

says, to some Christmas shopping is a "perverted good," to others a "necessary evil." The "perverted good" variety can remember when Christmas shopping did not completely drain the purse, but now,—Oh! we all know present conditions. The "necessary evil" variety are men, poor men, still slaves of Eve. The dilemma of the civil servant is pitiable. Told to shop early, he finds money scarce around the first of the month, and pay-day does not come till the fifteenth.

The Navy Number of the *Scientific American* is here. The progress which the American Navy has made during the last decade is remarkable. It is now second only to the British Navy. Every phase of the subject is treated, the Business Management, Target Practice, the Readiness of the Fleet, the Influence of the Fleet, Ordinance, Target Practice, Submarines, etc.

Priorum Temporum Flores.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. D. Rhéaume, '04, who is at present confined to his home.

Mr. Louis J. Kehoe, B.A., '94, was a candidate for the East Ottawa seat in the Ontario Legislature. Though defeated, he put up a plucky fight.

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, Rev. J. Ainsborough, '05, will sing his first High Mass in St. Joseph's, his native parish church. He will be accompanied by the best wishes of the students for a long and prosperous career in the service of his Master.

We were glad to receive a visit from Mr. F. McDougall, matriculation '09, who was home on a short vacation. Fred is taking a course of civil engineering in the renowned Troy Polytechnic.

We were pleased to read in the western papers that Mr. Peter Conway, '09, was one of the star performers in the Calgary-Edmonton football match last month, the most scientific and exciting game ever witnessed in the prairie provinces. Pete, it will be remembered, played on our championship team of 1907, and he demonstrated to the westerners that he still retained a good knowledge of the game, which was taught to him by the peerless football tutor, Rev. Fr. Stanton.