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"PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal."

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28, 1901.

Notes of the Week. above all, graces of a spiritual na-

HAPPY NEW YEAR .- With this issue we bid adieu to the year 1901. To each and all of our readers we wish a Happy New Year. We trust. that 1902 may be charged with blessings of the choicest order for every one of our friends. We have a duty, and a pleasant task it is, to perform at this period of transition from one year to another. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all the favors we have received during the twelve months that have just elapsed, and to convey to those who have assisted us in our ever difficult task our deep appreciation of all they have done to render our labor lighter, pleasanter and more hopeful. This is not the time for regrets, or criticism, for dissatisfaction, or reproaches; these and all such sentiments should be buried with the year that may have given rise to them. We prefer to look forward with confidence and buoyancy upon the stranger year that is knocking at our doors. May the coming year realize all our fondest aspirations and bring to all the graces and the happiness that we wish them. However, a word of advice is

never out of place, and at this sea-

son it certainly is timely. We note that many of the customs familiar to all our readers, and which have marked the dawning of the New Year from time immemorial, are gradually becoming less and less observed. Yet, old usages die hard. and a few of them still cling to us; without them New Year would have scarcely any distinctive character. Of these we might mention the timehonored customs of the New Year's greeting, and that of the New Year's "calls." "Many Happy Returns" is a phrase that is upon almost every lip, and the shake of the hand that accompanies it is still a token of that good will which should dwell amongst men. But people do not practise as much as of old the formal visits that marked the beginning of the year. It is quite possible that the attractions have somewhat diminished; but, be that as it may, there is far less visiting than in years gone past. Still the custom obtains to a great extent, not-withstanding the fact that "visiting cards" have of late years played a conspicuous part in the fulfilment of this self-imposed obligation. The supplanting of strong drink, by tea and coffee, may be, also, responsible goodly amount of change that has come about. No doubt, people no longer look upon it as an obligation to visit all their friends or acquaintances and to have a glass of wine with each. Unfortunately these glasses multiplied in proportion to the additional number of friends and according as they became more numerous did the necessity of finding out and calling upon more friends grow manifest. The result were not always of the happiest. and we cannot but rejoice that so ciety appears to have taken the matter in hand and to have placed a damper upon the oft-times too enthusiastic friendship of the New Year. We would advise our Cathoends to aid, in as far as is possible, in this reformation of custom, and by example as well as by precept to avoid turning a day of pleasure into one of grave faults.

It must not be forgotten that the first day of the year is equally a great religious festival, and that the Church celebrates with all the pious observances due to such an occasion. It is well to begin the year in peace with God as well as with man, and by no means better can such a happy commencement be obtained than by attending Mass on obtained then by attending Mass on that day, and offering to God the whole year, with whatever trials or successes, sorrows or joys it may contain for us. When we wish a "Happy New Year" to our friends we limit that wish to no special

contentment of heart that no fleeting, worldly pleasure can ever impart. We hope that God's blessings will fall in abundance upon those near and dear to us, upon their homes and relatives, upon our spiritual guides in the persons of clergy, upon the chief pastor of our diocese, upon the members of the Catholic hierarchy in general, upon the illustrious and wonderful Pontiff who occupies the throne of Peter, and upon the whole Church of Christ and all who belong to its sacred fold. Nor do we confine this greeting to those of our own faith alone; to all outside that pale we equally wish happiness, prosperity, and, above all, the privilege of finding out the Truth and of coming under its redeeming influence. In a word, we wish a Happy New Year to every one of God's creatures on

MAYO AND ROSCOMMON. - According to most recent reports, 'large numbers of constabulary have been drafted to important points in Mayo and Roscommon. and a proclamation placing both counties under the Crimes Act is expected to be issued. This influx of extra police is unprecedented since the days of Captain Boycott." this be the Christmas box, or New Year's gift of the Government of Ireland, it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Chamberlain should want a reduction of Irish members in the House of Commons. He is such a retiring and humble man that he would not feel comfertable were there too many Irish members present to thank him and the Government that he drives-not leads -for the precious souvenir of goodwill. It is very peculiar that such a season as this-one generally looked upon by Christians as a time of peace and pleasant associations,- should invariably be selected for the infliction of misery and trouble upon Ireland and the Irish people.

A ROUND TABLE CONFAB.-The Bishop of London is anxious to reconcile the various conflicting ele ments in the Anglican Church. No easy task we would say, "He summoned another round table conference to meet at Fulham Palace, at the end of the year, to consider the doctrine of absolution and confession. The fifteen persons who have been invited are theologians of eminence, fully qualified to state authoritatively and temperately the opinions of their sections of churchmen." The great difficulty seems to be not so much the establishment of a concordat to which all the leaders will subscribe, as the securing of one that will be recognized and accepted by their followers. real obstacle to church unity is the enthusiast whose zealous churchmanship takes the form of attacking fiercely all not sharing his views. There is considerable truth in this comment. While we do not expect to ever behold any absolute unity upon any fixed dogma, as far as the principal branch of Protestantism is ncerned, still we believe that the bishops, of the Anglican Church could possibly come to an agreement between themselves. The only trouble is that they lack the authority to enforce their decision, The very essence of Protestantism is "private interpretation," conse quently the legical result of principle places the teacher and the one taught upon an equal footing, leaving to neither any authority to impose a doctrine upon the other. Agree as much and as strongly as they may, there is no infallible Hend to govern, no central authority from which none can appeal or with which none can disagree.

PLEASE DISTINGUISH. - "La Verite," of Quebec, comments upon the action of the English speaking Protestant members of the Bar in Protestant members of the Ber in connection with the recently sup-posed resignation of Hon. Mr. Jus-tice Wurtele. "La Verite" very rightly remarks: "It is exactly these recopie who constantly sing out that questions of race and of na-

tionality should not be reised; that copt briefly when some splendid man there should no longer be any ques- like Dr. Smyth is stricken down in should no longer be any ques-of French-Canadians and of ents and others that our Quebec contemporary makes, we are quite in accord; but we beg of our friend "La Verite" to kindly draw the line of distinction. Do not mass who are not French-Canadians inder the heading "English-Cana-The petition referred came from the Protestant members of the Bar. The Irish Catholics, as well as all other English-speaking Catholics, had no part in it, and were made to understand that this was a matter concerning the Protestant element. "La Verite" is just; and we are positive that it will see the justice of not confounding the English-speaking Catholic section of our population with the element that so vigorously insisted upon an English-speaking (Protestant) judge as successor to Hon.
Judge Wurtele. In fact, we have always insisted that this system of race and creed qualifications for preferment and representation is deplorable; we simply accept it , because we cannot do otherwise.

CHRISTMAS SERMONS. - As

usual the preachers in the various New York denominational churches announce, through the press, the subjects of their forthcoming sermons. It is generally an interesting list, but one is at a loss to know, from the mere titles, what the sernons are likely to contain. Take for example the Christmas sermons announced in last Saturday's press Rev. Dr. Lormier, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, is announced to speak on "The Puritan and His Mission." This may or may not have any special connection Christmas-it certainly has with the 'Mayflower' and the "Pilgrim Fathere." Then Rev. Dr. Burrell, at the Marble Collegiate Church, in the morning on "The Day Dawns; the Shadows Flee;" and in the evening on "Hail Mary." The first is decidedly poetic as far as the title goes, and the second would surely be very interesting for Catholics. We would like well to know what the Reverend Doctor thinks of the Angelic Salutation and of the one so signally honored by the visit of God's messenger. Rev. Dr. Terry, at the South Church, speaks on "Opposition to Christ,"-a very wide field indeed-while the Rev. Dr. Mac-Kay treats of "The Song of the Angels." Rev. Dr. Savage preaches on "The Twentieth Century Advent of Jesus," a title from which we can form no idea of the subject. Rev. Dr. Evans selects "The Beginning of Great Joy:" while Rev. Dr. Atter-bury mere'y speaks of "Great Joy." So on through an almost endless

AN IRISH HERO.-The press of the whole world pays tribute to the heroism of the late Doctor William Smyth, the young Irish physician, who gave his life in devotion to duty, under circumstances that mark him as one of the truly heroic sons of the race. The story of his nagnificent self-sacrifice and profes sional devotedness is told briefly, but eloquently, by the Dublin "Free-

"He fought on a wild island off the coast of on a wild island on the control Donegal among a primitive people wholly destitute of the knowledge or use of sanitation. Alone he rowed, day after day, four miles over a rough sea to the island, and explored the cabins reeking foul air and disease, where the swarms of stricken patients lay dying. At length he succeded in suading his patients that their best hope of recovery was in transporta tion to the mainland. Aided only by Dr. Brondon McCarthy, the Lo cal Government Board Inspector, he carried the typhus patients to the beach, and rowed them across the sound in a boat so crazy that it sank a few hours after it arrived.

"When the last of the patients was safe in hospital on the road to recovery, the doctor who had fought the fever for them, and saved them, sickened himself of the foul infec

tion and died." It is to be regretted that the no ble-hearted doctor leaves, by his un-timely death, a wife and eight-children with very scant provision for the future. Heartily do we endors the following comments of a con-

It is not strange that Cardinal Logue, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Lord Lieutenant have united in opening a William Smyth Memorial Fund; for the example of such heroism overcomes all barriers of race, religion and nationality. And yet, hosts of physicians the world over are daily, and as a matter of course of the President Cardinal C dally, and as a matter of course, and aring their lives in epidemics, and aring themselves out in bodily resilies, which nobody realizes ex-

tion of French-Canadians and of the flower of his years at the altar English-Canadians." As to these of duty."

MILLIONS LOST.-In one year and a half, according to press re-ports, the Methodists of the United States have raised fifteen million dollars, and they expect to bring the figure up to twenty millions within the next six months. All this is for missionary purpe With such a tremendous weight of worldly power and influence it is wonderful that Methodism does not sweep all before it. The American millionaire who would think before investing a thousand dollars any business transaction, is in quite willing to hand out tens thousands without any expectation of a return, provided it is for missionary purposes. In this do we behold one of the great obstacles with which the Catholic Church has to contend. It must compete not only with all sections of Protestantism, but also with the enormous wealth of those who give without some times knowing why or for what. Yet the Church triumphs, and the sectaries are more divided than

PRESENTATION TO FATHER OUINLIVAN

On Monday night last a most pleasing, gratifying and memorable event took place in the hall connexted with St. Patrick's Church. It was the presentation to Rev. Father Quinlivan, the Rindly, Zealous and beloved pastor of the parish, of an address of congratulation and of Christmas good wishes; congratulations on his recovery from the long-gathering illness that menfor a time, his permanent health, and expressions of hope that he be long spared to continue to complete his many good works in our midst. The address was accompanied by a purse, lined with eight hundred dollars. When it is considered that this amount was collected simply by means of a circular letter, and only from men, and idea may be formed of the devotion and respect, love and confidence that the worthy recipient has successfully inspired in the breasts of all his parishioners. The meeting was large and very representative. The chair was occupied by His Honor Judge Doherty, who was also chairman of the committee appointed to carry into execution the timely and grateful project. The treasurer was Mr. Michael Burke, and the honorary secretary, Mr. J. A. Rowan. Their work was well and effectively done, and all who contributed, and espe cially the gentlemen who took such an active part in the realization of this pleasant surprise, are deserving of the highest praise. The address, which contains a very complete summary of the principal works that Father Quinlivan has to his credit in the parish, was as follows :-

THE ADDRESS.

To Rev. Father Quinlivan, P.P., St. Patrick's. Reverend and Dear Father,-

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Reverend and Dear Father,—

The near approach of the Christmas festival coupled with your recent return after a prolonged absence, made many of your parishioners deem the occasion propitious to express their sentiments of affection and gratitude to so dearly beloved a pastor.

On the death of the lamented Father Dowd you were given charge of this important parish, not only the representative Irish Catholic congregation of our city, but the centre of the interests of our people in the Dominion of Canada.

By your ability, your zeal and your patriotism, you have proved yourself the worthy successor of a great priest,

Your labors have been herculean, and the success that has crowned your enterprises proves how much can be accomplished under good guidance with God's blessing.

Our Church was encumbered by a large debt when you took charge. That has nearly all disappeared. The sacred edifice had magnificent proportions and great solidity, but it was without ornamentation. Today it stands one of the most beautiful structures in the country, admired by all as a model of Christian art, with its new organ to lend charm and solemnity to the offices of our holy religion.

Our institutions connected with the Church, the Orphan Asylum and St. Bridget's Home, have continued to prosper under your management. Burdensome as your duties of pastor have been, you have found time to devote to the cause of education Hardly a meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners has been held, that you were not there to labor, not only in the intereste of those you represent, but for the greater efficiency of the system. St. Patrick's Purcehial School for young girls still maintains its reputation as one of the best in the province. Hey much it owes to an all sides. The long-fest vant of an intermediate school between the sementary and the class.

a monument to your memory, and be productive of great good amongst the rising generation. It would take more than the restreted limits of an address such as this, to even mention your marifold works in our midst. Yet you have not allowed the poor Irish immigrants to be forgotten; and at Cape Rozier, the bones of our unfortunate fellow-countrymen, wrecked there in 1847, have a suitable monument above them to-day, owing to your generous heart and patrictic spirit.

All these things you have carried out whilst suffering as a martyr under great bodily affliction. This you succeeded in concealing for a quarter of a century from the knowledge of all. God grant that you may soon be restored to perfect health and strength.

You have one more ambition and the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's have undertaken to gratify it. The erection of a new sacristy with its chapel below, and a St. Patrick's Hall above. The good ladies who have never failed in anything they have so far undertaken, will undoubtedly complete our parish requirements under your guidance.

In conclusion, thanking you for all your generous and incessant labors, wishing you a Christmas after your own heart, and a Happy New Year with many happy returns, we pray your acceptance of the trifling token that accompanies these words and are, dear Father Quinivan.

Your devoted parishioners and friends,

(Signed)

(Signed)

CHAS. J. DOHERTY, Chairman. MICHAEL BURKE,

J. A. ROWAN, Hon. Secretary.

PATRER QUINLIVAN'S REPLY.

On rising to reply to this beautiful address and to accept the offering which betokened the sentiments of all present, Father Quinitvan was exceedingly happy in his language. Always humble, and self-effacing, he sought to qualify the words of praise that had been read by the chairman. He doubted if he had everdone as much good as was expressed to his credit by the address, for he had always simply striven to perform the duties that his office of pastor imposed upon him, and to show his goodwill on every occasion and under all circumstances. Referring to those duties of the parish priest he compared his position to that of the father of a family, the head and leader of the home, the responsible guardian of his children's interests. He declared, in regard to his health, that while he felt much improved and quite stronger

dren's interests. He declared, in regard to his health, that while he felt much improved and quite stronger than before his rest, he knew that there was still something more to be done in that direction; but, whatever the ultimate result might be he was glad to leave the matter in the hands of Providence, to submit to God's will, and if desirable to the Almighty to continue, as heretofore, in the same performance of the same duties—to the utmost of his ability and strength.

The reply of the beloved pastor indicated clearly the man, the fine feelings and large heart, the ever devoted and zealous priest, and as such was it fully appreciated by all who were present on that occasion. After the others, we of the "True Witness," who owe so much to the encouragement received at his hands, come with our word of congratulation, and we pray that he may be long spared to, enjoy, in the active service of his holy ministry, the love and veneration of St. Patrick's congregation. as well as of all the citizens of Montreaf

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—The name of Mr. Patrick Monahan, candidate for Seat No. 2, in St. Gabriel Ward, in opposition to Ald. Turner, is on the lips of every elector in the ward. The peo-ple of St. Gabriel Ward irrespective pie of St. Gabriel Ward irrespective of creed and party look upon Mr. Monahan as their future representa-tive in the City Council. Mr. Monahan has been the unani-mous choice of the Irish Catholics

mous choice of the Irish Catholics of the ward. The French-Canadian element also admiring Mr. Monahan for his ability his straightforwardness and his success in business, acknowledge his aptitudes for, and his moral right to the position of alderman, consequently they have pledged themselves to support him on election day.

on election day.

All fair-minded Protestants likewise declare, that it is the turn of an Irish Catholic to hold civic hon-ors. Ald. Turner has held Seat No. 2 in St. Gabriel Ward for over six years, and to-day the liberal and fair-minded Protestants of theward

fair-minded Protestants of theward, even Mr. Turner's friends, are beginning to see, that their own interests, as well as the interests of the ward at large, demand a radical and immediate change in the personnel of the City Council.

Some say that Mr. Monahan's ability as a public man are unknown. To this I answer no man's tact and ability can be known until he enters public life. Let the people of St. Gabriel Ward elect Mr. Monahan, and he will soon prove to the han, and he will soon prove to satisfaction and advantage of electors his capabilities to fill office to which to which he now aspires. If ople of St. Gabriel Ward want a man who can and who wi, watch over their interests with intelligence, with steadfastness, with according with steadfastness, with economy and with success, let them elect Mr. Monahan.

JUSTICE

BRANCH NO. 232, C.M.B.A., BRANCH NO. 232, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Canada, held their regular monthly meeting in their hall (Empire building) last week, and it was largely attended by the members. The various reports presented showed this popular Branch to be in excellent condition, and the membership roll increasing. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result:— Spiritual Adviser—Rev. Father

Chancellor—Bro. T. R. Cowan.
President—Bro. R. J. Cherry.
1st Vice-President—Bro. Emmett

2nd Vice-President-Bro. W. J. Shea. Recording Secretary—Bro. T. H.

McGillivray.

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Financial Secretary—Bro. J. H. Neilson.
Treasurer—Bro. W. E. Durack.
Marshal—Bro. C. Greene.
Guard—Bro. U. J. O'Neill.
Trustees—Brothers J. McDonald.
Dr. T. J. J. Curran, F. J. Tansey,
C. Greene and J. D. Cherry.
Medical Adviser—Dr. J. A. Macdonald.
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Medical Adviser—Dr. J. A. Maodonald.

Reports were received from the Social Committee, and everything points to one of the most successful entertainments ever held under the auspices of this Branch, when the second of the winter series of progressive euchre parties and socials will be held in the Drummond Hall on Tuesday evening, January 7th, 1902. The sale of tickets has been large, and they are limited. Handsome prizes will be given for the euchre, and Bro. W. J. Shea, the caterer, will have full control of the refreshment part of the entertainment. All those desirous of attending this social should obtain their tickets without delay, as no tickets are sold at the door. They may be had only from members of the Committee of Management.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE
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