

and machine guns, about one bullet in a thousand kills. In the Franco-German war it is stated that the Germans fired thirty million rifle cartridges, and about three hundred and sixty thousand rounds of artillery, killing between seventy and eighty thousand French; while in the Crimean war nearly ninety millions of shots were fired. The number of British killed by the enemy in this war was about three thousand five hundred; while the victims claimed by the fall hand of disease were no less than twenty thousand two hundred.

Happily in these days the health of our soldiers is better cared for than formerly, with the result that although we have in the field in South Africa about eight times the number of those in the Crimea at any one time, yet the deaths from disease amount so far to only a few hundreds.

Happily Great Britain, and— with the exception of South Africa, which was so unrighteously invaded by an ignorant and arrogant race—all the territories of her brave and stalwart sons have by favor of Divine Providence been practically entirely free from the tread of the invader; yet, if we would repel the ghoully sceptre of war, if we would keep the foe, who is even now viciously snarling at our heels, from ravaging our homes and placing his foot upon our neck, we must be prepared, man for man, to meet him. All honour, then, to those who, at home and in the Colonies, are flocking to the standard, ready ruthlessly to beat him back if he dare attack.

But let us never forget that we hold "Dominion over palm and pine" only beneath the awful Hand of the God of our fathers. For if we call not Him to guard and "trust in reeking tube and iron shard," surely then all our pomp of yesterday is one with Nineveh and Tyre.

Let, then, the earnest supplication of the Empire ascend to the throne of Heaven:—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S GREAT SERMON ON THE PASSION.

Morning Telegram.

The services at St. Mary's church Friday were most impressive throughout and large congregations were present at all of them. The church was profusely draped in black in honor of the anniversary of the death of Christ and during the day music was entirely eliminated, the services being chanted. The church was crowded to hear His Grace Archbishop Langvin preach and those who were unable to attend missed a treat, for His Grace delivered one of the finest discourses ever heard in the church. His subject was the Passion of Christ and the text taken from Isaiah liv, 5: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His bruises we are healed."

His Grace reviewed the Passion of the Saviour in a vivid manner and applied the incidents of His ministry to the everyday life of the present day. The characters which stand out prominently in the gospels were gone into in a most thorough manner and good practical lessons for those living today were drawn.

Christ spent the night before His death in the garden of Gethsemane in prayer. He had taken a number of His disciples with Him but during the agonizing hours of that night He was alone, for the disciples were asleep. The burden of His prayer

was that if it were possible His Father should remove the cup from Him. That cup was filled with the sins of the world and the draught must have been a bitter one indeed. It was well He had said "if it be possible," and "not My will but Thine be done," or else a host of angels would have been sent to shield Him from harm and there would have been no salvation for man.

The first notable personage touched upon was Judas, the betrayer. He it was, who after having been chosen apostle, allowed his greed for gold and his fear of being identified with a lost cause to carry him away. There were people living today who betray Christ as wilfully as did Judas. There were men who gave up all that was good and holy in the mad rush for fortune and were willing to sacrifice all Christian principles in order to attain it. Such men were indeed cursed. Some of them were even worse than Judas, for he, seeing what he had done, returned the money for which he had sold his Master and then gave the world some reparation by going out and hanging himself; but the Judases of today betray no feeling or sorrow at their actions and neglect to make reparation. Then came Pilate, who although he confessed that he found no fault in Jesus, condemned Him to death. The Pilates of today were found among those who, although they were cognizant of the truth, gave too much concern to the wishes of others and failed to live up to their convictions. Pilate had the power to release Christ, but he cared too much for the good will of the rabble and so sent an innocent man to death. His Grace depicted vividly the sufferings of Jesus as He was put to the lash by the Roman soldiers, who finished their cruel tortures by crowning Him with a crown of thorns. There were crowns of myrtle for those who were victorious in games, and crowns of laurel for those victorious in battle, but for the Son of God there was nothing but thorns. Surely He was bruised for our transgressions. Then came the impetuous Peter, the one so highly favored. He it was who, when accused of being one of the followers of Christ denied with curses that he ever knew Him. He who had been chosen by Jesus as the rock upon which He would build His church; he who had walked upon the water and when about to sink was saved by his Master; he who had been with Jesus for three years, denied that he ever knew Him. There were men living today who denied their Lord and denied their Church, just as Peter did then. They are brought up in Christian homes, surrounded by Christian influences, and when the test comes they deny their faith. They become cold and drift into the world and finally deny they ever were connected with the Church. The word picture of the death on the cross was realistic in the extreme. All the agonies experienced were strikingly brought out, and through it all Jesus never murmured, but asked His Father to forgive His torturers, and as the time of death drew near He exclaimed that all had been consummated, meaning that the prophecies in reference to Him had been fulfilled. He also gave to mankind for their mother His own Mother, who was present at His death and whom He addressed: "Woman behold thy son," and to the disciple he said: "behold thy mother." Then to show He died of His own free will He bowed His head and soon after gave up the ghost. His Grace in concluding said he would not presume to bless those present, as they must take their blessing from the cross, thus closing a masterly discourse, which, although it lasted for something over an hour, seemed only too short to those present.

### AFTER DOCTORS FAILED.

HOW PERLEY MISNER, OF WELLANDPORT, RECOVERED HEALTH.

HE SUFFERED FROM HIP JOINT DISEASE AND ABSCESSSES—HIS FRIENDS FEARED HE WOULD BE A PERMANENT INVALID.

From The Journal, St. Catharines, Ont.

A reporter of the St. Catharines Journal visiting Wellandport not long ago, heard of one of those remarkable cures that have made Dr. Williams' Pink Pills famous as life savers the world over. The case is that of Perley Misner, son of Mr. Mathias Misner, who had suffered from hip joint disease and abscesses, and who had been under the care of four doctors without beneficial results. Mr. Misner gave the particulars of the case as follows: "In the spring of 1892, my son, Perley, who was then in his thirteenth year, began to complain of an aching in his hips, and later my attention was directed to a peculiar shamble in his gait. As the trouble gradually grew upon him I took him to a physician in Dunville, who examined him and said the trouble arose from a weakness of the nerves of the hip. This doctor treated Perley for weeks, during which time a large abscess formed on his leg, and he was obliged to get about on crutches. As he continued to decline, I resolved to try another doctor, who diagnosed the case as a hip joint disease. He treated Perley for six months. The lad slightly improved at first, but later was taken worse again. He would startle in his sleep and was continually in distress as he could neither sit nor recline with ease, and was weak, faint and confused. During this time the abscess had broken and was discharging in three places, but would not heal. A third doctor advised a surgical operation, which he objected to, and a fourth medical man then took the case in hand. This doctor confined Perley to the bed, and besides giving medicine he ordered a mechanical appliance to which was attached a 15-pound weight, to be placed in a position by a pulley system so as to constantly draw downwards on the limb. The treatment was continued six weeks, causing much pain, but nothing in the way of benefit was noticed. The abscess was dressed twice or thrice a day for months, and frequently, despite the aid of crutches, it was necessary for me to carry him in my arms from the house to the vehicle when taking him out. In October of 1893, I decided, other treatments having failed, to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I told the doctor of this decision, and he said that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would quite likely be of much benefit. After using four boxes I could see some improvement. After this Perley continued the use of the pills for several months, with constant improvement and new vigor, and after taking about 18 boxes the abscess was nicely healed, the crutches were dispensed with, and he was able to work and could walk for miles. I attribute the good health which my son enjoys to-day to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This medicine achieved such a marvellous success in my son's case as to set the whole community talking about it. I consider no pen expressive enough to do Dr. Williams' Pink Pills justice, as I believe my son would still be a hopeless invalid but for this medicine."

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### A TRIBUTE TO THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

There always are men here and there who rise superior to prejudice. Of this an illustration was afforded by a discussion which took place a few days ago in the Chamber of the Grand Duchy of Baden. A motion in favor of the recall of the Religious Orders was proposed, and one of its most ardent advocates was a Protestant, M. Stockhorer. He denounced the intolerance of the government, and declared that even in the interests of Protestantism itself, which needed a stimulant, the return of the members of the Religious Orders was desirable. The state would be benefited by their presence, and peace could not be hoped for unless the legitimate demands of the Catholics were satisfied. He reminded the House of the tribute paid to the Benedictines by the Emperor of Germany, who said they were "good sons of the Catholic Church, without ceasing to be good Germans." The motion was adopted by thirty votes to twenty. The Government of Baden does not intend to give way, and the effect of the vote will therefore be purely Platonic. The discussion will not, however, be barren of practical results. It will at least tend to make the relations between the Protestants and the Catholics in the Grand Duchy more cordial. —Catholic Times (Eng.).

### A BELATED QUOTATION.

Town Topics.

The Greek play at St. Boniface College last week has been so fully commented on by the daily papers that there is little left to say on the subject. Personally, I own that my recollection of the language is a little rusty, and that when it comes to talking Greek with a French accent I am a little at sea. But I was simply astonished at the excellence of the acting. The mere feat of learning by heart the inordinately long speeches that occur in the tragedies of Sophocles and Aeschylus is remarkable, "experto crede." But the dramatic force shown by the different actors was worthy of even higher praise. Even the chorus of small boys, never forgot that they were playing a part, they actually listened, and listened attentively throughout. People who remember how the ordinary "supper" spends the time when he has not got anything to say himself, in staring at the audience and wondering what to do with his hands, will know what I mean. The performances were naturally a little handicapped by the smallness of the stage and the exiguity of stage accessories, but the whole play reflected the very highest credit on the students themselves and on those who had so carefully trained them.

The Tablet's Rome correspondent announces, under date of March 25, that His Holiness granted an audience on March 18, to Mgr. Condert, O. M. I., Coadjutor to the Archbishop of Colombo. The same correspondent writing two days before Cardinal Mazzella's death, says that His Eminence was suffering from a grave attack of pneumonia.

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### POPE RECEIVES CADETS.

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In the Sistine Chapel on Sunday the Pope received eighty-seven naval cadets from the American training ship Dixie. The cadets were accompanied by six officers and the chaplain. Two thousand foreign visitors witnessed the presentation, among whom were many Americans. After the ceremony of introduction the Pope presented a jubilee medal to each cadet. The Pope's benediction concluded the ceremony, after which the cadets cheered the Pope repeatedly.

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