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10 OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Those of our subscribers who respond ed to our last call we thank. Those who remitted were indeed very few and we would therefore urge those indebted to us to forward the amount and prove their good will towards the Review. The mounts are small individually but collec tively they mean thousands of dollars Our obligations are necessarily very heavy and we can only meet them by appealing to those indebted to ns.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, has published the decrees of the late synod prohibiting marriages after dark.

A cablegram, dated Rome, Dec 18; announces that Cardinal Clovanni Bat. tista Franzelin is dead. He was seventy years of age.

The Jesuits are working successfully among Indians of the Crow and Cheyenns trites in Montana Territory. A mission house is being erected among the Crow Indians. to be dedicated under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows.

On Christmas day the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Lewis Drummond, S. J. at 10.30 a.m. On the Sunday immediately following New Year's day the Rev. Gregory O'Bryan, S.J., will preach at High Mass.

The hours of service at St. Mary's Church on Christmas day will be those of the Sunday's throughout the year, no change being made. At High Mass Dumont's Second Tone Mass, harmonized will be sung by the choir,

er, widow of the tamous Senator, who is ception in the case of the followers of all the cold materialism of our modern now travelling in Europe, will soon visit | John Knox, who ignore the solemn Rome, and be there received into the feast, and treat it as if it were the birth JatholicChurch.

Mary's Academy was held during the week and resulted very satisfactorily profiting by the past, which can best be it is the eternal love of God. All the testifying to the efficiency of that done by first attending to their spiritual great and heroic deeds narrated in leexcellent educational establishment, Mr. duties, and then lending their aid to gend and story, are here eclipsed. Love D. B. McElroy, one of the school trustees spread the circulation of the who was present, expressed himself as Review so that it may become the leadhighly pleased with the standing of the ling family paper throughout the North. death, sees free a captive world, and pupils,

A sensation was created in Washing ton tashonable circles by the report that the widow of ex.Minister Hunt had joined the Catholic Church, She has been under instructions for several months, and has just been baptized. She is the widow of our former Minister to to Petersburg, who was secretary of the Navy in Garfield's Cabinet.

The Catholic Church and convent at Napiereville, Province of Quebec. was totally destroyed by fire on the night of is to say all false religions. Unhappily Dec. 6. At the time the fire reached many Catholics, wiser in their own conthe convent the Mother Superior was lying very ill, and nad to be removed with the greatest care from the burning build ing. One Presbytery was saved. The remains of two priests, in vaults in the basement of the Church were consumed The property loss reaches \$1 25,000.

In this week's number of the Review wa begin the publication of the "Lion of Flanders," the masterpiece of that illus. trious writer, Hendrik Conscience. It markable work. In every part and deskill, power and perception of character. Pontmartin, a distinguished French writer, says of Conscience's stories that they we have no doubt but that the "Lion of d'etre' is to protest against her,— had been proclaimed. The pagan em. Flanders" will be found by our readers to proclaim that God's Church found pire of Rome has been born of war; the

CHRISTMAS.

Once again we are permitted to cel on which, nearly nineteen centuries ago the heavenly messengers were heard and on earth peace to men of good will,' and announcing to the humble shep-"Word Made Flesh," made manifest in the lowly stable at Bethlehem. The Christian loves to dwell upon that scene al manner when its anniversary brings it knowingly and wilfully sin. more vividly to mind. It is an inexhaustible theme, one that the human mind cannot fathom, and that the muse of that the earth does not produce a flower

'In the chaplet to Jesus and Mary,
From our hearts let us call,
At each Ave Maria we whisper
A rosebud shali fall,
And at each Gloria Patri a lily,
The crown of them ait!'

A finer piece of word painting can rarely be met with than what Mrs Browning produced in "The Virgin Marv to the Child Jesus"

Sleep, sleep, mine Holy Onc.'
flesh. my Lord!—what name? 1 do not know

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They are severely practical and solemn.
ly grave. Yet it is not the gravity which

A name that seemeth not too high or low Too far from me or Heaven." Longfellow seems to have been carried

away by the sound. of the Christmas Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; God is not dead! nor noth he sleep!

Sound over the waters, reach out from all lands,
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

That staid old Quaker, Whittier, whose views regarding the Catholic Church are as might have been expected, some. what distorted, contributes a beautiful romance of mossy dells and purling wreath in his 'Christmas Carmen" begin-

born!
With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun Rise hope of the ages' arise like the sun.
All speech fow to music, all hearts beat as
one:"

Keble in 'The Christmas Year" pays a high tribute also, one verse reads:

"The pastoral spirits first"
Approach Thee, Babe divine;
For they in lowly thoughts are nursed,
Meet for 'Thy lowly shrine:
Sooner than they should miss where thou
dost dwell Angels from Heaven Will s oop to guide them to Thy cail,

Byron looks upon it as a time when "____Christmas stories tortured into rhyme Contain the essence of the true sublime."

We might give many more extracts but we will content ourselves with the fore. going. We said that the Christian loves to dwell upon the Christmas mysteries It is rumored that Mrs. Matt Carpent- but perhaps we should make an ex day of an ordinary being.

We wish our readers a very merry The intermediate examinations at St. Christmas and a happy new year, and and good will. The story of which ted." export them to improve the future by

CATHOLICS AND THE SECTS

The dailies of the week announce that Cardinal Taschereau has issued a manda ment prohibiting Catholics from attend. ing the meetings of the Salvation Army; declaring that Catholics doing so com. mit mortal sin and directing that tracts and hymn books distributed by Salvationists be thrown into the fire.

This is nothing more than the Church's teaching with regard to all religious organizations separated from herself, that ceit than God himseif, speaking by his infallible Church, disregard the teach. dipensation. Christmas of the year 800 ing and by attending places of false worship not only harm their own souls by grievous sin but also give great scandal,

"Woe unto him by whom scandals come." Let Catholics and Protestants tooclearly understand the Catholic Church in this regard. There is but one Lord, rise; but a new Roman empire was to one Faith, one Baptism. There can be take its place. Charlemagne was to be no contradiction in the truth—truth is the old Region of St. Borns in Position of St. Borns in P one. Jesus Christ formed His Churchwould be difficult to describe this re, one- for it was to teach the truths of the present magnificent structure, was the one Faith_Catholic_for it and aglow with lights, and redolent of sweet tail the author displays his wonderful it alone received His commission to flowers, and burning frankincense. The to teach all mankind unto the end of floated peacetully upward, dying away the world. None of the chaos of sects in the nooks and crevices of fretted can by any possibility be,or form part of vault, and carved pillar caps. The din are 'pearls set in Flemish Gold" and Christ's one Church. Their very 'raison of war had ceased, Christmas had come

to teach God's truth under His guidance new Roman empire was to be created

is the teacher of a lie. What dastardly in peace. In that old Basilca, on Christ furthering and spreading those societtraitors then are Catholics who join mas day 800, Leo III, after solemn Mass, themselves with such enemies of God crowned Chalernagne, its first Emperor, themselves with such enemies of God. ebrate the anniversary of the occasion even it it be by attending but one re. ligious service ina place of false worship It is a most grevious sin and moreover singing: "Glory to God in the highest let them know well that they not only prevent conversions to the true Faith but also themselves lose the respect of herds the stupendous mystery of the thinking Protestants, who recognize the fact that such Catholics are knowingly disobeying the laws of the Church which they yet believe of divine authori-Christian loves to dwell upon that scene ty; in other words thinking Protestants at all times, but he does so in an especicease to have respect for Catholics who

"A GLIMPSE UP THE AGES"

In 1883, under the above heading Bishop poetry has vainly endeavored to exhaust O'Brien of Halifax, contributed the follow That sweet singer, Miss Proctor, laments ing article to the Halifax Mail. We republish it today for its singular that can be offered to the Virgin beauty and appropriateness and at the Mother, but tells us how to supply the request of an esteemed and learned friend. Let our readers, therefore, learn of the glory, joy and peace of Christmas so truly and eloquently picturea herem by this illustrious son of the Church:

Chivalry has long been dead, enthu-

siasm is fast dying, and mirth is only a

sickly shadow of its former unaffected

joyousness. Men may be wiser than in by gone days, but they are less happy. is born of a reverent thoughtfulness of God's abiding presence; it is rather the outcome of a refined selfishness which stands aloof, lest it should be runely jostled by the surging crowd. The hearty games of past generations are unplay ed; the beautiful simplicity of patriarch ial manners are derided; and even the charms of nature are deliberately sacri. ficed to some trivial gain. We do not hold a brief against our own day; we are not going to panegyrize the past; we simply note a fact which is evident to all who reflect. We are, it must be admitted, dreadfully human. Realism has killed art; utility has destroyed the streams; a mechanical system of culture has filled the world with intellect. ual automatons who can grind off verses The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands; Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was are grave. And worst of all, a plodding horn! criticism in literature, which may be beneficial in some departments, is destroying, one by one, the myths and le gends which made our boyhood happy. The Knights of the Round Table_the Lilliputians who annoyed the veracious Sinbad, Robinson Crusoe's Man Friday, -aye, even poor Jack of the Bean Stalk all, all called in doubt, or deniad. We suppose that children of the future will play with electric batteries instead of has produced its full quota of idiots; but spoke: it has destroyed many of our harmless illusions, and taken the poetic element there is one annual season of joy which Christmas is an epitome is the most wonderful of all, love is its keynote, but stoops to conquer, for the Eternal World leaves the bosom of the Father, and through trials and the bitterness of opens pan everlasting kingdom to his followers. Attempts indeed have been made to prove that we rejoice without reason at Christmas; but the glorious festival is too firmly imbedded in the love and affections of innumerable gen. erations to be disturbed. Material as our age undoubtedly is, this one pure joy must remain; as the prized heirloom of eighteen centuries. Back in the middle ages, civil laws in many places, ex empted debtors from arrest during Christmas week, calling it the Week of Remission.' It was a time of universal rejoicing, and, therefore no one was to lose his liberty. In 1216, Pope Honorius III. decreed that when Christmas fell on Friday, the usual abstinence of that day should be dispensed with. Father back still, in the ninth century. Nicholas I, in a reply to a consultation from the Bulgarians, grants a similar witnessed a great event. Europe was just then recovering from the confusion consequent on the fall of the Roman empire, and the incursions of northern barbarians. A brave christian warrior had overthrown his enemies, and consolidated his kingdom. The old pagan empire of Rome had fallen, never to the old Basilica of St. Peter in Rome'.

The day was chosen because it was the oirthday of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. And further back on a Christ. mas day, three centuries before Charlemagne, another historical event happen-It is Christmas Eve in the old town of Rheims France. Remigus, or Remy. the faithful bishop who laboured much for France, was preparing to celebrate with all pomp the day of joy, at its first hour, midnight. All are on the road to the house of God. Through the silence of the night, which is broken only by glad peals from the belfry, they wend their way, thinking of the crib at Bethlenem, and its infant God. The thunders of Sinai are no longer heard; its lightnings no longer terrify, for the mysteri, ous approach of a God is now symbolized clouds. The Glinting stars sparkle in shines on their souls. Like the Magi of church, which is lit up with innumera-) Since ble waxen lights. Humbly by his side gone to relieve the widows and orphans comes the once fierce Clovis, who, on to of members amounts to half a million night, is to be regenerated by the waters dollars. of baptism, and thus will become the first Christian King of France. As they near the church Clovis, the rude Sicamber, seeing the glory of lights, and hearing the solemn anthems which now break on their ears, tremblingly asks: My Father is this the king lom you have promised me?" St. Remy sweetly smiles and replies: "No, my son, this is but the beginning of the road that leads to it." They enter, and great joy fills the heart of all on that far off Christmas day in Rheims. And years before that event Leo l., he who alone confronted and turned back Attala from the pillage of Rome, thus spoke to his people on Christmas day:

Our Saviour, dear brethren, is born to day. Let us rejoice. There is no room for sadness on the birthday of lite. ** There is one common reason of joy for all ** Let the holy one rejoice because he nears his crown, let the sinner rejoice because he is called to repentance; let the nations have courage, for they are a lied to life.

Some years previously, at Constantino. ple, the great Christian orator, St John Chrysostom, spoke of the glories and joys of Christmas, and showed how na. tural it was that this festival should be kept on its right day by the western church, since the documents connected with the enrolment made by Agustus, were preserved at Rome. In Africa, too time, Christmas brought joy to the dusky inhabitants of Hippo. Its great Bishop Agustine, on that day addressed his hearers thus:

"Let us rejoice my brethren, for this is a sacred day; not on account of the visible sun. but o account of the birth of the invisible Creator of the sun. The tops, and will fly balloors instead of Son of God choose this day on which to kites, mythical tales will be banished be born. . . For this day on which from juvenile libraries and dessertations the light begins to increase was a fitting or genetic protoplasm, or the homogeny symbol of the work of Christ, who, by of occult causations, will take their place. grace, continually renews the inner man. We are rather glad that we are a child This is a beautiful idea, and one referred of the past, and cut our teeth on rubber to by many early writers. Back still rings, not on balls of electricity, as will further in the ages, in the third century, the unfortunate babe of the future. Yes Christmas brought joy to the citizens of passed and has since been proclaimed science has given us much, although it Nyssa, and Gregory, their Bishop thus

"O! man, know that under the things thou seest, there are revealed hidden out of many graceful legends. But with mysteries. Night, as thou knowest, had reached its longest limit and all at once world, with all its sceptical scholarship it is stopped. Think of the fatal night of an brought to its densest darkness it has not been able to kill. Christ by a union of all guilty artifices: to day mas is still a word of power; it is still a its course is checked. From to day it name of hope, it is a symbol of peace is reduced, and it will soon be annihila-

Thus up through the ages the joy of Christmas shines ou, and beautifies, the world. Crimes there ever have been; human tears have flowed, and human hearts have ached; but there was always one season sacred to spiritual exultation How could it be otherwise; for the light that shone on the first Christmas morn. ing in far off Bethleben, was to cast a rey down all the centuries; and the echo of the angel's song of joy was to resound to the end of time-"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will." Happy Christmas day! May we never hear with indifference your name of love. You remind us that there is something more noble than earth that above all material things there is the invisible God who watches, with gentlest care, over thoughtless children. You remind us of the example of divine love shown in the crib at Bethlenem and thus teach us to o pen our hearts to the trip to Toronto. Marvellous success has been wants and necessiti-s of our suffering achieved in the cure of Catarrh, Deafness neighbors. You tell us of peace, and invite us to lay aside all animosity, all envy, all the paltry and ignoble bicker. Lungs. The surgeons are strictly specialists ings born of human pride, and human frailty. In the glorious light, of Christ. scores of poor sufferers who have been promas, how mean and sorded do many of nounced incurable. our actions seem; how vain appears everything except 'to love God, and to vention of Dr. Souvielle, of Paris, 1200 's serve Him alone.' If through all the geon to the French Army. Yet along the serve Him alone.' ages since Christ the season of Christmas fail to consult these eminent specialists they gladdened hearts in every clime, may it will be at the Brunswick Hotel Winnipeg, on gladden still more the souls of the cit. Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th of No izens of Halifax; and put the seal of vember and can be consulted at all hours in peace and good will over our social in-

CORRESPONDENCE

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES,

To the Editor of the Northwest Review.

Dear Sir.—I notice with pleasure, a very able editorial in your issue of 20th of Catarrh and Deafness. Nov. favourable to Catholic Societies and of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Asso ciation particular.

I assure you that it was with a great read your well timed remarks on the many reasons why more interest should Hotel; Oct. 22nd, to Oc. 27th. At sikirk: th be displayed by our co-religionists in | Merchants Hotel, Nov. 3rd and4th

ies which have for their principal aim the bringing together of our people.

Our separated brethren have various societies formed for this purpose and why should we not also take advantage of the many associations countenanced by our Holy Mother the Church for our spiritual and temporal welfare.

As 1 am closely connected with the C. M. B. A. possibly a few remarks on the origin and present status of that thoroughly Catholic Association may prove of some value to your readers.

The first heard of this association was n the year 1877 when the present Bisthop of Buffalo; after giving serious study and attention to the vast number of Catholics who were joining such asso ciat ions as the Forresters and united w orkmen for the purpose of b nefitting by by a rude crib, not by fierce storm the insurance in connection; conceived the idea that an association founded on the heavens, but the star of Bethlehem | truly Catholic principles and embodying the benefits of insurance would meet old they are going to adore the new born with approval. He at once set to work Saviour. Slowly the venerable Remy and the association to day has a member walks with his spiritual children to the ship of over fifteen thousand persons. 1879 the amount that has

Just think Mr. Editor the amount of

good there is contained in this simple tact alone. Now, how much has it cost each mem-

ber to pay this apparently enormous sum in that period of time. The way to get at it is as follows; when

one applies for membership he is given the total first cost: as below.

Initiation tee \$3.00; Medical fee \$1.00; Supervising Medical fee 50c, months dues 25c, beneficiary cost 10c; one ass. essment in advance \$1.00 to \$1.65c ac. cording to age or a total of 5 to 6 cents per day to settle an insurance on ones life of two thousand dollars.

It must be borne in mind that every applicant cannot hope to become a member as a very strict medical exam. ination has to be gone through, and rightly; for there would be no protect. ion to the members were such not the case.

Then, the branch has what is called a board of trustees; whose duties are to inquire into the moral standing of the applicant. In short the society is one of the best for insurance that Catholics can join and I trust its spread in the Northwest will be rapid.

In Canada our membership to.day is over saventeen hundred, and everywhere branches are being organized. The a few years earlier than Chrysostom's number of assessments per year are about fifteen.

In order that all may know what the actual cost is I will give here the table of rates.

From 21 to 25 years \$1.00; 25 to 30 \$1,10: 30 to 35 \$1.20. 35 40 \$1,30. 40 to 45 \$1.45,45 to 50 \$1.65. This amount is levied on each mem

ber according to his age on joining the association. No one under 21 and no one over 50

years are eligible. The initiation and other fees are the same for all.

At the last convention of the supreme council a resolution was introduced and by the Supreme President in favor of a one thousand dollar beneficiary-so that those who do not feel able to pay or take out a policy on the two thousand plan can have one for one thousand dol lars at the following rates.

From 21 to 25 50e; 25 to 30 55e: 30 to 35 62½e; 35 to 40 65e 40 to 45 72½e; 45 to 50

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Any further imformation concerning ion will be cheerfully giver by the vriter, P. J. DOHERTY

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deal of satisfaction and approval that I shall be at the Lorne Hotel, Portage la Prairie Oct. 18th 19th, 20th, At Brandon: Grand View