figures, added together give 9; the third and fourth figures multiplied give the square of 9, added together they give 18, which is twice 9 and a repetition of the century figure. The last two figures, multiplied by the sum of the first two figures, give the cube of 9.

The Sisters of St. Boniface Hospital gratefully acknowledge, in addition to last week's acknowledgement, the following donations received: St. Boniface Town, \$100; La Broquerie, \$25; also gifts from Messrs. McDonagh and Shea, G. Couture, L. J. Colin, P. Gosselin, Richard and Co., J. Y. Griffin and Co., M. Rocan, E. Guilbault, C. Gareau, and Madame Alf. Lévesque.

In the German Reichstag Count von Ballestrem, the candidate of the Centre Party, has been elected President of the House by 279 votes out of a total of 340 recorded. The President and Vice-Presidents have had an interview with the Emperor, who spoke with satisfaction of his journey to the East and of the relations between Catholics and Protestants.

At the recent general meeting of the conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Toronto, the receipt was announced of \$100 from Prof. Goldwin Smith, who, we learn from THE CATHOLIC REGISTER, has, every year since taking up his residence in Toronto, given that amount to be divided among the various conferences of the Society in the city, for the benefit of the poor.

Among recent converts of note in England are the Hon. Ashley Morland Eden, half-brother of Lord Auckland, and Mr. F. Stakley Hall, a prominent Freemason. In reference to Mr. Hall's conversion the MASONIC JOURNAL, leading organ of Masonry in England, says: General regret is felt that he has thought it necessary to sever his connection with the craft, for in his retire-

ment local Masonry has lost an able and loyal member."

Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., after a fortnight spent in St. Boniface Hospital, returned last Thursday to the college. The sore throat from which he suffered was at first diagnosed as diphtheria, but, on bacteriological examination of the white membrane, the diphtheritic bacillus was conspicuous by its absence. Father Drummond will reply to Archdeacon Fortin's sermon on the confessional Sunday after next, Jan. 15th.

**A \$25,000 CHURCH**

IN THE KIANDIKE  
Edifice Erected Recently in Dawson City—  
Father Judge's Work.

Rev. Father William H. Judge S. J., in writing to one of his relatives in Baltimore from St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson City, Alaska, October 6 1898, says.

"I have had a very busy summer, the building of our new church, in place of the one burned, and a large addition to the hospital, together with the care of providing for the coming winter, was no little work, and the large number of patients in the hospital for the past two months has kept me as busy as I could be day and night. We have 135 patients at present, mostly typhoid fever, which has been very bad here this summer, but doctors all agree that we are having unusually good success in the hospital.

"Our new church is very fine for this part of the world, and would do credit to a much older town. It cost \$25,000, and was the gift of one good man, Alexander McDonald. I said the first Mass in it on August 12, and blessed it, and then turned it over to the Oblates of Mary, who have charge of the parish now. I still have the care of the hospital which is as much as I can attend to with the present number, and expect to turn it over to the Sisters in the Spring and go back to American Alaska where I belong.

"We have five or six hundred at Mass every Sunday, so you can understand what kind of a town we have. I have a telephone in my office, not only for the town, but also to the creeks (the creeks are fifteen miles from Dawson). They are preparing to give us electric light. I think we will have about 15,000 people in this town this winter. I have met several Baltimore persons here lately, and indeed nearly every part of the world is represented here.

"It is sad to see how many poor people have left good homes to come here and find them selves without the necessaries of life, without money and without work. I fear there will be much suffering here this winter. There are thousands still in tents and winter is on us."

**THE CHURCH NO CAUSE OF DECADENCE.**

The Boston WATCHMAN says: "One of the most interesting and important questions of our time touches the extent to which Roman Catholicism is responsible for the gradual decline of power among the Latin nations. But can it be fairly attributed to the influence of the Papal Church? Certainly not. It may be laid at the door of the infidels in France, Spain and Italy, who have too often secured power and checked the good influence of the Church. What had Catholicism to do with the various revolutions in

France which contributed to her decadence? Who enthroned a Parisian prostitute as the goddess of reason in the temple of the Most High God? And who are prominent in the seats of government in Spain and Italy to-day? Not loyal children of the Church, we may rest assured, but men who have lost their faith, principally, no doubt, through the influence of secret societies. But aside from the causes for the decadence which are patent enough to the intelligent observer, it may be said that the Latin nations of this century are only following the course of the countries of the ancient world, who rose to supremacy and then sank back into the unimportant positions that they occupied before their rise. England is great to-day, but the time will come when she, too, will have passed the zenith of her fame, and will be no longer regarded as the mistress of the seas. It is in the nature of things that neither countries nor men can be forever advancing in worldly prosperity.

**PENITENTIAL READING.**

Liverpool Catholic Times.

We always feel that we are on the straight path to Heaven, for nobody could do penance more manfully than we when we are compelled by the awful duties of our position to wade through the Protestant religious papers. And now, if you please, one of them—the "Christian World"—attacks Dr. Horton for saying that the Catholics are clever journalists, and prides itself on its superiority to the Catholic Press! Well, there is no accounting for tastes. When we read the "Christian World" and other Protestant papers we are not at all surprised at the high percentage of victims to melancholia and the large number of coroners' inquests. The only relief to their dulness is their fanatical intolerance. Both features combined account for the fact that the CATHOLIC TIMES has thousands of non-Catholic readers.



Love is crowned triumphant only in the home where a baby completes the tie of matrimony. A childless marriage cannot be a happy one. It takes the final tie of a baby to bind two souls together in marriage for better or for woe. Without this final tie a wedded couple lack the indissoluble interest that makes daily self-sacrifice not only a possibility, but a pleasure. There are to-day thousands of homes all over the country that were once childless and unhappy, but that to-day echo with the laughter of happy babyhood, as a result of a marvelous medicine, known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is the greatest of all medicines for women who suffer from weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity. It makes them healthy, strong, vigorous and elastic. It makes them pure and virile. It allays inflammation, heals ulcers, soothes pain and tones and builds up the shattered nerves. It banishes the discomforts of the expectant period, and makes baby's coming easy and almost painless. It insures the little new-comer's health, and a bountiful supply of nourishment. It transforms weak, sickly, nervous invalids into happy, healthy mothers. An honest dealer will not urge an inferior substitute upon you. "I am now a happy mother of a fine healthy baby girl," writes Mrs. F. B. Cunnings, of No. 4320 Hampshire Street, St. Louis, Mo. "Feel that your Favorite Prescription has done me more good than anything I have ever taken. Three months previous to my confinement I began using it. I was only in labor forty-five minutes. With my first baby I suffered 18 hours then had to lose him. He was very delicate and only lived 12 hours. For two years I suffered untold agony and had two miscarriages. The 'Favorite Prescription' saved both my child and myself."

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