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HAIL! HOLY CHRISTMAS.

Reflections Concerning the Great Religious Festival.

The day that commemorates the Birth of our Divine Lord is the festival of humanity, and the day that brightens our lives and floods this world with light and beauty.

"Hail glorious day which miracles adorn, Hail glorious day which mankind did view The saviour of the world and new."

How this anniversary carries us back to that scene in Bethlehem which we delight to meditate upon and to keep green in our memories. In the manger reposes the Infant Jesus with the tender Virgin Mother and St. Joseph keeping watch above Him.

Time will not allow to speak of the many beautiful customs in Catholic countries associated with the Christmas holidays. Suffice it to say that the lovely legends of the day, the stories, the songs, and the half fairy-lore that gathers around it, are but so many ways of manifesting our love for our Blessed Saviour.

In June, 1647, the English Parliament abolished the observance of saints' days and the three grand festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whit Sunday.

In 1659, the general Court of Massachusetts enacted that "anybody who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day as Christmas day shall pay for every such offense five shillings."

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Our holy religion opens the human heart to its noblest impulses. At such a time charity should reign in our hearts. We should be imbued with that spirit of giving the best and life to help others of which the Supreme Sacrifice of Christ is the type.

Happy, indeed, should be all true children of the Church founded by Jesus Christ, and they may count all the vanities of this world as mere nothing compared with the privileges they enjoy as Catholic Christians.

Let us help each other in our bearing of His Cross, and remember that the encouraging word of a friend in the trials of this life, is like balm upon the wounded spirit.

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can therefore scote the anguish of her children who are subjected to its scorching fury. Let the arrogant disciples of the false and human philosophy of the day, the "wise and prudent" of this world, from whom the mysteries of heaven are "hidden," and who therefore fancy, in the darkness of their miserable blindness and unbelief, that there are no such mysteries—let all such, in the pride of intellects untaught of the spirit of God, sneer at what they are pleased to call the "delusion" of Catholics, because they glory in their Cross and are devoted to the Holy Mother of God.

Every day brings us more to realize the goodness of God in permitting us to be numbered among the elect race of Jesus Christ. Every day we find something more to admire, something more to love in His Church. What would life be if God had not been so merciful and enlightened our souls?

"Going thy night from star to star, From world to luminous world, as far As the universe spread its flaming wall; Take all the pleasures of all the spheres, And multiply each through endless years, One minute of Heaven is worth them all."

Our object should be to employ the coming time as we now wish we had the past. If each of us fulfills his duty the next year will bring with it less sin, and more glory to God. Every Catholic knows that we possess that precious treasure, without which time is long, life is all dreariness, and eternity is misery without a hope of change.

THE CROSS.

Quaint though the construction be of the following poem, yet never has the story of the Cross been told with more truthful simplicity:

Blest they who seek, While in their youth, With spirit meek, The way of truth, To them the sacred Scriptures now display, Christ as the only true and living way.

THE RESULT IN STANSTEAD.

Men. Mr. Colby Elected by Increased Majorities—The Figures in Detail. STANSTEAD, Que., December 18.—The elections throughout Stanstead to-day passed off very quietly, less than two-thirds of the nominal vote of the county being polled.

Table with columns: Name, Colby, Le Baron. Rows include Ayers Flat, Boynton, East Hatley, North Hatley, etc.

Majority for Mr. Colby..... 1,033 Griffin's Corners vote missing.

CHICAGO, October, 1887. I, the undersigned, O. C. Schuch, suffered from a nervous trouble for eight years, and after having tried some of the leading physicians of Germany, they could give no relief, but advised an ocean voyage, even this, however, did not improve the trouble and my condition became daily more hopeless.

JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND AT THE TIME OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

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ENGLAND'S FUTURE QUEEN.

The Young Woman Who Will Probably Wed Prince Albert Victor. I hear from a high English source, says a Paris letter to the New York Tribune, that the Princess Feodora of Schleswig-Holstein, who did the Eiffel tower the other day, captured by her elderly maiden aunt, Amelia, of the same house, is in all likelihood the coming Princess Albert Victor of Wales.

The Queen would like to secure her the crown of Great Britain, because she is descended from her majesty's mother, the duchess of Kent, whose first husband was Prince Liningen. Princess Feodora has been a great deal here with a party of aristocratic English friends, some of whom are connections of her aunt-in-law on the maternal side.

The Future of Cities.

We can draw no reliable inferences for this age beyond the present century as to the growth of cities. The growth of cities of this century is without parallel or precedent in previous ages.

LEARNING TO BE AN ORATOR.

The Art of Public Speaking an Acquirement rather than a Natural Gift. It is encouraging to young speakers to know that there never has been and never will be, such a thing as a "born orator."

When Robert Walpole first spoke in the House he panted for want of words and continued only to stutter and stammer. Curran was known at school as "stuttering Jack Curran," and in a debating society which he joined as "Orator Mum." Every one will also readily recall Disraeli's failure when he rose to make his maiden speech.

Many of the best orators have, even to their latest efforts, felt a tremor on rising to speak. Erskine said that on his rising to speak for the first time he should have set down in confusion had he not felt his children tugging at his gown.

On the boards of the House of Commons Johnny is one of the most able and dangerous of opponents; take him off these boards and I care nothing for him. To few was it given as to O'Connell to succeed equally with all audiences.

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She Wanted Delay.

Ador; As we are to be married in January, should we not announce our engagement? Sweet Girl: No, no; not yet, not yet. "My own, I would not hasten to make known the sweet truth to all the world were not the time so short. Can you not bring yourself to acknowledge your betrothal without further delay?"

"No, no, wait, I beg of you." "But why, my shrinking little angel?" "Wait until all the Christmas presents are in, or half of them will be held back for wedding presents."—New York Weekly.

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