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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

O Christ, who first saw the light of

day

As, naked in Your poverty. You lay
Upon the manger bed of Bethlehem,
Look down on me this Christmastide, I pray.

Though I have gifts that other vainly seek—

ly seek— Gifts of the mind and flesh—I would

bespeak Of You one greater boon. I value These earthly treasures, for my heart

E'en as You lay upon Your natal Unclad, unsheltered, destitute Your

lot-Thus, cold and hungry, on my spirit's couch

A beggar child lies, though men see

E'en as, forsaken in Gethsemane

Your heart sobbed out its first wild Of shattered trust, in awful lone-

liness, s does my own, O Christ, cry out in me.

Send me one gift this festal day of

Thine—
A kindred spirit, so attuned divine
That we may feast upon the food
of love
And ouench our thirst in wine sent

three masses in honor of the three-fold generation of Christ, viz., from all eternity to the bosom of the Fa-ther, in time in the womb or the Blessed Virgin, and in the souls of

The practice of celebrating three The practice of celebrating three masses had its origin at Rome, It was so old at the beginning of the sixth century that the Liber Pontificalis, compiled at the time, referred it to Pope Telesphore, of the second century. The very old Mass books, called the Gelasian and Gregorian Sacramentaries contain each three sacramentaries, contain each three masses for the day. Anciently they were said at the time and in the order in which they are prescribed in the missal, i. e., midnight, before the aurora, and after surrise. We know that in the sixth century, and prebably earlier, the Pope was wont to say these three masses at St. Mary Major's, St. Anastasia (whose feast occurred that day), and at feast occurred that day), and at St. Peter's. Curiously enough, the preface of the Natuvity, several collects and many parts of the masses remain identically what they were fourteen hundred years ago, so jealous is the Church of her liturgy and so capable of preserving, it from substantial alterations.

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The midnight vigil of Christmas is the last relic of a very common custom in the first Christian ages of celebrating nocturnal vigils for the feasts of the saints. The attendant disorders discredited them, so that only the venerable Vigil of the Nativity escaped. In the early Middle Ages all the people were expected the stranger midnight mass and to tivity escaped. In the early Middle Ages all the people were expected to attend midnight mass and to communicate, under pain of three years' excommunication, as a means of compelling the performance of what we now call Faster duty. Perhaps this is the meaning of the tradition that the Funperor Justin (the first or the second) ordered Christmas to be everywhere celebrated, no doubt by confession and communion, for it was a common feast long before the time of either Justin. fore the time of either Justin.

# THE KING'S BIRTH.

Arise, Arise! Let cymbals ring All hail the birthday of our King,
Arise! Arise!
All earth now cries.

As sunkissed heralds pierce the way And tell of Christ earthborn this

Arise! Arise! The angels sing how 'tis borne on pinio

wing.

Up to the skies,

Arise! Arise!

Of earthly mold and born of sin,

The knee in homage bends to Him.

Arise! Arise! Like the three of old, Led by the star that marks the fold,

Where He now lies,
Arise! Arise!
Go seek the Shepherd, King e'es

more, Go and the Lamb of God adore CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The custom of giving presents Christmas, now so universally observed, is traceable to the New Testament account of how kings and wise men made rich offerings to the Infant Jesus. For the Christmas tree the world is indebted to the ancient Germans, who, during the continuance of their great Teast of the winter solstice hung large yew, tree winter solstice hung large yew, trees with rude gifts, decorations and lights. From them, too, came Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Knecht Rupert and the many other fabulous personages charged with the duty of bringing gifts to good children, as does also the beautiful fable that such offerings, are brought directly. such offerings are brought directly by the sweet hands, of the loving "Christ Child"—the Infant Jesus Himself.

## THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.

The Christ-child's birthday again— And children's voices say:

will and Peace have come

men— God bless our Christmas Day.

The world-worn may turn from its simple allurements, and press rude fingers upon its sacred memories, and resist its divine sentiment and go cold and hard about the little cares of life throughout its Royal hours. But for the Father's little ones its life throughout its royal hours. But for the Father's little ones its life i resist its divine sentiment and go cold and hard about the little cares of life throughout its Royal hours. But for the Father's little ones it holds the best romance of life. Their smiles fringe its dawn with beauty. Their abounding laughter fills its morning with jubilee. Their prayers go up as its sun goes down. It is buried in the children's hearts. Their waking on the morrow is its radi-Ah, You who know, You that have felt the pain
Soul isolation brings, You who have lain
In tortured silence through sleeplese night
And faced the morning with a smalle again, playeround. The treasures of our hearts are revealed and piled about the children's feet. It is a poor heart that is not fashioned to be a Child's Throne.

# TURKEY SURPRISE.

of love
And quench our thirst in wine sent from above.

-Louis J. Stellman, in Canadian Messenger.

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- THE THREE MASSES.

By Rev. T. J. Shahan, P.D.

Of the ancient privileges of Christmas only two have survived in the Church law, one of eating meat when it fells on Friday, and the other, peculiar to priests, of celebrating the sent survivers.

TURKEY SURPRISE.

Banana Cocktails.—Cut thoroughly ripe bananas into tiny dice; then add by measurement, two-thirds as much be more survived as there are barkanas. Sweeten to taste and chill. At servinch succe, mixing the butter with the flowr. Add the stock made from the bones and skin of roast turkey.

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with the yolk of egg beaten. Bake for over twenty minutes in a hot

CHRISTMAS TORPEDOES.

Cut up into dice three ounces cold chicken, two ounces of cooked ham, and two hardboiled eggs. Mix nam, and two hardboiled eggs. Mix them with a gill of rich white sauce, stir in also some truffle peelings, salt and pepper to taste, and a tea-spoonful of lemon juice. Whip a gill of cream till very stiff, and stir lightly into the other ingredients. Fill small timbale-cases with the mixture, and decorate the top of each with chopped truffle, the yolk of egg passed through a sieve, or with coralline pepper. If the little silver saucepans to hold cases are handy the appearance of the dish is much improved. Truffle peelings car be bought already chopped.

ALEXANDRIA DROPS WITH PECAN MEATS.

Brown sugar, two pounds; vinegar brown sugar, two pounds; vinegar, one tablespoonful; butter, a quarter of a pound; cold water, one cupful; chopped pecan meats, one cupful.

Cook together the sugar, vinegar. butter and water until a little of the candy hardens in cold water (about twenty minutes). Add the nuts, then pour the misture on the about twenty minutes). Add the then pour the mix ure on to a tered slab to remain until tered slab to remain until enough to handle. Then oil hands and pull the candy out elastic—over and over again til quite creamy. Cut with scissor quite creamy. into pieces half an inch thick

nuts may be omitted if desired.

The property of the property fuls; seeded raisins and figs, pound each; some confectioner's

gar.
Put all these ingredients the sugar through a chopper twice Turn out on a board, knead well with confectioner's sugar until you can roll it out half an inch thick. Cut into pieces and dip into granulated sugar.

# I SAW THREE SHIPS.

saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day, on Christmas

Day; saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all On Christmas Day, on Christmas

Pray whither sailed those ships all three?

On Christmas Day in the morning?

Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the bells on earth shall ring,

On Christmas Day in the morning And all the angels in Heaven shall

On Christmas Day, on Christmas

Day; And all the angels in Heaven shall On Christmas Day in the morning

And all the souls on earth shall sing On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; And all the souls on earth shall sing

On Christmas Day in the morning

On Christmas Day in the morning.

Old Carol.

HOME-MADE HOLIDAY BEVERAGES.

During the holidays it is a pleasing departure to substitute for the usual cup of afternoon tea some other home-made beverage which usual cup of afternoon tea some other home-made beverage which partakes more of a festive nature. The table, too, should have a touch of holly or other Christmas green and boast the daintiest of crystal, linen and other accessories the hear linen and other accessories the hos-tess has at her command. The ap-pended recipes for home-made drinks will be found most delectable for

he purpose.
Yule Punch—To one pint of strawberry or currant syrup add the juice of five oranges, five lemons and one to can grated pineapple. Sweeten to taste, adding cold water to make the mixture the proper consistency and strength. Turn into a punch bowl, add a lump of ice and garnish with Margaching.

with a hot iron; then in one side make a cavity with a hot iron, large enough to hold the punch. Cover a round tray with a thick mat of absorbent cotten, place the ice bowl on this and surround with a wreath of holly or other Christmas greens. Fruit Cocktails.—To half a pint of cherry syrup add the juice of an orange and of half a lemon. Pare and shred finely one large ripe pineapple. Dust with powdered sugar and chilf on ice. Serve in cocktail glasses, putting into the glass, first, a tablespoonful of pineapple. The one of the fruit syrup and finishing off with a tablespoonful of crushed ice. Either fruit forks or long-handwith a tablespoonful of crushed Either fruit forks or long-hand-

led spoons may be used.

Banana Cocktails.—Cut thoroughly

sistency of cream, then take from the fire and cool. Serve in sherbet cups, putting into each cup a few drops of lemon juice and a little shaved ice.

Oh! lovely voices of the sky
Which hymned the Savior's birth,
Are ye not singing still on high,
Ye that sang, "Peace on earth?"
To us yet speak the strains
Wherewith, in time gone by,
Ye blessed the Syrian swains,
Oh! voices of the sky!

Oh! clear and shining light, whose

streams, And on the shepherd's head.

Owing to his extreme youth and timidity, Tommy Jones escaped going to church the whole year around except on Christmas Day. After one of his annual visits his uncle asked him at the dinner table if he had been a good boy and said a prayer in church.

replied the surprised uncle 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' said Tommy.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

quent young theologian pictured in glowing words the selfishness of men who spend their evenings at the club, leaving their wives in loneliness at home at this happy season.

"Think, my hearers," said he, a poor, neglected wife, all a or the great, dreary house, rocking the cradle of her sleeping babe with one foot and wiping away her tears with the other!"

Tommy had been punished. "Maanma," he sobbed, "did your mamma whip you when you were little?" 'Yes, when I was naughty.

"And did her mamma whip her when she was little?"
"Yes, Tommy."
"And was she whipped when she was little?"

# ONE GIFT SHE MISSED

Six-year-old Harry wanted to buy is sister a little Christmas present His heart throbbed with joy at the thought, though he had in his pocket only ten cents. Acvertheless, he went around the shops and came back with a satisfied look. His mother asked him what he had

A veterinary surgeon one day pre-pared a powder for a sick horse and gave it to his young assistant to administer. The assistant asked how it was to be done, and the doctor gave him a large glass tube and told him to put the tube in the

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Chas. N. Cyr's Rheumatism.

Statement of a Man Who Suffered for a Year From Different Forms of Kidney

New Richmond Station, Que., Dec. 21.—(Special)—In these cold fall day when Rheumatism, Sciatica, Backache and other Kidney Diseases are working havoc in every corner of Canada, thousands will be interested in the statement of Mr. Chas. N. Cyr. the well known barber of this place.

### HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.

beams
That hour Heaven's glory shed,
Around the palms, and o'er

Be near, through life and death, As in that holiest night Of hope, and joy, and faith— Oh, clear and shining light! -Felicia Hemans,

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PRACTICAL TOMMY

"Oh, yes indeed," answered Tom my. 'I said a prayer like all the rest did just before the sermon be gan. Want to hear it?"

"Yes, indeed. What did you say?"

The solemnity of the meeting was

### TOO FAR BACK FOR HIM

Yes."
Well, who started the darned thing, anyway?

# PAINS AND ACHES ALL GONE

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'I had been a sufferer from Rheu-

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horse's mouth and blow the powder down his throat. A short time afterwards there was a great commotion, and the doctor rushed out to find his assistant in trouble.

"Where is that medicine?" he shouted. "What is the matter?"

The assistant coughed several times severely and then spluttered.

severely and then spluttered:
"The horse blew first!"

A CHOICE OF TWO EVILS. One evening the youngest of the

One evening the youngest of the large family was holding forth in her best style. The mother could do nothing with the child, so the father, a scientist by profession, went to the rescue.

"I think I can quiet little Flora," he said. "There's no use in humming to her in that silty way. What she wants is real music. The fact that I used to lead our Glee Club at college may make a difference, too."

Accordingly the professor took the child, and, striding up and down the room, sang in his best manner. After the second stanza of his song a room, sang in his best manner. Al-ter the second stanza of his song a

ring was heard, and the door opened to admit a girl of fourteen.

"I'm one of the family that's just moved into the flat next to yours." she said. "There's a sick person with us, and he says, if it's all the same to you, would you mind letting the baby cry instead of singing to

### Some Reasons Why the K. of C. Organization Should be Recognized.

less. Mr. Mercier also recently attended the celebration of the Centenial of the establishment of the Catholic diocese of Massachusette at Boston, and there took part with

place.

"I had been a sufferer from Rheumatism and Backache for a year,"
Mr. Cyr states. "My head also troubled me and it was hard to collect my thoughts. I heard of cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills and made up my mind to try them. The marvellous effect of the first box on my system at once raised my hopes and by continuing to take them! I my pains and aches are gone, and I am now a sound and well man. All my pains and aches are gone, and I am able to do my work without pain."

Mr. Cvr is only one of thousands whom Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured of Rheumatism, Sciatica and Rockache. For Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured of Rheumatism, Sciatica and Rockache. For Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured of the service of the first box on my pains and aches are gone, and I as while the advantages of being a member of some large social organization are so numerous, and in a worldly sense so important, it would seem wiser to encourage a body of Catholics like the Knights of Columbus than to discounterance them. The fear is

expressed that in proportion as they

expressed that in proportion as they increase in numbers they will decline in virtue, and finally rebel against ecclesiastical authority; that the Order will some day become a tool of politicians, and so on.

It may be quite true that, in certain places, the Knights of Columbus are not just what they should be; but surely this is no fault of the Order, the spirit of which is all that the most fervent and loyal Catholic could desire. Is it just to blame the whole society for the shortcomings of a particular Council? As a body, we think the Knights are most praiseworthy. Not to speak of what the Order has done for its own members, it has benefited the Church by promoting charitable and educational works, providing able lecturers on religious subjects for the general public, affording means for the self-improvement and entertainment of the poor, the young, and the orphaned by placing means for the self-improvement and entertainment of the poor, the young, and the orphaned, by placing standard Catholic books in public ibraries, and in a hundred other ways. Not all that is to the credit of the Knights of Columbus is published from the housetops, nor is it irable that it should be.

There is, of course a danger in

rable that it should be.

There is, of course, a danger in the rapid spread of this organization; it does not arise, however, from the mere increase of membership. There cannot be too many Catholic men willing to identify themselves with the Catholic body; and the oftener these band together the better. Our one fear for the Knights of Columbus is lest their standard of membership be lowered. If, for the membership be lowered. If, for the Ave Maria, the excellent Catholic magazine published at Notre Dame, Indiana, by the Fathers of the Holy Cross, recently published an article which may serve as the best answer with other Cawrith and the control of false rumors to the states.

Mr. Joseph A. Mercier, of Montreal National Trustee of the Knights recently visited the headquarters of the Association at New Haven and enquired into these assertions which were found to be absolutely groundless. Mr. Mercier also recently attended the celebration of the indication of the establishmolic diocese out.

tended the celebration of the Centenial of the establishment of the Catholic diocese of Massachusette at Boston, and there took part with thousands of fellow members of the Order in the enthusiastic celebration in which the Knights took a prominent part, and were congratulated by His Grace Archishop O'Connell for their zeal in all works of the Church.

The Ave Maria's article reads as follows: matter of course, once in a while To say that the Knights of Colum bus have not fulfilled expectations is to provoke retort. Of what body of men anywhere can it be asservated that they are doing all that they might, or as well as could be expect-

mbus ed?

Until the Order comes to be radisonally different from what it is, there is no reason to fear that it will every seriously conflict with ecclesiastical dvansome on until the conflict with ecclesiastical dvansome on until the conflict with exercised. Of one thing, however, we may rest assured. Undeserved censure of, or warranted opposition to, organizations like the Knights of Columbus the conflict of the conflict of

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