St. Gregory of Nazlar zen, St. Augus-tine. Macrina and Schclastic stand as noblest allies by the side of their brothers, St. Baeil and St. Benedict, the founders and lawgivers of mon-asticism. At Tolbiac Clovis invokes the God of Clotida and a woman led the Franks to the foot of the Cross. "Throughout the Middle Age, from Queen Elanche, the mother of St. Louis ; and the Countess Mathilda, the strong helper of Gregory VII ; and St. Clare, the friend of St. Francis of As-sisi, to St. Catherine of Stena, who brings the Pope back to Rome after an exile of seventy years ; to Joan of Arc, who delivers Frances from its for-eign tyrants ; and to Isabella of Castile, who sends Columbus to discover the New Wolld, what a great and benefic ent role woman plays in the history to Mary as their model, whether mother ens, wives or consecrated virgins-to Mary whom none have served and none the section of the diocese. Mary whom none have served and none chaste- they founded the home, con-verted nations, upheld empires, taught in universities, and inspired the em-

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Of Benedictines specially: "Their general character was, and con-tinued throughout the Middle Ages to be, that of wealthy and learned bodies; influential fromtheir broad posses-sions, but still more influential from the fact that nearly all the liter-ature, and art and science of the period was to be found in their body. They were good landlords to their tenants, good cultivators of their demesnes; great patrons of architec-ture, and sculpture and painting; educators of the paople in their schools; healers of the sick in their hospitals to travelers; they continued regular and constant in their re-ligions services; but in housing, clothing and diet they lived the life of temperate gen-tlemen rather than of self-denying ascetics. Doubless, as we have said, in some monas-teries there were evil men whose vices brought disgrace upon their calling ; and there were some monasteries in which weak or wicked rulers had allowed the evil to pre-vail."

## " But," as Maitland adds :

"That there ever was truth in the coarse and filthy abuse heaped upon the monastic order as a body by some who were forward in the business of the Reformation is what I suppose never was believed by anyone who had a moderate knowlede of fact."

### And Cutts even says:

And Cutts even says: "We are not defending thy principle of monasticism it may be that, with the altered circumstances of the Church and nation, the day of usefulness of the monasteries had passed. But we cannot restrain an expres-sion of indignation at the shameless, reckless manner of the suppression. The mag-nificent churches were pulled down, the libraries, of inestimable value, were destroyed, the alms which the monks gave to the poor, the hospitals which they maintained for the old and impotent, the infirmaries for the sick, the schools for the people-all went in the wreck. . . No wonder that the fountains of religious endowment in Eng-land have been dried up ever since." [p.52]. Catholics who know the monks of to-

Catholics who know the monks of today know that they too need no apology as a body.

I best passages are quoted in one of the penny pamphlets of the English Cathelle Truth Society, 69 Southwark Bridge Read, London S. E. "All About Cathelie Truth Society, 69 Southwark<br/>Bridge Read. London S E. "Ali About<br/>Monks and Nuns," by Canon Foran.<br/>The cover declares of it at its twentish<br/>thousand that "sovery Cathelie should<br/>read."*Ival Pape Lo. Visat Pastor Bous, Visat*<br/>*In Atternum.***Minipage Source S** 



Juardian Spirits of the North and Seven Prov-

Ces Misses Finn, McVean, Elliott, Deziel, Chevalier, Walsh and N Massie.

and N Massie. Yea, that song was one of thanks; it first broke forth on that unlifting morn, when from Rome to our Canadian shores was borne Delegate of our glorious Pontiff, Voice of our glorious Pontiff, Voice of our glorious Ring! Long live Rome's Delegate, Falconio-Voice of our King!"

Guardian Spirit of "The Pines,"..... Miss G. Murphy Attendants .... Misses S. Post and K. Killeen Little Earthlungs.... Angela Crotty, Henrietta Collins, K. L'Esperance, A Blonde, M. Thibo deau, E. Pieasence, J. and M. O'Brien.

' Ah ! Earth is beautiful ; Heaven holy, May the Holy win these from the beautiful."

His Excellency's presence creating an un-wonted stir among the ladies of that quiet com-munity. This visit over the Delegate was driven to St. Mary's Academy, where elaborate prepar-tions had been made for his reception by the ladies of the house and their pupils. The Rotunda, or reception hall, always an inviting room. Just besutifully decorated, the Papal colors, velow and white, predominating every where the pupils, who occupied an amplituse the pupils, who occupied an amplituse and the rear. The papal evere all dressed in white, which brought out into striking relief the yellow rib-bon which each wore in honor of the guest. Even he lights in the room had been arranged in the Papal colors to present an artistic and striking effect. There and the vers. Thermental duet, Suppe. Thermental duet, Suppe. Chorus, Pricre d'une enfant, Rossini. Instrumental duet, Holst. Prior to the closing number the following ad-dress. Anely fillmanted in the Papal colors, enzoned in gold, and bearing the illustrious visitor's coat of arms, with the inscription, "Deus, meus et omnia," was read to Mgr. Fal-conic

To Monseigneur Diomede Falconio, Arch-bishop of Larissa, Apostolic Delegate to Canada: Your Excellency: The parishioners of St. Aiphonsus' church, Windsor, acknowledge with sincere and deep feit gratitude the honor conferred on them by Your Excellency's very kind acceptance of an invitation to visit this distant field of your apostolic jurisdiction. The people of these districts pride themselves in an ancestry that cose back to the early missions of two hundred years ago, when the J-sulf Fathers first broke the bread of life and the distant field of your and the gravitation of the story of Oalvary to the nonadic tribes that claimed as their natural inheritance all the River St. Clair and the Great Lakes Huron, Huron, Erie and Ontario. A considerable number of those who greet scendances of those who accompanied Marquette, Brebeceuf and other marity missionaries in the apostolic work of reclaiming the ab-originies to moral life and pure Christianlich the practice of the genet backs of the sendances of these who accompanied Marquette, Brebeceuf and other marity missionaries in the apostolic work of reclaiming the ab-originies to moral life and pure Christianlich the procers who will persevering were duit pleasant homes and establish. Catholic curters in the midst of the primeval forests of western Chada. The large number of koles and to tests of western Chada. The large number is weare with and worship in these disting the cholic faith and worship in the solution of the primeval in the ask Your Excellency's blessing on our curnest offors to upholic while practising charity to wide form us in relition. The weight that have the singer to angle to approximate and and cond fellowable to all hose who different us in relition. The weight that we have a base to able and order form us in relition.

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General Knox had been in pursuit of De Weti for several days. De Wett is said to have 9,000 men. Tichtenburg was occupied by a small force of British a few days ago, and the garrison was attached by a strong force of Boers on the 13th. The Boers were repulsed, General Lemmer being among the killed. Attacks were also inade by Boers on Bathlehem and Brede, both of which were repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. At Koomailpoort the British were standing to their series on Decer the Boers losing ten stack by 1,500 Boers who were in the neigh-borhood. At Koomailpoort the British were standing to their series on Decer who were in the neigh-borhood. At Lisrumored in Pretoria that the natures in Sydenburg and Loutpansberg districts have risen against The Boers who are in refuge there, owing to attempt a to loot their kraals and seutements. Many Boers who are Boer ac-tivity, it is regarded as probable that within a very short time the Boers will be obliged to give up heir losing game. It has been even reported that ex President Lord Salisbury in order to obtain the most favorable terms at tainable, and It is thought probable that the interview may be had. Straffred Minner has been gazetted admin-istrator of the Orange River and Vaal River Colonies.

ELECTION OF OFFITERA. The following officers were elected for Branch No. 70, Mildmay, Ontario ; Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. Halm ; Pres., Thomas Godfrey ; 1st Vice Pres., Anthony Schneider ; 2nd Vice Pres., Peter J. Lower ; tec. Sec., George Herringer ; Asst Soc., Joseph A. Kramer ; Marshall, Louis S. Diem-ert ; Guard, Henry Hauck ; Fin, Sec., Charles Schurter ; Tressurer, Alex, Kramer ; Repres-entative to Grand Council, Chas. Schurter ; Trustees, Bros. Schurter, Herringer, Keelan, Schneider and Kramer. De. 13, 1900. Hesolution of Condolence.

Dec. 13, 1990. **Hesolution of Condolence.** At the last regular meeting of Branch 285, Huntley, C. M. B. A., it was unanimously adopted that a resolution of condolence be tendered to our President, Brother John H. Kennedy and Brother Hugh Kennedy of the same branch on the death of their father, and also to Brother Patrick O Brien on the death of his sister, Mrs. M. Smith. Mildmay, Dec. 13, 1900. At a regular meeting of Sacred Heart of

Midmay, Dec. 13, 1900. Midmay, Dec. 13, 1900. At a regular meeting of Sacred Hesrt of Jesus Branch No. 70, Midmay, Ont., the fol-lowing resolution of condolence was unanim-usly relopted : There as it has plossed Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death, the be-loved wite of our esteemed Bro. Charles Schur-ter. Bet as the we how with submission to the will of Divine Providence we tander to our bereaved Brother and family our sincere sympathy in this their hour of all ection. Resolved also that a copy of this resolution be spread on the books of this branch and a copy be sent to Bro. Schur er, and also to the CATHOLIC RECORD and Tho Charden. Geo. Hisringer, Rec. Sec.

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