History of the Church.

The following is a conference which was given by the Rev. Father Holland, director of the Holy Family. Society of St. Amn's parish, at the meeting of the men which was held in that Church on the second Thursday, Nov. 28, will appear next week, and the series will continue for a long time yet as the subject is a wast one, and judging from the present conference, it will be well treated and be a source of both instruction and entertainment for the men of the Holy Family as also for the other readers of the True Witness. Holy Family meetings are held at 8 o'clock p.m., in St. Amn's Church, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Only men attend. The Catholic Church, as a whole, is the society of God with the angels, and faithful men. Prom all eternity it subsisted in God, or rather was God Himself. the unspeakable society of three persons in one same essence. Now it is lasting through agos, resting on earth in order to associate us with this holy, universal, perpetual unity, and to return with us to eternity whence it came. A waiting the day when we

us to eternity whence it Awaiting the day when we shall see it and admire it we will see what its travels through time

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phet Daniel, "a thousand times a thousand serve Him and ten thousand times a hundred thousand form His court. He is called the God of

created man. He made him to His own image and likeness. He created one first to mark unity. To this first man he united a companion formed of his flesh and bones. He gave them counsel, a tongue, eyes, ears and heart to understand; filled there with science and intelligence. hem with science and intelligence, howed them good things and bad, showed them good things and bad, impressed their hearts to mamifest the greatness of His works, so that they might celebrate the holiness of His name by glorifying Him in His wonders and relating the magnificence of His works. Besides, He gave them precepts and made them heirs to a law of life; he established on steral slilings with them. cence of His works. Besides, He gave them precepts and made them heirs to a law of life; he established an eteral alliance with them, and taught them his judgments. Their that it was good. And he blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the waters of the sea; and let the birds be multiplied upon the earth. And the evening and morning were the fifth day.

in one He called the light Day and the asting darkness Night, and there was evening and morning one day. And God holy, said: Let there be a firmament do not it we had God made a firmament, and will divided the waters from the waters, and divided the waters that were under the firmament from those that were the firmament from those that were the firmament, and it was

above the firmament, and it was

The first to be called to this divine union were the angels. Created good, but free, God tried them as He does us. From that moment there was schism and heresy. Instead of taking for their only rule the divine Word, many took themselves as their rule; they were excluded from the communion of God, but not from His Providence.

The angels who remained faithful divided into nine choirs subject one to the other, formed an invincible army. Their number cannot be counted. "When the Most High is seated on His throne," says the Prophet Daniel, "a thousand times a thousand serve Him and ten the said:

So And God called the firmament Heaven; and the evening and morning were the sevening and the evening and morning were the second and the evening and morning were the ten the said: Let the wate eed in itself upon the earth. And

thousand serve Him and ten thousand times a thousand serve Him and ten thousand first a seed in itself upon the earth. And the search here is called the God of gods. Some angels are placed in charge of the stars, others of the elements, kingdoms, provinces, and still others of the conduct of individuals.

The apostate angels, eternalizing their crime, continue the war against God. God makes use of their wickedness to prove men in this world, and to punish the wicked in the mext. Some of these evil spirits are in the place of eternal torments, others are spread over the earth and in the air. The wicked angels are to be feared as the good angels are to be found in one form or another ramong all nations.

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kinds, and every winged fowl according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And he blessed

Parish News of the Week,

Last Monday evening was certain-y a gala one in St. Gabriel. The luvenile T. A. & B. Society had seen preparing an entertainment for ome time, and Monday evening had seen chosen as the outcome of their rork.

work.

A splendid programme had prepared and was well carried out, comprising a musical representation, consisting of both instrumental and vocal selections, orchestral pieces, two laughable pieces entitled Schooldays, and Capt. Baby Bunting. Then came a drama in four acts, entitled "By Killanney's Lakes and Fells," which was splendidly rendered. This was interspersed with both song and orchestral pieces, making the svening one of the most enloyable yet spent in St. Gabriel's. Besides a large concourse of people were noticed concourse of People concourse in St. Gabriel's. Besides a large concourse of people were noticed Rev. Oanon O'Meara and Fathers Fahey, Polan, Singleton, McDonnell and O'Brien.

On the whole the evening was an ideal one, and too much credit can-not be given to the boys for their grand and noble efforts.

meeting for the election of officer for the ensuing year on Sunday meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year on Sunday last. This function was conducted with all the dignity and even a little more enthusiasm than that displayed by their elder brothers on like occasions. The president, Master Wally Burke, was judged worthy of a second term; the rest of the offices were, however, hotly contested.

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Pope's Syllabus Binding on Conscience.

The Osservatore Romano, the or-The Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, has published a statement from the Pope in which it is set forth that all decisions, past or future, reached by the Biblical commission in the matter of the interpretation of the last syllabus and the encyclical against Modernism in the field by the field by the field set. in the faith shall have the binding effect on the conscience have the decrees issued by the con-

gregations.

The statement reiterates the terms of the previous Encycical against Mo

The Hon. Hannis Taylor, former United States minister to Spain, tells about people in that country who bear Irish names, and are proud of them. A notable instance is that of O'Donnell, Duke of Tetuan, one of Spain's foremost diplomats. Mr. Taylor says of him that "beneath a serious and formal exterior, in which the dignity of the Spanish hidalgo found its highest and best expression, there was concealed an unmision, there was concealed an unmis sion, there was conceated an unmistalkable and irresistible veing of genuine Irish humor that might have done credit to Sheridan himself." And "nothing-so appealed to him as the suggestion that he was Irish. He was far more proud of being an O'Donnell than Duqe of Tetuan,"



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Mrs. A. Lethangue, of Ballyduff, Ont, writes: "I believo L would have been in; my grave long ago, had it not been 19r. Burdock Blood liters. I was run down to such an extent that I could scarcely move about, last

LITERARY REVIEW.

THE CHRISTMAS WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION.

The Christmas issue of the Woman's Home Companion is a sumptuous magazine, with several pages in color. The cover is neproduced from an exquisite painting by Jessie Willcox Smith, of a mother and babe. The number is full of Christmas atmosphere—rattling good Christmas stories, Christmas pictures by prominent artists, and hundreds of Christmas suggestions of all sorts—practical, fanciful, unique.

Laura Spencer Portor and Jeannette S. Porter contribute "Cinderella," a little family Christmas play. A feature is a theatrical reminiscence by Clara Morris, "Christmas play A feature is a theatrical reminiscence by Clara Morris, "Christmas on the Road. Dr. Edward Everett Hale writes of "How to Use the Christmass." Irving Bacheller has a new book, and the first part of "The Cricket Tales" appears in the Christmas

mas number, introducing to the world a character even greater than the famous Eben Holden. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the distinguished physician in "Children and Candy," dissipates once for all the old bugaboo that candy is harmful. "It isn't," he says, "it is one of the most wholesome things one can eat." Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' great novel, "Though Life Us Do Part," which has just begun in Woman's Home Companion, continues in December; "Keeping the Bins Closed" fires a big gun in the "Know Your Grocer" campaign of 'Know Your Grocer' campaign Woman's Home Companion. It tells

Woman's Home Companion. It tells facts that every housewife should know. Two songs by the late Edward Greig, the famous composer, with full musical score, form a rare treat for the lovers of good music. The stories in the Christmas number include: "A Wild Boar Rampant," by Robert Barr, "An Undispending of the Christmas wallace. The stories in the Christmas number include: "A Wild Boar Rampant," by Robert Barr: "An Undiscovered Siddons," by Claire Wallace Flynn; "Cap'n Gilly," by Mary Catharine Lee; "The Lost Spirit of Christmas," by Grace S. Richmond; "Frederika's First," by William Hamilton Osborne; "The Lattle Water Boy," by Julia Hampstead Bull. and "A Bachelor's Christmas Eve," by Marguerite Campion. There are

by Marguerite Campion. There scores of articles, in addition, the departments are full of Christ-mas ideas and suggestions.

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