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DECRETUM URBIS ET ORBIS

Anni sacri a Beatissimo Patre et Domino Nostro LEONE XIII feliciter indicti, proxime celebraturos initia. summopere decet nocte surgentes adire saeculi Auctorem, ad eius aras provolvi. acceptissimam offerre Hostiam, divinum scilicet Agnum, sacro convivio interesse, ut opportuno maxime tempore liceat auxilium, gratiam, misericordiam invenire: "Nunc enim propior est salus Ecce nunc tempus acceptabile: ecce nunc dies salutis." Quod si regnum caelorum, id est praesentis temporis Ecclesia, simile esse perhibetur decem virginibus sponso de nocte occurrentibus, hac potissimum solemni faustitate licet uniquique mentem accuratius in sacra illa verba intendere: "aptate vestras lampadet: ecce sponsus venit, exite obviam ei.'

Cum insuper media nocte postremae diei mensis Decembris et potiora impetrentur, urgente praesertim necessitate temporum. ad novum saeculum auspicato ineundum.

Itaque ut imminens annus MCM ab implorata Dei ope Eiusque Unigeniti Filii Servatoris nostri sumat auspicia idemque prospero cursu finiatur, longe felicius, uti sperare ias est, allaturus aevum; Ssmus. Dominus Noster LEO PAPA XIII benigneconcedit ut die 31 mensis Decembris, tum labentis, tum adventuri anni, media nocte in templis ac sacellis ubi Ssma Eucharistia rite adservatur iuxta prudens arbitrium Ordinarii, sui cuiusque loci, exponi possit adorandum idem Augustissimum Sacramentum: facta potestate legendi vel canendi eadem hora coram Illo unicam missam de festo in Circumcisione Domini et Octava Nativitatis: fidelibus autem sive infra sive extra Sacrificii actionem. de speciali gratia, sacram synaxim recipiendi: servatis ceterum servandis.

quibuscunque. Die 13 Novembris, anno 1899.

D. PANICI, S. R. C. Secretarius. DECREE FOR THE CITY AND THE WORLD.

It is most fitting that those who will celebrate the beginning of the Holy Year happily proclaimed by our most blessed Father and Lord Leo XIII. should, rising by night, approach the Author of the century, cast themselves down before His altars, offer the most acceptable Victim, namely the Divine Lamb, and partake of the sacred banquet, that they may, at the most opportune moment, find help, grace and mercy: "For now our salvation is nearer. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salva-If the Kingdom of heaven, that is, the Church of the present time, is said to be like unto the ten Virgins going out in the night to meet the bridegroom, it is especially on this solemn and happy occasion that one may ponder more carefully these holy words: "Trim your lamps: behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet Him."

As, moreover, at midnight of the last day of the month of December of the coming (or next) year the present century ends and a new one begins; it is extremely becoming that thanks be given to God, by a pious and but merely permissive, in other only true advancement, the solemn rite, for the blessings reblessings be obtained by prayer, especially under the stress of contemporary needs, for the auspicious beginning of the new century.

approaching year 1900 may advantage of this permission he begin by the imploring of help must expose the Blessed Sacrafrom God and His Only Begot- ment. The exposition is a sine ten Son Our Saviour, and that qua non of the permission; he the same year may be brought cannot say or sing Mass at midto a prosperous end, to usher in, night between Dec. 31st, 1899, as we may hope, a far happier and Jan. 1st, 1900, or at the age, our most holy Lord Pope same date next year, without exfuturi anni praesens absolvatur Leo XIII., graciously grants that posing the Sacred Host in the saeculum novumque habeat on the 31st day of the month of monstrance. He can begin the pio quodam ac solemni ritu Deo and of the coming year, at mid-performed the ceremony of Exadoration: with permission to Most Rev. Archbishop grants to say or sing at the same hour the parish priests of his diocese before It one single mass of the the permission to say two Masses festival on the Circumcision of on that day, so that the use of favor to the faithful of receiving usual High Mass on the mornbe observed.

CAMILLUS. Bishop of Pareneste, Cardinal Mazzella, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation Rites.

> D. PANICI, Sec. Sac. Con. Rites.

CURRENT COMMENT

We print in another column the original Latan text of the Papal decree permitting midnight Mass on Dec. 31st, 1899 and 1900, together with our own Contrariis non obstantibus translation of the same. The publication of the original will set at rest the misunderstand-C. Episcopus Praenestinus ings into which several secular

text or by an imperfect knowledge of Latin.

It will also give a much needtranslation which made certain editors first accuse the Holy Father of holding that the nine-31st of December, 1899, and then charge him with ignorance. Leo XIII. says exactly the contrary. These are his words: "As at midnight on the last day of the month of December of next year ("futuri annie") the present century ends and a new one begins," etc. We commend is the General Intention for the this opinion of the Sovereign coming month of January, Pontiff to the editor of the N. Y. recommended to our prayers by Freeman's Journal, who has His Holiness Leo XIII. This strenuously upheld the opposite intention, which we find beautiview, viz., that the century fully developed in the January ends in a fortnight from now.

that this is merely an opinion of gress." "At no moment," says the Pope's; it is in no sense an the Messenger, "could this infallible pronouncement. There appeal for prayers for Christian are many reasons why it cannot progress be more opportune. be. First and decisive is the The century of material pregress fact, obvious to any one who is drawing to a close. In the reads the document, that the last year of its flamboyant course decree is not signed by Leo XIII. it will sing endless pasans of but by Cardinal Mazzella. It is self-praise. To us Catholics not a Papal pronouncement at who know how much of error, all. But, even if it were signed disorder, unrest and crime lurks by the Pope, it does not concern beneath the tinsel surface, it surefaith and morals; it is purely ly belongs that we should pray disciplinary; it is not imperative, for something higher, for the words, it does not even lay progress of immortal souls in ceived during this completed down any disciplinary enact- faith, hope and charity, in truthcentury, and that still greater | ment, but simply allows the use | fulness, honesty, marital fidelity, of an extraordinary and hitherto respect for human life, for RUTHVEN IN LANCASHIRE. unheard of privilege.

As to the use of this privilege it is well to make a few remarks. Wherefore, in order that the 1. If a priest choose to take initium; valde congruum est, ut December, both of the current Midnight Mass only after having so far as it acknowledges the gratiae agantur pro acceptis night in the churches and position. 2. Permistion is given sentient schools such as huius decursi saeculi beneficiis, chapels where the most Most for one Mass only, not for three ought to have in Winnipeg and Blessed Sacrament is duly kept, Masses as at Christmas. There-other centres of mixed popula--according to the wise judg- fore the priest who save or sings ment of the Ordinary of each the New Year Midnight Mass place, the same Most August cannot say or sing another Mass Sacrament may be exposed for on that day. However, the the Lord and the Octave of the Papal privilege will not Christmas: and with the special prevent them from singing the Holy Communion either during, ling of the Circumcision. 3. This or outside of, the Holy Sacrifice: is only a permission; no priest is provided all other requirements obliged to say or sing this New Year Midnight Mass. 4. The permission granted to the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this Midnight Mass is mentioned in the decree as a special favor; but the universality of this permission proves that we were right when last year we maintained, in reply to one of the contributors to the St. Louis 'Review," that this privilege was far from being unprecedented. The Church does not proceed by leaps and bounds, but step by step.

ined the dry bones of this per-the English language." missive decree, may we not be CARD. MAZZELLA, S. R. C. Prac- newspapers have been betrayed allowed to descant upon the from which these gleams of 800000-

by a too hasty reading of the beauty of the idea which it em- Arctic enlightenment are borthe Bridegroom cometh!

the dominant idea of this decree number of the American Messenger of the Sacred Heart receiv-It is hardly necessary to add ed vesterday, is "Christian Proauthority, in obedience and purity. And thus shall we best secure the spread of material progress in those "other things' which shall be "added unto" us.

YUKON SCHOOLS.

Elsewhere we reproduce an article from the Dawson Daily News announcing as highly probable, though notyet certain, an ordinance recognizing the principle of separate schools. plan deserves commendation in minority's right to found distion. Another praiseworthy feature is the fair share of representation on the executive council. We cannot say so much of the restriction placed on religious instruction, which in this projected ordinance is confined to the last half hour of the afternoon. Unless there is question merely of catechetical instruction, which hardly ever lasts more than half an hour in any Catholic school, and which the teacher should be free to introduce where most conventhis restriction. ient. justifiably limits the rights of parents to have their children brought up in a Christian atmosphere. It is none of any government's business when or how or how much religion is taught in schools, provided the secular instruction of the schools be up to the mark.

The influence of the French Canadian element in the Yukon is visible in that eminently wise provision that in Catholic schools "it will be as obligatory And now that we have exam- to teach the French language as

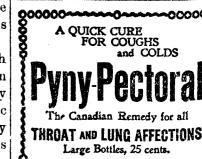
The "Dawson Daily News,"

bodies. Going out to meet the rowed, is dated October 3. "The Bridegroom in the middle of the Yukon Snn," a weekly paper, night, adoring Him as the | bearing date October 10, evidentauthor of the century, elevating ly a far inferior publication, has ed quietus to the blunder in Him as the Sacramental King to also been sent to us. An editorthe worship and love of His ial attempts, without any show people, consecrating to Him the of argument, to pooh-pooh the beginning and the end of the project of establishing separate teenth century closed with the Holy Year, which is also the schools. It is easy to discover last year of that wondrous epoch the moving spirit of this revolt which we call the Nineteenth against justice and fairplay, when Century! Verily we must all we read in the next column an keep our lamps trimmed, for lo interview with that loudmouthed agitator, Mr. Fred C. Wade, the author of an election Admirably in keeping with pamphlet against Catholicism which positively reeks with the most barefaced lies of a hoary antediliuvian type. The Yukon Sun is evidently not aware that, before Mr. Wade's departure for the Klondyke, his influence with Manitoba University was so far on the wane that he failed to be elected as one of the representatives of Convocation. The advocacy of any cause by such a man should make that cause an object of suspicion.

> We trust that he will not be allowed to have any say in the choice of school books for the Yukon district. Even the Protestant ones would suffer from his agnostic bias. As to the Catholic text-books, we beg to remind those who may be in search of something really good, that the "Canadian Catholic Readers," lately issued with the approval of the Bishops of Ontario, are very well adapted for use in Catholic schools.

Great excitement prevailed in Blackburn on Sunday night in consequence of a visit paid to that town by the notorious individual known as ex-priest The scandal-monger Ruthven. was lecturing at the Blackburn Exchange, and a crowded gather ing assembled to give him a warm reception-and a warm reception was accorded him in true Lancashire style; in fact, it was warmer than Ruthven cared The about. The meeting was broken up amid indescribable confusion, and a crowd of seven or eight thousand people filled the square in front of the building, who appeared somewhat anxious to come into close quarters with the lecturer. A strong body of police had to be called upon to preserve peace, and during the hubbub Ruthven modestly slip-ped off. The Catholics of the town were urged to keep away from the meeting, and so far as is known this request was observed.—London Universe.

> The Superioress General of he Sisters of St. Ann. whose headquarters are at Lachine, near Montreal, passed through Winnipeg yesterday on her way east. She has just been visiting the convents of her order in the Yukon district and Alaska. She is much impressed with the prominence and influential situation of the Catholic Church in those regions. At Nulato she found Rev. Father Jetté, only son of the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, quite well and deep ly immersed in missionary work.



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