CHURCH NOTES

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Commendable The Canadian Freeman has the fol-

owing:—
The Ottawa Council of the Knights of Columbus has given an example to Catholic societies which is well worthy of emulation. At a recent meeting one thousand dollars of the accumulate funds was ordered to be distributed to Ottawa Catholic charities \$500 to St. Patrick's home and \$250 each to St. Charles Home and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. At this season of the year when the cold weather blasts are being felt with a vengeance, gifts like the above cannot be too highly appreciated.

Dr. L. Abbott's Ideas

Boston Pilot: Dr. Lyman Abbot told Yale audience last Sunday that he did not believe in death and a resurrection. He does not think it possibl that a man should die and live again. He seems to believe that life however does not cease to be, but goes over somewhat and somewhere to a fuller development. But, then, Dr. Abbott has always been noted for mixing up his conceptions of things and for striving after strange theories. Possibly it he understood the Catholic doctrine that the soul does not die with the body but lives on, that it is the body that is resurrected, he would not confuse his hearers so badly as he is in the habit of doing.

Rome is said to have nearly four bundred Catholic churches.

THE ANGLICAN.

Honors Declined

Archdeacon Barrows, of the Birming ham Cathedral, following the example of the Bishop of Southwell, has refused the Archbishopric of Capetown, which comprises 100,000 square miles. Had Bishop Hoskyns accepted the position he would have sacrificed an income of £3,500 for one of £640. To Archdeacon Burrows it would have meant an increase of £17 a year.

Saying Good-Bye

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 28. - Dean Farthing, of St. George's Cathedral, bishop designate of the diocese of Montreal, had a very busy time yesterday. this being his last Sunday as rector. In the morning the Masons attended service and he preached to them. The Dean is a Mason of high standing. In the afternoon he addressed a gathering of laymen associated with the missionary movement, and at night took regretful farewell of his cathedral congregation. Dean Farthing leaves for Montreal on Saturday next.

A Clerical Decrease

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28. - For the first time probably in its history the Episcopal church in America reports a decrease in the number of its clergy, due in part to an unusually large number of depositions from the priesthood and to an abnormally high death rate during the past year. The annual statistics show a total of 5,411 clergy. There were 135 deaths, and 41 deposi-

The large number of depositions is ascribed to the action of sixteen or more of the clergy who resenting what they termed the "open pulpit" canon, adopted by the last general convention, entered the Roman Catholic church, his home the day after Christmas. I The defections occurred largely in Pensylvania Wisconsin and Illinois Those deposed from the priesthood in Those deposed from the priesthood in Santa Claus told me. Ill? I asked. "No New England for causes not given but tired out," and a little cross," she were Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Boston, said with a little laugh. "Come in and who was attached to the diocese of he will soon be down when he finds Maine, and Rev. William H. Pearson and Rev. N. T. Pratt, both of Connecti-

Hinton, formerly rector of St. Anne church, Dorchester, and until recently attached to St. Mary's Memorial church, Pittsburg, has been deposed from the priesthood by the bishop of

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Theological Students

colleges connected with the Unit-Free Church in the old land, report 199 students in theology now in attend-

Hopefully Regarded

A Montrealer speaks thus: Members of the church union committee since their return from Toronto have been on the presents they are going to get, Difficulties are disappearing and the hope is expressed that a satisfactory basis of union may be after this," said Santa, "I won't let

The Old Land in the New

There have been interesting doings in St. Andrew's church, Vernon, B. C. True to their custom the Scotchmen of the vicinity, with their wives and good will in the world, after the next children, crowded the church on the Sunday evening of Nov. 29th in honor of the anniversary of Scotland's pat- and eat too much trash, to be healthy. ron saint. At the similar service last. And many of them are selfish and the ron saint. At the similar service last year there was a record crowd but this year the chargegation was decidedly larger, so much so that some falled to gain admittance and every chair had to be brought in from the S.S. room until finally people were packed round for the same.

And many of them are selfish and the things I have given them do not make them happy for more than half a day. "The older ones are very much the same."

"Next year,' said Santa Claus, "if I can get my factories running in time,"

around the pulpit. "Old Hundred," "He George's, Edinburgh" and "French were sung in a way that would have done credit to any congregation in Sections. The choir sang two old-fashioned. Highless psalms withwithout the organ in regular covenanting or thembers of the choir sang My Ain Countree" and carried many arers to their far homes. Rev. Logie drew's Society, of the Okanagan, preached a sermon on "The Covenant-

JEWISH.

MM. de Rothschild Brothers have nade their annual gift of 100,000 francs for distribution by the mayors of the twenty Arrondissements among the poor.

An important conference of the Russian Zionists was held recently at Moslow. It was resolved to establish Zionsts organs in Turkey, to encourage Jewish capitalists to invest large sums of money in Palestine and to enter into friendly relations with the Young Turks. The Russian Zionists have already persuaded many non-Zionist Jews to buy land in Palestine.

Deep regret has been caused in South Australia by the death of the Hon. Vaiben Louis Solomon, a prominent politician, who nine years ago waes for a brief period premier and reasurer of the Colony. Mr. Solomon, who was fifty-five years of age, was the son of the late Hon, Judah Moss olomon, who was at one time mayor of Adelaide.

The Jews continue to seek homes in the United States and Canada in large numbers. Many of them are urning to the farm instead of to trading. In the United States they now umber 1,770,000, in all parts of Canada they are to be found, in Montreal alone they are reported as 40,000.

THE METHODISTS

Old and Worn Out

A writer in the Christian Guardian takes exception to the above designation of the supernumerary minister, and the appropriateness of his remarks are not confined to the people of the upper provinces:-"Old, many of them are, and yet they do not like to be reminded of the fact. But worn out, no; not until the casket has been broken by the soul and laid in the grave. A number of our men superan nuate because, through failing health. they feel unequal to the duties and responsibilities of managing a circuit or a station, while their mental vigor is unimpaired. We know of several such cases. Preaching places must be supplied, if possible Local preacher are few in number. The active work is insufficiently equipped through lack of men. What would the church do without our superannuated ministers? Many of them are preaching almost constantly, and are in great demand. A large majority of these men are nentally and spiritually vigorous, and sound in doctrine; and you will find that, for depth of thought, beauty of language and power of the spirit, they are unsurpassed, if at all equalled, by hosts of younger men, who feel themselves up to date, and who speak pityingly of the old and worn-out min-

Methodist Sunday Schools

Rev. A. C. Crews, D. D., who takes the place of the late Dr. Withrow, as head of the Sabbath School Depart nent of the Canadian Methodist Church, is by nature and training eminently fitted for work in this line And he needs to be for the work is most important. He has a constituency of 346,633 in teachers and scholars, and he has the editorial supervison of about a dozen periodicals issued in their interest. Of these Onward is the most important, and takes high rank in its character and make-up.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Never mind where I saw him, but I saw him more clearly than did the thousands of bright eyes that watched for his coming Christmas Eve. · No matter where he lives, I found knocked at the door, very late in the morning, he was still in bed. Mrs. you are here."

In a few minutes Santa Claus came a. I would scarcely have known him, It is also learned that Rev. Daniel C. he looked so careworn and seedy. Gone was the well groomed appear ance, the bright laughing eye and the ruddy cheek "I am going out of the toy busi-

ness," said Santy with a sigh. "The children know too much for me. They don't believe in me any more. The fathers and mothers tell their children that I am dead, or worse still,

that I was never alive. "The children can sit up longer and keep awake longer than when you were a boy and some of them sat up until morning and then triumphantly told everybody they could there was no Santa Claus. It's just father and mother who fills our stockings and brings us things.'

"I am going out of giving preents to rich people too," said-Santa Claus." and they do a sum in Arithmetic to see if they have made or lost. "They will give their own presents

them make a scapegoat out of me. "I am going to give something more tangible and unbreakable than toys and costly gifts.

"If they accept and use and appreciate what I shall take them after this, there will be more peace and Christmas than there is now. "The children get too. much candy

I am going to take a new line of goods that have never been put on the market in sufficiently large quantities to supply the public.

"The churches keep a few samples but the stack is old and shop worn, as the purchasers do not go in crowds. "I hope to educate the people up to the advantages of my goods so that there will be a large trade. "In the first place," said the old man, "I am going to carry large quan-

tities of Brotherly Love. "I am a great traveller as you know," said Santa, "but in all my

church, or city, or town, or home that carried an over-stock of Brotherly Love, Some homes have enough for working purposes. Few churches have mough to supply pasters and deacons so that the most of the choirs have to do without.

"I am going to carry a heavy stock of Truthfulness. Some of the trader ought to get large supplies of that. want to leave some in the most of the

"Quite a large quantity will have to go to the 'Summer Girl' and the 'Winter Girl, who is ready to swear they were never in love before, and never kissed a girl before. Nor a man; 'No

"The rest of my stock (the most of it) will go to the towers and the news-"To the stingy I will take some generosity. To the lazy I will take energy. To the wasteful, economy. To husbands and wives more forbearance, par-

tience and love, that our divorce courts may not be so busy.
"I will"—but I stopped the garrulou old man, with: It is no use Santa Claus for you to think of carrying of a sentimental business like that. The people will mob you, if you leave your toys and presents at home, and take a lot of church truth like that you have been talking about, with you.



WILL BE IN ST. JOHN

Robert Hobson to Represent Baptists in Laymen's Missionary Movement

The congregation of the Victoria treet Baptist church was addressed yesterday morning by Robert Hobson, who is here in the interests of the laymen's missionary movement.

Mr. Hobson traced the history of the ovement from its birth to the present time. He stated that everywhere it was meeting with success and that already Canada's apportionment to the fund was all but realized. Mr. Hobson is a grandson of the Rev.

Dr. Robert Morrison, the celebrated Chinese missionary. He was born in China and has lived thirty years there. At present his home is in Guelph. Mr. Hobson is to be the representative of the Baptist movement for the Maritime Provinces. He intends making St. John his headquarters and will direct his work from this city This evening Mr. Hobson lectures in the German street church.

the call recently tendered him to the retical only and has not touched his pastorate at St. Stephen.

istry and trusted that the same spirit of united effort would dominate the that would remain to him as its pas-

hoard will be held on Wednesday next self he has found God. to consider the matter.

TELLS OF LIFE WORK IS MADE HONORARY OF DR. JAS. ROBERTSON

Praises Missionary

HIS GOOD DEEDS

Speaker Refers to Great Self Sacrifice of Pioneer Missionary

The Life of Dr. Jas. Robertson was the subject of an interesting address efore the congregation of St. Anfrew's church last night by the pastor, Rev. David Lang. The address was largely made up of extracts from Ralph Connor's latest book.

Mr. Lang in opening stated that it was impossible to view the work of a contemporary in its true light and that people generally failed to recognize in eviewing the great heroes of history he same characteristics abounding in many of the men of his own day. To those who had known Dr. Robertson it most successful since the organization would be impossible for him to say of the school. anything that would add to their regard for the man, while to those who
had not it would be just as impossible
in the short time at his disposal to

The superintendent, John F. Ring,
has been a worker in the school for
upwards of 50 years and yesterday tendered his resignation. To show the furnish them with any comprehensive laca of his life. If, however, his words would result in a more general reading of the book the chief end of his adress would have been accomplished. Dr. Robertson, said he, was born in Scotland eighty-aix years ago. He emigrated to Ontario in 1839 dominated by the great purpose of his life's work. By 'dint of hard work and much self-sacrifice he was able to successfully combat the great stacles that lay in his path and rugged determination that had set him

apart among his school fellows was finally successful in carrying the day. subsequently as superintendent of missions. Dr. Robertson come into his own. On Jan. 4th seven years ago he came to his death. Dr. Robertson, declared Mr. Lang was remarkable for the retentiveness of his memory, the determination that possessed him and the great self-sacri-

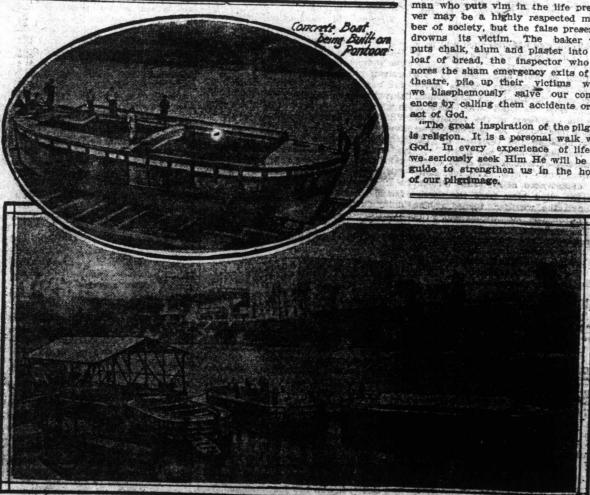
fice he practiced. Concluding, he said that the years could only give lustre to a name that was already a notable one in Canadian church history.

REV. JAS. MCCASKILL

"The modern pilgrimage is one rom theology to religion, from theory to practice," declared the Rev. Jas. J. don of ministerial supply. It is found McCaskill during the course of an elo- that there is to be a scarcity of men. quent and forceful sermon delivered before the congregation of St. Matthew's church last night. Continuing he said: "Our modern effort is to During the course of his sermon Christianize the whole life. The typical preached before the congregation in sinner is he who may be high in the Exmouth street Methodist church church or state but who corrupts the last night, the Rev. Samuel Howard public by not being what he professes announced his intention of accepting to be. His Christianity has been theo-

character." Continuing, Mr. Howard remarked Mr. McCaskill took for his text the the unity of purpose that had charac- words "We are all pilgrims and terized the relations existing between strangers as were also our fathers." In pulpit and pew throughout his min- opening he said: "The true story of human life has never been written; we only get glimpses of it here work of the church during the month and there in the great books of the world. These glimpses of self-revelation are the signs of inspired writ-A meeting of the quarterly official ings and when a man has found him-"It is a satisfaction to know that we

ences by calling them accidents or an



WARSHIPS OF STONE AND SAND?-BOATS OF FERRO-CON CRETE.

The well-known contractor for cement works, Signor Charles Gabellini of Rome, has been advocating for some years the building of vessels of ferro-concrete—that is to say, of concrete, strengthened with iron. A number of barges and other boats have been made and te sted with much thoroughness, and the Italian naval authorities have so interested themselves in the matter that they have officially approved the use of ferro-concrete for the construction of certain vessels for their navy. Writing of the subject, a correspondent of the London Times says: "After the iron skeleton has been set up it is shaped according to the pattern which, owing to its small thickness, is very easy. and it is then covered with wire netting or with expanded metal. Concrete is finally applied until the desired thickness is obtained. After setting has tak en place, and the concrete has become indurated, the structure is launched, journeyings I have never seen a and is then completed affoat."

PRESIDENT FOR LIFE

David Lang Honor Paid John F. Ring By Ludlow Street Church Sunday School

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ludlow street Sunday school was held yes-terday afternoon, with the superintendent, John F. Ring, in the chair. Much business was transacted and the meeting proved an interesting one in

After opening prayer by the paster the report of the secretary was read which was most encouraging. It show ed that a large increase had been made during the year in the mem-bership of the school, which at the present time numbers about 200. The treasurer's report for the year was also submitted. It showed \$206 had been raised by the school during the year, aside from \$25 for missionary purposes.

The year was probably one of the

in the behalf of the school, he was unanimously appointed honorary pre sident for life. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: R. H. Parsons, superintendent; Rev. W. R. Robinson, associate superintendent; Mrs. E. R. Strang, recording

ecretary; Miss Ethel M. Crossley reasurer; Mrs. C. E. Belyea, mission ary treasurer: Mrs. J. R. Richards, superintendent of primary department Miss Florence Fleet, superintendent of Robinson, superintendent of the home The school contemplates in the near

future preparing class rooms in the vestry. A teachers' meeting will be held shortly to formulate plans. An induction service is to be held on Janu-

SCARCITY OF YOUNG METHODIST DIVINES

The special executive comittee of the Annual Conference is expected to meet in this city on Tuesday week. Among the many important matters to come up for disposal is the ques-

ext year in the conference and the problem of finding more is pressing for solution.

that our fathers were not. What men of old have toiled and suffered for so likewise must we. The same joys and the same sorrows are ours and in some cases we may fare farther than they. We must indeed fare farther than they because the progress of the race depends upon the new generation taking up the work where the old laid it down. The condition of progress is that each successive generation

carry on the revelation and so continue to walk with God. "The typical modern sinner is one who may be high in church or state but who corrupts the public by not being what he professes to be. The man who puts vim in the life preserver may be a highly respected member of society, but the false preserver drowns its victim. The baker who of the murder on Sunday last. He of the river. From there they went to oaf of bread, the inspector who ignores the sham emergency exits of the theatre, pile up their victims while we blasphemously salve our consci-

"The great inspiration of the pilgrim s religion. It is a personal walk with God. In every experience of life if we seriously seek Him He will be our guide to strengthen us in the house

TONY TELLS PARNASKY HE IS INNOCENT, BUT THAT LEON IS GUILTY



SEPETIL AND AROFHA Accused Slayers of Edward Green

He was followed by J. F McKinnon, The two talked together for over an who testified along the same lines as the preceding witness He told of the finding of the jewelry box and gloves. Witness also informed the court of the position in which the deceased was found lying when the body was first He declared that he considered Leon ncticed. He was lying on his back to be the guilty party. with the coat and vest unbuttoned. Alongside of the body a wallet was he would tell the truth he (Parnasky)

found, in which were a large number would do all in his power to assist him, of checks of prominent railroad con-Lyons & MacDonald, Ferguson's and He positively identified the watch and Johnson's, which are supposed to have chain worn by Green, which had been een given Green by the Italians employed at the different places. Following Mr. McKinnon's evidence the court adjourned for dinner at 11.30

In the afternoon the first witness called was Coleman Shellds. He told of Donald Fraser, Arthur Richwell and Albert Broad and himself starting a searching party. They took the trail ANDOVER, N. B., Jan. 1.-The preiminary hearing of the two Italians, Tony Arofha and Leon Sepetil, charged with the murder of Edward sedy. Green, was continued here all day before Judge McQuarrie, and although a umber of witnesses were examined. oothing of a very startling nature was was called. brought out, although some interesting evidence was given. It looks as though the court may finish the hearing by tomorrow, although it is quite probable that adjournment may have

ence of two witnesses whose exact whereabouts seems to be unknown. orning, the first witness called was stand when adournment was made on and Dennison and of their finding the are not called upon to do any thing jewelry box owned by the deceased.

to be made in order to secure the pres-

went down to the banks of the Wapsky. There they found about 25 or 30 watches, one of the number being identified by the Jew, Parnasky, as the one belonging to Green. In addition a \$2 bill and pipe were also found.

The party crossed the Wapski stream and went along the north side place a picket of four or five men to then crossed on the portage road again. They continued to follow the the camp. tracks on this road for some distance. The party of which witness was leadbut lost them and returned to camp, or then started back the right of way. giving up the hunt for the night.

identified the rifle as the one produced Elmer Johnson's camp and searched in court. Messrs Richwell Fraser and Broad

of the rifle a few rods from the scene

nothing further. William McGinnis was then called. He told of Seymour Tafton and himself taking the trail on Monday afternoon. near residency 16 and following it into Elmer Johnson's camp, where the men were captured. He told of the arrest and his leaving for Plaster Rock. -So far the authorities have been unwould be ready and willing to give evi-

able to secure two witnesses, who nevertheless if they could be found dence. They are Jas. Dennison and Wm. Boyd, who were supposed to be the first two men on the trail. One man is in Fredericton and the other supposed to be in Caribou, Me. Constable Mc-Crea is endeavoring to get into communication with them, but a postponement may be necessary until they ar-

The Italians were again in court and the witnesses necessary appear. appeared quite indifferent as to what went on.

(Special to The Sun.) ANDOVER, N. B., Jan. 2 .- After an interesting session in the preliminary soon. Another, L. Lordly, now on the learing of Tony Arofha and Leon Tobique, may also be summoned Sepetil, the two Italians charged with the murder of Paddy Green, here today, court adjourned until Saturday at 10 o'clock, when the hearing will be completed.

There were several new points pro luced in evidence at the hearing today, the main interest being in the testimony of Constables Miles McCrea who showed that he had cut off the progress of the prisoners in every diection and worked hard in his endeafors to locate them. Another feature of the day was the conversation between Tony and the

he hearing. Court was supposed to have open at 10 o'clock, but upon Tony asking permission from Mr. McCrea to talk with Parnasky, this was granted. The Italian was taken up stairs into one of the rooms and there met Parnasky

hour. Tony professed to know nothing concerning the case whatever and although the two men talked privately, it is learned that he told the Jew that he was innocent and asked his help.

In response Parnasky informed him if When court opened about eleven These included checks of Parnasky was the first witness called found on the bank of the Wapaski as belonging to the deceased. The watch had been presented to Green by his

uncle when the latter had died. Witness also identified the jewelry, lewel box and other articles as belonging to Green. The clothes of the deceased were produced in court and identified by Parnasky.

Seymour Trafton testified that he assisted Constable McCrea in conducting the search on the Sunday of the tra-Witness also described the arrest.

The court adjourned for dinner and upon its resumption Constable McCrea Mr. McCrea corroborated the state ments made by previous witnes the inquiry and gave an interes

the murderers, showing that he covered all the ground. He decided that they were making for the Tobique in an endeavor to When the case was again up this reach the railroad. Witness consider David Chapman, who had been on the them off, and set out bent on this end-Mr. McCrea took three men from Thursday evening: Witness told of be residency 16 and drove to the Elmer ing on the hunt with Messrs. Boyd Johnson camp, No. 2. There he see cured the services of three more men All returned to camp residency 16 . right of way, at the junction with the and placed them as pickets plong the Portage road. Witness then went to No. 1 and posted two men to preven people from passing and watch the Italian camp to see that no one en-

tered or left. To further cut off all possibilities of escape witness telephoned to Phillips and Burden on the west side of the river below Plaster Rock to have them for about a mile and a half. They prevent persons from going down the road and also the Italians from leaving

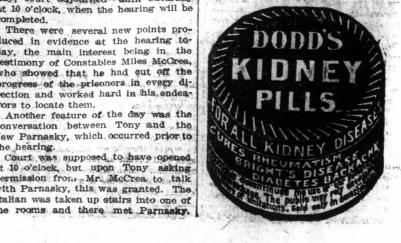
searching the camps and shacks as they went along. The systematic Witness then described the finding search was kept up, the witness and party examining the cave on the bank

there. After further deliberations witness corroborated the statements made by with others took up the trail and about the preceding witness, but could add two o'clock found the fire where the men had been. They continued further and found another fire. They fold lowed to the old logger road, about one-half mile to the right of way.

Witness and party went again to No. 16 and within about 20 rods, the prisoners had crossed the portage with Messrs, Trafton and McGinnis behind It was about this time that they en countered Chief Foster and party. Witness reached camp about five minutes after Foster had made the arrest The men were searched. Mr. Foster taking one and the witness the other. On Sunday, Dec. 27th, witness took a party back and all searched for the

rifle that was found. The articles

taken from the prisoners were pro duced in court and identified by the witness. While adjournment has been made until Saturday it is now hoped to have Dennison is at McAdam and willing t testify when needed. William Boy it is expected that he will be secure



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TROOPS HAVE AR AND MESSINA BRING ORD

Progress Being Mad Slight Earthqua Ruin of Crumb Victor Emmanue Correspondent Story of the Scen

MESSINA'S DEAD 115,000.

Exact statistics of the dead and sur viving still are impossible to obtain because all the dead bodies buried un der the ruins have not yet een exce vated. It is equally impossible make any accurate count of the sur vivors, for they are today scattered from one end of the country to th other. The only figures that can b given are reached by calculating the total populations before the disaster and subtracting therefrom the num bers that are supposed to have sur vived. The result is of course approx imate. On this basis is made the esti mate that about 25,000 people have left Messina and Messina Commune. As the total population of the city and commune was about 155,000 and as there are about 15,000 people still in the district, the dead probably amounts to 115,000. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of injured, but also by the many suicides committed by desperate survivors whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

CONSUL STILL MISSING.

ROME, Jan. 2-Senor Serao, the pro prietor of the house in Messina where A. J. Ogston, the English Consul, resided, arrived here today. He says that outside the consulate there has not been an American resident in Messina for forty years past.

The part of the house where Serac lived did not fall. The Italian rushed out immediately after the first shock and met Stuart K. Lupton, the American Vice-Consul, on the street. Together the two men made their way to the American consulate. They

found it had collapsed completely, and

they came to the conclusion that A S. Cheney, the Consul, and his wife, were dead. They made a hurried but unsuccessful search for the bodies Continuing Serao says that with Mr. Lupton he satisfied himself that the guests at Hote! Trinacria which was completely demolished, were all saved with the exception of the Swedish Consul and an Italian girl. He does not cans at this hotel. The hotel did not

suffer from the earthquake in any PALERMO, Jan. 2-The King and Queen of Italy are still at Messina enpaged in organizing the relief work and encouraging the rescuers. Yesterday they wished to visit several of the stricken villages on the Calabrian Coast but the rough sea at Reggio

made it impossible for them to disem-It has been reported here that the services of a number of Italian warships will be used to bombard the ruins of Messina, in order to bury under debris the bodies of the dead still exposed, but this report lack confirma-

ROME. Jan. 1.-Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made tothe relief of those who have suffered by the dreadful visitation. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina where according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. The different regions on the coast have been allotted to various warships and other ships as centres from which torpedo boats and launches convey and distribute

rations and water to the different villages. The minisher of justice has wired from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disagter renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins impossible, but persons are being dragged out all day long and are quickly transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds

have received attention. There were slight shocks felt in the carthquake zone today, completing the ruin of the crumbling buildings. These shocks are contributing to the keeping up of the alarm of the population. One quite severe shock was felt at three o'clock in the morning and another at nine. Fires are still burning, although rain has fallen. The latest investigations on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed. Professor Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Aetna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000.

Hundreds of dangerous criminals

have been arrested by the troops and are under close guard, Great relief was felt here when the announcement was made that the Lipardi Islands, which were reported to s have disappeared with their population of 28,000, suffered little or no damage from the earthquake. Public opinion is seriously concerned with regard to the safety of the king and queen and their possible danger from tottering walls. The king frequently has tried to persuade the queen to return to Rome, but she always refused, heart to abandon her husband in his labors for the country in its anguish. New Year's Day in Raiy usually is an occasion of feetivities and rejoice