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# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

"The night is past and the day is at hand.
Let us, therefore, cast off the works of darkness and put or the armor of them. Put ve on the Lord Jesus Christ."—Epistle of the Day.

To-day, dear brethren, we enter upon the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. For "the hight #s past and the day is at hand." "The Day, spring the Brightness of the everlasting. and the day is at hand." "The Day, spring, the Brightness of the everlasting Light, the S in of rightsousness," is come "to give light to their that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

To give light to them that have been unfaithful to God's grace, to call them back—to turn them to a new life—this is the mission of our Saviour; and this is the call He makes upon us to day—that we should return to Him, "the Kuler of the House of 'srael, who didst appear to Moses in the burning bush, and gave him the law in Smat."

You, dear be thren, were taught that You, dear brethren, were taught that law when the first rays of the light of reason lit up your soul. God wrote it on your hearts; your heard it from your parents' lips; your teachers bade you love it and keep it. But have you done so? Have you not become like those whom of old God taught and would not listen, but went after false gods, who bowed down before idols of gold and silver, of wood and clay ?

Have you not bowed down like them when you not bowed down like them when you preferred money getting to serving God, when you were willing for the sake of gold and silver to risk the loss of your immortal souls? Have you not bowed down when you chose to gratify your lower instincts at the cost of your spiritual ruin? Have you not bowed down to idols of clay when you have steeped yourselves in drunkenness, in impurities, in the many sins of the flesh? Oh, surely you have need of the "windom Oh, surely you have need of the "wisdom On, surely you have need of the "wisdom that cometh out of the mouth of the Most High" to teach you "the way of prudence." Oh, surely you have need of "the Orient from on high," for you "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

But, dear brethren, "the night is past."
"Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness"; 'let us walk honestly.' Oh,
'put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.' 'Be
hold Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,'
Him for whom the nations sighed and their salvation, has come to save ussave man whom He has made from the dust of the earth.

Dear brethren, shall we be slow to go to

Him, who comes with healing for our immortal souls? Tell it out among the people and say, "Behold, God our Saviour people and say, "Behold, God our Saviour cometh" 'Emmanuel is His name, and His name is great. Behold He is my God and I will glorify Him; my father's God and I will exait Him. The Lord our Lawgiver, the Lord our King, cometh to save us?"

Begin this day to prepare for the joyous feast of Christmas. Cleause your hearts by prayer and fasting; come to the sacraments and be washed in the blood of your Redeemer; come to His Table and break the bread of true friendship, that the j yo of your heart may be full when we shall orate that day of days when the Word which "was made flesh dwelt among us Which "was made it sn dwelt among us."
Truly "we have seen His glory," and "of
His fulness we have all received." Let us
never forget His mercy; let us remember
"that it is now the hour for us to rise from

or twenty of Father Lavigeries white Fathers," wrote an eminent French General stationed in Algeria. Who are the saw White Father? It may be asked. They are the pioneers of true civilization to day in that portion of Africa who is under the spiritual jurisdiction of Cardinal Lavigerie and the secular dominion of the French republic. In that oriental region, once hallowed by the presence of St. Augustine, the modern traveler frequently comes across a tail figure enveloped in a white woolen garment, wearing a red white woolen garment, wearing a red comes across a tail figure enveloped in a white woolen garment, wearing a red head dress, and closely resembling, exteriorly, a marabout. At one time he is hastening to the tent of a dying Arab; at another he is wandering about from tribe to tribe teaching and about from the tribe teaching and the property of the statement of the tribe teaching and tr young. The Arabs hold him in great statem and veneration. He is one of the White Fathers of the Primate of Cartiag; that his mission is to spread the light of and his mission is to spread the light of the Gospel among the sons and daughters the sons and daughters the sons and daughters language, and to impart to them a practical knowledge of western civilization. Apart from his work as a minister of Christ, he is building up a great French colonial dependency, and spreading far and wide the influence of his native land. To help these devoted missionaries to pursue their noble and patriotic labors, which are productive of such beneficent results, and which are infinitely more effective than regiments and batteries, the annual sum of four thousands pounds has en voted by the French Parliament. With characteristic perversity, the short-sighted and well paid in fidels who form the Budget Commission and who have never made a single sacrifice for their country's benefit, have struck the vote off the list. This senseless proceeding has, however, been condemned even by Kepub-lican relationses and the resolutions of the condemned to the condemn lican politicians, and it is probable that the Chamber, or if it should not have the courage to do so, the Senate, will replace the vote on the Budget list —Liverpool Catholic Times.

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### CHILDREN'S CORNER.

### School Notes.

world would denounce them as monsters of cruelty; but parents send their children out into the storm of life with their souls, bare and naked of every virtue—without a vestige of Christian instruction to protect them, and the world never notices the injustice.

Legend of the Resary.

In the sunuy land of France, in fair Providence, there dwelt a little orphan girl, whom the simple peasantry called Mary's own child, because they believed that all the little souse who have no earthly motter's care are especially watched over and shielded by the Blessed Virgin.

The girl grew up amidst the woods and fields; she learned from no books; her only books were the pictured windows of the old church, which showed each mystery of her Blessed Mother's life, and there, day by day, the child knelt before the shrine of Oar Lady, end at her feet would say her Rosary. Once it chanced that she was very weary; so that the threw herself upon her bed, and, forgetting all about her Rosary, she fell into a deep sleep. But she was soon aroused by a light in the little room, and a sweet perfume as from the blossoms of numberless roces, whista a lady stood close by her bed, so fair and beautiful that she felt sure she shows that the little toom, and a sweet perfume as from the blossoms of numberless roces, whista a lady stood close by her bed, so fair and beautiful that she felt sure she shows are not the shows of a numberless roces, whista a lady stood close by her bed, so fair and beautiful that she felt sure she shows and fact the stream of the same failed.

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and by her bue mentle, she knew that it must be her Mother Mary. Then the chird knelt before her with folded hands and down-cast eyes. She had seen that upon Our Lady's robe there were wreaths of roses in a beautiful pattern, but in one place it was not perfect—just a

single one was wanting.

But Mary's sweet voice addressed the girl:
"My child, this rose wreath so fair and fragrant is what your love has twined for me from day to day; but how is it that for once your act of love has been undone; for once your act of love has been undone; how is it that you have forgotten to say my Rosary to day? Surely, you will not be ungrateful. There are so many in this wide would that forget me and forget my Son, that I cannot spare your love."

And then the vision was gone, while the child bowed her head with shame, and

large, sorrowful tears trickled down her

Never again was the Rosary forgotten by the girl—day after day she said it, no ing this new trantment, free matter how sorrowfulor weary; but from stamp.—Scientific American. THE WHITE FATHERS:

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BAND OF MISSIONARIES

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## A Miser, and His End.

S me years ago there was a man living in a certain town of Turkey, whose worldly-mindedness had bec me so strong as to make him a mier of no ordinary

enough, and fearing that, perhaps, he might never get it back again, pretended that he had not so much as the Sultan wanted. He sait he had met with heavy losses, which had left him quite poor. Then he was and that, perhaps, some one would be sent to search his house, and so he might lose some of his much loved gold. He resolved, therefore, to hide his tressures, so that if a search was made for them, they could not be found out. For this purpose he had a large cave secretly dug in the cellar of his house. This was walled up and arched over with a door in the top of it, through which he could go down by a ladder. The door was furnished with a spring-lock, which, when shut, would fasten of itself. Here he stored all his begs of gold and silver, with the feeling that now his treasurer. with the feeling that now his treasures were perfectly secure. After a while the miser suddenly disappeared. Inquiries were made for him; the house was searched; the woods were explored; the ponds were dragged; but no trace of him could be found. The people supposed that he had taken his money, and gone to live in some distant place where he was not know.

sage to do so, the Senate, will replace vote on the Budget list—Liverpool solic Times.

Some time after, the house in which he had lived was s.ld. The new owner made some alterations and repairs. While the workmen were engaged making them, they found the trap door to the miser's cave. They broke it open, got a light, and went down. The first thing that met their eyes was the ghastly skeleton of the wretched man, while all around him lay bage of gold and great chests of treasure. He had gone down to look at his riches, to wor ship his golden god, and the door had shut upon him and fastened him in. No human being could hear the loudest about he might have raised. He was left to die, a miserable, lingering death, in the midst of the riches he so much loved. There was gold in begs and in cheste, gold piled in heaps, but in the midst of it ail, he had starved to death.

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### "The Faiture of Protestantism."

New York Sun, November 8.

School Notes.

Good children are the greatest blessing which parents can have in this life, but they cannot hope to have them good except they have them instructed in true goodness. The first and highest aim of Catholic parochial schools is to teach children true goodness.

It would appear surprising that after the Church of God declares Catholic children must attend Catholic schools, Catholic parents would refuse to obey the command, were it not that God Himself has given Ten Commandments to be kept and people refuse to keep them.

A benefit of Catholic parochial schools whob cannot be overlooked is that the pupils are obliged to go to confession and receive Holy Commutation once a month. It may be said that parents who send their children to non Catholic rehools can send their children to non Catholic rehools can send their children to receive these sacraments mouthly but the fact is they do not do so. "The Failure of Protestanti-m" was the children to not Catholic rebools can send their children to receive these ascraments mouthly, but the fact is they do not do so.

If parents were to turn their children out into the cold of winter without furnishing them with proper clothing, the world would denounce them as monsters of cruelty; but parents send their children against anarchy and socialism. One was required to the cold of which would be a send their children against anarchy and socialism. One was required to the cold of the send of a Corpus Christi procession. The world would denounce them as monsters of cruelty; but parents send their children against anarchy and socialism. One was required to the cold of these socialisms are the send of a Corpus Christi procession. The

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasite in the lining membrane of the nose and eustachian tubes. Microscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result is that a simple remedy has been formulated whereby catarrh, catarr hal deafness, and hay fever, are cured in from one to three simple applications made at home. Out of two thousand patients treated during the past six months fully ninety per cent. have been cured. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent. of patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefited, while the patent medicines and other while the patent medicules and other advertised cures never record a cure at all. In fact this is the only treatment which can possibly effect a permanent cure, and sufferers from catarrh, cararrhal deafness, and hay fever should at once correspond with Messrs, A. H. Dixon & Correspond with Messrs, A. H. Dixon &

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