control of the Holy Land. France and England are fencing over it. manding the erection of a State con-trolled by them: they wish a country of their own. This wish is by no means unanimous. Indeed, leading Jews, throughout the world have set their faces strong against Zionism. For nearly a century there have been many sad spectacles in Palestine. The picking of the Holy Places may have been pleasant to the Turk, who stood with drawn bayonet to keep Christian peoples from open wartare. Brawls were not unknown. Many visitors to Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, had their religious sensi-bilities severely shocked by the sights frequently witnessed in the sights frequently witnessed in the my feet; most consecrated spots on earth. It I asked and paused; it answered soft will be very difficult to settle many of these disputes, but, at least, there can be no historical doubts as to the rights of Catholics in the Holy Places. The Franciscans, who are the guardians officially appointed by the But Church, should, above and beyond all others, receive recognition. There may have been some symbolism in the decision of General Allenby in God's will to do." having a Franciscan friar read his declaration after the capture of Jerusalem. With the Turk out of Palestine. Catholics will flock there more than ever before. Exploration, under Catholic auspices, will doubt-less flourish with an enlightened government. There is no blinking the fact that the Christians will prefer a Christian government, and, whilst according to all, perfect freedom in religious observances, they will be chary in accepting any Jewish State.-New World.

LIBERTY AND LUXURY

As the antidote to "hard times," the Archbishop of St. Louis suggests the acquisition during the year 1920 of a few habits of thrift. The very opposite of thrift the Archbishop finds in the craze for "automobiling, which is taking from the home much of its meaning, and replacing the morality of the home with a morality of its own." People who skim along the surface at a forty mile rate think that the prelate of St. Louis is exaggerating; careful stu-dents of social conditions know that his criticism is absolutely just. As the root of evil, love of "automobil ing," and all that it implies, is rapidly taking the place of love of money. Families in which the scanty savings, possible in these days, should be laid aside for genuine home comforts, are planning "to buy a car," and once the car is bought, all things, even the education of the children, are made subordinate to the purchase of gasoline and new There are probably few schools which cannot trace a large number of bad debts to enthusiastic motor ists. But when a man is burdened with the upkeep of a machine, it is after all, rather abourd that a school should even present a bill for the

The "craze" for automobiles shows how nearly we have approached, if indeed we have not passed, the danger signals on the borders of the land of luxury. Food was never more expensive, and never was the market for automobiles, more active. The period of the stating qualification and salary expected. country's greatest industrial unrest, with capital and labor at each other's throat is also the time when luxuries are sought as never before. "Moderation, temperance and frugality" were the virtues held by the sturdy founders of this Republic to be absolutely necessary if the blessings of liberty were to be preserved to the liberty were to be preserved to the people. And without virtue, the true liberties of the children of God perish, for the Holy Spirit will not dwell in the soul when love of the things of this world makes impossible the love of all things that are truly good and beautiful. Daily in our modern world does Esau sell his priceless birthright for a sordid mess of pottage.-America.

upkeep of his children.

CONVERSION OF JAPANESE STATESMAN

Mr. Motono was a high dignitary who after having held the post of Japanose Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and Paris was, during the four years from 1914 to 1918, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Japanese Empire, and one of the most devoted friends of the Allies. Magr. Schaepfer, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, thus describes his conversion and Christian death according to a letter which he received from the dead

which he received and man's son not long ago:

Mr. Motono was a pagan, but for a long time had felt himself attracted towards our holy religion and felt a very deep sympathy for Lourdes, so much so that he allowed his son to become a Catholic. Heenviedhis child the long time his great loyalty wick Avenue Brooklyn, N. Y. in thorough, a training School, St Catharines Hospital advancement. Separate residence, gread survourdings. For particulars address I frector of Training School, St Catharines Hospital, Bushwick Avenue Brooklyn, N. Y. happiness, but in his great loyalty often said "I have not faith enough to be baptized." And so with his son and his kindred he made novena after novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and pilgrimages to the facsimile of her grotto erected at Sekiguchi that her grotto effected at Serigion units
he might receive the faith. A few
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Then when the regenerating waters had flowed upon his brow Mr. Motono The moral claims growing out of the War incline to England. A new element has arisen that puts forth its claim based on antiquity. Many Jews throughout the world are developed in the recitation of the Our Father, by bowing his head at each sentence. He expired quietly a few moments later after having signified and joined in the recitation of the Our Father, by bowing his the last prayer was whispered into his ear, My God, I commit my soul to your hands.

"Never," adds his son, "never can I sufficiently thank Our Lady of Lourdes for having obtained the inestimable grace of my father's baptism and holy death."—Annals ef the Propagation of the Faith.

THE NEW YEAR MOTTO

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet. Some rule of life by which to guide

and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?" I cried; ere the question into silence

'To know; to do; can this be all we To Him in Whom we are, and move

and live? No more, New Year?" "This, too, must be your care: God's will to bear."

Once more I asked: "Is there still more to tell ?" And once again the answer sweetly

Yea, this one thing, all other things God's will to love."

-J. M. C. BOUCHARD, S. J.

MR, J. H. MCELDERRY

We wish to draw the attention of our subscribers at Guelph to the card of Mr. J. H. McElderry, arrister, which appears in this issue. Mr. McElderry is a son of J. E. McElderry, Esq., Managing Director of the Guelph Loan and also of the Guelph Trust Companies, and just returned from overseas and has started the practice of his profession in Guelph.

DIED

Buck.-On New Year's day, at the residence of his son, Dr. G. S. Buck, 1266 College Street, Toronto, George C. Buck, aged eighty-six years. May his soul rest in peace

SPAFFORD -In San Francisco, Cal., on Dec. 9th, 1919, Edger Allen Spafford, aged forty three years; second son of A. M. Spafford of Hamilton, Ont. May his soul rest in

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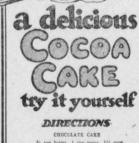
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