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CHRISTMAS HYMN FOR CHILDREN.

(Josephine Dodge Daskam, in The Century.)

Or bells ring out to all the earth, In excelsis gloria ! But none for Thee made chimes Oa that great morning of Tay birth

In excelsis gloria ! Not such Tny Blessed Mother's

Fall simple garments covered Her. " Our churches rise up goodly high, In excelsis gloria ! Low in a stall Thyself did lie, With horned oxen standing by.

> Incense we breathe and scent In excelsis gloria! Around Thee rose the breath

Toy only drink Her breast divine. We take us to a happy tree, In excelsis gloria!

Lae seed was sown that day for That blossomed out at Calvary. Teach us to feed Thy poor with

In excelsis gloria! Who turnest not when we entreat. Who givest us Tny bread to eat.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Amen."

(Jas. S. Park, in The Century.) So crowded was the little town On the first Ohristmas day, Tired Mary Mother laid her down To rest upon the hay. Ah, would my door might have been thrown

Wide open on her way!) But when the Holy Babe was born In the deep hush of night, t seemed as if a Sabbath morn Had come with sacred light. Child Jesus made the place forlorn With His own beauty bright.

The manger rough was all His rest;
The cattle, baving fed, Stood silent by, or closer pressed, And gravely wondered.

Ab, Lord, if only that my breast

Had cradled Thee instead !") IN MEMORIAM.

THE DEATH OF THE LATE EDWARD POWER OF FARMINGTON P. E. I.

The angel of death sounds his trum pet again, The fatherless weep, but their tears are in vain; For sorrow and anguish alas can't restore

Tnat kind friend to their bosom, tha now is no more. suffering and tears Where the sunshine of happiness dwelt many years, And sorrow and gloom left behind

in its trail And a heart broken widow her loss to bewail. The chill autumn breezes, may

rattle and rave. And the cold snow of over his grave; heeds not the tempest spirit's at rest and dwelling on high in

of the blest. But long shall we mourn for the true hearted friend That we walked with and talked with; times without end,

In youth's happy days when our cares were but few And the shadow of sorrow nowhere in view.

dim the eye When we think of the that once were so nigh; No sound of their footsteps:

still vacant chair Brings recollections of lost ones But memory so true shall forever

The pleasures that are gone and return not again ; But we cherish the hope. struggle is o'er, Tounite yet again when we part

Farmington, Dao. 6.h, 1902.

Mother M. Katherine D. exel. for little children, and rewards the foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who are spec. the good but punishes the bad. was a munificent benefactor of Cathially devoted to work among the There is a somewhat similar legend olice, though not a Catholic himself. Indians and negroes, has arranged in Russia, but there the old woman, In the Raichstag he voted for the refor the establishment of a mission school among the Navajo Indians in Arizona, involving the expendi-

Lands. (Montreal True Witness.)

Christmas in Other

change. How it is kept here at a rod for naughty children; occasionhome we all know, from the moment ally the bishop rides through the when, in the early, frosty morning, streets on a gaily-caparisoned steed we start out for the midnight Mass, while his servant following on foot till the time when, tired out with scatters cakes and candies among the proverb that the ruling prelate of pleasure, our hearts glad and our palates surfeited, we seek our bed. But let us give a glance at other lands and see how Christmas is kept Christmas is essentially a glada day

the still air, announcing the comderness of each soul was reflected on two figures make their escape. the countenances of the devout gathering. There was one motive noti-

hands. The cope of the guardians was regal in wealth, gold and precius stones gleaming everywhere from it. The alter of the three wise gress, also was appropriately adorned with lights and the momentoes of European kings. The ceremonies were over before daybreak and the Ociental morning, crisp, cool and bracing, was gliding in, and mained at the holy grotto long after the white sun arose and cast a halo of light over Bethlehem, and then went to their homes in general mer-

eremonies of Christmas are held in their feast until morning, when they the Church of St Mary Major. It is sparate. n this church that the relics of the crib in which our Saviour was laid are preserved; these relics were brought from Bethlehem in the seventeenth century, under the Pontificate of Pope Theodore I. Oa Chistmas eve they are taken from their repository and placed on the altar in the sacristy chapel, and there are offered for the veneration of the faithful. The doors are thrown open at 4.30 on Christmas morning; after the singing of the matins and lands, a procession marches to the chapel where the sacred relics are exposed, and bears them through the church, where they are placed the first High Mass is celebrated, and after it the relics are held up to view. From early morn till night there is an unending stream of people in the church. From five in the morning to dawn, the church is illuminated and again, later or, in the evening. In the Franciscan Church of Ara Coeli the Santiteimo Bambino We gaze thro' the past, bitter tears is venerated by thousands, and there little children, boys and girls of four and five years of age, tell in simple language of the new-born God. The streets are gay with people in picturesque holiday attire, the air balmy as Jane, is filled with confetts (tiny seed candies), and there is a general appearance of happiness. There is no Santa Claus in Italy, but instead woman. Children are told that she was invited by the Magi to help them in their search fer the Christ Child, but she waited to put ber and ever since her life had been spent in a vain search for the Icfant God. For His sake she cares

who is called Babonshka; only re- admission of the Jesuits, He built wards the good.

Santa Claus, as is generally known gets his name from St Nicholas, a catholic chapel for his Catholic charities.

Catholic chapel for his Catholic I began giving them Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine caused the sores to heal, and the children have shown no signs of scrof-contribute to Catholic charities. Mother Katherine's great fortune is dear saint, the patron of children, of One Catholic association received

told of his care for those in his charge. In Holland, where Santa Claus comes from, the children do not hang up their stockings; but put Christmas is celebrated by Catho- he comes as a bishop, clad in approlies the world over as the most glor- priate vestments, and with him duties. ious feast of the year, says an ex- comes a colored servant, who carries

children who troop after. IN GERMANY. -- In Germany here:
AT BETHIRHEM —Before the ap-

proach of midnight the Church of feast of all children. The German Nativity was crowded to its extreme mother thinks nothing a trouble 27, 1848, the year of revelations, capacity by Syrians, Russians, Ger- which will add to the pleasure of mounted a barricade as a mediator mans, and representatives of other the home circle. If on ordinary and was shot while holding a crunations. And when the chimes of occasions she devotes herself to her cifix on high. His successor, Mgr. the parish church sounded through family, how much does she exert Sibour, was fatally stabbed in the mencement of the midnight Mass, course, the Christmas tree fills a an unfrocked priest. And the there were sounds of fervent pray- prominent place in the festivities, successor of Mgr. Sibour, Arching and rejoicing from the great and every one is remembered and bishop Darboy, was seized as a throng. The same Mass was being represented in that tree of love. hostage by the Communists in 1871, sung in St. Peter's, Rome, beneath There is one feature of the Christ- imprisoned in La Roquette and barthe mighty dome of Michael Angele; mas celebration in Germany which bariously murdered when Paris was in the Madeline, Paris, and in St. deserves special notice. On Christ. in flames and the Communists were Patrick's, New York, and in all the mas eve two quaintly-attired figures making their last desperate stand Catholic churches the world over, make their round among certain against the conquering forces of with the greatest possible eclat, houses. They are Knight Rupert Marshal McMahon. pomp, and devotion, but the realiza- and Santa Claus. At the door of tion of being present at a ceremony the house a bag is handed to Knight on the very spot where Christ, the Rupert. Then he enters and in- a memorable day. Oa that date Incarnate God, the Way, the Truth, quires about the conduct of the Leo XIII. will complete the twentyand the Light, deigned to take the children, and if there is a good re- fifth year of his Pontificate as the form of man in a humble stable, was port from the parents, Santa Claus, successor of Peter. Catholic work-amoment of the purest joy and un-who wears a white gown and gilt ers have adopted a most appropriate elloyed faith experienced but a few bolt, orders the contents of the bag method of celebrating the event. A

ceable in the congregation—to Child Himself brings the gifts for toilers. Upon them will be inlove the little Christ Child; and we the children. In the villages of scribed the social doctrines of Lo were particularly made glad seeing Alsatia He goes from bouse to house XIII. as expressed in his three enthe attachment and devotion of the ringing a little bell and distributing cyclicals on the labor question. natives of Bethlehem to their faith. gifts to the little ones. In Burgun. After they have been presented to The priests were vested in the fin- dy, the young men and women of His Holiness the tables will form est silks, and on this day they used the parish meet some weeks before the essential part of a monument vestments embroidered by queenly Christmas and practice carols until symbolizing the workers' co Christmas eve. Then there is a sanctified by religion. The morasupper at which every one goes in ment will be erected at St. John

leaving behind a night that was holy of the log. Carols are sung to Nocl just issued that the names of all and blessed. But the people re. (Christmas.) Noel! Noel! Noel! contributors of ten line will be cut out on the frosty air, and the com- loves better than the workman's pany go in a body to the midnight Pope. Mass. After Mass they return home, AT ROME-In Rome the principal salute the suche logi and resume

on the Papal altar. At seven o'clock of the largest log, knocks it against solved community must seek govthere is Befana, a corruption of Epi- the guest takes a seat at the hearth, i granted to the Church in Catl phania, supposed to be a cross old and the day is passed in innocent olio France! pleasures and feasting.

A Franciscan friar, Father Amanda Bahlmann, has, at the request of house in order, and when at last she the National Catholic Congress of was ready the wise men bad gone, Brezil, undertaken the publication of a new Portuguese version of the

Proprietor devoted to her great works of virgins, and of sailors. He was an a yearly contribution of a thousand archbishop and many stories are marks.

Items of Interest

Professor Lapponi, the Holy their wooden shoes out, and leave a Father's physician, may now be conwindow open for him. Sometimes sidered as completely restored to health, having resumed his ordinary

The recent serious illness of Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, from which he is reported to have recovered, recalls a Parisian that gayest of cities is rarely destined to die in his bed. The saying is certainly confirmed by hittorical fact. Three Archbishops of Paris of recent times have met with voilent ends. Archolenop Affre, during the street fighting on Jane herself when Ohristmas comes ! Of Church of S'. Etienne du Mont by

The 3rd of March next will be imes in life. Every one was happy to be emptied on the flor, and, dur. committee representing them in and joyous, and the beauty and ten- ing the scramble which follows, the Rome will on that day present to the venerable Pontiff three brouge tables. These tables will constitute the in-IN FRANCE. -In France the Christ ternational homage of the Catholic a circle Literan's, the mother chi

the suche, and the children are finished about the 15th of May. told: "See now, if you are good The secretaries of the committee, this evening, Noel will rain down Mgr. Pozzani, Monterone, 79, and sugar plums for you," and at the the Rev. Professor Carlo Salotti, proper time the little ones find Via Umilts, 36. Rome, inform the parcels of candies under each end public in a letter which they have is heard on every side. The merry apon the monument. The Holy making and feasting are prolonged Father will be highly pleased with into midnight: then the bells ring this tribute, for there is no title he

Members of religious orders in France are experiencing serious difficulties in their attempt to obtain permission to live in their IN SOUTHERN EUROPE. - Among own land, says the "London Caththe mountaineers of Servia and olic Times." At first the govern-Montenegro each family chooses a ment decreed that they must be young man as a guest for the Christ. authorized if they wished to remain mas festivities. He is called the in the houses of their respective poleznik, or Christmas guest. As congregations. As this authorizhe approaches the door of the house ation in a number of cases was he calls out "Christ is born," and certain to be refused, many religthrows some corn inside the house, lous orders disolved, and the mem-"Welcome," calls the housewife, bers were scattered abroad, carrywho stands ready to meet him, ing on their sacerdotal duties as "Of a truth He is born," and she diocesan priests. This course did throws at the same time a handful not please the persecutors, and M. of corn in his face. Then he Combes immediately invented anenters the house, and going to the other bit of legislation, according hearth he picks up the remains to which any member of a disthe crane so as to make the ernmental permission before he can sparks fly, saying as he does so: be allowed to act as a priest in So may your housefather have any diocese. But under no circumall good luck and happinese," This stances will he be permitted to perhe repeats, with another good wish, form sacerdotal functions in the and then places on one end of the diocese to which he had been atlog an orange with a small coin on tached as a member of a religious it, which the housewife takes. In order. Consequently for a religious return she presents him before be the law was thus: You must not leaves, with the leggings and socks, be and may not cease to be a memworn by the mountaineers, and ber of a congregational body withwith a Christmas loaf. The Christ- out the consent of the government! mas guest next asks his host what How may a religious hope to kind of a Christmas he has, to walk safely over the pitfalls of which he answers: "Christmas this Bridge of Mirzs which M. has come as a kind guest, my Combes has built for the destrucbrother; all have enough and all tion of the members of the orders? are merry." Then the kiss of It would seem impossible for any peace is exchanged with the family, member to escape. Such liberty

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofulaas ugly as ever since time immemorial. It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity The late Herr Krupp, of Essen, for recovery, and develops into con-

"Two of my children had scrofula sores from going to school for three months. Ointments and medicines did no good until

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