

hoped that it will find its way into many a Catholic home. The different methods of hearing Mass are fully treated, and devotions at Mass and for confession and communion are added, thus making the book a complete manual for those who desire to reap all the fruits of the Holy Sacrifice.

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Magazines.

The Globe-Review for December opens with a lay sermon by an ex-preacher on the "Birth of the Divine." Mr. Thorne knows how to preach. He can elevate the mind and heart by his deeply devout and holy thoughts. He can do this even better than launch the bolts of his prophetic wrath against shams and humbugs. We cannot help it, but we like him far more in his gentle moods than in his fiery ones. This whole number is more in harmony with the season of Christmas, the season of peace and goodwill, than we had hoped for. His threatened articles do not appear, and he confesses to a milder mood. May he grow more mellow with age and cultivate the Spirit of St. Francis de Sales, who said: "More flies can be caught with a drop of honey than with a barrel of vinegar." Of course, somebody must do the prophet's work. Rebuke and warning are needed—courage and hardihood are manly in a sincere champion. But, it is far easier to have a fault corrected by starting from the Christian supposition that it was committed in good faith, and by gently convincing the delinquent of his fault. Only where the devil stands revealed without a doubt have we a right to kick at him.

The *Rosary* for December is full of Christmas, as it should be. The third joyful mystery is undoubtedly the sweetest posy we can offer Our Lady of the Rosary. Madeleine V. Dahlgren contributes the first instalment of the "Story of a Convert." All those who have read, or who are going to read (and everybody is going to do that) her powerful romance, "The Secret Directory," will be delighted with this other story, so entirely dissimilar, and yet so full of mystery also, only not this time the mystery of darkness, but the sweet and hidden mystery of grace and supernatural light. Another most interesting contribution is from the pen of the gifted Father Monsabre, "The Rosary and the Holy Eucharist." We visited the dear old man on our recent journey to Europe at his monastery in Havre. Although, as he said himself, he is now too old to preach as often as he did in former years, when all France listened to his eloquent Lenten conferences, he was looking forward with pleasure to the great celebration at Rheims, at which he was to hold a discourse. His mind is as bright, and his heart as big as ever, and we are glad of the promise of more articles from his pen during the coming year of the "Rosary."

The Messenger of the Sacred Heart in its January number enters upon its thirty-second year. From year to year it is improving in worth and beauty, until it now leads the 35 Messengers published all over the world. It is a good idea to publish the supplement on the same day and under the same cover. The "Messenger" is the official organ of the League and it always seemed odd to us to have to hunt up the League news in the "Pilgrim." Now everything is in its right place and the "Pilgrim" is left to its own mission, a glorious one too, and one which to our satisfaction has become popular enough to merit a little magazine entirely devoted to its work. The article on Some Religious Founders and their Spirit contains an account of St. Teresa's work. The beautiful half-tone engraving of the Saint is taken from a portrait painted during her lifetime.