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### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Entering upon the closing year of the first half decade of the 20th century, where are we to find realization of many hopes so lately and confidently entertained? The leaders of science in its various branches will not fail to point out the milestones of its progress. Without their aid, perhaps, we may be disposed to es timate the actual gain as inconsider able, but this must be taken beside the magnitude of the task to which human effort has set itself. After all it is hope that makes the world go well, and the dawn of a new year is the most appropriate time for hopefulness and restored resolution Each of us individually may profitably adapt himself to this frame of mind. No other is worthy of manhood. Though doubt and difficulty be the common lot, we face the future with the greatest advantage when the lamp of hope shines upon the way. Material rewards are elusive and , disappointing alike to them. But every man can preserve and increase his store of religion and virtue which constitute the reality of

We may feel thankful that in this Canada of ours all enjoy the blessings of freedom before God and country, so that every citizen can rejoice in the prosperity of the nation. May the new years as they roll onward find us always happy and united.

# DEMOCRACY ASTIR.

The religious persecutions in France promise to arouse the democracy of that land to the truth that Its very life depends upon the Catholic traditions of the Dation Signs of a genuine awakening were not lacking at the recent re-opening of the Catholic Institute in Paris, though Cardinal Richard, owing to ill health and advanced years-he is 86-was absent, and Cardinal Langenieux was still detained in Rome, also by illness. Mgr. Fulbert Pe tit, Archbishop of Besancon, presided, and the opening address was delivered by Mgr. Touchet, Bishop of Orleans. The wise and brave words of this Bishop reflect the sentimen that has begun to permeate the entire Catholic body. He reminded his hearers that the priests in Germany became stronger under the leadership of Dr. Windhorst after the Kulturkampf. It was, he said, when they realized that they were treated with disdain, that they disciplined their forces and faced the situation. The clergy of France should boldly meet the Combes Kulturkampf; and perhaps, he said, there would arise out of the ranks of the students before some O'Connell, or Windthorst, who would withstand the persecutions of the State and prepare the people for a programme of social legislation. This, the Bishop added, would mean a programme for providing the people with abundant bread and cheap clothes. Religion must in the modern state concern itself with the social condition and the bread of the people. The Catholic

### VISAGE OF FAMINE.

nas from Clifden, in the County of Galway, a commissioner of the Free man's Journal, Dublin, confirms the larkest forebodings of the famine visi-

pearing over considerable parts of Connaught. No doubt about it. The awful visitation is at hand. It is in the air, it is talked of at street corners. The shadow of impending calamity is visible on every coun tenance. It pervades the fairs the markets, and has penetrated into the homes of the poor, and is paralyzing the mental and physical energies of the people. How far this state of things may go or how long it may last remains to be seen. "I visited Connemara for the pur

Writing a few days before Christ-

ose of collecting information, and I egret to say the outlook is black in the extreme. In Clifden Union the people are in despair."

A PARIS MYSTERY. Tragedy has quickly developed out of the sensational exposures of spying in the French army started in the Chamber by M. Syveton. The young deputy has come by a mysterious death, which his friends call a murder and his enemies suicide. His name was entirely unknown outside France before he slapped the face of General Andre, Minister of War, the tool of the Freemasons and the official agent of their organization. We know what followed. Andre was compelled to resign-compelled by M. Combes directly, though the Pre mier has since undertaken Andre's roll of defending the whole system of informing and protecting it by the authority of the government. It has been said that Andre was invited to commit official suicide, and there is more than a suspicion that M. Syveton had to be removed under appearances which might indicate suicide. His example, however, has given courage to better known men, like M. Ribot and M. Millerand, who are prosecuting his charges undeterred by his fate. If his death was the crime of assassins, no conspiracy can shield the guilty.

Surveying parties of the Grand Trunk Pacific line are to be sent out at once on the Nepigon branch.

One of the severest blizzards years raged on Tuesday from the great lakes to the Rocky Mountains. Over six inches of snow fell.

On Tuesday a resolution was pass ed in the City Council to ask Federal Government to have whiskey presently sold in the city

All the Catholic Archbishops and Bishops of Canada have sent a collective letter to Cardinal Richard expressing their sympathy with the

# HER CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Mary Mother, be good to him; Be kind to him that day-Twill be the only Christmas time That he has been away. I promised him a world of toys

If he would only stay-Sure, Heaven's full of little boys That sing and laugh and play. But you would know the smile

Among a thousand more, His smile will make all else seem dim When you call him "Asthore."

you will know him by his ever That are so sweet and blue, And deep and clear and very wise, They read the heart of you.

His hair is golden as the sun His curls they are so quaint They mind you of the halo on An angel or a saint

promised him a splendid tree With candles all aglow Oh, Mary Mother, you can see Twas me that loved him so ! And surely, surely, you will see My boy so sweet and slim. His eyes are hungering for me

Mary Mother, he good to him; Be kind to him that day— "Twill be the only Christmas ti That he has been away.

# DEVOLUTE READING CIRCLE

The last meeting of the D'Youville Reading Circle, before the Christmas holidays, took place on the ever of the 20th and was very largely at

most important events during year just drawing to a close prevailing desire for peace and umber of peace conferences held tinuance of hostilities. Many famous leges of the past were recalled. to which this latest and most wonder ful of all, the siege of Port Arthur, was compared. Mention was made of the admirable courage displayed by the soldiers on both sides in this atter contest. The book review included further

Abbe Klein, entitled "In the Land of the Strenuous Life," a book written after deep and careful study America, its institutions and A recent work from pen of the great Canadian writer, Sir Gilbert Parker, also came in for special attention. A few comments on this book were made by Miss Gertrude Kehoe, who expressed the opi-nion that "A Ladder of Swords" would prove disappointing to those who had come to know Gilbert Parker through his thrillingly vivid stories of "The Right of Way" 'Seats of the mighty." But what ever might be the drawback of this story, the old charm of the writer was still there, and in this connec attention was called to that peculiar thing called charm, which is so striking a characteristic of the ork of our Canadian writers. Ladder of Swords" is an historical romance of the days of Queen Eliza eth, with that Queen and her much written of satellite. Leicester, central figures. The evident aim was to raise the former in our esteem and hold the latter up to our con-

Mark Twain over the nom de plume of "N'importe Qui," in delighted praise of his very beautiful sketch of Joan of Arc, in Harper's, read, also, through the kindness of the writer of the letter, the autograph reply of the author. In his re ply Mr. Clemens wrote: "I thank you for those cordial good words, and am very glad to have earned them; they have touched me deeply, their eloquence has gone to heart."

tempt.

The regular study of India was resumed, and the reading of the second book of "The Light of Asia" concluded, a few literary notes being made. Owing to many striking similarities between the story of Buddah and the life of Christ, some critics have argued that the four gospels were, to a great measure, simply copied from the former. This subject has been made one of deep study in the universities, and charge has been successfully disproved. The Rev. Dr. Aiken, Washington University, who is authority on Buddhism, and whose book "Gotama," is the chief reference in the Oriental study, was quoted in refutation of this absurd and baseless claim of the critics.

Very appropriately, owing to the nearness of the great feast, two exquisitely sweet Christmas poems were read. Bethlehem, the Angel's Hymn in Edwin Arnold's "Light of World," was read by Miss Josephine MacCormac, while a Christmas story by the "Rare Ben Jonson," a gem too little known, considering its

A very pleasant feature of evening's programme was the preence, as guest, of Mrs. J. Patterson, of New York, who responded to request for a few words by a delightful little talk on the work of the Hundred Years Club of New York, of which she is an active member. Then she brought at least one of the peronages spoken of earlier in the evening quite near by relating some interesting reminiscences of her childood days when Mark Twain, then little "Sammy" Clemens, was her near neighbor. In those early days the future writer's ambition se to be the conducting of theatricals in his neighbors' b on which occasions his little friend was required to supply the "distrait munecessary for effect, and so was not allowed to witness the performances. Mrs. Clemens, whose lament able death occurred in Italy not long ago, was an intimate friend of Mrs. Patterson. A touching picture of the great departed Leo XIII. and the impression made by his sweet kindly face as Mrs. Patterson saw it, while in Rome not long before the Pontiff's

MARGUERITE.

## Solemn Profession and Reception at the Franciscan Church.

ion and reception took place the Franciscan Church, when teen members were clothed with th ord and scapulars and eleven made their solemn profession. Immediately after the recitation of the office Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent sermon. He took for his text, "The grace of God our Saviour had appeared to all men," etc, (Epis tle Tit. II, 11-15) He dwelt length on the birth of Christ, His great humility, His poverty and His sufferings. "Christ came," said the reacher, "to atone for sin, to glorify God, to bring peace to the sinner, so that he would have po with his conscience, peace with God, peace with himself and peace his neighbor." He exhorted members who were privileged on that day to be true and noble sons St. Francis. In conclusion he told the members to work earnestly for God, thus to glorify Him here earth and they would be happy eternity.

After the sermon the different can didates advanced to the altar rail holding lighted tapers in their hands and after the usual questions and prayers, were received and professed by Rev. Father Christopher. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father Ethelbert O.F.M., assisted by Rev. Father Wolfstan, O.F.M. The English-speak ing members have now over 100

# A Distinguished Convert's Peath.

fiction Miss Adeline Sergeant, died on Sunday at Bournemouth, was exceedingly popular. Her novels do not, it is true, reach the highest standard. They do not seize attention and leave permanent impression in the same way, say, as the stories of Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Craigie. was but she had a thorough knowledge of the public taste, and suited it exactly that her books had a great sale and the authoress a large income from it. Whilst Miss Sergeant knew how to weave startling plots she never descended beneath a healthy level of morality, and, taken a a whole, the influence of her work has been 'excellent. Her life was one of strenuous labor and varied expe The daughter of the Rev rience. Richard Sergeant, a Wesleyan minister, she earned her living first teaching, then as a journalist on the staff of the Dundee Advertiser, and next as a novelist. With a heart full of human sympathy she loved to succour the poor, and her religious earnestness was beautifully illustrat ed in the devotion with which she applied herself to ministering to their wants. An educated an accomplished woman, she tested the claims of various creeds and sects opposed to Christianity, but her mind was not at rest until she joined the Catholic Church, in communion with which she passed to her eternal rest. The lesson of such a conversion, after long years of careful enquiry, will not, we trust, be lost on truth-seekers.—Catholic Times, Liverpool.

# FAITHFULNESS.

The bulldog's tenacity of grip is proverbial, but he also possesses beauty, was read by Miss Anna Findables him to stick to his orders in spite of untoward circumstances. The Atlanta Constitution gives an example of a dog's faithfulness. "Stub's" naster had gone away for the night, and had left the dog to guard his apartments.

In the evening the house caught fire and before the fire engine arrived the blaze had gained firm hold and little could be saved. Some of the men discovered the dog, and tried to coax or drive him from the room, 'Stub" held his post. His would-be escuers did all they could to tole him out, but he would not budge Warning growls showed that would use his teeth if the men sorted to force, and finally, in their efforts to save the dog, the firemen turned two streams of water on him. Even this did not dislodge him.

The dog's master was found and notified of the fire. When he rehis home the roof had fallen in and his nome the root had latten in and the building was a mass of flames. He gave one clear whistle, and "Stub," who had defied fire and wa-ter and all human inducements, bounded out of the house, and the ext instant was licking the hand hich caressed him.

PHILLIPS SQUARE. manner of the second

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\$4.00; 8 ft., \$4.50. Harness extra as above. Snowshoes-Small child's, \$1.40; me-

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ST. PATRICK'S CHUR At the midnight Mass the was thronged. Rev. Father laghan, P.P., was the celebra the Mass, assisted by Rev. D laghan as deacon, and Recallaghan as deacon, and Re Hefernan as sub-deacon. The cal portion was well rendered the main altar and sanctuar main altar and sanctuar brilliantly illuminated. At t ion of the Mass, the pasto ced to the altar rail and the congregation the joys of as. At the nine o'clock Ma singing of Christmas hymns feature, and the rendition of Master Ed. Ryan, who po fine soprano voice, was muc At the 10 o'clock w Father Polan officiated. In the afternoon at 3 o'clo mn Vespers and Benediction the day's celebration.

+ + + ST. ANN'S CHURCH. The midnight service at St. urch was one of beauty and ieur. The gorgeous decoration the feast of the Immaculate C

tion were used. A large pa resenting the Nativity had ced in the alcove above the altar, and underneath in large ers were "Venite Adoremus" ored electric bulbs lit up the and sanctuary, making an exce pretty sight. Rev. 7 rubbe, C.SS.R., officiated, a by Rev. Father Holland, C.SS. con, and Rev. Father Mc C.SS.R., as sub-deacon. The under the direction of Prof. dered a pretty mass with effect. At the 10 o'clock Mas Father Holland, C.SS.R., offic sisted by Rev. Father Forti-SS.R., as deacon, and Rev. F Trudel, C.SS.R., as sub-deacon

In the evening Rev. Father S reached the sermon. At solem diction, Rev. Father Rietvelt ated, assisted by Rev. Fathers tier and McPhail. The singing the fine choir of fifty voice was tiful. The solo and chorus

woted young organist, Prof. 1 to the sta

showed the faithful training of

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH. A large congregation assisted idnight Mass, which was celeb by the pastor, Rev. Father O'M ed by deacon and sub-de he choir rendered "Messe Roya" rge choir of boys assisting. At o'clock Mass, Rev. Father F ficiated. In the evening so pers and Benediction were

The church was tastefully decorand the main altar and sanct rilliantly lighted.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH. ne at the Church of ady of Good Counsel at the ight service has rarely ever alled. The pillars were tasted rated with the papal colors gs of the Sacred Heart. The r was also hung with bann esplendent with numerous The colored lind the crib added much to of the church. Midn was celebrated by Rev. Fagleton, assisted by Rev. rs McDonald and Cullinan, as and sub-deacon. An orches the direction of Prof. V van, assisted the choir, in no small way to bring any fine parts of Stearn's M flat which the large choir in ed with telling effect, under of Prof. James Wils ist and choir master, and C. Emblem as leader. Rev. 12 Cullinan officiated at the H at 10 o'clock. Rev. Fat

y, P.P., thanked the memb

ongregation for their good ince at the midnight Mass,

rticular complimented the rticular complimented the st. musicians and singers fine programme. "There