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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

The undimmed glory of the Christmas season is one of the Christian miracles. As the splendor of the sunrise scatters the morning mists of each recurring day, so the spirit of the Nativity shines at this holy time through the clouds of war and human suffering, and impresses mankind with the certainty that the Saviour is mighty and will unite all things in the peace of His Redemption. Striving for this divine purpose is the mission of religion, and never has it been more confidently defined than in the first message of the glorious Pontiff now reigning to the world at large. The same mission has exalted nineteen centuries of Christian history. Before art and literature had arisen to spread it broadcast among the peoples, the spoken words of apostles and missionaries thrilled with its hope. Music in turn inspired the message with a fervor that not only is treasured in our living age, but which is the holy care of the Church to preserve in its early purity.

We are living in an epoch that shows many signs of relief from the disturbances of Christian disension. It was inevitable that the Christmas radiance should have been dimmed by storms that have prevailed through hundreds of years. To-day Catholic art is re-appearing in the very storm-centres of by-gone generations. The Christmas festival has already replaced the gloom and misunderstanding of the Puritans almost universally, and the home life of the nations almost universally conforms to the innocent pleasures of children. What is this but the cry of humanity to the Babe of Bethlehem, or the tender longing of humanity to place itself in submission fitting the child to the tender love of the Father most significantly brought near in the presence of a manger-born babe.

Whilst the hearts of men are casting out prejudices of the kind just referred to, it is lamentable that the flight of war hovers over the face of earth with vulture lust unappeased by centuries of slaughter. The war now raging between Russian and Japanese resembles in the carnage the final struggle of the Turk and Christian. Nor are signs wanting that Christian unity may avail in these days to ordain a broader peace that shall still this deadly strife on the far eastern border of our civilization. The Christmas spirit will surely avail to the furtherance of this aspiration.

CATHOLICS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

It is in entire harmony with the genius of government by the people, that Catholics should be encouraged to take a larger part in public affairs. The leaders of Catholic thought everywhere are advising in line with this principle. We observe that in addressing the jubilee demonstration of the Catholic Young Men's Society, at Liverpool, last week, the Archbishop of Westminster urged the importance of Catholics participating in public life to assure that Catholic interests should not suffer. Public opinion, he said, wanted educating with regard to the terrible declaration by the Sovereign on as-

sending to the Throne, which was an outrage on every Catholic, whilst the vehement persecution of the Catholic Church in France, his Grace described as downright spoliation and robbery, though palliated and glossed over by the English press.

ORANGEISM AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The Irish Orangemen once intimidated their readiness to kick Queen Victoria's crown into the Boyne. The Canadian Orangemen, whilst not prepared for any athletic display as regards King Edward's crown, are far from happy at the way its wearer continues to exhibit that broad religious tolerance which has distinguished him both as Prince and King. In fact, none of the late Queen Victoria's children have ever been at pains to please the organization that was once so free of speech towards the late Sovereign. The cable despatches last week related how Prince Arthur of Connaught, who has been visiting Rome, was received in audience by the Pope. His Holiness warmly thanked the Prince for his visit, and expressed his esteem and admiration for King Edward. The Pontiff added that all missionaries coming to Rome from the remote corners of the British Empire spoke of the liberty enjoyed by British colonies. Naturally Prince Arthur was greatly pleased by these remarks, and so should every subject of the King. But the Canadian Orangemen are far from pleased. The Orange Sentinel, of Toronto, their organ, edited by Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., gives expression to their sarcastic bitterness in the following style:

"When the Duke of Connaught visited Rome the authorities of the Vatican promptly set to work to use the event as an advertising medium. As did the King when in Rome, the Duke of Connaught on his visit to the Pope left the Quirinal, the Italian royal palace, drove to the British Embassy, and from there to the Vatican. This was to save the bigoted clerical feeling which in Italy does not yet wish to recognize the King as the civil head of the State. The fiction that the King and the Duke did not come to the Vatican direct from the Quirinal was given color simply by calling on the way at the British Embassy. If such a fiction satisfied those concerned, all we can say is that it was a pure fiction, and it must be an easy matter to satisfy the consciences of the Italian ecclesiastics. For ourselves we think the British Government would have been well advised had it said to the Pope and his coterie: 'If you do not choose to welcome our King and the Duke of Connaught direct from the Quirinal, the residence of the King of Italy, they will not call on you at the Vatican.' We believe that such a policy would have ended in the surrender of the Pope inside of a few hours. The British Government, however, acted otherwise, thinking as they did about the United States over the Alaskan award, that they could secure the goodwill of Rome by this surrender to the ultramontane section of the Romish Church.

"The Pope, in his address of welcome, was fulsome and flattering, with an eye to more favors to come from Britain. He had read or heard of the statement that the sun never sets on the British dominions, and he referred to our King as the King of the whole world. This was preliminary to further references to the free asylum offered in Great Britain and her colonies to disobedient and disloyal members of ecclesiastical orders who were expelled from Roman Catholic countries. It might have been inconvenient for the Pope just at that time to have reminded him that his predecessors had their way ill-treated them. When Sir John See, the Premier of New South Wales, agreed to an inquiry, Cardinal Moran at once wrote thanking him, and offering every facility for making it. The officials appointed to conduct the investigation were Mr. Green, Chief Officer under the Children's Protection Act, and Sub-Inspector Tindall, of the Police Department. When brought face to face with these gentlemen the slanderers said their charges referred to six years ago. But that did not serve them, for the visiting medical officer was at hand with overwhelming testimony on the other side. The report of Messrs. Green and Tindall, of course, com-

statemen who are unable to realize that the Papal influence only requires a small amount of genuine opposition by a few patriotic statesmen to be utterly and forever destroyed. We can only trust that the sturdy Protestantism of Britain will assert itself and show that the Papal reception of the Duke of Connaught was all planned and carried out for stage effect, and for the express purpose of advertising Romanism."

Now, is not that delightful. Better send Mr. Clarke over to organize a reception to Prince Arthur and to arouse the "sturdy Protestantism" of England against the royal family. Of course The Orange Sentinel pretends that its bitterness is against the Government; but it is hardly necessary to read between the lines to see where the shoe pinches.

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

The thoughts of many Irish-Catholics in Canada will go out at this season to the famine-threatened peasants of the West of Ireland, who are not only facing want and eviction, but may be in a few weeks the victims of the old sleepless prejudice which reserves for itself indulgence in brutality that has passed from the world every where else except in the vassal provinces of Turkey, peopled by Christians.

We observe that The London Times publishes a savage leader urging the government to adopt, instead of relief measures in Connacht, a policy of preparation to suppress disaffection of which famine is the precursor. The advice of the Times is to increase the police force and prepare for the "long nights" of winter when discontent may stalk abroad. The day is past when such advice may be expected to prevail with the government of England. It cannot prevail against the known goodwill of the King.

FRUITS OF PERSECUTION.

In the United States, in England, and in France itself, Protestants are rising up in shame and terror of the persecution now assailing the Church in the last-named land. The most notable example is furnished by M. Henry Schaffer, a French Protestant, who had become quite prominent as an enemy of the Catholic religion. His conversion to the faith has been hastened by the persecution of which he has been a witness, and in a recent number of La Croix he writes:

"After much study and prayer I have renounced Protestantism with its sects and divisions that war incessantly against the Church One and Apostolic. I have here beheld the ineffaceable evidences of antiquity, the monuments to Catholic dogmas, notably those furnished by the Catacombs, and hasten to attach myself intimately to the Church founded by Christ. I regret that as a Protestant confederer I have written much in defence of a bad cause, and as a conscientious journalist I retract formally all my articles in the Protestant and anti-clerical press, especially in my campaign against the religious associations."

The Australian Orangeman is an unprogressive specimen of his kind. Recently there took place in Sydney an official investigation into the charges made by the Orange organ published there against the Sisters who conduct the Female Orphanage at Manly. They were described as being guilty of systematic cruelty to their young charges by starving, overworking, and in other respects ill-treating them. When Sir John See, the Premier of New South Wales, agreed to an inquiry, Cardinal Moran at once wrote thanking him, and offering every facility for making it. The officials appointed to conduct the investigation were Mr. Green, Chief Officer under the Children's Protection Act, and Sub-Inspector Tindall, of the Police Department. When brought face to face with these gentlemen the slanderers said their charges referred to six years ago. But that did not serve them, for the visiting medical officer was at hand with overwhelming testimony on the other side. The report of Messrs. Green and Tindall, of course, com-

pletely exonerated the nuns, and showed them to be model guardians of orphans. The woman, by the way, who made a statutory declaration in the first instance in support of the charges, failed to keep six different appointments, and when brought face to face with the officials who conducted the inquiry could suggest no means by which the genuineness of her statements could be tested. The late Senator Hoar well described bigotry as the inhabitant of a dark cellar. The light kills it.

Colonel Lord Aylmer has been appointed Inspector-General of the Canadian forces.

Owing to the unprecedented drought in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, it is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry will have to close down.

A Grand Trunk locomotive hauling a freight train, exploded one mile east of Vaudreuil at 1.20 o'clock Monday morning. One man was killed and two badly scalded, one probably fatally.

At a meeting of prominent temperance men in North Toronto on Monday night, it was decided at once to commence a vigorous campaign in connection with the coming provincial elections for the banishment of the bar.

The drygoods business of the John Murphy Company, Limited, of this city, has been taken over by the Robert Simpson Company, Limited, of Toronto. Mr. John Murphy, the head of the firm, retires to enjoy a much-needed rest.

A hurricane at dawn on Friday morning in Rio de Janeiro caused serious damage to the harbor and city. The wall of the College of San Vicente de Paul collapsed, and one Sister of Charity and one pupil were killed, and ten injured.

An order of the Railway Commission was issued yesterday permitting the Montreal Terminal Railway to cross the Montreal Street Railway tracks where Forsythe street crosses Davidson street in Montreal, and where Adam street intersects Le-tourneaux in Maisonneuve.

All Japan is ringing with the praises of Gen. Samejima, who led the assault on Ke kwan mountain on Sunday. At 7 p.m. he rushed into the casemates and threw his supporters into the fighting line, and by personal heroism turned what threatened to be defeat into a splendid victory. He is an old Samurai veteran of the war of the Restoration.

The blessed Christmas season is not an appropriate time for the discussion of such bitter and personal issues as have arisen out of the Russell-Blair collapse. There are public and national considerations at stake in this connection that cannot be easily disposed of and that will not be settled in a season or by newspaper discussion. In the meantime Sir Wilfrid Laurier may be allowed to enjoy his Christmas dinner.

PERSONAL.

Right Rev. Mgr. Z. Lorrain, Bishop of Pembroke, Ont., is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. J. H. Semple, School Commissioner, has been confined to his room for the past few days suffering from a cold.

Dr. A. A. Faucher and Dr. J. A. Lesage, who have been recently decorated by the French Government, were tendered a banquet on Thursday evening by members of the medical profession and others, for the purpose of celebrating the occasion. The banquet was held in the parlors of the St. Denis Club, on Sherbrooke street. Over a hundred prominent physicians and a large number of citizens were present.

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- Water Bottles, \$5.50, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 up.
- Oil Bottles, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$5.00 up.
- Celery Dishes, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$9.00 up.
- Cream and Sugar, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$15.00 up.
- Spoon Trays, \$4.00, \$4.80 up.
- Butter Plates, \$3.65, \$5.00, \$6.50 up.
- Vases, various sizes, from \$6.50, \$8.75, \$10.00, \$13.35, \$18.00 up.
- Water Tumblers, from \$9.00 to \$12 \$16.00 and up.
- Fruit dishes on Stands, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00 up to \$45.00.
- Cologne Bottles, \$3.00 to \$12.50.
- Whiskey Bottles, \$10.00 to \$24.00.
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 Parisian Metal Bon-Bon Cases, Richly Decorated, different shapes and designs, price \$1.00.
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 Trays and Waiters in Nickel, Copper, Brass, Wood, Papier Mache and Japanned, in Oval, Oblong and Round Shapes.
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NOTES FROM THE PARISHES OF THE

ST. PATRICK'S.
 St. Patrick's Church held its congregation on Sunday at 11 o'clock. A newly ordained priest, Rev. Father Heffernan, the well known preacher, gave a discourse on the gospels. Rev. Father Callaghan, as assistant priest, Father Peter Heffernan as reader, and Rev. Father Polan as secretary.

The following priests were present: Father Martin Callaghan, Dr. Luke Callaghan, Father Heffernan, of St. Patrick's; Rev. F. Dunn and McMahon, of St. Mary's; Father Thos. Hefferhan, of St. Michael's; Rev. Charles, O.F.M., Father A. C. St. Mary's, and Father F. St. Laurent College.

Rev. Father Martin Callaghan congratulated Father St. Laurent on the dignity he had attained. He referred to the time when he had poured the regem waters of baptism on his infant, and expressed the joy he experienced in seeing him standing at the altar.

Rev. Father T. Heffernan spoke as follows: "Introibo altare Dei, ad Deificandum juventutem meam." He went to the altar of God, to give joy to my youth. The words of my text are the very words of the priest pronouncing at the altar, after having traced his body the holy sign of redemption. For the first time in his career they were pronounced authoritatively, and with full sanction by the young priest, from the Pontiff's hands, who solemnly celebrates for us to-day's first Holy Mass.

Assuredly, then, for him this day must be one of great joy and thanksgiving. It is one of just satisfaction. The sweet yoke of the eternal yoke has been placed upon his shoulders of one from among the Rev. Father. Singleton was just opposite this dear old church, and was baptized by your beloved pastor, and comes now after some absence to celebrate his first sermon. I may not preach to-day, but invite you to with me upon some of the most eminent groupings of thoughts which the Catholic mind on a like this may be filled. That you, dearly beloved, joins hands with earth, follows from just and proper conception of Communion of Saints. What rests one part of the Church Christ always, and of necessity rests the other parts. But, for special reason, to-day. I said moments ago that this was a festive day for us. First for the brother and sister of the newly ordained, then for the other relations. They may say—I have a son a brother, a cousin, etc.—for us we may say we have a friend, acquaintance, a child of St. Patrick's, an Irishman, another person for our English-speaking people. But of his mother I have made mention. What of her? Ah, my beloved, some months or a year ago, Almighty God called her to her reward. She was ever true and noble—a pious, devoted soul. Is it wrong to think that she is in heaven to-day? especially when we consider that the golden jubilee of our Mother Mary Immaculate celebrated but a week ago last day. Is it wrong to think that the Saviour, to honor His Mother, all the souls therein captive? He is not wrong, what, think you, of the sentiments animating the holy souls in the city of God, one of their number glories in fact that she has given to Church of God a young and priest. Ah! in spirit I behold good mother, stretching forth maternal arms to grasp unto bosom her boy, her child, her loved one; opening her lips to tell him how, how sublime, how responsive his calling. But I shall cease. Appears cruel to have touched tender spot, but would it not be still more cruel to have left memory in the grave of silence? And now, dearly beloved, a few considerations and then I shall close. concerning the priest of God, his dignity, his responsibilities, effects of his mission. He is an ambassador, the representative of God. So also is the king, the emperor, the ruler—but they have