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A CHRISTMAS CHANT.

By Father Abram J. Ryan.

The stars in the far-off heaven Have long since struck eleven ! And hark ! from temple and from [tower

Soundeth time's grandest midnight Thour

Blessed by the Saviour's birth, And night putteth off the sable stole, Symbol of sorrow and sign of dole. For one with many a starry gem, To honor the Baberof Bethlehem, Who comes to men the King of them Yet comes without robe or diadem; And all turn towards the holy east, To hear the song of the Christmas feast

Four thousand years earth waited. Four thousand years men prayed, Four thousand years the nations [sighed That their King so long delayed.

The prophets told His coming. The saintly for Him sighed; And the star of the Babe of Bethlehem Shone o'er them when they died.

Their faces towards the future. They longed to hail the light That in the after centuries Would rise on Christmas night.

But still the Saviour tarried. Within His Father's home, And the nations wept and wondered [why

The promised had not come.

At last earth's hope was granted, And God was a child of earth; And a thousand angels chanted The lowly midnight birth.

Ah! Bethlehem was grander That hour than paradise: And the light of earth that night feclipsed

The splendors of the skies.

Then let us sing the authem The angels once did sing; Until the music of love and praise O'er whole wide world will ring.

Gloria in excelsis! Sound the thrilling song; In excelsis Deo! Roll the hymn along. Gloria in Excelsis! Let the heavens ring: In excelsis Deo! Welcome, new-born King. Gloria in excelsis!

Hearts are joyous. cheerful, Faces all are gay; None are sad and tearful On bright Christmas day.

Hearts are light and bounding. All from care are free; Homes are all resounding With the sounds of glee.

Feet with feet are meeting. Bent on pleasure's way; Souls to souls give greeting Warm on Christmas day.

Gifts are kept a-going Fast from hand to hand; Blessings are a-flowing Over every land.

One vast wave of gladness Sweeps its world-wide way, Drowning every sadness On this Christmas day.

Merry, merry Christmas, Haste around the earth, Merry, merry Christmas. Scatter smiles and mirth.

Merry, merry Christmas, Be to one and all! Merry, merry Christmas, Enter hut and hall.

Merry, merry Christmas. Be to rich and poor! Merry, merry Christmas Stop at every door.

Merry, merry Christmas, Fill each heart with joy! Merry, merry Christmas, To each girl and boy.

Merry, merry Christmas. Better gifts than gold: Merry, merry Christmas To the young and old.

Merry, merry Christmas, May the coming year Bring as merry a Christmas

And as bright a cheer. THE REAL PRESENCE.

A Sermon preached in St. Mary's Church Winnipeg, Dec. 8th, 1898, by Father Drummond.

St. Mary's church was filled to overflowing Thursday evening. when Rev. Father Drummond preached upon the "Real Presence," in reply to the sermon of Ven. Archdeacon Fortin. His text was John 6:55, "For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." He said he did not intend to refer to those topics upon which the Anglicans themselves differed, nor to enter upon a useless or aggravating controversy. He was merely going to prove the truth of the Catholic doctrine. He had with him Archdeacon Fortin's sermon as it appeared in The Tribune, and he thought it would be best to read the sermon and comment upon the different points as he went along. FIGURATIVE EXPRESSIONS. The subject of Archdeacon Fortin's sermon was the "Real Presence," or rather, the "Real absence," for his purpose was to show that Christ's body was not present in the sacrament. The archdeacon had evidently made an attempt to understand the Catholic doctrines, but he had got them lamentably confused. By the force of the divine words uttered by the priest the bread and wine are turned into the flesh and blood of Christ though the accidents remain the same. The appearance of the bread and wine is not changed, yet the real presence of Christ's body is there. When the divine before Abraham was I am.' Thus pass through material objects.

words have been spoken we know by faith that the substance is no longer bread but the body of Chsrit.

Archdeacon Fortin attempted to show that the words "This is my body; this is my blood," were mere figurative expressions the same as "I am the door, I am the vine, I am the way." The latter expressions Father Drummond said were obviously figurative especially "I am the way," which is so plain a figure that it presents no difficulty; as to the other two instances, he read the context of John 10, 7-14, which refers to the words "I am the door of the sheep." He also read John 15. 1-6, beginning "I am the true vine."

"The context showed," said Father Drummond, "that these were metaphors and allegories, but you will search in vain in Hebrew or any other Oriental language for a figure in which the living body is represented by bread. Besides when Christ said 'I am the door,' 'I am the vine," He did not speak of any special 'door' or 'vine,' whereas when He said 'this is my body, He pointed out a very definite body, His own, which certainly was not a metaphor."

ST. JOHN, VI.

The rev. speaker hoped that one result of his sermon would be that every one would read carefully the sixth chapter of St. John. Catholics consider tha the first part of the chapter refers to faith in Christ and the last part to the gift of His body.

"As," said Father Drummond, "the archdeacon has garbled and distorted the sequence of the sacred text, I will read John 6. beginning with verse 51, and make a running commentary on the same. "The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' Father Drummond said: "Whenever Christ's hearers misunderstood Him and took His words in a literal when they should be taken in a figura tive sense it was Christ's uniform custom to correct the mistake and explain the words in a figurative sense. For instance, when He said, 'except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God; Nicodemus said un to him, how can a man be born again when he is old?' Immediately Jesus explained to him that it was a spiritual birth and said, 'Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.' But when His hearers un derstood Him in a literal sense which was the right one He did not correct His first expression, but simply strengthened it. For example, when Jesus said, 'Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad, the Jews said unto him, thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them 'Verily, verily,

He affirmed His identity with that being who had said to Moses, 'I am who am ,' and so well did the Jews understand Him as claiming to be God that they took up stones to cast at Him. He knew the danger He was running, and yet He simply reaffirmed what He first said. Now apply this principle to the verse just read, John vi. 52, when the Jews said 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat? If Christ had intended to institute a mere symbol He would have explained that it was not His own flesh and blood that they were going to eat, but would have said, 'My dear friends, do not be alarmed, I only want you to take a piece of bread or a sip of wine in memory of me." But what He did say was very different, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have not life in you. Whose eateth of my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day, for my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is is drink indeed.³

FORTIN GARBLES.

"In reference to the 60th verse and the following, Archdeacon Fortin takes an unpardonable liberty with the sacred text: 'They were greatly offended, so that very many many left Him and would no longer listen to such teachings, wherefore the Savionr explained himself. He said why should ye be offended; I am speak ing spiritually.' Now these last four words, 'I am speaking spiritually,'are not to be found in theNew Testamont; they are an in vention of the Archdeacon's. What Christ said was this."When Jesus knew in himself that His disciples murmured at this, He said unto them, doth this offend you? What then if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quick eneth, the flesh profiteth nothing. The words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." The word 'flesh' here does not mean the material flesh. In this, as in all similar texts where 'flesh' is opposed to 'spirit', flesh means infirmity or sin; but what does Jesus mean when He refers to His ascension? He means to call attention to the glorified existence which He will lead under a sacramental veil.

Now Christ's body in the sacrament is a glorified one. Therefore what our Lord meant by referring to His ascension was to hint that His presence in the Blessed Eucharist was to be quite unlike that of meat which we buy in the butcher's stall. His body was to be in a sort of spiritualized state, not subject to exterior influences as ordinary bodies are, and thus His words come true that it is the 'spirit that quickeneth.' The flesh of Christ without the spirit of His] divinity would not, but being the flesh of God it really does. quicken and sow the seeds of eternal life.

CANNOT BE A MERE SYMBOL.

Commenting on verse 66,"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him,' Rev. Father Drummond said, 'surely if Christ were instituting a mere symbol it was now high time that He should speak out His mind and prevent His disciples from forsaking Him; and yet He does no such thing. He simply turns to the twelve and says, 'Will ye also go away? as much as to say, 'if you will go I shall have to lose you, but I cannot change my doctrine,' and then it was that Simon Peter, the future head of His Church, answered Him, as all Catholics have answered throughout the ages, 'Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.' Can any story be more convincing than this to show that what Christ promised was not to be a simple symbol but a living reality?"

A MULTIPLIED PRESENCE.

Over the sea and land. In excelsis Deo! Chant the anthem grand. Gloria in excelsis! Let us all rejoice: In excelsis Deo! Lift each heart and voice. Gloria in excelsis! Swell the hymn on high; In excelsis Deol Sound it to the sky. Gioria in excelsis! Sing it, sinful earth, In excelsis Deo! For the Saviour's birth.

Thus joyful and victoriously. Glad and ever so gloriously, High as the heavens, wide as the [earth Swelleth the hymn of the Saviour's

[birth

Lo! the day is waking In the east afar; Dawn is faintly breaking-Sunk is every star.

Christmas eve has vanished With its shadows gray; All its griefs are banished By bright Christmas day.

Joyful chimes are ringing O'er the land and seas, And there comes glad singing, Borne on every breeze.

Little ones so merry Bed-clothes coyly lift. And, in such a hurry. Prattle "Christmas gift!"

Little heads so curly. Knowing Christmas laws. Peep out very early For old "Santa Claus."

Little eyes are laughing O'er their Christmas toys, Older ones are quaffing Cu₁s of Christmas joys.

A GLORIFIED BODY.

According to Catholic teaching Christ's existence in The Blessed Sacrament cannot be fully explained. When the bread is touched by the tooth no pain is caused as it would be to a mortal body. The bread is really the body of Christ, which is in an etherealized state. The risen Christ passed through the closed door of the disciples' chamber, and yet His body offered a real resistance, for Thomas was invited to touch the print of His wounds. All glorified bodies can

Archdeacon Fortin had stated very dogmatically that a body could not be in two places at one time. But God can do everything that is not a manifest contradiction, and no one can prove that being in two places at one time is a manifest contradiction. Catholics believe that by the power of God, supernaturally exerted, one thing can be in two

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A New Departure.

Dr. Marschand, the celebrated French physician, has at last opened his magnifi-cently equipped laboratory in Windsor. Ont. There is a large staff of chemists and physicians at his command, and the men and women of Canada may now procure the advice of this famous specialist free of charge.

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CURRENT COMMENT

In the Christmas number of the Catholic World Father Simon Fitzsimons demolishes in fine style Mr. Hall Caine's "The Christian." There is no verbiage there are no ornamental epithets in his seven-page review; the scathing criticism is always sup ported by chapter and verse; but, after it all, there is absolutely nothing left of Mr. Hall Caine either as an artist or philosopher or moralist.

Another excellent article in the same number is "Some Visi tors at Cannes," wherein the pathetic figure is drawn to the life of a matter-of-fact father who tries his best to understand and fathom his children and can not. And the sad humor of the situation lies in the fact that neither the wealthy Sir William nor his eight motherless children are at all above the commonplace. Yet somehow E. M. Lynch makes them painfully interesting. This sketch shows great power. It is worthy of Thackeray or W. D. Howells.

secular priests. There are three other Catholic dioceses in New Zealand: Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

In reprinting Rev. Father Drummond's sermon on "fhe Real Presence" as it appeared in Editor-in-Chie the Winnipeg Tribune of the 10th inst., it may be well to warn our readers that the Reverend Father quoted from the Authorized Protestant Version ip order that no fault could be found with the texts themselves

> A Binder Twine company in Ontario has lately declared a dividend of sixty per cent. There are usurers galore in this part of the world, and in many others too, who make sixty per cent. and more, but they don't declare it to the world. There is a refreshing honesty about that Binder Twine dividend, and it is suicidal hon esty: for everybody will now want to go into the twine business, which will forthwith be ruined. Such is life.

The December number of the Missionary Record of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate contains several extracts from the NORTH west Review. It speaks well for our Ste. Rose du Lac correspondent that Father Dawson, the discriminating editor of the Record, should so often quote from that ever interesting source Among the Home and Foreign Notes, we read that, when Mgr. Grouard had an audience of the Pope on October 20th last he pre sented to the Holy Father theski of a black fox, a most valuable pelt, as this animal is now neary extinct.

Another geological fable has lately been exploded. The ordinary estimates of geologists of the Lyell school made Niagara gorge from thirty to forty thous and years old. But the csientific periodical, "Nature," informs us hat Professor G. Frederick Wright, in a paper read at the recent Boston meeting of the American Association, proved, by the most careful neasurements made by himself. that the age of the gorge below Niagara Fall cannot be much more than ten thousand years and is probably considerably less. This wonderfully shortens the time separating us from the glacial period and incidentally confirms the Catholic estimate of the antiqui ty of man.

mouths of angels, is one of peace | marked "Cardinal Serafino Vaand joy. Peace on earth to men who have the good will to detach themselves from money and zo Vanutelli really gives the the comforts it can buy. Tidings of great joy to all the people, provided the people see and imitate, each in the measure of grace imparted to him, the swaddling-clothes, the straw and the manger. Christ never seems to weary of pointing out to us how joy and peace follow lowliness as inevitably as if they were its shadow. The Kings of the East bow down before the Infant, en vying him his poverty, and straightway "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.'

Conversely, there can be neither peace nor joy where there is love of money and creature comforts. There may be a whirl of excitement, the deadening of conscience by a sort of mental intoxication: but there is not that peace which is the restful feeling produced by the consciousness that all things are as they ought to be, still less is there that joy which is the exuberant fruitage of peace.

It is the blessed reality of this peace and joy that sweetly draws unnumbered souls in the Catholic Church to that life of perfection of which the vow of poverty is the highest expression. The Holy Ghost illumines young men and young women, inexperienced though they be, and shows them the blessed fruits of the fulfilment of Our Lord's invitation: "If thou wilt be perfect, go sell all thou hast and give it to the poor. and come follow me."

On the other hand, this Divine secret is sometimes hidden from men otherwise enlightened in matters of Catholic doctrine. The eminent author of the "Eternal Priesthood" never grasped the difference between actual privation and the spirit of poverty. To him the struggling diocesan priest who, though handling precious little money, still handled it as his own, was as high in the paths of perfection as the priest or nun who, by the vow of poverty' has cut himself or herself off from all possibility possessing one penny during all his lifetime. A somewhat similar error has been revived of late by those "Americanizing" Catholics who pretend that virtue without vows is better than virtue with vows, as if giving the fruit alone of a tree were as generous a gift as giving the tree with its fruit. Fortunately, the Catholic instinct of the hard-working poorer classes among us saves them from this perversion of the spirit of Christmas. They thank God for their poverty and admire those who are still poorer in spirit than themselves, and, consequently, theirs are the deepest Christmas joys. If money comes to them they fear its debasing effects, they pray to Jesus that their hearts may not be glued thereunto. This is truly the spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem.

nutelli;" the portrait that purports to depict Cardinal Vincenfeatures of Cardinal Svampa, and underneath the likeness of Cardinal Vincenzo Vanutelli is inscribed, by mistake, the name of his brother Cardinal Serafino Vanutelli. These are very unfortunate blunders and reflect little credit on the editorial management of Munsey's Magazine. Mr. Pipe's article is slender, commonplace and jejune enough to have been composed in aNew York office by a man who had never been in Rome; but he might surely have taken the pains to make sure that three out of his twelve cardinalitial portraits would not be misplaced. New York is full of priests who, having lately studied in Rome, would know by sight the most prominent Roman cardinals, and could therefore

NO DODGING HIS ARROW.

No matter how much of a business oman a woman may be, when the lit tle love-god makes up his mind to shoot, there is no protection against his arrow



feels unfitted for them by some physical weakness or disease.

The special ailments to which the feminine organism is liable, not only unfit a woman for happy wifehood and motherhood, but incapacitate her for any sphere of action. No woman can discharge the daily duties of any position with comfort or satisfaction who is constantly weighed down by headaches, backaches and dragging, weakening drains.

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in this particular field of practice. Over 30 years ago Dr. R. V. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., saw the need of some simple, effective, and certain cure for so called "female complaint." He was then, as now, a specialist in the diseases of women, and the result of his study and tive remedy known all over the civilized world as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures where doctors have failed. It cures where medicines have been useless. It cures in a perfectly natural way by purifying and strengthening the or-gans involved. Its cure is permanent. It leaves the whole body in better condition than it ever was. It cures without the local examinations and treatment so abhorrent to every modest woman. abhorrent to every modest woman. "I suffered for two years with female weakness," writes Mrs. Effe Gillmore, of 1036 So. 18th St., Omaha, Neb. "I had bearing down sensations, headaches, severe pains and general weakness. My friends advised me to take Dr. Pierce's medicines and I have taken nine bottles of his 'Fa-vorite Prescription' and four vise of 'Peladvised me to take Dr. Pierce's medicines and I have taken nine bottles of his 'Fa-vorite Prescription' and four vials of 'Pel-lets.' I could notice a change after I had taken the first bottle and now am well and never see a sick day. I had eight doctors and they all said I would have to have an operation performed, but, thank God I did not, and Dr. Pierce's medicines have re-stored me to perfect health.'' "I was run-down with nervous prostra-tion and female weakness, and kidney trouble,'' writes Mrs. Maranda Ramsey, of Smartt, Waren Co., Tenn. "Bowels con-stipated. My whole system was wrecked. My friends thought I would die. I had read of your medicines so I sent and got the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' 'Favorite Pre-scription' and 'Pellets.' In one week's time I could begin to sit up. In two weeks to uld sit up all day, after being so bad that I had to be helped in and out of bed. I have taken four bottles of 'Golden Med-ical Discovery' and two of 'Favorite Pre-scription.' I took the medicine last winter and have been in better health than I have been for years.'' been for years." "I wish to express my thanks to you for been for years." "I wish to express my thanks to you for the good I have received from Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. E. Sco-vill, of Bolton, Stephenson Co., Ills. "I have used it at different times for the last eight years, but the greatest good received by it was last winter. I think it is the best medicine in the world for expectant moth-ers. I never tried it for that until with my last baby. I had seen what it had done for other women. I have been so very bad, almost helpless, could not get out of bed alone, or even turn over. Last December I commenced taking your 'Favorite Prescrip-tion,' and could get in and out of bed as well as at any time, and on March 20th I gave birth to an eleven pound boy without pain, and have since been as well and healthy as I ever was. I wish every mother could try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at such times. I think it is a splendid med-icine for female complaints. I feel that I can not praise Dr. Pierce and his medicine enough."

evident blunders. Why, even have saved Mr. Pipe from such here in the West we have several priests who can detect these errors from their experience of Rome.

Curiously enough, though Mr. Pipe says, " Cardinal Vaughan of London might conceivably be a possibility" for the tiara, he does not breathe a syllable about, nor even give a portrait of, Cardinal Gibbons. Clearly Mr. Pipe does not belong to the "American "school.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOIRÉE AT ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE.

Last Thursday evening, at 7.15, the Junior and Senior B. A. students of St. Boniface College gave a public specimen of their studies in Ethics. His Grace the Archbishop sent his regrets that he could not attend; so did His Lordship Mgr. Legal, O. M. I. In their absence Rev. Father Paquin, S. J., Rector of the College, presided. Were present Hon. Senator Bernier, Rev. Fathers Cherrier, Béliveau and Gravel, Messrs. Joseph and Noël Bernier, the Fathers of the College and the students of Previous and Preliminary. Several gentlemen who had been invited sent letters of excuse.

Rev. Father Grenier, S. J., Professor of Ethics, said a few words of introduction. Mr. Joseph Lajoie then read a French prologue setting forth the connection between the various essavs. The programme was as follows:---

Man's Last End, an English dissertation by Louis Laliberté; The Attainment of the last end, a French dissertation by H. Hogue; The Imputability of Human Acts, a French dissertation by Gonzague Bélanger;Natural Law, a Latin essay by Jean Arpin; The Sanction of the Natural Law, an English essay by J. Lajoie; The eternal loss of the last end, a Latin essay by Fortunat Lachance.

After the reading of the essays, which lasted just one hour and wenty munites, Senator Bernier, Father Cherrier and Father Rector complimented the young

The recent passage of Bishop Grimes through Manitoba gave us an opportunity of asking one who knows the country how female suffrage works in New Zealand. His Lordship replied that the voting of the measure was a surprise to every one; the Lower House passed it by a small snap vote and trusted to the Upper House to throw out the bill, bui the latter would not face the ire of the ladies and voted it by a bare majority. However, the vast majority of the New Zealand women did not want the suffrage and do not use it now. It seems to have had little or no appreciable effect on the politics of the country. Meanwhile, in case of need, His Lordship has advised all the nuns in his diocese to register on the voting list.

Christehurch, Bishop Grimes episcopal city, has a population of about 35,000, and a fine convent of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart. His Lordship is a religious of the Society of Mary, and to his order half of his priests belong, the rest of the clergy being love. His song, put into the

THE SPIRIT OF POVERTY.

There is one aspect of Christmas which often eludes even the pious Catholic. He will real ly think he rejoices at the coming of the Infant King, he will go to confession and receive Holy Communion with a certain amount of sentimental fervor, and yet he will utterly fail to learn the one great lesson of Bethlehem, for he does not enter into the spirit of poverty which Christ's manger breathes. If he be rich, he will cling to his wealth as tenaciously as ever; if he be poor or striving to be rich, his desire for wealth will be as insatiable as ever.

Now this is distinctly not the spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem. He came poor in order to teach us to sit loose from earthly possessions. And wonderful is his

MISPLACED PORTRAITS.

In "The Munsey" for December, Mr. William Pipe describes the Cardinals who are Papal possibilities at the next conclave and gives portraits of several of the Princes of the Church. Three of way of enforcing that lesson. He these portraits have become sadallures men to it in the cords of ly mixed up. The one marked "Cardinal Svampa" should be

philosophers and spoke briefly on the importance of philosophical studies.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

At the Immaculate Conception Church.

Midnight Mass commencing at 12 sharp. Admission tickets (given free of charge) required of strangers wishing to attend. Masses on Christmas day at 8., 8.30, 9., and 11 A. M.-Vespers at 7.30 P. M. with sermon. Rosewigg's Mass and other music selections will be rendered by the Choir of the Church

at both the Midnight Mass and the 11 A. M. Mass.

CLERICALIZING THE ARMY.

Ave Maria

Our belief that the policy of he French government in forcing priests and seminarians into the army, however hostile in intent, will ultimately help both the priests and the army, has already met partial confirmation. Mr. F. C. Conybeare declares in the Loudon NATIONAL REVIEW that the armv has capitulated to the clergy. 'Catholic clubs for soldiers,"he says, "have been started in all the barracks; and the enforcement of military service on seminarists, instead of laicizing the priests as was hoped, has clericalized the army."

Mgr. Legal, O. M. I., said Mass in the new Maternity Hospital last Saturday morning.

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THE REAL PRESENCE Continued from page 1.

or a thousand places at one time Some persons ask how it is possible for the whole body of Christ to be in a little wafer; but the great Newton said that by the power of God the earth could be compressed into a cubic inch. Nobody knows what is the constitution of matter. It is not necessary for us to prove how the body of Christ is present in the seeming wafer, but merely to show that it is not a manifest contradiction. There is nothing contradictory in the doctrine of the Blessed Sacrament either to human reason or to scientific facts. It is a supernatural mystery

MYSTERIES INEVITABLE.

"We have no difficulty." continued Father Drummond, "in daily life in admitting natural mysteries which no one can explain. Who knows the real nature of electricity, and yet who doubts the reality of that wonderful agent? Similarly, we must admit mysteries in God's dealings with man, because the very nature of God is beyond our ken. The archdeacon says 'No one, not even the ritualists or Romanists (he is improving his manners; he now calls us Romanists. Some day he will call us, as he ought to do, Roman Catholics.) would like to affirm that wicked people actually eat the body of the Lord and drink His blood at the last supper.' In this the archdeacon is grievously mistaken. Catholics teach most explicitly that even wicked people actually eat the body of the Lord and, in this they follow the teaching of I Corinthiaus, 11,27, 'Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord · · · for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body'. These words are strong confirmation of the doctrine of the real presence. St. Paul says, as you will observe, that the wicked who receive the sacrament eat and drink damna- the darkness is the deepest, the tion to themselves. Now, if the sacrament were a symbol, no such awful threat could be justly uttered. If the wicked communicant incurs damnation, he must have committed an awful sacrilege on what St. Paul himself calls the Lord's Body. Thus Catholics believe that even the wicked receive the real body of Christ when they take the Blessed Sacrament, but by doing so they commit sacrilege and their souls become blacker.

to His disciples, 'This is my body, which is broken for you.' There fore, it is the real body that was bruised in the Passion. "This is

my blood, the blood which is shed for you", the very same blood poured out on Calvary. This is no figure; men do not speak in figures when they are about to die. When a man establishes a rite he does it in the clearest and most explicit language.

"Thus the circumstances in connection with the establishment of the sacrament prove th real presence of the bedy and blood. The Catholic Church has always believed this, and has given the strongest proofs for it. It is one of the fundamental doctrines; it is the very wellspring of spiritual life in the Catholic Church."

At the conciusion of his sermon, Father Drummond said h would reply to Archdeacon Fortin's "most disgraceful sermon" on the confessional on Sunday evening, Dec. 18, provided the sore throat, from which he suffered, has disappeared by that time.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Donahoe's,Magazine.

Was there one angel left in heaven on the first Christmas night? Downward they swept, and the glow of the vision was on their faces. Each saw his brother, like a tall, fair flame, sweep onward; the wild winds fled from them; once again, as at the beginning of creation, the morning stars, sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. The music of the spheres rang jubilant echoes to their seraphic chorus, as, thirty-three years later, the same music of exultant stars and planets and luminous nebulae would greet the Man-God ascending homeward, Conqueror, to His Father's throne.

Swifter than light the angel cohorts come. Something drew them all earthward, as surely as in heaven the Beatific Vision drew them always to the Throne. In the wintry midnight, when Light of the whole world had come, and had come for us sinful men. Then and forever afterwards,—whether stars shine, or snows are falling,—on Christmas night, close to us, closer than at any other time, the angels are. Perhaps no human being has has ever been allowed to go so far in showing to his fellow-men the entire Chirstmas panorama as the prose-poet Father Faber in his extraordinary book entitled: Bethlehem. It is one long Advent and Yuletide meditation, well fitted "to quicken and brighten the fires of Christmas in childlike hearts." He has told us an interesting fact concerning it. His other books he wrote, he says, "to please other people;" but this book he wrote to please himself. We may read it again again, year after year, in preparation for the blessed feast of Christ's Nativity; and, year after year, find in it something new, helpful and beautiful. Here is what he says of Christmas Eve:—"The sun sets, on the twenty-forth of December, on the low roofs of Bethlehem, and gleams with wan gold on its

"At the last supper Christ said their bright presences up among the stars. Rade men are jostling God in the alloys of that Oriental village, and shutting their doors in His mother's face. Time

> itself, as if it were sentient. seems to get tremulous and 'eager, as though the hand of its angel shook as it draws on towards midnight. Bethlehem is at that moment the very centre of God's creation. Still the minutes pass. The plumage of the night grows deeper and darker. How purple is the dome of heaven above those pastoral slopes, duskily spotted with recumben sheep; and how silently the stars drift down the southern steep of the midnight sky! Yet a few moments and the Eternal Word will come!"

Then the vision broadens and lengthens, and we know that it is the Desired of all nations who lies there, so lowly and little and altogether lovely, on Mary's happy heart; and from the wide, wild world of heathendom's vague unrest,-from the Jewish people thrilled with true prophetic yearning,-from all Christian lips through all the ages, till the last Mass be said,—we hear. in the first Christmas midnight, one strong, intense petition rise: "Thy Kingdom come, O God! Thy Kingdom come!"

It is a joy to loving hearts to remember that, close to our Blessed Lord, during all His In fancy, as afterwards at the foot of His harder bed of death, was His Immaculate Mother. She

perceived, more truly than all other created souls together could do, that it was the world Creator and Redeemer, her God and her All, Who lay upon h r breast. She foresaw the painful future, but above all she saw the unfailing love.

A BULLET IMBEDDED IN THE HEART FOR THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS.

A correspondent of the BALTI-MORE SUN, writing from Morgantown, W. Va., asserts that a man named William B. Smallridge, who died a few days ago at Glenville, in Gilmer County carried a bullet in his heart for thirty-seven years. He was a member of company E, first Wes Virginia infantry, in the civil war, and in September. 1861, while marching through Gilme County, was shot by some one in ambush, the bullet entering Smallridge's chest at the lower point of the scapula, on the left side, passing thence directly through the left lung into the left ventricle of the heart. The force of the bullet was so broke that it did not penetrate the wall, but the regimental surgeon pronounced the wound fatal and left Smallridge to die. He did not die, however, but was sent back up the Little Kanawha River in a skiff to his home, in Glenville, where he recovered and has since lived. A few weeks ago, while on his death bed, he asked Dr. G. O. Brown to make an examination of the wound after his death. This Di

Brown and Dr. O. B. Beer did and found the bullet imbedded in the heart. The man had never suffered from any disturbance of the heart. His death was due to cancer. This report is confirmed by Dr. Beer in a letter in the Cincinnati LANCET CLINIC of November 19,1898.

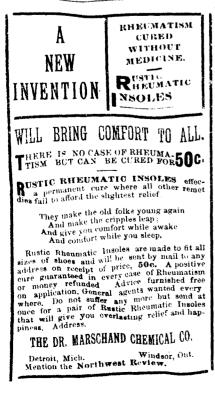
A PECULIAR CHERRY TREE.

Crawfordville, Ind .- A peculiar botanical phenomenon is reported from Linden. In the yard of the Rev. J. W. Dudley stands a large cherry tree, which several days ago bloomed for a second time this season. This fact in itself was not so remarkable, as that ever since the tree has been in bloom it has been giving off a continual mist-a mist of sufficient quantity to keep the ground under the tree soaking wet. The boughs and leaves of the tree drip with moisture and everything adjacent to it is saturated. A person may stand beneath the limbs and almost at once will become conscious of the fine mist, which is constantly given off. Should a person stand under the tree for fifteen minutes his clothes would be fairly soaked. Several small limbs have been cut off in the effort to solve the mystery attaching to the tree, but their structure and condition present no unusual appearance. The mist at times is most apparent on dry days. The tree this year bore a large crop of cherries and seems to be a remarkably healthy and vigorous plant.

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NORTHWEST REVIEW, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.



BRIEFLETS.

A report of a successful concert in Father Poitras' church, Rat Portage, is crowded out till our next issue.

Rev. Father Marion, O. M. I. went last week to Rat Portage to take Rev. Father Cahill's place at the industrial school.

This is one of the shortest days in the year, though to-morrow, the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, is commonly supposed to be THE shortest.

The midwinter examinations are now going on in St. Boniface College; the Christmas holidays begin on the 24th to end on the 2nd of January.

The Midnight Mass at St. Mary's, Winnipeg, promises to be, in the way of decorations and music, worthy of the best traditions of that beautiful church.

Mr. Alfred J. Andrews and Mr. G. F. Carruthers are both running for the Winnipeg may oralty. The former runs little chance of being defeated to-day

Rev. Father Cahill, O. M. I., left lately to see his father who is dying at Calumet Island near Ottawa. The Rev. Father will also have some business to transact in the Capital.

The wife of "Laughing Joe," the itinerant Indian who guffaws hysterically for five cents, died last week and he came in just too late for the funeral at St Boniface.

Mr. Edmond Trudel, of the Dominion Land Department, left with his family, last week for Regina, whither he has been transferred. He will be greatly missed in musical circles here.

Henceforth the official mail-bag will leave St. Boniface for Winnipeg at 8.30 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and it will return to St. Boniface from Winnipeg at 10 a. m., 1.30 p. m and 5.15 p.m.

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broke up Mr. Trudel was presented by Mayor Bétournay with a well filled purse.

Last Wednesday, the 14th inst. was the twenty-eighth anniversary of the burning of the old cathedral "with the turrets twain" and the Bishop's palace at St. Boniface. Mgr. Taché was then hundreds of miles away in the Northwest, shivering before a wretched campfire.

Rev. Father Drummond is being treated for sore throat at St. Boniface Hospital and therefore could not preach the sermon on the Confessional which he had announced for last Sunday; nor will he be able to deliver his usual monthly lecture on the Bible in the Church of the Immaculate Conception next Sunday.

In last issue of "Le Manitoba" appears a letter signed by "Several Electors", protesting against the opposition now being made to Mr. Victor Mager as Reeve of the St.Boniface rural municipality. No fault is found with his opponent, but the electors wonder why Mr. Mager, who has served the municipality so long and faithfully, should now be put to the trouble of a contest.

The other day in the chapel of St. Boniface Hospital one of the patients, Mr. Marchand of St Norbert, aged 73, served Mass without a mistake although he had not done so for almost sixty years. Those who know how long it takes an ordinary boy to learn the responses, and how soon that ordinary boy forgets them, will appreciate the retentiveness of Mr. Marchand's memory.

OBITUARY. The Casket.

A good citizen and a sincere Christian was unexpectedly called away at Fraser's Mills on Saturday, 3rd inst., in the per-son of the late Ronald McDonnell,of that place. Mr.McDonnell, who was a remarkably robust and vigorous man, was seized with appendicitis a few days before his death and succumbed to the dread malady after much intense suffering, which he bore with true Christian fortitude, strengthened by the devout reception of the last Sacarments. He leaves a sorrowing widow, two sons and four daughters to cherish the memory of a good father and an upright man, who enjoyed the esteem of all who rnew him. One of his sons is in Boston and two of his daughters live in Winnipeg. The death of a child of one of the latter-Mrs. Peter O'Brien of the Immaculate Conception parish, Winnipeg,appeared in last week's CASKET. May he rest in peace.

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now who have no sufficient knowledge to act as a corrective to this dose of misguided hatred and bitterness, mixed long ago by Whittier's hand and now readministered by some careless and ill-informed sub-editor in the TRANSCRIPT office. This is the way in which history is made, and error and injustice perpetuated. Pius IX was as brave, gentle, kind-hearted, amiable a man as the Quaker Poet himself, with ten times more intellect, knowledge of the world, wit, learning and accomplishments than Whittier could possibly pretend to.

CAINE AND CORELLI.

Ave Maria. A vigorous writer in the Lon-

don QUARTERLY REVIEW, a non-Catholic periodical, pays his respects to the sort of novelist who sacrifices Christianity to tiction. "Great and manifold as has been the mischief wrought by unbelief," he says, " it has hardly done worse than call out a reaction which despises logic, turns faith to mythology, canonizes the absurd, and so distorts the Christian as to make him at once an imbecile, visionary and a murderous fanatic. Those who defend him on such lines are his most formidable enemies, and Voltaire would have welcomed them."This criticism, which will commend itself to all right-minded readers, was provoked by HallCaine's "Christian" and the productions of Miss Marie Corelli.

NOVEL BY RIDER HAGGARD TREATING OF THE VAC-CINATION QUESTION.

A new novel entitled "Doctor Theme," by Rider Haggard, was be published by Messrs. Longman & Co.in November. The story, which is told by the principal actor, Dr. Theme, after the catastrophe, deals with the result of the conscientious-objector clause, under which the safety of many thousand children and through them of the community is practically left in the hands of the antivaccinationist party.-British Medical Journal.



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School Room on first and third Tuesday in each month. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. A. A. Cherrier; Pres., Rev. A. A. Cherrier; Jst Vice-Pres., P. O'Brien; 2nd Vice-Pres. A. Picard; Rec.-Sec. J. Markinski, 180 Austin st.; Asst.-Rec.-Sec. J. Schmidt; Fin.-Sec., J. E. Manning, 201 Fort st.; Treas., J. Shaw; Marshall, F. Krinkle; Guard, L. Huot; Trustees, P. O'Brion, A. Pi-card.

provincial cabinet, Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand was appointed a member of the advisory board. The government has the power of ap pointing six members of the board, of which Mr. Bertrand is the fifth.

Mr. Hanbury, the English explorer from Baffin's Bay, who is now staying at the Manitoba Hotel, Winnipeg, reports having seen immense herds of buffalo in the north and scouts the idea of the bison being nearly extinct.

His Lordship Mgr. Legal, O. M. I., arrived from the east last Wednesday, and stopped over till Saturday, when he went on as far as Regina. He was accompanied as far as St. Boniface by Rev. Father Marion, O. M. L., who will labor in this diocese.

Rev. Father Guillaume, pastor of Argyle, Minn., made a retreat last week in St. Boniface College. Three boys from his parish--Ohmer, Cormier and Sansregretare students of the college. Father Guillaume is a native of Clermont-Ferrand in Auvergne, France.

About one hundred friends o Mr. Edmond Trudel gathered last Wednesday evening in the C. M. B. A. hall in St. Boniface to wish him Godspeed in his new post at Regina. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Bétour nav. Messrs. S. A. D. Bertrand, C. H. Royal, E. Guilbault, H. Béliveau. Before the meeting

A POET'S ERROR PERPETUATED.

The Boston TRANSCRIPT on Nov. 25, the fiftieth anniversary of the departure of Pius IX from Rome, resurrected Whittier's lines addressed to the exiled Pope. They were not based on fact in the past, and in the light of the present their falsity of tone is strikingly apparent. We give below a letter from a valued correspondent dealing more at length with the subject:-

WINCHESTER, Mass., Dec. 1 1898. I am sorry that the TRANSCRIPT printed the verses. The editor can not have read Crawford's book on Rome, just published, with his long and careful estimate of Pius IX.' character. Whittier calls him "COWARD AND CRUEL." He might as well have dalled him a negro: it would have been quite as true and not one-half as unjust. Whittier was a

well-meaning, good man, but his knowledge and opinion of the Pope, and the Church generally, were those of the average New



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