joyous season of the year has one. Christmas, with all its nemories-Christmas with all ondest and warmest throbbings with sentiments of love be tian and Christian-Christmas all days, Christmas time-the I times-when the face of as with the brightest anticipastmas time has come and passed more. Most of us have comnes, with all the luxuries of before us. The few in our have not such homes have ed for in various ways. But n-up people share this bounty, eserving and the undeserving d with food and raiment, shall ne poor orphans—the little ones ng cared for by the noble and ng ladies of St. Joseph's Con-

few indeed know the hardgood souls undergo in order little orphans may be fed and e bleak winter day, in the ed portions of the rural disseen the good sister and her driving along, fighting bravely d and storm, and oftentimes e rebuffs of the uncouth, keeply in her mission, collecting many little mouths who daily l to keep hunger away from ones now in the Institution at Years Day respond nobly to which was on last Sunday made er's by Father O'Mahony on

The labor of the good nuns love. They have made sacrifew of us would care to make. and all endeavor to lighten the en they have to bear, and comlew Year by performing an act bring upon us the blessing of our undertakings during the pening.

UBLES IN RUSSIA.

ears ago the Russian Empire upon as the very embodiment ad political strength. Not so ver. The evils of the Russian e been of late brought into no unner so very distinct and palill now look forward to an early on of this collossal power. The rm of government has always dency of generating abuses of your character. Unless when ome master mind, capable of very detail of administration, nder despotic rule have fall en

The ruling power nominally ne sovereign, falls so often into f the unworthy favorites, the royal weaknesses-that it ceases eted and consequently fails in ne administration of public afcess. Fraud and peculation, in he reprobation of an outraged nion, find congenial homes in artment of such governments. ickedness of the system soon ownfall. The rapacity of suborings the administration into onflict with the people. The of such conflicts sets thinking ing, with results not flattering of government which generifficulties. In Russia nothing nost flagrant misgovernment rise to the disturbances of which y has been of late the theatre. n people were for ages devohel to the person and governeir reigning princes. When the a call for popular support in ne knows with what alacrity responded. In time of peace, he administration kept its ranin any decent bounds, not a disapproval was heard. But by long years of immunity, rvants of the present Czar, see aster abandoned to the control ted but unscrupulous mistress, er liberties with the people, and l a wholesale system of confisrobbery. Everything, howtyranny itself-has its bounds ministers of Russian despotism ee matters in this light, and by in their course of wanton in aught themselves into public here is now such an entity as a blic opinion. Its influence is eat, but it is rapidly growing, is yet more pleasing to the freedom, certain to grow at a pace in future. The present t of Russia deserves the repro-

nolic journals of Rome relate y-five Ritualist ministers have verts to the Catholic faith: that verts to the Catholic faith; that converts received confirmation s of the Bishop of Amycl; that the converts is the Rev. Hork, of Plymouth; the family of Fish; of Mr. Cabbolds, one of proprietors of Suffolk, with his on; and finally of the operaon; and finally of the opera santley. The conversion of this viously reported.

ne whole civilized world for its

ntolerance and cruelty. When all it must, it will perish with-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Messrs. McGrath and Blake and their families, in the sad misfortune which has befallen them through the melancholy accident at Clandeboye.

The Earl of Carnaryon has attacked John Bright, protesting against his recent speech at Birmingham. The noble Earl has not seen fit to enter into an argument to prove that John Bright's utterances were not true, or that his assertions were overdrawn. From his Lordship's point of view Bright's speech may have been inopportune. No doubt it was. But it was all truth, and even noble earls must make up their minds to hear facts once in a while.

"JAMES REDPATH, the 'notorious' Irish correspondent of a New York paper, is going to lecture through

poems which bewail the lost cause had been left out of the work. But then the author says: 'There are verses connected with the war pub lished in this volume, not for harm's sake nor for hate's sake, but simply because the author wrote them.' We are not disposed to be captious or cynical, neither do we desire to fling away the rose because the thorns lie ham, England, in a recent speech, fragrance and sweetness from it, regardless of the sting it may inflict. To select a single flower from this garland would be a difficult task indeed, so sweet and enchanting are each and every one of them, and so deep is their stainless purity, their Christian charity, and their impassioned outpouring of the soul of the single flower and suppose a family where the parents were surrounded by a large close connection of the sundand outpouring of the soul of the soul outpour in soul outpour in the soul of the soul outpour in the soul of the soul outpour in the soul outpour in the soul of the soul outpour in the soul hid under its leaves. We cull the

The Tablet has expressed in wellchosen words the opinion held of Father Ryan's poems wherever they have been read.

the Irish Benevolent Society of this city, an organization which is composed of Irishmen of different religious beliefs, dispensed charity to their countrymen upon whom was destitution. Why is this not the case in every city on the continent? There is no good cause why it should not be so wherever is to be found a number of the children of the Green Isle. A little exertion is all that is required. In every place may be found good-natured, liberal men who are willing to carry on the good work if the movement is only initiated. The Irishmen at home are giving is a grand example of what can be achieved by unity. Protestant and Catholic alike form one solid phalanx which is demanding, and which is determined to have statesmen. Never before in the history of Ireland was there such a dis play of unity amongst the people of that country. Here in our adopted country-in our highly-favored Can-

lengths by a headlong enthusiasm action, and restraining it from any

tion with their parents, all living in verence and guarded by traditional union with their parents, except one sanctity, but lighting in the thickest who was a sort of Cinderella, tough and murklest smoke of the battle of endowed with physical, mental and life-solitary, often tempted, always endowed with physical, mental and moral qualities equal to the others, but somehow or other always badly dressed and poorly fed. When they inquired the reason of this remark-induced the morning the Cathedral was filled to its utmost capacity, with sincere and to the intuitive the morning the Cathedral was filled wealth of the city, and that though the gives were liberal, the non-gives were numerous. When the expenses of maintaining the churches are educated and the point of the city, and that though the gives were liberal, the non-gives were numerous. When the expenses of maintaining the churches are educated and the provided a What a picture this is to meditate inquired the reason of this remark- womanly virtue and to their religious inquired the reason of this remarkupon! On the 24th of December able exception they were told that faith: I mean the Iri h servant this child was adopted in her youth, | girl." but robbed of her inheritance when she was taken under the parental she was taken under the parental roof. She was badly treated from the beginning, she was never allowed to go into the parlor; she was always speaker to the present condition of Irelaid the heavy hand of poverty and go into the parlor; she was always kept in the kitchen to do the work and she was worse fed and clothed than the rest. As times grew on the parents changed their religion, and the other children went with the parents, but she stuck to her own she grew stronger and more intelligent, and she talked to her neighbors about things, and the parents began to be ashamed of her. she tried to run away, but they sent atter her and brought her back. After a while they treated her better, and she then asked for pocket money to buy clothes and books, but this the parents refused, and when she wanted parents refused, and when she wanted the feet of these five might be contrasted. The singing of the choir during the two light masses was very fine. They rendered this the feet of these five might be contrasted. The singing of the choir during the two light masses was very fine. They rendered Millard's Mass in B flat at both dered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited waited on her and presented her with a landered Millard's Mass in B flat at both waited waited waited waited waited waited waited waited waited w fair play at the hands of British After a while they treated her better,

hearts of the people are in the strug- But in Ireland I discovered the true mortal sin in its breach. The pledge was gle; they are fighting for a tangible reason of this promptitude, so to stake as well as for a sentiment, and being by nature impulsive, they are it came not from her intellect, but liable to be carried away to fatal her memory-because she knew, what the American lady did not As things now stand, the main task know, that the old folks at home were of Parnell, Davitt, and their associ- at the mercy of a class without pity the following reply to a request from the ates will be to prudently control the and with despotic power. No A.neri-Land League, keeping it within the can who has ever come in contact with limits of its selected channels of landlord power in Ireland will blame action, and restraining it from any precipitate step unless they make the recurrence of such abuses an impossibility.

Bridget for her dread of it, even if it is shown, as he may think, at his own expense. Let it teach us that no race can be oppressed anywhere without every race being forced to suffer from it. We are taxed in dent has been interviewing an Irish landlord who was after flying from her dread of it, even if it is shown, as he may think, at his own expense. Let it teach us that no race can be oppressed anywhere without every race being forced to suffer from it. We are taxed in dent has been interviewing an Irish landlord who was after flying from her dread of it, even if it is shown, as he may think, at his own texpense. Let it teach us that no race can be oppressed anywhere without every race being forced to suffer from it. We are taxed in landlord who was after flying from that oppresses the Irish at home. The Irish in America pay the rents of thousands of farms in the West of Work to discourage in every possible way Bridget for her dread of it, even if it his country and his estates. The of thousands of farms in the West of correspondent does not inform us who the gentleman was—whether an earl a lord, a squire, or a well-to-do wealth, and hence we Americans to discourage in every possible way the hard liquor business, and to put the smallest tax on beer and light wines, so that our Canada may be like France and the court of the court o who the gentleman was—whether an earl, a lord, a squire, or a well-to-do agent. Whoever he was the note-have a vital interest in the liberation Irish correspondent of a New York
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Canada under the anspices of the
Land League," it James Relighbly
Letters came from Russia, and if he
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In the course of a recent address cere speaker to the present condition of Ire-land:—"Mr. Sullivan said the picture pre-sented to them just now in Ireland was lamentable; it was a state of things which -viz., the birth of our Lord and Saviour appealed alike to the study of the statesman and to the investigation of the youth parents, but she stuck to her own (applause.) She was satisfied with it, and for a time this rought persecution upon her. By and-by, however, by the very nature of things she grew stronger and more intelligible. The land question was the grew stronger and more intelligible. The land question was the grew stronger and more intelligible. The land question was the sater ide. The land question was the sater ide. The land question was the was was sung by Monsignor Bruyere, as public agitation. With some thirty years' experience of Irish life—and he had years' experience of Irish life—and he had proper time in the mass His Lorotship the participated in some of its stormiest passages—he had seen nothing like it before. It was a tremendous upheaval—the wild, passionate, convulsion of a population, alarmed and terrified by despair, who were striking out, wild with the instinct of men other education they refused this also, and said they did not like her the fact of these five might be contrasted with thirty-five elsewhere did not lesson religion, He (the speaker) had the guilt of those crimes in the least. If drawn this little sketch of the Irish there were five, to him there were five too systems of government to be found on the face of the earth—where there is an avenue of independence open to every man who is honest and industrious—why should not all Irishmen and sons of Irishmen form themselves into the same solid, units the was peaking he did not think he had compact body in the noble and thrice-blessed cause of charity and brotherly love.

The New York Star makes the following remarks concerning the present aspect and probable future outcome of the Irish agitation: "Bell and agitation in Ireland is productions do not go backward, and the land agitation in Ireland is productions do not go backward, and the land agitation in Ireland is production."

The Systems of government to be found on the face of the earth—where there is an avenue of independence open to every man who is honest and industry. (Cheers.) He objected to the doctrine, as the was specificated in the were five, to him there were five to him there were five to him there were five to be in the ewer five, to him there were five to hone there is an autour deal in himsed.

The clutch and sanctuary was asset decorated most beautifully with evergreen and festoms, and motors and wraths of flowers ornamented the high altar. The most of flowers ornamented the high altar. The most of flowers ornamented the high altar

outcome of the Irish agitation: "Revolutions do not go backward, and the land agitation in Ireland is progressing at a speed that promises to put the sagacity and influence of the popular leaders to a very severe test. As Tocqueville says, a despotic government is never in so great peri a swhen it begins to introduce reforms, the completion of the thought obviously being that a people long subjected to "utrage and verpression is most difficult to control when it once begins to feel its yoke relaxing. This precisely is the danger which menaces both the British flowernment and the Irish national movement. The

dinal) as its head, and no man would be justified in violating it."

The Archbishop of Toronto has issued Dominion Temperance Alliance to join them in protesting against the opening of bar-roo bar-rooms on Sunday evenings: -"I would support any measure which would Work to discourage in every possible way Italy, with very few drunkards.

are inclined to ask the terrified exile to give us something new. We might also be tempted to request him to point out to us a country in which outrages are not committed. If he could be coaxed to extend his visit to England a few weeks longer, perhaps he would discover some traces of crime even in that country.

Can n O'Sullivan, of Birmingham, England, in a recent speech, draws the following remarkably striking ricture of the relations extriking ricture of the relations extrictions and the country is the country of the relations extricted and many presentative in the Past, and my saintly friend, the Past, and my saintly friend, the Nun of Kenmare, and the Past, and my saintly friend, the Nun of Kenmare, the Past, and my saintly friend, the Nun of Kenmare, and the Past, and my saintly friend, the Nun of Kenmare, as the representative to day. I mean the Irish nuns. Not a Catholic non the Irish nuns. Not a Catholic non the Irish past number of the presentative to-day. I mean the Irish past number of the country. During all tist time the Dr. has been thinking largely on political questions, and gives his impressions in a manner which some will resist on the following harmonic consider statesmanlike. Why he should seek rest and straightway commence solving political problems is a problem of it. Joseph. Here is another lesson in religion. The average human understancing is better reached by the external season when the work, and he has been thinking largely on political questions, and gives his impressions in a manner which some will still the country.

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"Respectfully arranged and decorated the state of the country."

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The great and joyous festival of Christmas was celebrated with becoming solemnity in St. Peter's Cathedral. At 6 o'clock in the morning the Cathedral was filled Monsignor Bruyere acting as assistant priest, and Fathers O'Mahony and Cum-mins as deacon and sub-deacon respectively, Father Tiernan being master of

Jesus Christ into the world. Immediately fter His Lordship's mass, masses were said by Father O'Mahony and Father

assisted by Father Fiernan as deacon and Father O'Mahony as sub-deacon. At the proper time in the mass His Lordship the Bishop ascended the pulpit a d delivered an eloquent and instructive sermon on the Go-pel of the day. He described in beautifal language the great event of Christ's birth—an event which the angels announced, which gave glory to God in the highest, and brought to earth page.

masses. In the afternoon vespers and benediction took place at 3:30 o'clock. The church and sanctuary was decorated

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The weather on Christmas Day was unusually mild. The streets were in prime condition for wheeling, but the young folks thought it would have been "just splendid" if there had been good sleighing.

Our churches were well attended from the earliest Mass at 6 o'clock to the Grand Mass at 10.30, and again at Vesuers at 7.30 in the evening. As some twenty-five Masses were celebrated in the city on Christmas day it will be readily noticed that our worthy priests were kept extremely busy and that ample opportunity was given the public to honor this great Christmas festival in a fit and proper manner.

Observers abroad at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning must have been particularly trock with the city on the content of the convenient for ice dealers to keep as near home as possible, but the public palate won't stand it.

One of the biggest feathers in the caps

\$550 and in St. Joseph's to a proportionate sum. Some people think that the amount realized is in accordance with the individual receipts must be slight. Your correspondent does not know of one layman in town who would willingly work for one year at the same salary.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. This excellent institution, which has been in existence for several years, was true to its old charitable record on Christmas Eve After considerable labor previously exercised the Society placed itself in a position to relieve many of the worthy hundred hearts were made glad on this oc casion from the bounty of the citizens through the exertions of these good ladies, At half-past 10 o'clock a Solemn High dass was sung by Monsignor Bruyere, in the history of this society has been one of uninterrupted charity and the many noble efforts made by these kind ladies to relieve the wants of those who were unable to help themselves will be long remembered by all classes of the

PRESENTATION.

Miss Angela Cole, an estimable young woman of this city, who has been conducting an evening school in this city during the season, has apparently given satisfacscape workbox, accompanied with the following address:

MISS ANGELA M. COLE

yet been ascertained, but it is expected to be something handsome.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

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The annual elections for Mayor and alderman will be held on Monday, January 3, 1881, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. in the following places, viz:

Ward No. 1.—At the engine house, walnut street, and No. 185 Main street

Walnut street, and No. 185 Main street east. No. 2.—At No 55 Hunter street west,

reached close on to \$800, in St. Patrick's to the meeting was the number of young s550 and in St. Joseph's to a proportion-men belonging to the legal profession who There has been no appointment made

MISCELLANEOUS

The bazaar in aid of the Sisters of Charity is said to have exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The amount resanguine expectations. The ceived has not yet transpired.

Rev. Mr. Methot, Superior of the Semi-nary of Quebec and Rector of Laval University, is seriously indisposed. The reverend gentleman has suffered severely for some time past from sciatica, which has confined him to his room. He has now taken up his residence for a while in the General Hospital, in the hope of re estab-

ishing his health.

The church of Ste. Marie de la Beauce had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Saturday. Hot askes from the oves had been placed in a wooden barrel, which was consequently ignited, and would have caused the destruction of the fine edifice had it not been immediately dis-A number of new nominations have

been made this week in the Faculty of Arts in Laval University. Rev. E. Marcoux h s been appointed Professor of Mathematics, Rev. F. E. G gnon Profes-Mathematics, Rev. F. E. G gnon Professor of Latin Literature, and Rev. O. Mathieu, Professor of Philosophy.

Mr. Bernard Fortin, one of the bell-ringers of Notre Dame, who rang the bell on fuesday evening for the demise of Mr. DeLery, went to bed at his residence, St. Andrew street, in annaemic his residence.

Andrew street, in apparently his usual health, but complained of illness on rising at daybreak yesterday morning, a d soon

the churches and chapels of the diocese and of the religious communities.

The tens of thousands wending their

yay to the respective churches and the ber—forms quite a stri ing contrast with the ordinarily quiet state of the streets at the readers of the RECORD, one