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"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even unto the west, so also shall the coming of the son of Man be." (St. Matt. xxiv. 27.)

The Church will soon be celebrating the Advent season. The word Advent means the coming. The Advent season is the time to prepare for the season is the time to prepare for the coming — the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, God Himself, into this world to redeem us from sin, to set us an example of all virtues, to open for us the gates of the kingdom of heaven,

and make us the sharers of His infinite happiness for all eternity. Holy Church, our mother, appoints four Church, our mother, appoints four four weeks to prepare for this great coming, or Advent, which took place at Christmas, so that we may be in the proper state of mind to appreciate the proper state of fining to appreciate the benefits of His coming and to derive from it all the good it was to procure for us. This state of mind should be one of humility, acknowledging the greatness, goodness, and justice of the Infinite Majesty, with a deep contrition for all the sins and faults we have committed against Him, with that love which makes us firmly resolve never more to offend Him, and to spend our lives as far as it is possible to human frailty in accomplishing His holy will. In order to bring about this disposition of soul the Church sets out for our consideration the general continues. consideration the second coming of our Lord, when He shall come in His majesty to judge the living and the dead, in order to strike a holy fear indead, in order to strike a noil lear in-to our souls, for, as the Psalmist says: "The fear of the Lord is the begin-ning of wisdom"; and again: "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His com-

In the Gospel of to-day our Lord foretells the destruction of Jerusalem. This was the scene of the most direful calamity and suffering the world had ever seen from its beginning, or probably will ever see again. An immense number of people were assembled with-in its walls-over two million according to Josephus, the Jewish historian. Suddenly the Roman army surrounded the city on all sides so that there was no escape. Then horrible scenes began within the city-rage and discord prevailed, the people fought desperately and butchered one another without mercy. Then famine and pestilence did their work. Even mothers devoured their own children in the madness of despair. The Romans at last took the place by assault and utterly destroyed it. Over a million souls were destroyed in this siege, and all that remained were dispersed in captivity over the face of the earth. All this was distinctly foretold by our Lord forty years before it happened, when it appeared most improbable. It was God's judgment executed on this he was a baby. wicked people. Our Lord foreshadows in this calamity the still greater one to

We shall each one of us have to undergo the judgment of God. salem, the glorious city, is the figure of the soul. Shortly we shall be surrounded on every side by our spiritual enemies. Perhaps next week or tomorrow some fatal disease will seize upon us. In its grasp we shall be utterly helpless. All the skill of physicians will be of no avail. Our bodily powers will fail. Then our sins will stare us in the face. If we have been disobedient and impenitent up to that time, how shall we repent? Racked by pains, the mind enfeebled, how can we drive off the dreadful despair which will surround us and press us in on every side? And death will unprepared the lightning cometh from the east, and appeareth even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be." Death is the coming of the Son of Man to judge us and settle our lot for all

eternity, either for weal or for woe.
Brethren, let us think of these things; et us reflect seriously upon them. Let us turn over in our minds what will take place at the hour of death and all the scenes of the great judg-ment, when at the sound of the last trumpet the dead, small and great, shall arise to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Let these thoughts be accompanied by many heartfelt prayers to God for contrition and a firm determination so to live as to be ready for this last judgment. Thus we shall make our peace with God, welcome the new born Saviour at Christmas, and welcome Him with joy even at the great and terrible day of judgment.

Another Conversion.

The rush of Protestant Episcopal clergymen to the Catholic Church continues in this country as well as in England. Dr. Locke is the latest accession to the ranks. He is a graduate of Columbia College, thirty-three years old and a quondam minister of St. John's Episcopal Church, Varick street, New York.—Buffalo Union and

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Our Darling. Only a tiny golden curl That fell o'er his baby brow, And a picture—his fair, sweet baby face, Are left of our darling now.

And the little shoes, time-stained and worn, Alas! for the busy feet. Whose pir-a pat, ceaseless the long day thro', Made a music soft and sweet.

Ah, brother! the Master called you home In days of the 'long ago." Ere your soul was blighted by stain of Sin, He bade you arise and go.

Still sometimes in dreams I see your face.
The gleam of your golden hair
Shines out on the gloom of the Dreamland sky,
And makes it bright and fair.

On waking I never wish you back, For the world is dark and cold. And the net of Sin spreads far and wide, Its measureless, fettering fold.

There, in the Master's home of love, You are safe for evermore; And we'll meet again when the storms are past, In the calm of the other shore. -M. A.

The Iron Duke's Parrot. An old lady, soon after the battle of Waterloo, determined to show her grateful admiration of the Duke of Wellington by the gift of a party which she took with her into the Duke's presence. His Grace declined Duke's presence. His Grace declined the gift with polite thanks. The old lady begged him to hear the bird speak once. She took the baize off the cage and said, "Polly, this is the Duke of Wellington." "See the Conquering Hero Comes!" cried the parrot, flapping wings. This was too much for the Duke, who heard the pat sing the Duke, who heard the pet sing the National Anthem, and accepted the gift. He afterwards kept the bird in his own room, and it won quite a reputation among its new friends.—
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A Strange Nestling.
King Alfred went out to hunt one day with his horses and hounds, and as he and his huntsmen were riding through a wood they heard a cry that seemed to come from a tree that grew over a rock near at hand. So the King sent one of his men to the tree to see what made the cry. The man went to the tree, and climbing up it, found a great eagle's nest of sticks in a fork of the branches; but, much to his astonishment, he saw a little child lying at the bottom of the nest; it was warmly wrapped up in a purple cloth, and had golden bracelets on its little arms. So he took it up gently, and, descending the tree, carried the child carefully to the King. Alfred was as much surprised as his man was, but he sent it home to his palace giving orders for it to be well taken care of by the women. As the child had been found in a nest it was called Nestling, and was known by that name after he grew up to be a strong man and dis-tinguished himself, for no one ever found out whose child he was, or who had put him in the eagle's nest when

A Medal.

About forty years ago, not far from Hal, a city dear to the Blessed Virgin, the wicked of the awful day of judgment, both at death and at the end of the world. "If these things are done in the green tree, how shall it be in the day?"

Hal, a city dear to the Biessed Virgin, a child fell into the river. A passerby, hearing his cry for help, rescued the little one from imminent death, then took him home to his parents, who on hearing of the affliction they who on hearing of the affliction they had just been spared, could not restrain their tears. They wished, as a mark of gratitude, to make some present to the kind stranger. ent to the kind stranger. The mother then offered him a medal which hung round the child's neck. "Accept this medal of the Blessed Virgin," she said,
"and repeat every day, 'Our Lady of
Hal, pray for me!' That will bring
you a blessing." The young man
smiled (he had ceased to practice his
religion) but teels the practice his

saved, finished his studies at Malines, and enrolled himself under the banner of St. Norbert, at Grimberghen, not far from Brussels. Scarcely was he elevated to the priesthood when he fell into a decline, and the doctors advised, as the only means of averting a fatal termination, that he should go to a warmer climate. "If I went to Kaffraria, where there is a hospital and a colony of missionaries," the invalid said to himself one day, "I might perhaps be of some use." Why to Kaffraria? Our Lady of Hal was directing his footsteps.

After the young priest had been laboring on the shores of Africa for some years, his health greatly improved, he was summoned one night in great haste to the hospital, where a man was reported to be dangerously ill. He hastened there, and recognizing from the first words of the dying man that he was a fellow-countryman, he spoke to him in his native language. But all in vain; the sufferer refused his ministrations. With sorrowful heart the missionary sciously, the sick man threw back the

was about to leave him, when, unconbed-clothes and disclosed a medal hanging round his neck. The sight of this encouraged the priest. "What is that?" he said to him. "You love the Blessed Virgin?"—"It is only a souvenir. I happened to save a child from drowning once, and his mother gave me this medal of Our Lady of Hal. At these words the priest started : tears of emotion flowed from his eyes, and, throwing his arms round the dying man, he exclaimed: "That child was myself: Without a doubt Our Lady has sent me here to save your soul from everlasting death, as you once saved me

from temporal danger." Nothing more was wanting; the softened sinner yielded at length to grace, humbly confessed his sins, and died the death of the just.

Putting Heart Into it.

from the country, careful in her shop-

ping.
"It is a pretty piece of goods," she said, "and just the color I want; but I am afraid it will not wash."

One of the shop girls behind the counter bowed indifferently, and turned away. The other said eagerly.

The color of the fabric proved to be fast, and the customer bought it and asked the name of the obliging shop A year afterward, she was again in the same store, and, on inquiry, learned that the girl was at the head of

"She put as much life into her work as ten other women," said the manager.

One of the most prominent business men of New York said once, "I have always kept a close watch on my em-ployees and availed myself of any hint which would show me which of them possessed the qualities requisite for success for themselves and usefulness

"One day, when I was passing the window of the counting room, I observed that the moment the clock struck six all of the elerks, with but one exception, laid down their pens, though in the middle of a sentence, and took up their hats. One man alone continued writing. The others soon passed out of the door.
"'Pettit,' said one, 'has waited to

finish his paper, as usual.'

"'Yes, I called to him to come on, but he said that if this was his own business he would finish the paper before he stopped work." " 'The more fool he! I would not

work for a company as for myself.'
"The men caught sight of me and stopped talking, but after that I kept my eye on Pettit, who worked after hours on my business, 'because he would have done it on his own,' and he is now my junior partner.'

The success of a young man or woman in any work or profession depends largely on the spirit which he or she puts into it. Many good work-men, who are faithful to the letter of their contract with their employers remain salesmen or book-keepers until they are gray-headed, while others pass over them and become heads of establishments of their own. To the first class their employment is only so much work for so much wages; they 'have no heart in it;" to the second. according to the old significant phrase, it is an outlet for all of their own energy and ambition.

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MOTHERS IN CONVENTION.

What we Shall do for our Children Morally, Mentally and Physically.

When the world wants perfection it must come to the Catholic Church to get it. It was a happy omen that the Congress of Mothers just held in Chicago should be presided over, more important even than its chairman, by a type of the most beautiful and per-fect motherhood the world has ever known, a picture of Murillo's glorious Madonna. The only pity was that that Madonna could look down upon so

Mothers' congresses have been held since the beginning of time -perhaps if Eve had had some near neighbors to consult with, Cain would not have turned out so badly - but though women have always met to talk about their children, it was the first time they ever called a public congress for that purpose. More important, more significant of all that is truest and best in womanhood than any suffrage, any political, any social congress of women ever held, was this convocation for the study of child-nature, for the mother begins with the very beginning, with the child about to open its eyes upon a, to him, quite new world; let that child grow into perfect manhood or womanhood, and all the other questions settle themselves.

Though open to all interested in educational work (a few trembling males were visible amid all the bonnets) the congress was designed especially for mothers and for all women who, from the nature of their lives, are brought into contact with children, and it is a poor sort of woman, either married or single, who can go through life without having something to do with little ones, her own, or another's Thus it was that grey-haired ladies of seventy and bright-eyed damsels of twenty sat side by side. The damsels had quite a good deal to say too ("It takes an old maid to bring up children," as some one says), especially as to the games and songs that children love and that are best for them. It was only when it came to such deep questions as the food and clothing of questions as the lood and clothing of infants and the proper articles of the young creatures (we apologize! the young prodigies) wardrobe, that the misses subsided into a discreet and careful silence. They let the mississes run things then, mindful of the proverb, that there is no teacher like The customer was a prudent matron experience, also perhaps quelled by

the general belief that the most levelheaded spinster is not in it in such matters compared with the mother of the puniest and most screeching little morsel on the face of the earth.

counter turned away. The other said eagerry.

"Are you going to another part of the store, madam? For it is my lunch the store, madam? For it is my lunch the store, madam? For it is my lunch the store, madam? The arms of its father is a usual impression of its father is a usual impression of its father is a hit the truth.

The object of the congress was to arouse a widespread interest throughout the country in the study which Froebel calls the "Science of Mother-hood." The programme went on to say: "The conviction is steadily growing that we shall never approach the ideal in home, school, Church or State until we have a better understanding of little children, and an intelligent co operation on the part of parents and teachers in their training.

teachers in their training.

"The following facts place this study of child-culture upon the broad basis of a science: 1st. The child bears within himself instincts which can be trained upward or downward: 2nd. These instincts give early mani-2nd. These instincts give early mani festations of their existence. 3rd. The mother's loving guidance can be changed from uncertain instinct to unhesitating insight."

Among the subjects discussed were Pre-natal influences, handled honestly and soundly, neither with coarseness and soundry, neither with coarseness nor with sentimental prudery and silliness, scathing with terrible frank-ness social sins and rottenness; What part the kindergarten should have in the life of the child; Stories and their part in the development of the child How to tell stories; How to distin-guish between helpful and injurious stories; What part of the care of her child should a mother relinquish to others; Meaning of children's play; Constructive versus destructive games; Necessity of developing a child's self activity and sympathy through his occupation; Psychology as applied to

the every day problems of the mother.

All these subjects were clearly, and exhaustively treated. There were speakers from all over the country, some of them heads of universities, deans of colleges, teachers in various training schools. Nor were they all women. Several doctors of the other sex spoke on the physical care of children, and, fittingly enough, the last and most important address, "Psych-ology Applied to the Problems of the Mother," was delivered by Prof. John Dewey of the University of Chicago.

Children's play brought forward a great many stories and somehow the audience always seemed to lean a bit forward at the words, "I remember." Mrs. Putman, tall, gray-haired, levelheaded and humorous, head of a normal training school, told how her boy Max resented certain kindergarten stories, "they weren't fierce enough." He loved David and Goliath—loved to hear about slayings and carnage.

After the World's Fair twenty to thirty boys congregated in a neighboring lot to play the Wild West show from day to day it grew in realism, they had the war dance, and the scalp dance for which the rocking horse was shorn of its tail. They started a fire department and every now and then the neighbors would find their porches covered with old macintoshes and the garden hose being utilized as extiguisher. Then the accidents that the miniature insurance patrol had to take care of, were something awful smiled (he had ceased to practice his religion), but took the medal as a souvenir. "I accept it," he said, "to please you. On my word, I will say every day, 'Our Lady of Hal, pray for me!""

Some years after the child so happily saved, finished his studies at Malines, and one must have actually been and enrolled himself under the banner and enrolled himself under the banner and enrolled himself under the banner are sounded by would fall from a fence, be rigid till the others came up: some one would succinctly remark, "neck proken," and they would forthwith a socie of Catholic women among them, and one must have actually been present at those deliberations to real-integration in the kinder of the lids. And when they have succinctly remark, "neck proken," and they would forthwith a socie of Catholic women among them, and one must have actually been present at those deliberations to real-integration of the proken and succinctly remark, "neck proken," and they would forthwith a socie of Catholic women among them, and one must have actually been present at those deliberations to real-integration. only stopped short of burying him. As the winter came on, the Wild West and the fire department gave place to the Esquimaux village and all the forlorn dogs in the neighborhood were put into training, but as a rule they had to be given up as refractory and not to the manner born. The traits of character shown in this play, the way in which these traits could be trained were very logically shown.

> A number of very sensible truths were put forward by the various speakers, such as: "Information is one of the tail ends of education;" "Develop the sympathies of the child and you put him in a communion with the rest of his race;" "Never correct in anger;"
> "Let a child's chief anishment be a swift realization that his deeds return on his own head." Doubtless the chil dren will be glad to hear that whipping was strongly condemned. Wisest of all rules, perhaps: "Create right con-

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this duty is doing an injury to her

child and an injury to herself. "Sex

need no longer be a difficult one. The

ourselves have been enlightened on

these subjects. The most sacred duty in life shirked by those who should

comer, pure or impure, and all true

is not less sexuality but less sensual-

It was a stinging and wholesome re

buke to many otherwise well inten-tioned and sensible parents.

Of course there are those who are hearing of this Congress of Mothers, only turn up the whites of their eyes.

But a turning up of the eyes alters nothing—save the eyes. "Their

favorite comments are: Congress of Mothers! Good gracious! Have we

not had mothers all these years and have we not had children and brought

them up without any of your congresses before? A great deal better to stay at

home and take care of their children

than to be trailing down to a congress

It may seem impolite but they recall

the inhabitants of a certain circle in

Dante's Inferno who having hewn out tombs for themselves of hard, hard rock, contentedly lie down in them and let down the lids. And when

all and so they lie down and sleep-to

Thus to relate, this attitude is more common to Catholics than to non-Cath-

olics. The Church has been called the

great conservative force of the world, and so it is, but not with the conservat-

ism which is dead, which is a stumbl-

ing block ; rather with the conservat ism which sees far and therefore goes slowly and wisely. If it ever dams

that great river of Progress it is but

that it may afterwards flow with greater force and power. But many

of her adherents have taken thi

it to such an extreme that it has be

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the Sisters who from the nature of their convent life are in one sense

Catholic parents who are more to blame. They are in the world and of it. If they do not know what is going

on, if they do not keep abreast of the

times, if they do not see how from day to day the world is advancing, do not

realize that the thing that is good to-

day, good this year is already antiqu-

ated, worse than useless to morrow, next year, if they do not see this, if

they do not demand for their children

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the most modern the world knows of,

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