

ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHRINES.

The Liberian Basilica, Rome, Contains Christ's Crib.

Shorn of its unique papal pomp, the Christmas of Rome is shifted from the Vatican Basilica to the Liberian... The legend or history of its foundation may be interesting to repeat here.

In the month of August, in the year 352, a miraculous fall of snow covered the ground on the Esquiline Hill in one particular spot...

Under the splendid papal altar in the "confession," rich with marbles and precious stones, is the shrine where the relic of the crib is usually preserved...

It certainly has not such glowing, triumphant beauty, such floods of light and such splendor of sparkling marbles as the Basilica of St. Peter, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul outside the walls...

Touchingly beautiful is the association, that in the largest church in the world dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the relics of the Crib of her Divine Child should be preserved...

tures of the fourteenth century, most of which have reference to the history of the building of the Basilica.

have been bestowed on the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, but the names are more than sufficiently explained by the legend, which runs thus:

The Basilica's most striking feature is its vast nave, stretching away into far distant vistas of space, and divided into aisles by long rows of magnificent columns, said to be of Greek marble from Mount Hymettus.

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Nearly 200 volumes of the Vatican Library, in Rome, have been received at the St. Louis University as a special mark of favor from Pope Pius X.

In the collection is an edition of the famous ecclesiastical annals of Cardinal Baronius, who died in the sixteenth century.

VESTMENTS Challers Ciborgins Statues, Alter Furniture, DIRECT IMPORTERS WE BLAKE, 193 Church St. Toronto, Can.

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February 13, 1906.

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DAIRY PRODUCE.

There is a rather better feeling on the butter market to-day, though trade is not by any means brisk, the activity being confined mostly to local business.

GRAIN MARKETS.

There are no changes to report in the flour situation, and trade is quiet under a slow demand.

A LANGUAGE OF POETRY.

(From the Milwaukee Wisconsin.) There were civilization and culture in Ireland at a time when the remainder of Northwestern Europe was turbulent and unlettered.

manuscript, which stands at the head of a long and glorious line stretching from the seventh century of our era to the fifteenth.

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The movement for the preservation of the Gaelic language, he explains, is not freakish, as some unfamiliar with the conditions under which it has arisen have supposed.

RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MONTHS.

The months of the year have been dedicated by Catholic piety in the following manner: January, the month of the Holy Childhood.

NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL.

The Rev. Brother Calasanzio Whitty has been elected Superior General of the Christian Brothers, in succession to the Rev. Bro. M. T. Moylean.

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