"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest:"-BALMEZ.

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CHRISTMAS AND PEACE.

(WRITTER FOR THE REGISTER.)

The octave of Christmas contains the fearts of St. Stophen and St. John, the Holy Innocents, and St. Thomas of Canterbury; and all of these, if we take St. Jorome's view of the long suffering beloved desciple, are martyrs, that is, witnesses unto the shedding of their blood.

what a curious commentary this is upon the proclamation made by the angels of peace on earth.

Christ is the king of peace; so was born in the midst of a profound and siversal peace. The far-of view the prophets had of the great coming was tinged with the colors of pouce, as we know by their imagery of the lion and the lamb lying down together. How is it, then, that immediately following the great festival of the Nativity, the Church invites us to commemorate, in the persons of the martyrs, men whose lives, or at all events their deaths, were the very contradictory of all that is of the nature of peace. What is there of colon, of tranquillity, of rest—the attendants and fruits of peace—in the violent rush of furious men against the holy deacen, "easting him out of the city and stoning him?" Or, in the savage cruelty of Horod's soldiers, outriging nature by the murder of innocent babes? or, in the perverted enthusiasm of the ruffians who slew the great Archibehop of Canterbury?

The coming of the Divine Child promised a reign of peace, indeed, but His choice servants, His most dearly beloved children, the saints and the martyrs, seem to enjoy but little of it. Their life is a hardship, their death a murder and conductions, strife and war still agitate the life of the world, even as they did in the days before the King of Peace took up His abode in it. Divine Word has failed, and thems norming of peace on earth to me a more illusion? Surely not. The blessing promised that night demanded upon the earth and covered it like a new atmosphere, which may be a marty of the control of the promise and its limit. The old state of hings, strife, anarchy, confusion, still holds its place, and runs side by side with the new creation. It still has, and always will have, power to make itself felt, but, like the winds that rage ferceity without but cannot touch those who are sheltered, it is impotent to disturb the calm of as many aby good will lift homoslves to the screen region where fifth, and not the sense, is the ruie of li

then, in unsapposes at all, were made.

Both states of mind are false. The world will last at long as earthly Christianity, an will follow its old ways, and the more feel its troubles as well as others; but he ought not to be of it. The body, indeed, cannot escape the taws of health or sickness, of heat and cold, of appetite and change and death, and it can never, therefore, be in perfect peace this side of the tomb; for peace is the state of fixedness, the opposite of change.

But inxedness is not enough by itself to ensure undisturbedness. One leaf or an abset of paper fixed to another is

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the storms which used to toss it so violently?
Now there is one rock which never can be shaken, by anything on the earthor beneath it. When the spirit is fixed to this the winds and waves and wildest tempests rage rou: d it in vain. And since the proclamation of Christmas night, any one in this world may be securely anchored to that rock which is escourely anchored to that rock which is estimated in the second of the But she capsan knows his any and not arriad. Indeed life is full of experiences wherein knowledge disarms the most threatening things of all their terrors. They are given us as introductions to that higher knowledge which slone casteth out all fear by the assurance that the whom we know is infinitely faithful, and we should hope, infinitely good, and we should hope; individually in the shade of the control o

It is easy then to see wherein the words of Christ promising peace have their fulfilment in spite of appearances. The stones that fruitsed St. Stephen lost none of their hardness because they crushed a saint, nor did the sword that killed St. Thomas strike with less keeness of indiction because it cut into the dischold of a martyr. The natural sufferings of these hely men were just as great as if ondured by sinners. But there was that within them which sinners know not of, and whilst it lifted their bedies in distress and pain, lifted their spirit so high a sto be able to see your Jesus Christ Hinself standing at the right hand of the power of Ged and anending down upon them an atmosphere of such peace as led both 19 the sublimeroism of praying for their very murderers.

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This, then, is the nature of the promise and the meaner of its fulfilment. The devil and the world and the flesh still live and rage around us as of old. Tempstation and pain, sickness and death, are what they always week. Strife and contentions and strife and contentions and strife and contentions and first strife and contentions and first strife and contentions are striff and the contention with the strip and the

same as it was ninctone centuries ago. The change is in the hearts and souls of new the change is in the hearts and souls of new the promise embraced only 'mon of good will.

Where that good will is found, and mone by faith fire themselves to the Rock, and cling to it by hope and chants would may wisel as the change of the saints' at the very foot of the saints' at the saints' at the very foot of the saints' at the saints' at the very foot of the saints' at the saints' at

A Syrian Priest in Toronto.

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We publish the following communication just as we have received it:

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."—(John 18, 35).

A priest came from Damasous to Toronto about a year and a half ago accompanied with orders from his Patriath of the state of the

And here he is in a very poor state at 1 in want.

Jesus Christ commanded that we should love one another. The Apostle said: "Though I speak with tongues and give my body to be burned and have no charity, it profiteth me nothing. The Lord Jesus said: "Love God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself."

My purpose for writing is to give a notice to the Roman Catholic public and because of my love to that dear old saint (the pricest) who is suffering much, especially in seeings few of the Orientais err, mg to other churches. My hope is to have the mindsof the people awakened that they might hely, this priest and assist him in all his needs in honoring the Roman Catholic Church.

JOSETH NAHAS.

St. Joseph's Church.

The Rodeinptonist Eathers will open a mission in St. Joseph's Church, Lealie street on Sunday next '9th 'nas' at the 11 o'clock mass. It will be conducted by Roy. Fathers Klander and Hanley, who recently had charge of a most successful mission which is looked forward to with interest by the people of St. Joseph's will continue every morning and evening during the week.

Blessing. a. New Organ in St. Paul's Church.

The new grand crgan in St. Paul's Church, Power street, was formally opened and blessed on Sunday ovening in the presence of an immensa congregation. The ceromony of blessing the organ was performed by Very Rev. Vlear. General McCanut, in the absence of His Graco Archibishop Walsh, who was suffering from a severe cold and unable to attend. The music of and ovening was of the highest merit and a credit alike to the organists. Signor Dinelli, and the Harry Troman, while the organist of the organists o

mment. Instrument they had fustalled in their church.

The organ is a very fine one and was built by the R. S. Williams & Sons Co. in their factory at Oshawa. It has 27 stops, eight composition pedals, and imported reeds, these being made by Maguire, in Paris. The bollows ic of the most modern construction, as also the action, ivory keys, callulaid fronts and ebony sharps, and the design of the case is in harmony with the architecture of the church, of selected oak, and the displayed front pipes are illuminated in gold and colors.

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Sixtieth Anniversary of the Pope's First Mass.

Roms, Jan. 24.—The sixtieth anniversary of the Pope's first elebration of Mass was observed at the Vatican on New Year's Day. Fully three thousand delegates from Catholic societies and parochial committees were admitted to the Sala Delia Loggia of the Vatican, and shortly afterwards His Holliness was carried in on the sedia gestatoria, and it to accommittees were admitted to the Sela Delia Loggia of the Vatican, and shortly afterwards His Holliness was carried in on the sedia gestatoria, and the socialmations of the spectators. The Popo officiated at his own diamont mass, the unaic being furnished by the chief of the Sisting Chapter of the Sis

The Liquor and Drug Habit.

A NEW TREATMENT.

The demonstration which commenced three months ago, at the request of a number of the clergy and temperance workers in this city, still goes on with results in scores of cases, many of which were utterly hopeless and who had tried other cures in vain, and, who are now leading cober lives, have convinced the most akeptical that an up-to-date, permanent and radical physical cure for the liquor and morphine habits has been discovered which entitly dose away with the antiquated and objectionable hypodermic injection treatment.

The following letter by Mr. John S. Howell, of 9, Montgomery Rd., Chiawick, London, W., has been sont to the cellect of "The Methodist Times" in answer to an article on "The World-wide Decline of Romanism" (sio):

THE (ALLEGED) WORLD WIDE DECREASE OF ROMÁNISM.

THE (LLEGRD) WORLD-WIDE DECREASE OF ROMAYSTAM.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow mo to draw your attention to several serious inaccuracies in the statistics of this wock's article on the above subject? First, you attribute to the late Cardinal Manusing, the statement that only 200, 000 out of some 1,600,000 Catholics in England are English, the remainder being foreign and Irish. No reference is given—but as the English converts to Catholicism during the past forty-five years mumber some 200,000, perhaps that is what is meant; anyhow the figure is altogether wrong. The Irish famine of 1845 00 sont 1,000 000 people over here, but, according to the cusus roturns of 1850 in what 35 alo. If we add their English-born direct descendants, according to the usual ratio we get anate: 200,000, and if a third generation 1,200, 100,000 and in third generation 1,200, 100,000 and 1,000,000 and 1,000,00

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But according to many authorities there are no many as 1,750,000 Catholics in England and Wales, which would proportic makely increase the total (* English. The Americans, however, are the worst, defaulters: "20,000,000 lost to Romanism." Let you'readers think what! that means—two-thirds of the population of England and Wales. No wonder that Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore; a few years since stigmaties a similar statement as utterly mendacional Since 1820 (according to American emigration returns) the total transcalent control of the control

olic countries contributed over eleven millons, Ireland, 8,723,566; Franco, 892,869; Italy, 890,569; and Austria, 716,260; Italy, 680,569; and Austria, 680,569; Italy, 680,569; and Austria, 680,569; and 680,569; and

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Holy Resary Chapel.

Last, but not least among the many testifities of the joyous Christmas season, we that of the children of Holy Resard and the children of Holy Resard and the children of Holy Resard and the children with their relatives and friends, repaired to the Assembly hall, where they were welcomed by the Rev Father O'Donohue, G.S.B. The organist entireness the soene with the strains of "Garry Owen" as the guests assembled, and straightway the children's vocal in structor gathered the little folk together to sing the chorts they had prepared in honor, of their beloved pastor. This was immediately followed by the familiar persain "Ho's A Jolly Good Fallow," in which all the assemblage joined heartily: It was amusing to see the little folk mount the rostrum in response to their "call." Indeed, when one considers that the whole entertainment was an imprompty affair, he cannot hut marvel at its great success. Among the tiny mites, and maturer lads and lasses who bravely and generously responded to their calls for senge and recitations ware: Masters Willie Falvey, John Ryan and John McGee, and the little Missis Gertie Conlin. Hazel Foley, Maggie Murphy, Agnes McGee, and Lilian Hondricks. The first part of the improvised concert over, the children, the humber of some sixty or more, filed two by two into an adjacent room, where their happy smiles breachend the bangust tables, lossed and candy-fruits and mature feest the nonces, by kind permission of Rev. Resher Aboulin. C.S.B. (with any an encore. Thereafter the songs and menty laughter of the children, entertained the old folk with many an encore. Thereafter the songs and menty laughter of the children mingled again in not discordant melody, till finally the organist humbed their wild hilarity with the selemn strains of "God Save the Queen."—V.I.D.

Whereas Division No. 2 A.O.H., Toronto, has learned of the death of Mrs.
Margaret Fleming grandmother of nesteemed brother, Mr., Janes Fleming,
Be it therefore resourced that we, the
members of this Division, tender BroFleming our most owness sympathy in
Boselved and the company of this resolution; be hearded to Brother Fleming;
that he merted in the minutes of the
Division, and sent for publication to Tass
Description.
THOMAS HYLLAND, Sec.

Blessing a. New Organ in St. Paul's Protestant Allegations of Catholic Appalling Catastrophe in the Forest Church.

City.

Lexhon, Ont., Jan. 3.—The greatest catastrophe that has taken place in the vicinity since tha "ictoria disaster of 1831 centract this evening in the midst of the jubilation that followed the municipal election. The returns were hate in coming in, and it was forty minutes past 8 when the Mayor and aldormenched and their supporters througed into City Hall, which was filled to its utmost limit. Near the platform stood a very large iron safe, which, going down with the floor, added its terrible crushing weight to the falling 'imbers and pinued fast the unfortunate victims, who might otherwise have had a chance of escaping. The scene that followed was one of indescribable confusion and consternation, the cries of the injured and the greans of the dying mingling in appalling chorus. The firemen were speedily on the spot and readered al' the assistance possible, their efforts being seconded by hundreds of willing bands.

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The list of killed so far secured is as
follows:—W. T. Smith, ex. street car
conductor; L. W. Burke, insurance
agent; Noble Carrothers, upshew of
Ald. Carrothers; Crawford Beckett, contractor; Ex. Ald John Turner, carriagemaker; Edward Luxton, Centralla;
Fred. Heaman, son of ex Ald. Heaman;
Yellam H. Dell, baker, West Loudon;
T. S. Leigh, plumber, city; A. E. Phililly, flour docaler; B. J. Nash, carriagemaker; William Edward Talbot, aged
18, Hamilton Road; Ben. Jacques, cabin-m, York stroet; W. J. Borland, Tocumsch avenue; Słowart Harrison, aged
61, Fallaction stroet, produce merchast;
Stowe Williams; James Harris, camployed at McClary's; Oswald Bruce, aged
18, Wharpcillor coad; John Burridge,
shoomaker, corner Talbot and King,
streets; Frank Robinson, plastero; Bynamed Maclean, son of James Maclean,
Claretice street.

A Protestant Missionary Maxim.

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The well-known Mr. Hiram S. Maxim is reported to Lave add as a recent dinner of the Article Club that a missionary in the course of a conversation with him suggested that prohaps a Maxim gun would be a good thing for spreading religion as well as commence amongst awage races. Wherever, Mr. Maxim replied with a grine of Maxim replied with a grine of Mission as quite of Maxim replied with a grine of Mission replied with the principles of the creed. This archestant missioner, says The Liver, pool Catholic Times. And to put if the principles of his creed. This has always been the difference between Protestantism and the Cetholic Church have sought only the spiritual welfard converts. The Protestant mission arises have looked beyond the spiritual interests of the people amongst whom they have endeavored to spread their religious principles. In Great britain they kept in view the stores which the abbeys collected for the benefit of the hopor, and the wealth of the manors in flocks and pastures. The doctrine that the saints should possess the land they enforced with all their might in Ireland. And abroad they have always carried agun of one kind or another along with the Bible. This sort of evangelization may be good for the temporal welfare of the individual missionary, but it may well be doubted whether it ever brings lasting advantage to his creed.

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Archbishop's Palace,
Orrawa, Canada, Nov. 8, 1895.

Mr. S. S. Ryckman, M.P.,
Hamilton, Ont.
My Drar Siz.—In order to comply with your request, I visited no less than twenty-six persons of different ages and conditions, residing in our city, who had used the medicine called. "Accomany Care." Upon my inquiry, some information of the many sensitive the medicine on the safety of the many sensitive the had obtained considerable relief from the above named remedy, and were using it yet with the firm hope and almost certainty what in the near, four earlier of the safety of the s

tion. Price couts, mailed to any addr

The Conversion of England.

A press despatch from Now York, dated Jan. 4th, says.—There has been laid before the Roman Catholic Archibithes an History of the United Statement Cannon Catholic Archibithes and Cannon Catholic Archibithes and Cannon Catholic Archibithes and Cannon Catholic Archibithes and Sallistof fractratities of the Archibent at the Church of St. Suipice, Paris, and for its object the conversion of England to the Roman Catholic faith. None of the Archibithops or Bishops have yet indicated what action they will take. If they take any, it will be done very soon and addresses will be issued to the priests and laity of the Church croping the action, and setting forth the manner in which they expect such affiliated fraternities to be organized and conducted.

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This movement originated with Cardinal Yaughan, Archbishop of Weatminster, who laid the matter before Pope Leo XIII. about a year ago. After careful deliberation and after calling into consultation the Archbishops of Paris and Autun, the Pope gave his approval of the movement, and his formal sauction of special sorvices to be held in St. Salpice, Paris, to formally inaugurate the organization of the original Archeonfrateratty. These services have been held, Cardinat Vaughan being the principal figure in them, and blessing bestowed upon the movement by the Pope.

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MONTREAL, Jaa. 4.—A solemn funeral service in honor of the late Archbistion Fabre was hold to-day in the Cathedral, which was draped in mourning. About three hundred priests from all parts of the country; where present, and the different religious communities were represented, by very large department of the country; which is presented in targe numbers of the solement of the country of t

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Berlin, Jan. 4.—The Cologio Gazette, on authority, from the best informed quarters in Paris, amounces to-day that since Thursday last important negotiations have been proceeding in Londoufor a Chinese loan, the attempts made in Paris and St. Petersburg to arrange a loan having failed. China thorcupon offered to contract for 200 000000 its good offices on the contract of 200 000000 its good offices on British dovernment. China, it by the land tax, under the concord of Englishmen, and that, urthermore, an Englishmen shall succeed Sir Robert Hart, as director of the China. Imperial maritime enstems. In addition, Great Britain will insist upon a concession of Territory, relative to which secrecy, secording to the informat of The Cologne Gazette, must be temporarily observed.

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New York, Jan. 2.—The Right Hon.

Horace Plunkett, M.P., the chairman of
the Irish Agricultural Organization
Society, who is now visiting the United
States, has contributed to the January
number of the North American Review,
which will be issued to morrow, an
account of the efforts which have, been
made since the death of Mr. Parnell to
further the cause of Ireland through
the development of her commercial and
industrial resources. This new movement, Mr. Plunkett points out, depends
for its encess upon the co-operation of
Irishmen, who are politically cuposed to
each other, and it has been the most
of bringing together in a common endeavor prominent men of the most
diverse political factions, Unionists and
Nationalists uniting.

Cathelic Bishops in the House of Lerds
Lord Salisbury, it is stated, suggested
the calling of Gardinal Manning to the
Upper Charuber, presumably on account
of his exceptionst knowledge on subjects
of social legislation. It will be remembered that Cardinal Manning sale on theRoyal Commission for the Housing of
the Foor, and was named in the reference
immediately after the Prince of Wales,
and before the Archhistopof Cauteroury.
The only Catholic Prelate who has sal
in the House of Lords during recent
years was the late Lord Petrs, who bere
the Papal title of Monaguer, and was
one of the domestic prelates at the
Vatican.

There was a very large congregation at St. Michael's Cathedral on New Year's morning. High mass was song by the Rev. De. Trescy, and an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Ryan. At the morning mass the Rev. Father Ryan officiated, wille an impressive discourse was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Trescy. Marco's Mass was rendered by the choir, under the Rev. Eather Rohleder.