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4 The Ascension.

5 Nov. lst. All Saints.

6 Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.

7. Dec. 25th Christmas.

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1. The forty days of Lent.
2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent
3. The Ember days, at the four Seasons
being the Wednesdays, Fridays and
Saturdays of
a. The first week in Lent.
b. Whitsun Week.
c. The third week in September.
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a. Whitsunday.
b. The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul.
c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
d. All Saints.
e. Christmas.

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The Vigils above mentioned.

#### **Protestant Testimony to Spanish** Morality.

We clip the following splendid testimony to Spanish morality from a long interview, in the New York Sun, land-rank as the greatest mechanical machine experimenter. Mr. Maxim is a New England Protestant, and, as his testimony to the morality of the Basques is thrown in only as incidental information, it is all the more valuable, because it is evidently not written ers. In the course of the same interview, the object of which was to show how England is being ruined by strikes, Frenchman is the best mechanic in Europe." about Catholics being unprogressive?

new tools and are making there a con-siderable number of quick-firing guns ultimate triumph is manifest destiny. for the Spanish service. Placencia is a little village in the Pyrenees. All the into the bosom of the Church is stimufact, I do not think there is anything except Basques living in the vicinity. These are a peculiar people, and I have never seen so high a grade of morality among any people as the Basques at Placencia. There is absolutely no disinstitution honesty or immorality in the town. If anyone should purchase a loaf of bread and not pay for it, it would be the talk of the town. The factory which we purchased was open, so that anyone who liked might enter, for years before we purchased it, and not a scrap of steel or brass was stolen. Had this factory been at Crayford or Erith [in England], it would have been completely gutted the first night that it was left unlocked.

On my return to England I was waited upon by a lady who said she to seek the diffusion of the grace upon came to collect money for the Spanish. which the precious thing depends. They I told her I never had given a cent to missionaries, because I had always understood that as a rule missionaries were the greatest humbugs under the sun. In fact, I believe that missionaries get us into a lot of trouble everywhere, get us into a lot or trouble everywhere, and it would be a good thing if there were no such thing as a missionary in the world. However, I had just returned from Spain, where we had a factory, and I must say I felt some interest in a Spanish mission. I felt that at last the time came when I could conscientiously do something for a mission. She was very quick to whip out her book and pencil, and said:
"'How much shall I put you down

"'That depends,' I said. 'How many Spanish missionaries do you propose to

bring over, and will any of them be located at Crayford?' 'She hesitated for a moment, seemed

to be very much amazed, and said: "'Oh, we do not propose to bring Spanish missionaries here; we are going to send English missionaries to Spain.'
"I then told her of the high morality

of the Spaniards, and said: "'Now, madam, you know what class of people we have at Crayford. Would it not be more in order to bring some Spanish priests out here to try and convert the barbarians that we have about us here than it would be to send your priests out there in order to induce a highly moral people to change from one

kind of Christianity to another?"
"'Oh,'she said, 'but I think you must admit that the Spaniards are priest-

"'Perhaps so,' I replied, and asked her if she could tell me how much it would and Shorthand Institute is the place to go it cost to get half a dozen Spanish prices you want either a bugings Envirance or a to come to Crayford and Erith, as it might pay the company to employ some provided it did not cost too much. Sate C. A. FLEMING.

Went away without the subscription.

#### Manifest Destiny.

Bishop Donohue, of Wheeling, West Va., recently confirmed a large class of adult converts in the Cathedral of his diocese. It's the same story wherever there is a Catholic parish. There are constant accessions to the Church, from among the most intelligent classes of non-among the most intelligent classes of non-standard Esteraz, Assa., for April inst. Liberal salary. Apply to REV. J. U. POITRAS, St. Boniface, Catholics. These conversions are few or many according to the degree of intellectual enlightenment which prevails, but there are some in every community and the number is gradually and steadily increasing.

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The indifferentism so characteristic of the masses of our brethren beyond the boundaries of the true church may be described as the chrysalis condition of a people instinctively religious whose intellects by a process of evolution have outgrown the unsatisfying system of Protestant negation. The American mind must have positive doctrines and aggressive principles. This is true of it in the religious as well as in its other respects. The only barrier Shorthand and Business against the wholesale converson of the Shorthand and Business better educated classes of our non-Catholic countrymen is the fact of profound prejudice which through generations has become ingrained with the fibre of the stock from which they come. But the obstacle as we have demonstrated is not an insurmontable one.

With the transfusion of new blood and a broader cosmopolitan spirit, the sharp angles of provincial egotism and malice Hiram S. Maxim, the are vanishing. America is no longer a American inventor, whom most Eng- Puritan colony. The froth and fury of lishmen-for he lives and works in Eng- narrow-minded pulpiteering is a factor of strength to the cause of Catholic expanexpert of the day. He is the inventor sion. They very often force the intelligent of the Maxim gun and the great flying- to examine the claims of the religious system, the mere existence of which provokes such hysteria. But while the tide is surely setting in the direction of the conversion of America, there is much that can be done by individuals and by the Catholic body at large to expedite the happy confor any other purpose than as a piece of summation. Every Catholic in his own news to his English and American read- sphere, no matter how humble, can do effective missionary work in this greatest and most inviting of all fields of spiritual endeavor. Every Catholic can pray that Mr. Maxim passes judgment on most of the light of faith may be vouchsafed to the workingmen of Europe, and says in those who have been accidentally deprived particular: "The French are a nation of of such illumination. And the most eloworkers; they seem to like it, and I quent prayer is good example. If Cathobelieve, everything considered, the lics in their every day lives measured faithfully up to their professions and to their How is that for the Protestant fable privileges the non-Catholic world would be irresistibly drawn to the Church.

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