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scriptions.

WE wish all our readers Merry Christmas.

As we are approaching the Christ mas season, when we are expected to be kindly disposed towards our fellow men, we earnestly desire to be par takers of the good wishes and friends ly dispositions of this festive time Our expectation of participating in the good cheer of the Christmas holidays is limited to the hope that our subscribers from whom we have not yet heard will remember us in a substantial manner within the nex few days. All will admit that these are not extravagant anticipations, and we sincerely hope we shall act upon it?

THE struggle between the Government and the spirit of revolu-

still somewhat in doubt. The first reports indicated the defeat of the Scott Government and the triumph of Haultain, leader of the Opposition. Later intelligence seemed to give the Liberal Government a majority of three. But still later news leaves the matter vet in doubt. It is stated that Scott has nine and Haultain nine, with seven seats in doubt. From this data it would seem that neither side can count on having a majority, and whichever side wins will have but a small margin. When the Liberal sweep in Alberta is taken into account, and when we consider the extraordinone of the grandest fights in the history of Canada. The emissduring the campaign there, and its Reconciler. when that was over, their field of operations was transferred to Saskatchewan, and the machine was worked there for all it was worth. Against the influence of the Federal Government, exerted in tain had to contend. But in spite vernment at least a very strong

Ottawa throws some light on the hog question: An Order-in-Coun cil which was recently passed prohibiting the importation of American hogs and which was never put in force, had been kept in Minister of Agriculture had discussed the whole matter with the Canadian packers of hogs. There hogs, which being mixed with Canadian, might reduce the standard of Canadian bacon in the

following in the Legislature.

opinion that the packers could get present, in bond, taken to the on every side as American bacon. power. In this way the Canadian bacon will not suffer in Britain.

The Meaning of Christ mas Dav.

By The Very Rev. Thomas J Church History in the Catholic University of America.

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once more to its close, and the and Death. In His Law there is nothnot be disappointed. Will our friends mystic exaltation of soul which please keep this matter in mind and the Christian religion annually nothing fundamentally immoral as in those days went up the cry of the birth of that Infant for whose It is no Law of men, for it is nothing day brings fresh intelligence of Holy Church has been putting be are like sign-posts, directive; the holy possess. Ambition had stalked over strikes and outbreaks and threats fore us day by day the most sub- Law saves us, and makes us what it in. the wide world in the persons of Greek of extraordinary violence from lime thoughts, the longings of the dicates, "C Emmanuel, our King and and Roman and Carthaginian generals different parts of the country.

Prophets, the acknowledgments of sin, the echoes of despair, the The country is certainly in a lessons of history, the admissions chaotic state and the Government of experience. All the paths of are face to face with problems of life have been converging upon for disciples. And so, when Christ the most serious nature. It will that little Crib at Bethlemen; all would be born to teach all mankind to tax the powers and resources of that poet or philosopher or critic rise above itself, and to be again like ever imagined of true or beautiful Adam and Eve, He entered into the out of this chaos. It is to be being and shape on the threshold Most men are poor, unbappy, pitiable; hoped, however, that law and of that poor manger. With an it is only the few who are otherwise, order shall prevail and that Rus- infinite skill the Offices of the was born in a wretched manager and sia may be enabled to go forward Church bring out the hoplessness bore every pang and whip of poverty on the lines of representative Gov- in the average heart, the blindness and sorrow; He was weak and lowly in the average mind, the moral and dependent, that He might teach us in the average mind, the moral how to look on all these things, stagnation in the average society might leave to the most helpless of our THE general election campaign at the time of the Birth of Christ. race the strong supporting philosophy The general election campaign in the Province of Sascatchewan, which terminated on Wednesday of Sophocles or Shakespeare so birth and training. Then again, in all which terminated on Wednesday grandiose, so sternly true and men there is a spring or source of rebel of last week, was an extremely solemn, so heart-gripping as the lion against law and order that make hot one, and the final result is daily phases by which during for the things above. Hence, sin and the meaning of the Old Testament companies the prophets and the

> DRAMATIC NOTE IN ADVENT SERVICES.

As the splendid drama approaches its solution, its may currents merge into ever fewer and deeper and broader. The follies, the passions, the extravagances of men, all the immemorial wrong and inary influences at work in favor of justice of the world, all the stonythe Government, it must be ad- heartedness, and stiffnockedness, mitted that Haultain has put up the ingratitude and the treachery. the vanity and the waywardness, fall away from the stage and in their place moves out the central aries of the Federal Government figure of Humanity,-its Teacher over-ran the Province of Alberta and its Lawgiver, its Liberator,

elements of the human story, there stand out three things,-the Inman, the External Strife within the bounds of Creation, and the Great Reconciliation or Appeaseglorious Seraph, who alone could thoughts that underlie the story of our Redemption. THE following intelligence from

A DIVINE TEACHER

It is as a Teacher and a Lawgiver that Jesus Christ is sent to us by the Eternal Father. He cometh not of Himself; He is sent, as He so often tells us. No teacher chooses himself, but is suspense until such time as the called by one greather than he our own disordered will and darkwere two reasons for excluding the wav of righteousness. The off the host of impiety. Long had hitherto a scoffing for the cynic, a yoke hogs from the States. The first sense and the spirit of holiness, was that hog cholera has been the high moral transforming purtraced to American hogs, the sec- pose of religion, were greatly ond that the shipment of inferior weakened, not to say destroyed. And so the Eternal Wisdom came upon the earth, in order to reof truth and in human hearts the British market. The pork pack power and the courage to emers met the minister of Agricul- brace the truth. Before Him there had come into the world in the interests of idolatry. But the ture and discussed the whole question with him. They showed many a teacher, and for not a hope in the Redeemer, in the Liberator, few, we may believe that their was unshakable as a rock, and seemed him that they could not keep their hearts were straitened by sorrow to cast its roots deeper with every re-

month half the hogs used came and Plato, men of the East like and the Temple. A new light falls on hogs in Canada if they paid a lit- or their laws. But the Holy pressor, whom as yet they only dimly lit more for them. At all events Church tells us that no one like recognise. He is an Emperor of Truth the Minister is likely to permit He taught the whole cycle of against an Emperor of Lies. He lays the importation of hogs for the fold laid before them elevels the system of shams and frauds and deceits by which the hearts of men fold, laid before them clearly the had been ensuared and their eyes made necessary and attainable scope of blind to the truth. Henceforth the slaughter house. But they must, their being, and did all this with nature of man's true enemy is known; on being exported, be branded upineffable suavity and irresistible so, too, his habits, his home, his means
of warfare. Pharoah and Ptolemy,

mouth of the Most High, reachest from ual strongholds temptation and sin. end unto end, and disposest all things with strength and sweetness, come and of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in teach us the way of prudence! O Ori- the Burning Bush, and didst give to sun of justice, come and shed thy rays redeem us in the strength of thy arm and Leader of the House of Isreal, who Shahan, S. T. D. Professor of dist appear unto Moses in the Burning doth open come and free the captive strength of thy arm."

In the fulness of time He came in a divine and incomprehensible way. He filled the world with His teaching. (Copyright, 1905, by the Catholic First and only one of mankind, He was Himself asperfect as His teaching. And He gave to Hisney and

erfect law its firmest support The season of Advent has drawn in the commentary of His own life did not understand the terms of the ing imperfect, confused, false sensual, and parrow as in the Law of Mahomet: nourishes in its adherents finds the Law of Buddha: nothing of he low its fulfiment and reward in the rationalism of the Law of Confucius. me from the body of this death? coming Time and Humanity were by Adam in the Creation, made known doubt and opinion. The face of so long consumed with hope and by Moses from Mount Sinai, reiterated Superstition had changed again and expectation. In these weeks the by the prophets, made plain and certain again, but its painted lips were powerus, O Lord Our God 1

The true teacher must feel with and nor is their lot a certain one. So Jesus these weeks the Church unrolls its consequences. In vain had the Father imposed the stern ceremonial repressive, Law of the Old Testament.

from the Creation to the Nativity. The one people to whom He gave it Like the Greek choragus she ac- dowered with promises and prophecies and miracles, again and again shook off its yoke as smothing unbearable. singers with her own interpreta- But the little Infant in the Crib brings tion and comment. It is all in- a new Law, the Law of Love,-Himself, finitely noble, infinitely deep and the very source of Goodness. From His Person through endless ages there flows significant, yet infinitely simple, for it is the first time that history like a fire and draws like a magnet, and was so expounded that the old sweeps us upward to Him like a mighty man at once and the little child wind. Now, we have not only the Divine Example, that touch stone of in the heart of every man of good will

right and wrong, of good and bad, but there is planted the conscious tendency to observe the new law, with the power to do so. This day, nineteen hundred years ago, they were killing fat beeves about the altars of the Temple, and repeating the solemn promises of the Lord that He would rend the heavens and rain down the Just One. Something, too, was stirring the hearts of men at Rome his mystic lines, that even yet seem the highest flight of human hope in days of despair. And kings, wise men from the East, are even now bending over the

Infant God, with the traditional homage of their mysterious lands. One blameless man, one stainless maiden, are there and the dumb beasts, in mute testimony Out of the thousand conflicting to their Maker. Thus was the Ne Law proclaimed, the New School of Life opened, not in the smoke and thunder of Sinai, but in the stilliness of a cave, ternal Strife within the soul of in the depths of winter, in the remote ness of a Semitic hilltown : nevertheles before the representatives of Creation, animate and inanimate: before the young and the old, the rich and the this and every other way. Haul- ment that was worked by Jesus poor, the Jew and the Centile, the East Christ. Here is a trilogy worthy and the West. One day men will say of Euripides, nay, worthy of some of the new Teacher that He speakes as one having power. It is because He began to study human life at the lowest put in fitting language the mighty rung of the ladder. One day an emperor will stand agast at the tenacity of His disciples not to be shaken by fire or sword or any contumely. It is because their Lawgiver squared His preepts with the deepest lines of the human heart, and crowned their observation

with the satisfaction of its holiest impulses and emotions. LIGHT AND TRUTH VS. SHA The Holy Church is well aware that the evils of life are not all traceable to the shortoomings of men; there is an external power, the power of Satan, the that the key of human misery was irrepressible root of rebellion. Against this manifold power she hails the Birth ened mind. Humanity had lost right arm shall be stretched out to ward Israel known the roads that led down into exile; often had the people of God watered their bread with their tears in the lands of Pharoah, or Cyrus or the Ptolemies or Casar. Away from the hilltops of Judæa the world itself was a prison house and life the portico of death. The heathen society was leagukindle in human minds the lamp ed against them and their one tenure, the belief in one God and in His Moral Law. Peoples had raged and kings had thundered, and tribes-and nations had harled themselves on the chosen people

establishments running without at the sight of boundless evil. But now Judah is passing away. The importing from the States. Last Men of the West like Pythagoras shadow of the sword lies over the City

rom the States. The minister Confucius and Buddha, men of the pages of the Old Law from the Crib for the ensuing year are :- President -- Dr. has yet to meet the Canadian breeders of hogs who are of the breeders of hogs who are of the canadian breeders all had attempted in some way to syrian or Greek. This new Captain Secy.—Walter Fiynn; Exec. Com.—John better mankind by their teaching comes to break the gates of hell, to free McAleer, John Gormerly, Wm. Hennessey the souls of men from their real op- John McQuillan, L. J. McMahon.

> Babylon and Tyre, are henceforth only "O Wisdom that goest forth from the sumbols of a spiritual enemy, of spirit-"O Adonal, thou Leader of the House ent, thou splendor of light sternal and him the Law on Mount Sinai, come and upon those who are seated in darkness, O Key of David, and Sceptre of the even in the shadow of death. A Adonai, House of Israel, who deeth open and no man closeth, who closeth and no man from his prison-house, where he sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of

> death !" FAILURE OF PHILOSOPHY AND SUPERwithin and without himself, man was being ground as wheat between the less than the original Voice of God heard some men with an anchor in the sea of our Lawgiver, the Desired of the but only to leave behind the stillness Nations, their Savior, come and save and solitude and the peace of universa ruin. For a time a semblance of happiness was set up,-the peace of Rom

made up of all the crushed hearts and of death. Already Epictetus could ex claim: "O Casar, in thy peace what appear and reveal the secret of th divine dealings of God with man? No wonder that as the hour of the Nativity approaches, Holy Church cries out in

"O King of Nations, O Emmanuel Our King! O the desired of all peoples, Thou Corner-stone, which dost make the twain to be one, come and save ready made Paints, Varn mankind which Thou has created from

Truly. He made the twain to be one He took the title of King of the Jews and yet sent His Apostles to the ends of the earth; when He ate whith publicens and sinners and rebuked the proud and lofty Pharisees. He made the twain to be one when He ignored the narrow lines of nationality and created a Heavenly Fatherland, in which all men could hold a citizenship that transcended whatever was highest in the political world made by men. Truly He was the Corner-stone of Unity when He proclaimed the henceforth neradicable principles of the Fathernood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Through long and painful ages some men like the Stoics had come within sight of these holy principles, but their insight, their suspicions were only velleities, rude mental sketches of an Utopia beyond the grasp of Human Malebolge of sin and wrong and London House, ignorance; their rulers were men of ood and iron, skilled in the sole logic of despotism,-the logic of the sword The Birth of Jesus changed all this arose to the effect that a fountain of oil and in the Orient lands. A Virgil sings broke forth in the heart of Rome on the night of Christ's birth and flowed for days in unbroken sweetness to the Tiber! It was a symbol, say ancient Fathers, of the source of Joy and Benediction henceforth opened in the hear of that larger city, the City of God.

A NEW AND PERFECT BROTHERHOOD. Truly our Brother was born to-day, and with Him we too are born into the weet bond and union of Brotherhood. erhaps by the lapse of ages and the very commonness of the Christian name mighty concept that lies in the Birth final Judge, who this day put on flesh, compressed the fires of His Godbead and entered the cycle of our poor life. He did so; it was the result of divine and fore-ordained. He came as a Man and a Brother to relieve the awfu pressure of inequality and injustice ; t reassure men of the equal dignity the human soul, in whatever frame i has its being; to rekindle in such human souls as would listen to Him a mutual respect for one another, and based on that, a tender love for one another .- a love the world then first heard of, the love of Christian Charity How the first men who seized on the import of this great fact were moved by it you may see in the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of St. Paul. At once all the pitiful barriers that men had been building against one another of Jesus as the coming of Isreal. His fell away, and they knew themselves State the 'medieval Christendom, here founded by Jesus ; God was made Man, ant on our flesh, and dwelt amongst us

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