



## Thoughts for the month of December

**A**DVENT thoughts will be all about us during the month of December, thoughts of the Christ-child, thoughts of the Incarnate Word, thoughts of God-made-man. The angels of the Nativity will be scattering them broadcast ; the organs and the choirs will be sending them pealing down the aisles and out into the busy world ; the priest will be whispering them to himself as he says his Breviary, and proclaiming them aloud as he offers the Holy Sacrifice. Thoughts of Christmas and the coming of Christ will be everywhere, in the streets, in the stores, in the homes and in the churches. The influence of Christianity is still too strong for those who would drive the Infant Jesus from the world ; even they who hate Him are better for His coming, and in spite of sin and wickedness, Bethlehem's cave still kindles the hearts of men with kindness and with happiness.

And yet the world has somewhat paganized the general celebration of Christmas. It has tried to throw a veil over its supernatural aspect, and to make it a time of mere good-fellowship ; and outside of the Church, it must be confessed, its efforts have not been without some success. The world is not making ready for the coming of Christ, and as far as it is concerned the holy night