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His Eminence the Cardinal Writes of

His Eminence the Cardinal has lately contributed to the National Tribune of Washington, D. C., a finely descrip-tive and historical sketch of the rise tive and historical sketch of the rise and progress of the Church in this country. Omitting the purely statisti-cal parts, we take pleasure in giving our renders the salient points, which will amply renay a promable height between the salient points, which will amply renay a promable height between the salient points. our readers the salient points, which will amply repay a perusal, being full of interest and information, and writ-used in this country, has entered into our legislation and customs, and is one ten in His Eminence's usual charming

Of the charities and charitable institutions of the Church I can speak only briefly. We count in the United States five hundred and thirty-three charitable institutions directly under the control of the Church and in the hands of men and women who are exclusively devoted by vows of religion to the many works of Christian benevolence.

There is no phase of human misery and affliction for which the Church does not provide some antidote, some alleviations. She has foundling asylums to receive and shelter abandoned infants, orphan asylums to be homes for children whom death has left without father and mother, hospitals for every species of bodily and mental disease, Magdalen asylums and houses of the Good Shepherd for the shelter and reclaiming of women who

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have fallen victims to their own weakness or to the false promises of the seducer, reformatories for boys who have taken the first step in the path of vice or are exposed to its dangers, retreats for the aged where men and women without homes find on the threshold of the grave a refuge from the storms of life and a novitiate to prepare them for eternity. Besides the five hundred and fifty-

three charitable institutions which are in the hands of religious men and women, there is a very large number of societies charitable in their char acter and aims, the management o which is left in the hands of the Catholic laymen who compose their mem-bership, though more or less under the control of their respective pastors. CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Such are the mutual benevolent societies; their aims are very much alike, but their names are many and various, and their aggregate member-ship runs away up into the hundreds of thousands. These societies very naturally are formed on lines of nationality ; they are Irish, German, Ameri-can, Polish, Canadian, etc.

In contrast with these mutual bene-ficial associations is the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is based on no national lines, but is strictly Catholic, to the State and the Church. being made up as to membership of all nationalities, and doing its work among all without distinction of race or and doing its work color. Almost every parish in cities has a St. Vincent de Paul Society attached to it.

Of late years the care of immigrants landing in New York has attracted the attention and engaged the sympathies of our Catholic associations. This work is only at its beginning ; already two houses, one for German, the other for Irish immigrants, have been opened the citizen, the good of the social body in New York, to serve as bureaus of that this is a case in which corrupt information and temporary lodging politics and the loose administration of information and temporary lodging places. The work of colonizing immigrants in the Western States and worthy children of the Church from her Territories has been undertaken and salutary influences and commands. carried on with great success by colonizing societies. The great social problem is that of capital and labor; many are the schemes that have been put out to solve the problem. But they are all partial and incomplete remedies,

the wide-spread influence of the Roman Catholic Church. ORIGIN OF THE ANGELUS. The only remedy to this terrible evil e Sweetest of Prayers Handed Down to Mankind from Heaven. the Noble Work of the Church in the United States. The only remedy to this terrible evil is a return to the legislation of the Church, which is the legislation of Jesus The origin of this beautiful prayer

Christ Himself, on matrimony. is from heaven. THE SUNDAY QUESTION. The Divine institution of a day of

CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE

by an inconsistency that amazes the

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serious antidote, but have turned the

When the fullness of time had come and the Son of God was to take upon Himself our human nature the Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, the Spouse of St. Joseph. The words with which He saluted her were given to Him in heaven—" Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." She was not looking for such favors as God had destined for of the most patent signs that we are a Christian people. It would not be difficult to show that her.

She tells us her mind as a Virgin the observance of Sunday is fraught with the greatest social blessing; as when she says in the "Magnificat God hath regarded the humility of His handmaid. proof, look at the social ills that have This was the beginning of the flow befallen those Christian nations that

of grace which came to our world in-stead of a deluge of destruction, which have lost respect for it. Solicitous to avert from the United States those disit merited by reason of its ingratitude. ostrous consequences, the Catholic Church has been a strenuous upholder From the time that the Virgin became the Virgin Mother things of this of the sacred character of the Lord's world began to be shaped in accord-Day. On no point has she been more ance with the influence of grace workclear and emphatic in her legislation, recorded in her Plenary Councils, and ing in men's souls before they knew how to term the power to which they were bending. The influence of the notably in the Third Plenary Council held in Baltimore in 1884. It is to be

The words are revealed.

Incarnation was realized, but the cause hoped that all her children in these was not known. Indeed a few there were who heeded states, casting aside the abuses of the European lands whence they come God's revelations and these knew what may accept loyally and carry out thor-oughly that salutary legislation. had come to pass and in somewhat a confused manner what was to be the Akin more or less to all the forefuture. Obscurity of place and servi-

going questions, intimately bound up with the observance of Sunday, with the tude of God's chosen people made these people themselves heedless of the great promises fulfilled for them and the sufferings of the laboring classes, with education, is the question of temper-ance. The greatest statesman of all times whole world. The creatures of God which have no free will to oppose him always travel straight to the end for which they are created. have seen in drunkenness the direct plague of society, the main source of The heavens and the earth were to its crimes and pauperism. And yet,

bear witness to the truth, as to the time and place, for the realization of God's promises. This they did. THE STAR OF THE EAST, the representative of the bodies that

very evil into a source of national glisten over us hastened to the manger. It was the first lamp whose light twinkled before the Son of God in His However, to pass on to more relevant onsiderations, if he who seeks to sacred humanity. It sweetened with the fragrance of its odor the air which stay and remove the curse of drink is to be accounted a social benefactor, The winds of the heavens bore it. then we may claim that attribution for never caused it to flicker. Its flame was purity ; its light was faith and its the Church. The legislation of the Council of Baltimore is precise and fire charity. It fills with hope the kings of the nations who come to lay vigorous in this matter ; Catholic Total Abstinence and Father Mathew societheir crowns at the feet of the Babe in the manger. It is a heaven-sent ties are everywhere in the land. A few years ago, in a brief address to messenger. It has come down upon earth with its rays for wings and its

Archbishop Ireland, the Holy Father Leo XIII. gave his approbation, in very light puts to flight our enemies. Our faith, our hope and our strength words that cannot be misunderstood or misinterpreted, to total abstinence as is in the Incarnation. Our fathers before the coming of our Lord waited with such a longing for the coming of an efficacious remedy for intemperance, and to total abstinence societies as being engaged in a work beneficial Christ that they cried to the heavens to rain down the Just One and for the If it be objected that many Catholics earth to open and produce a Saviour. are delinquent in this matter to the wishes of the Church, that in fact the From Adam and Eve, shut out of Par. dise, to St. Joseph and the Blessed retail liquor business is largely in the hands of Catholics, our answer is that Virgin, on their knees in the stable at Bethlehem, and from them to unfortunately the States do not co-operate with the Church in this im-

our time, and from now till time ceases the Incarnation is our preservation on portant question, that the laws against drunkenness and legal restrictions on earth. It will constitute our happiness in heaven. the sale of intoxicants are allowed to When the earth was blackened for be violated ; that what is called the the first time with crime, a first deluge necessities of politics are at war with

of destroying waters came : but when crime was adored, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us," and the Blood of His Sacred Heart opened the fountains whence living waters

flow, to wash our souls whiter than snow. The war has never ceased, and will never. Always the battles on, and the fight is that of the devil and his

"That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." This is why God the Son took upon Himself our human nature. His promises never fail. We ask our Mother to pray that we may do nothing to cause the promises of Christ to lack fulfilment in us.

Now comes the conclusion of our invocations, and it contains in itself the reason of our prayer, "The Angelus "

"Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, hath been made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glories of His Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen." The Church speaking is God teach-

ing ; therefore harmony prevails in all she does for her children.

Look at this conclusion ; consider it. It is most beautiful in its simplicity yet is from heaven, and its beauty and its love is in every word that makes up its language-picture.

It is an extract from the history of the Son of God's life on earth. But where will one be found like to it. It brings with the moment it takes o repeat it before our minds the whole history of the Incarnation.

WHAT A PANORAMA unrolls itself before our minds eye ! The Virgin in the stable. The Infant in the crib and St. Joseph the guardian of the family ; the home, the workshop and God in it. The waysides and the crowds and the Word they hear from Him. The sick, the blind, the deaf the dumb and the lame, and those who stood afar off, all are praising God, for He spoke only the word and they were healed. Now come the shouts, blas phemies and derision, the cross on Hi shoulders, Calvary, He is nailed to the cross, hangs there, and dies. His body is in the arms of His Mother, His soul gone to bring the tidings to the just. Easter morning and the gloom of the clouds of Good Friday are passed away, and the silver lining of the heavens

are making glad the earth. "Angelus Domini" is among the sweetest of prayers, and the longer we linger on the thoughts it contains the sweeter to us comes the fountain whence it flows. Angelus Domini ! We almos hear the refrain of it in the air when the silver-tuned bells pealing it lift up their sweet sounding mouths to heaven. Angelus Demini ! Ourguar-dian angels love us when we salute the choirs to which they belong with

the praises of the Incarnation. Angelus Domini ! In the morning it directs our thoughts and softens our hearts ; at noon-time it recalls our wandering footsteps ; and in the evening it nushes our complaints into joyful thanksgiving for God's love to us dur-

ing the day. Angelus Domini! The prayer is the outgrowth of our needs and the conclusion of our confidence in the "Incarnation.

As the Incarnation is the key of our practical faith, so we, as has been done in every age, remind God, in our trials of life, of the Incarnation of His DivineSonforour Redemption. Tradition says St. Clement, Pope (died A. D. 432), added to the Angelical Salutation "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

When Christendom was threatened with destruction, Callixtus III. (1455 to 1458), an old man with the vigor and courage of youth, began his reign as Vicar of Christ with this solemn vow and the fight is that of the deviation, and legions against the Incarnation, and this is why the Church is always giv-ing honor and praise and glory to the Incarnation of God the Son. When

parish in Europe to be rung at noon. He granted Indulgences to all who

at the sound of these bells, recite an

our Father and the Angelical Saluta-

tion for victory to the arms of those fighting against the Turks.

we have it now consecrated by the Church and handed down to us. -S. S.

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because they look only to the material and temporal interests of man; and man, after all, is something more than being of matter and time. He is a being under a higher dispensation - under the law of Christian charity. All social schemes, passed union. The Declaration of Independ-on the assumption that man's good ence acknowledges that the right it lies in the natural order alone, must of all government and all authority. This is a fundamental religious prin-The brotherhood of man is a fail. dream unless it is founded in the Fatherhood of God. In the Christian ciple in which Church and State meet. From it follows the correlative prindispensation in which we live the ciple that has God alone is the source natural order cannot stand without the of human rights, so God alone can support of the supernatural order. True, it is not her official duty to devise special schemes for special social efficaciously maintain them. This is equivalent to Washington's warning disorders ; but it is her duty to see to that the basis of our liberties must be morality and religion. Shall, then, it that all schemes devised are founded on Christian principles and do not the various Christian Churches have antagonize the law of nature and the influence enough with the millions of our people to take them in morality and religion? No question can equal

The

law of God. A GREAT EVIL.

One great evil that threatens American people is divorce. Divorce means contempt of the marriage bond, avoidance of the responsibilities and duties of family life; it means the sapping of society as its very sources. nation where divorce is of wide extension and long continuance must perish. Such is the verdict of logic and history. The Catholic Church never allows

complete divorce, but allows for certain good reasons "limited divorce," or separation from bed and board. This limited divorce is hardly known or sought after by non-Catholics; for out of 328,716 divorces granted between

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in the State, and thus there is external the battle the hottest then, also, has the Church unfured the banner on separation, they both derive their life from the same interior principle of which is written the price of our Retruth, and in their different spheres carry out the same ideas, and thus demption. Who carry it? The man of faith. there is between them a real internal proclaims comes from God as the source

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work, by her Bishops, her clergy and

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sure of victory; the woman valiant because God is with her, and strong because the example of the Virgin Mother encourages and gives the strength. The tiny children with pure voices, who range in procession and look with the pride of faith on the image of the Mother and Son blended together on

Last year : the banners which their innocent hands carry. These are but the evidences of what is most powerful, the prayers that are rising from the hearts uplifted to God crying for mercy, peace and reconciliation for a whole world that is forgetting the sorrows of the Mother and the Blood of the Son.

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Ghost." "Then comes the refrain : full of grace ; "Hail Mary, full of grace ; the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Then the invocation, the fiat of Mary :

Behold the handmaid of the Lord ; Be it done unto me according to Thy word :

And comes again the refrain : "Hail

out of 328,716 divorces granted between the years 1867 and 1886, only 2,091 were limited divorces and no doub many if not all of these were granted to non-Catholic parties. That was a revelation to make a lover of his country pause in saddest musing, that report made on order of Congress by Carrol D. Wright. Within twenty years 328,716 divorces had been granted in the United States. Within that period the united States. Within that period he would be still greater, were it not for <u>Winaard's Liniment Lumbermant</u>

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