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Christmas Song.

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Children, raise your happy voices, "Christmas comes but once a year,' And each little beart rejoices That the merry time is here. Once a year ! Once a year ! Christmas comes but once a year.

'Tis a time when mirth and gladness Should each childish bosom cheer; Then away with care and sadness, "Christmas comes but once a year." Once a year! Duce a year if Christmas comes but once a year.

'Riting, 'Rithmetic must vanish, Reading we can never fear; But these two first R's we'll banish Soon as Christmas g fis aprear. Once a year! Once a year! Christmas comes but once a year.

Now, instead of histories, grammars, stors books for us are here, and we'll act charades and dramas, and make merry once a year i Once a year ! Once a year i Christmas comes but once a year.

Santa Claus has filed each stocking, To our hearts he is so dear That we should not think it shocking To have Christmas twice a year! Twice a year! To have Christmas twice a year.

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PART II.

GEORGE HAY, JOHN GEDDES. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, AND THEIR TIME.

it advisable.

The arrangement, by which it was agreed that Bishop Geddes should reside at Edinburgh, was singularly op. portune and beneficial. No man could have been better qualified to second the movement in favor of Catholics that had been in progress ever since the riots of 1774. It is a sad fact, but, nevertheless true, that people who inflict injury hate the injured party. Hence the populace of the capital who had so greviously wronged Bishop Hay, neces. reviously wronged haadpins, heces-early had an aversion to him. In conse-quence it would not have been safe for him to spper publicly for a consider-able time. Latterly this unfavorable state of feeling had, in great measure, state of feeling had, in great measure, died out, and the bishop, as has been shown, could discharge, without fear of molestation, both episcopal and pwrochial duties. This was far, however, from being an object of popular favor. Nor was the bishop calculated to court such favor, any more than he cared to do so. Notwithstanding his sternpess of manner, he gained the good will of all the eminent persons with whom he came in contact in the course of his negotia-tions. But those men of high education and ability judged not as "society" is apt to judge, by mere manners and forms of speech. "Society," however, is a power, and a very great power in every community. To conciliate this power community. To concluste this power was an important object with the friends of those people who were still more or less under persecution. To carry out this policy, if policy it may be called, of conciliation, a man of the gentle char-scter and urbane manners of Bishop Geddes was eminently suited. It might be supposed that since the union of the crowns, and still more since the union of the Parliaments of the United King-

of the Parliaments of the United King-doms, "society" had emigrated to the British metropolis. But this was far from being the case. Many heads of ancient families, together with scions of Scotland's nobility, had their abode, at the time of which there is question, in the Scottish capital. It was of no slight importance, when the transition from hostile to more kindly feelings was taking place, to cultivate the acquaint ance of such parties. Many of them, though strongly Protestant, following the fashion of the time, could not fail to remember that their forefathers were

be placed. This year a case occurred which awakened his zeal and gave exer-cise to his ability as a negotiator or diplomatist. The case was that of Mits Gordon of Achanachy,—Achanachy, whose ancient castle had so long afforded a home and protection to the clergy in times of trial and persecution, a large room therein being set apart for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. It must be noted here that Jonn Gordon of Achanachy, the uncle and predecessor Catholics, and they held it to be an honor as well as a pleasure to converse with such a representative Catholic as with such a representative Catablic as Bishop Geddes, whose dignity, demeanor and accompliabments entitled him to associate with them. The bishop loved his religion and his flock too well to his religion and his flock too well to allow such opportunities to pass unim-proved; and, thus, although at the cost of much valuable time, lessening the prevailing prejudices. It does not appear that either his episcopal duties or the cares of his procuratorship cuffered any serious loss or inconveni-ence. Bishop Hay, who relied more on his theological learning and inexorable logic, thought, at one time, and so represented to his friend Bishop Geddes, that it was a loss of time to attend so much to social amenities. Nevertheless, there never was such Nevertheless, there never was such neglect of either episcopal or financial duties as to induce him to appoint another Procurator, or seek a more attentive and helpful coadjutor. There was not even the slightest breach of the tained Bishop Hay to the Lord Advocate. He also requested Principal Robertson to favor him with a personal introduction. One morning, the Principal having long standing friendship that had sub sisted between the two prelates. It is a melancholy fact in connection with the national famine to which cheerfully consented, he breakfasted with this worthy gentleman and then proceeded with hig to wait upon the Lord Advocate. He was well received,

allusion has been made, that several priests in the North were suffering from scarcity of food, whilst others were con-

stitutionally delicate and little able to bear the hardships of their position.

The bishop, in consequence, wrote from Aberdeen to his coadjutor, asking him

to procure at Edinburgh some supplies

and send them to him at his (Bishop Hay's) expense, and to some of

the clergy, through a merchant at Aber-

of the time is presented by the fact that it was impossible to bring together at

Aberdeen a sufficient number of priests for the consecration of the holy oils

This rite must, therefore, be performed at Edinburgh, where the difficulty was scarcely less considerable. The bishop

made a suggestion by informing his co-acjutor how he himself had been ac-

An additional proof of the difficuities

deep,

THE CATHOLIC RECORD. the opinion that it was advisable to allow students at college the use of a little pocket money. Bishop Hay, in-sisting on stricter discipline, held the opposite view. He was, however, so far convinced by the arguments of his learned and experienced coadjuior, that he was induced to say: "Whether the giving money to the boys in college be an expedient measure is a point on which we seem to differ in our opinion; whether it were advisable for me to take any steps to hinder it is another point in which I yield entirely to your reasons."

last Jound her at Dubin, in a state of great destitution. During the time that she was missing, Adam Gordon, a younger brother of her father and of John Gordon, who had been an officer in the Neapolitan army, enjoyed, for about ten years, the lease of Achanachy. It would have been difficult, if at all Dossible, to prove Miss Generation As regarded certain dispensations the As regarded certain dispensations the bishops were of the same opinion. They disapproved of publishing a general dispensation from the strict law of fast ing during Lent. But power was given by the chiet bishop to the priests of the mission to grant special dispensations to private parties, whenever they should, in conscience, consider them necessary. These dispensations extended to the law of abstinence so as to admit of using possible, to prove Miss Gordon's iden-tity, but for the fortunate circumstance of a lady who had been educated in the

These dispensations extend law of abstinence so as to admit of using flash meat on three days of the week, till Palm Sunday, but not in Ember quired in place of fasting. The bishop did nct wish to be thought to hold the proclamation of banns before merriage proclamation as the Church does not the ground that he shready had relations with the Bank of Scotland. did nct wish to be thought to hold the proclamation of banns before marriage indispensable, as the Church does not require that there should be no ex-ceptions. He insisted very much on these proclamations at the commence-ment of his career at Edinburgh, the neglect of them being calculated to favor abuses. He now serve to his co of the discussion which took place or this matter, the Bishop gave a statement of his own financial affairs. In one of his letters on the subject 'of the new bank, he says: "You know I have not adjutor full authority to grant dispensa-tion from the said proclamations, when-ever he should, conscientiously, consider it adjutor blo twopence of personal property; my yearly income dies with myself; and though there be several sums paid out

it advisable. Mr. Meczies, who has already been mentioned as pastor of the Highland congregation of Edinburgh, applied for faculties in a reserved case, to the bishop, through the coadjutor. The latter could himself have imparted the necessary faculties; and this the bishop Inough there be several sums paid out in my name, yet, I am only trustee for others, to whom they belong." In speaking of our Bishops and other good Catholics, it is almost out of place to introduce the name of Lord George Gordon, the degenerate scion of an illus trious and Catholic house. But the narrative would not be complete without showing that it so hannend, when this showed him by referring to the original statuta, which were recently confirmed by the Holy See. The words are: In quibus omnibus cashus Presbyteri, procterquam in articulo mortis, consiluum a nobis et facul-tatum cholmonis showing that it so happened, when this hopeful personage was engaged prepar-ing a vindication of his conduct during the riots which he had excited, that Lord Petre, a Catholic, in a conversation with tatem absolvendi petituri recur-rant." The Bishop adds: "Ubi verba Lord George, had spoken to him of Bishop Hay, as a rash, meddling and turbulent person. Lord George pub-lished the substance of this conversation in a London paper. The Catholic peer, a nobis tum Vicarios ipsos, tum etiam deputatos includant, necesse est, quoniam ad nos, vehilos recurrere judicantur. Et hoc consilio tibi coadjutori meo, who, it must be supposed, had only been talking to a fool in the language of omnes facultates, quoad forum inter-num, quas ipse possideo, jsm abinitio concessi, iterumque concedo." his folly, was grievously ashamed to see his remarks laid before the public, and

SCOTCH SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES. This year, 1783, was founded at Edin-burgh the Antiquarian Society of Scot-land, Many gentlemen of the country look an interest in this new institution. Bishop Geddes did not fail to avail himself of so group an constitution. accordingly, he bought up the whole im pression of the paper containing them, and used every means of hushing up the matter before it reached the Bisnop's ears. There are officious people, h Bishop Geddes did not fail to avail bimself of so good an opportunity of extending his sequaintance, whilst, at the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could part for the same time promoting an object to but could be the same time promoting an object to but could be the same time promoting and be an object to but could be the same time promoting and be an object to but could be the same time promoting and be an object to but could be an object to but co extending his acquaintance, whilst, at the same time, promoting an object to which it was so pleasing to him to give his countenance and support. At a meeting of the society he presented to the library a copy of Leslie's history of Scotiand, when it was suggested to him by Lord Buchan, that he snould present the world with a biography of the good Bishop of Ross. was certainly not the authority from which proceeded the conversation pub-

A less agreeble duty now fell to the bishop's lot,—that of preparing a pris-doner for execution. It marks the growing liberaity of the time that the magistrates afforded him every facility for visiting his penitent. The unfortun-ate man gave proof of all the dispositions A Single Trial

A Single Trial Is all that is needed to prove that Polson's becoming his situation. To use the bishop's own words: "ne went decently to death and gave great edification to all." A CAUSE CELEBRE.—MISS GORDON OF ACHANACHY. Bishop Geddes was always ready to assist his feilow Catholics in whatever circumstances of difficulty they might

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And his heart grew warm within him, And his molstening eyes grew dim. For he knew that his country's children Were singing the songs of him.

The lays of his life's glad morning The psalms et his evening time, Whose echoes shall float forever On the winds of every clime,

All their beautifal consolations, Sent forth like birds of cacer. Came flocking back to his windows, And sang in the poet's ear.

Grateful, but solemn and tender, The music rose and fell. With a joy akin to sadness, And a greeting like fare well.

With a sense of awe he listened, To the voices sweet and young; The last of earth and first of Heaven Beemed in the songs they sung. And waiting a little longer For the wonderful change to come, He heard the Summoning Angel Who calls God's children home.

And to him, in a holier welcome, Was the mostical meaning given Of the words of the Biessed Master : "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaver

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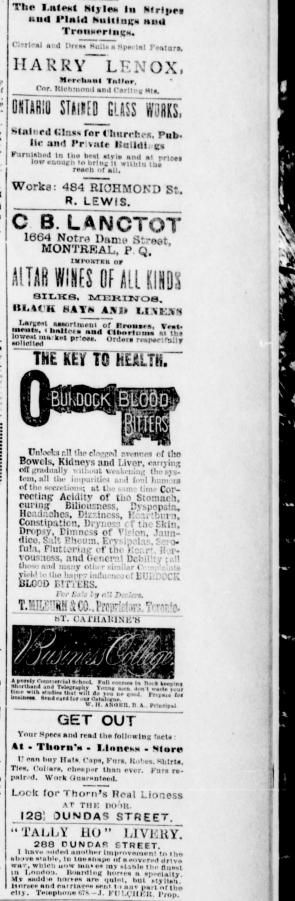
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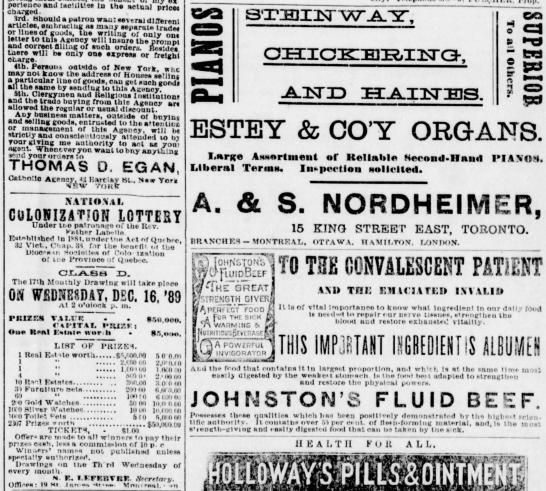
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Please call and street and 125 Carling street. and a promise given that His Lordship would do everything in his power in the case of Miss Gordon. The Bishop, moreover, was kindly invited to renew his visit. This he soon did in order still more strongly to urge his suit. He was

more strongly to urge his suit. He was received with even greater cordiality than at his first visit, and the promise was repeated that no effort would be spared. Men of the state seldom forget ponitics, and the Lord Advocate took occasion to enquire how he stood with the bishop's people. The latter replied that he was in high favor and not with. Cout cause. The case came first before Lord Eskgrove, who, remarking that it was one of great nicely, referred it to the ine court or whole bench of

the inner court, or whole bench of Judges. Mr. Abercrombie, Miss Gordon's For the best photos made in the city go to Epy BROS., 250 Dandas sireet. Call and ex-amine our stock of frames and pasparionts, the latest styles and finest assortment in the city. Children's pictures a specialty. counsel, drew up an able pleading, which was shown to Bishop Geddes for his

acjutor how he himself had been ac-customed to discharge this necessary duty. He sometimes began at an early hour in the morning, and thus allowed the assistant priests to attend to their the assistant priests to attend to the attend to the put the assist the assistant priests to attend to the put the assist the assist the usual hour; some-FITN: All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerre Restorer. No Fits dist for dist's use. Marrel-ouscares Treatise and \$2.00trial bottle free to Fit cases. Send to Dr. Eline, 301 Arch St. Phila. Pa. the assistant priests to attend to then. Congregations at the usual hour; some-times the function was deferred until the court, there were ten judges present. They were unanimous in their decision

times the function was deferred until the public services were all concluded. Bishop Geddes who, for so many years, had been the successful principal of an important educational institution, held



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