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A GLIMPSE UP THE AGES.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN, OF HALIFAX, MONTREAL ON HISTORICAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS. Chivalry has long been dead; enthusiasm is fast dying, and mirth is only a sickly shadow of its former unfeigned joyousness.

UTILITY HAS DESTROYED THE ROMANCE OF MOST DELLS and purling streams; a mechanical system of culture has filled the world with intellectual automatons who can grind out verses, or treatises, on any given subject, with lugubrious sameness.

with all its skeptical scholarship, there is one annual season of joy which it has been unable to kill. Christmas is still a word of power; it is still a name of hope; it is still a symbol of peace and good will.

and, therefore, no one was to lose his liberty. In 1216, Pope Honorius III. decreed that when Christmas fell on Friday, the usual abstinence should be dispensed with.

ON A CHRISTMAS DAY, THREE CENTURIES BEFORE CHARLEMAGNE, another historical event happened. It was Christmas Eve, in the old town of Rheims, France.

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN KING OF FRANCE. As they near the church, Clovis, the rude Saxon, seeing the glory of lights, and

hearing the solemn anthems which now break on their ears, trembleingly asks: "My Father, is this the kingdom you have promised me?"

THE GLORIES AND JOYS OF CHRISTMAS, and showed how natural it was that this festival should be kept on its right day by the Western church, since the documents connected with the enrollment made by Augustus were preserved at Rome.

This is a beautiful idea, and one referred to by many early writers. Back still further in the ages, in the third century, Christians brought joy to the citizens of Nyssa and Gregory, their Bishop, thus spoke:

and beautifies the world. Crimes there ever have been; human tears have flowed and human hearts have ached; but there was always one season sacred to spiritual exultation.

ANOTHER FAILURE. Brooklyn Examiner. It would seem that the work started by Bishop Riley, the head of the so-called "Church of Jesus" of Mexico, is not prospering as that reverend gentleman had hoped it would.

We are informed by the Christian at Work, which, being a Protestant paper, is in a position to know whereof it speaks, that Bishop Riley's church is overwhelmed with debt; that it is about to be sold; and, unkindest of all, that the Jesuits are about to purchase it.

MONEY MAKERS don't let golden opportunities pass unimproved; there are times in the lives of men when more money can be made rapidly and easily, than otherwise can be earned by years of labor.

Reported for The Catholic Mirror. CULTURE AND CATHOLICITY.

FATHER RYAN'S ABLE ADDRESS ON THE TRUE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERAL EDUCATION.

The second lecture of the winter course at Loyola College was delivered last Monday night. The college hall has been tastefully decorated and refitted, and is now one of the prettiest in the city.

"I will tell you only two things about culture—what it is and why we call it catholic. We shall understand more clearly what culture is if we first consider what it is not.

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all muscle, and to treat him as if he were is not to develop but to destroy what is noblest in his nature. There must be physical exercise for the healthful development of the body; but there must be mental, exercise, too, for the healthful development of the soul.

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WILL MARTIAL LAW SETTLE IRELAND?

Boston Pilot. History, not opinion, gives the answer. The following shocking announcement from London, following the malignant pronouncement of the Orange Society in Ireland, compels the consideration of both the Irish and English people.

From Strongbow in the 12th century to Cromwell in the 17th, England tried martial law in Ireland, and failed in all directions except in the harvest of rebellion and hatred.

In 1649, Oliver Cromwell wrote to the English Parliament from Drogheda, where he had massacred the inhabitants, (Letter 16th Dec. 1649):

"I have pleased God to bless our country with a peace, which I believe we put to the sword the whole number of the defendants. I do not think thirty of the whole number escaped with their lives. Those that did, are in safe custody for the Barbadoes."

There are classes in England that remember nothing and learn nothing. But the bloody experiment of Cromwell, which failed, must never be tried again. Forty millions of men solemnly declare that it must not be tried again.

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THE TRUE CHURCH AND THE SECTS.

CATHOLICITY INCREASES OVER TWO HUNDRED PER CENT. IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE 1850.

The rise and fall of religious creeds in the country is very interesting as showing the tendency of things with us. Since 1850 the Methodists have kept pace with the growth of population.

It is a noted fact that Unitarians, Quakers, and Quakers, as well as the sects with definite creeds, are rapidly losing ground, while the Ritualistic churches such as Catholics and Episcopalians, and what may be called the emotional sects, such as Methodists and Baptists, are either holding their own or gaining ground.

Keep out of the skating rinks, I could mention a number of cities—four at least—where I have labored, and found the same sad lamentation from the lips of mothers and fathers, who would say to me: "I wish you would talk to my daughter. I wish you would talk to my boys. I have said all that I can to keep them from going to such places, but they will go."

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A Smart Woman.

An insurance agent applied to a woman in Austin to induce her to get her husband's life insured.

"Will I be sure to get the money if he dies right off?" "Certainly, madam."

"But will you give me any assurance that he will die right off?" "No, madam, we cannot do that."

"Well, then, what good will it be to me to get his life insured if he doesn't die? I know there was some catch about this insurance business."—Texas Siftings.

Nervousness.

The unhappy and distressing condition called nervousness arises from debility, irritation, poor circulation and blood of low vitality. Re-organize the system by Burdock Blood Bitters, which gives permanent strength by invigorating the blood and toning all the organs to perfect action.

Deafness.

The proprietors of Haggard's Yellow Oil have bona fide certificates of some most remarkable cures of Deafness, by the use of their medicine.

If your children are troubled with worms, give them Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator; safe, sure, and effectual. Try it, and mark the improvement in your child.

Orpha M. Hodge, Battle Creek, Mich., writes: I upset a tea kettle of boiling hot water on my hand. I at once applied Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and the effect was to immediately allay the pain. I was cured in three days.

Why he Didn't Pass the Plate.

The following is told of John B. Randall, the editor of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle: He attended one day a colored church in the country, and had in his pocket a silver half-dollar, just the fee back to Augusta.

A lady from Syracuse writes: "For about seven years before taking Noyes' & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dispensic Cure, I suffered from a complaint very prevalent with our sex. I was unable to walk any distance or stand on my feet for more than a few minutes at a time without feeling exhausted, but now I am thankful to say I can walk two miles without feeling the least inconvenience."

For Female Complaints it has no equal. Sold by Harkness & Co., Druggists, Dundas St. Worms often cause serious illness. The cure is Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It destroys and expels Worms effectually.