

copies to persons who have moved, or died, or wish not to renew, and we fall short of January numbers to serve new subscribers. We renew the promise we made these last two years, and shall fulfil it as faithfully as before, but with still greater pleasure. This promise is to say a *novena* of masses for all our subscribers of 1883, the first to be said on one of the last days of January, and the remainder on the first days of February. We earnestly trust that all will have renewed their subscription before that date. We wish all to renew before the end of 1882, but no one will be excluded from the benefit of the *novena* who will renew before the first mass is said. For this and for new subscribers we trust as usual to the kind zeal of our agents.

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## OBITUARY.

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One of our subscribers in Kingston, Ont., Charles Hanson, met with a very untimely and tragic death on the 7th of October. Through zeal for his employers' service he wished to remove a piece of machinery, sliding it down the staircase. He lost his footing and his hold, and the weight fell to the bottom of the steps resting on his chest; he lived for a few hours and received the last sacraments. Poor Charley, as he was called, was universally loved, and the men at the mill were horror-stricken, seeing him in such a condition. Quickly his chest was relieved of the weight, the doctor was promptly in attendance, but poor Charley's days were numbered, and his return home was very different from his leaving it. He had taken tea with his wife and her little ones, and had left his happy home in joy to spend the evening at the mill, but he was brought home to breathe his last midst the frantic cries of a bewidowed mother and her fatherless children. The esteem of his employers, the respect of his fellow-workmen and the admiration of his numerous friends and relatives