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ing to the people, blesses them with the Most Holy, in the form of a cross, while

Most Holy, in the form of a cross, while the bell is sounded by one of the at-tendants to call attention to the cere-mony. It is Our Lord's solemn Bene-diction of His people, as when He lifted up His hand over the children, or when He blessed chosen ones when He seconded up from Mennt Olivet. As

sons might come before a parent going

to bed at night, so once or twice a week the great Catholic family comes before the Eternal Father, after the bustle or

the Eternal Father, after the bustle or toil of the day, and He smiles upon them and sheds upon them the light of His countenance. It is a full accom-plishment of what the priest invoked upon the Israelites: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee ; the Lord show His face to thee and have mercy on thee; the Lord turn His countenance to thee

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the Lord turn His countenance to thee and give thee peace." Can there be a more touching rite, even in the judg-meat of those who do not believe in it? How many a man, not a Catholic, is moved, on seeing it, to say: "Oh, that I did but believe it!" when he acces the prime take up the

say: "On, that I and but believe it: when he sees the priest take up the Fount of Mercy, and the people bent low in adoration! It is one of the most beautiful, natural and soothing actions

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of the Church.-Cardinal Newman.

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ascended up from Mount Olivet.

must co-operate, he must yield his faculties before anything can be accom-There is no denying the fact that the Reformation parted with much that might have been helpful to the churches which would not admit the sovereignty of Rome or the superiority of church over the Book. But now we see much that was given up by the prevailing reaction from Catholicism, respor-priated, so that Christians and the Len-ten season and Easter come to the facilities before anything can be accoun-pliabed. And yet what should a man more strive for than to perfect himself? A man will do much to perfect his bodily strength that he may enjoy good health and prolong his life to a good old age. A man will do much to secure for him-self a sufficiency of this world's goods, to making secure and comfortable for all his life-time. What should not a man do to perfect his soul which is never to die 1 What should not a Catholic man do to act always the Christian character which will bring him peace and honor here, and glory and happiness hereafter!—Bishop Colton in Buffalo Catholic Union and Times. ten season and Easter come to the church as days of spiritual refreshment, church as days of spiritual refreshment, days of commemoration which serve to bring anew to Christian hearts some phase of the Christ life in the midst of the ceaseless whirl and engrossing pur-suits of business. And here it may be said that it is a notable as it is an en-couraging fact, that the observance of the Lenten season is becoming more the Lenten season is becoming more and more general as the years go by. --New York Evangelist (Presby terian.)

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.

Character is what distinguishes one man from another. One is strong in will, another weak ; one is gentle, an other severe ; one is good and noble, another is bad and low, and as a man is in his character so is he classified by those who know him. When a man exemplifies all the virtues, his charac-ter is held in the highest esteem and he is spoken of as a grand, a noble, a beautiful character and the like. While the accidents of birth and for-

While the accidents of birth and for-tune have a great deal to do with forming one's character, the alter associations and one's environment have also their part; bu; the largest share is what the individual himself contribates in his fidelity to the ideals he makes, whether these be his parents,

makes, whether these be his parents, the members of bis family, his asso-ciates or even those he reads of. Each and all of those have a marked in fluence on his character for good or evil, according to their own character. Each individual soul is graited on some other, be this one or many col-lectively and, like a tree, its kind is known by its fruits. Happy if these powerful influences be good, for good will be their fruit; unhappy if they be evil for their consequences are well nigh irreparable.

be evil for their consequences are well nigh irreparable. In God alone we have perfection; but He is so great and perfect we can-not combrehend it, and we must con-fess that it is beyond human compre-hension, so relegate it to the infinite But in the divine wish to bring man to a high state of perfection God sent His own divine Son to atone for man's fall from that state through Adam, and to start again under Him as a new and perfect Adam the ascent of the heights of perfection and to gain in some cases perfect Agam the accel of the heights of perfection and to gain in some cases their uppermost peaks. So we have Christian perfection and Christian character which have for their ideal Christ Himself and those closely imi-

Christ Himself and those closely inf tating Him. Thus, Christian character is that quality of mind and heart which re-calls the life of Christ in His going about doing good. It tells of the lives of the saints who strove to walk in the divine footsteps. It is reflected in the lives of innumerable men and women in religion and many in the world who are striving, with the help of God's grace, to live lives of Christian perfection. It is the highest form of character and is what should be made the ideal and lived up to by all mankind. But while this is the character for all men, since all have been created

fection and this is the character for all men, since all have been created by God and all have been redeemed by Him, we cannot expect to see it real-ized in a high degree other than by Ohristians, for these alone have the light in its fullness and these only have the grace accompanying it. But if Catholics display in their daily lives the beautiful Christian character they will be a powerful means of drawing others to adopt it whether these be from among their own delinquent or lukewarm brethren or from those out-side the fold. Christian character is

side the fold. Christian character is ever active in its functions. It re-ceives for the increase of its own per-

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ween meals. If anything is taken into the stomach while digestion is going on, digestion stops and may not start again for an hour

Third_Eat slowly and

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED

with meals.

SACRAMENT. The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the simplest rites of the church. The priests enter and kneel down, one of them unlocks the Tabernacle, takes out the Blessed Sacrament, inserts It upright in a monstrance of precious metal, and sets It in a conspicucus place above the altar, in the midst of lights, for all to see. The people then begin to sing. Meanwhile, the priest twice offers in-cense to the King of Heaven, before Whom he is kneeling. Then he takes the monstrance in his hands, and, tur f ing to the people, blesses them with the

tives" tablet about twenty minutes before meals. "Fruita-twes" tone up and sweeten the stomach - insure an abundant flow of digestive juices-and cure Dyspepsia. Follow these directions for a month and see how much better you are in every way.



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fections and it gives or pays out fo -the perfection of others. It is in this exemplifying what St. Augustin taught "not to go forward is to go backward," Perfection can never be at a stand still. Our Lord is ever-leading and He bids us follow and they are nearest perfec tion who keeps closest in his wake. As the good and holy attain the greater perfection, they draw others after them and so it goes down the line, even to those mounting the first rung of the ladder

Christian character is the strongest kind of character, as virtue is strongen than vice, good more powerful than evil. It is far reacting and enduring. It may be checked but it cannot be stopped. It may be assailed, but it can not be overcome. And why? Because God is its life and it finds its strength and its permanency in Him. To those who strive to have this highest kind

of character our divine Lord, its of character our divine Lord, its founder and highest exemplar, is ever faithful, and nives in them by His grace and is thus the means of the perfections they show. This was exem plified by St. Paul who discoved his virtues and gave all credit to His Lord saying : "I live, no not I, but Christ liveth in me. " And this was Lord saying Lord saying : "I live, ho bot, our Obrist liveth in me." And this was the admission of all the saints—and it is in keeping with what our Lord taught the Apostles—telling them that without Him they could do nothing. Christian character in its highest form must try to reflect as far as human power can, aid d by grace, the perfect-ions of Christ, the God man, and hence the Christian is to strive to be another Christ by always glorifying the Father Unrist by always giorifying the Father in heaven and g ing about ever striving to do good. Like everything good the wirtues that make up Christian char-acte: mus) be asked of God through the graces of the Holy Ghost —" the giver of all good gifts," and God's best and perfect gifts to man." and perfect gift to man." Our per-fection is God's expressed wish and He is striving in a thousand ways to He is scriving in a buostant ways to bring it about. Grace is ever trying to work upon the senses to draw man to higher and holier things, and the thoughts of creation, sacrifice, redemp-tion and the promise of eternal happi-

URSULINE ACADENY, CHATHAM, ONT. Is was with a "Cead Mile Faithe " we wel-comed our beloved Bishop Rigat Rev. F. P. McEvay, D. D. one bright day last week when he nonored us with a visit. the first since his return from the E ernai City His Lordship was accompanied by Very Rev. Monsignor Meunier, V. G. Rev. Father Scanlon. Rev. Father Payette, Rev. Father Herman O.F. M., Rev. Father Cleastine, O.F. M., Rev. Father Langlois and R.v. Father Ledouccu". Some time after His Lordship's arrival at The pines, he, with the reverend clergy and religious came to S. Cecilis's Hall where we, with gladly bounding hearts, awaited him. The moment he came in sight he was greeted with a grand welcome chorus in which all the pupils participated; even the juniors rejoleed in the privilege of singing this heart-felt welcome. The soloists were Gertrude Colgan and Miss Oilve Mather. Immedi-ately after the chorus Miss Catherine McKeeon read in a refined and express-ive manner an address of welcome re-piete with the sentiments of reverential love, gratitude and apprecision which we justly feel for our kind and zaslous prelate and our loy on having once more the honor and pleas-ure of his presence. — His Lordship favored us with monor and pleas-ure dy each and every one of us as long as ing shall endure, not only for its intrinsity and biessed by the Pope. — His Lordship favored us with a delightful taik describing in his own happy style, the Sovereign Ponitif, his life and cyr twice shep-herd again in our mids, task the would fain have lengthened the hours affect ones some an important subjects. We fold such spin he lengthened the hours which passed all too quickly; but Tuesday after noon with all its loft motorances shill be vere sared-burg the bishop did not forget to grant us a fain have lengthened the hours which passe all too quickly; but Tuesday afternoon wit al its gl.d remembrances shall be ever sacret by treasured as a pearl in Momory's caske Our kind bishop did not forget to grant us holiday.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH AT THE FINES. On the feast of the universal patron of the Catholic church, glorious St. Joseph, the beautiful marble altar of St. Joseph which now adorns, our convent chapel was used for the first time; when Solemn High Mass was offered thereat, for the generous donors. Mr. James Marchall and family, who enjoyed the well deserved privilego of being present on the occasion.

well deserved privilege of being present on the cocasion. The altar looked exquisite with fits myriad lights and natural lifties and enhauced by a magnificent background, a beautiful design in tapestry representing angels, bearing a secoll on which is inscribed "life ad Joseph." The clusters of St. Joseph's Lift that form the groundwork of the painting are so artistically arranged and developed that they have been taken for natural flowers. The painting is the work of one of the Ursuine Religions. OLIVE MATHER.

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DIED. O NEIL.--Ab the residence of his brother, 131 anill St., London, on March 18 1906, Mr. John O'Neil, agad thirty four years. May he rest in peace! RYAN,--On St. Patrick's day at Doreham, near Guiloden, Ont., Janet Mary, reliet of the late Richard Ryan. sged sixty-eight years, May she rest in peace!

May she rest in peace ! DALY. - A: Than.csville.On', on Wednesday Maion 21, 1906, Mr. John Daly sr., a native of County Waterford, agoa eighty four years. May he rest in peace ! HURLEY.-On Monday evening, March 12, 1906, at his residence & thatham townshin.Mr. John Hurley, a native of County Cork Treland, aged fifty-seven years. May he rest in peace !

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INCOME -The total income for the year was \$1,956 518 91. \$1,547 506.45; Interest and Rents, \$107 568.94, and profit from the sale

PAYMEN IS TO POLICYHOLDERS-The payments to Policyt Claims, \$281 924 10; Matured Eadowments, \$159 450; Parchased Pa \$57,923 85, and Annuities, \$9,422,56; being a total of \$552 914.19. The I during the year amounted to \$269,214, and though slightly in excess year, were very light, and much below the expectation.

THE EXPENSES AND TAXES were \$348 491.76, and Profib an total of \$3:0,010.94, or 17.8 per cent. of the total incom

ASSETS-The cash essets at the close of the year were \$\$,8 mortgages, \$4 265 533.85; Debentures and Binds, \$3,245.401.89; Linar Premium obligations, \$28.810 60; Real Estate, including the Head and cash in Bunks and at Head Office, \$261,96).60. Adding to t premiums, \$272 121 08, interests and rents due and accrued \$17 amount to \$9,295,092.15. It will be observed that, as in the our funds in securities of an non-speculative character, and that w at their net cost.

The interest on our investments has been very well met, especipt's, where on mortg ages amounting to \$745.575, the interest in arrevas only \$227. In the province of Munitoba and the West general defor payment of instalments of principal on account of the desire. All payments, both for interest and principal, have however, been quite equal in that respect to the previous year. In Ontario and els quite equal in that respectively good, and at the close of the p lections have been exceptionally good, and at the close of the p arrear of only \$16,3.7, the largest part of , which fell due in the cl has since been paid. The active domain for money during the ye ployed at good rates of interest. The average rate realized on our

THE LIABILITIES were again computed on the same stands Combined Experience Table with 4 per cent. Interest for all busi From that date to January 1, 1903, on the Institute of Actuaries interest, and thereafter on the same table with 8 per ceninterest, and the failed of valuation amounts to \$3 210 061.24, and upon this standard of valuation amounts to \$3 210 061.24, and \$3,342,091.03. The Surplus over all liabilities on the Company's st mentioned, is \$954 001.12, being an increase for 1904 of \$181,92 standard of valuation our surplus would by \$1,263 905.

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