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vou. xiv, so 23. ST. BONIFACE, MANITOBA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1898.
a christmas chant.
By Faller Abran J. Ryan.
The stars in the far-off heaven Have eorugs sinee struck eleven!
And hark! from temple and from Soundeth time's grandest midnisht
Blessed by the S.swiour's birth, And night patteth of the sable stole, Symbol of sorrow and sign of dole. For one with many a starry gen. To hour the Babsorof Bethlehem. Who comes to men the King of them Yet comes without robe or diadem; To hear the song of the Ciniristmas

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four thousand years earth waited. Four thousand years men prayed Mour thousand years the nations
[sighed
That their King so long delayed.
The prophets told His coming The saintly for Him sighen; And the star of the Babe of Bethlehe
Shone o'er them when they died.
Their faces towards the future They longed to hail the ligh That in the after centuries
But still the Saviour tarried.
Within His Father's home.
And the rations wept and wondered
The promised had not come. At last earth's hope was granted And God was a child of earth: The lowly midnighe birth. Ah! Bethehem was grander That hour than paradise
nd the light of earth that night
The splendors of the skies.
Then let us sing the auther:
The angels once did sing; Until the music of love and praise
O'er whole wide world will ring.
Gloria in excelsis! Sound the thrill In excelsis Deo!
Roll the hymu Gloria in Excelsis!
Let the heavens ring;
In excelsis Deo!
Welcome, new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis!
In excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo!
Chant the anthe
Chant the anthem
Gloria in excelsis!
Let us all rejoice
In excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo!
Lift each heart and voice,
Gloria in excelsis!
Swell the hymn on high;
Ia excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo.
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
Swelleth the hymn of the Saviour's
Lo! the diy is waking
In the east
In the east afar;
Dawn is aintly breaking
Sunk is every star.
Christmas eve has
Christmas eve has vanished
With its shadows gray;
All its griefs are banished
By bright Christmas day.
Joyful chimes are ringing Oer the land and seas, Borne on every breeze.
Little ones so merry
Bed-clothes coyly lift. And, in such a hury. Prattle "Christmas gift:" Little heads so culy. Knowing Chrisimis lat Peep out very early For old "santa Clats.
Little eyes are laughing
O'er their Christmas to
Older ones are quaftiur

Faces are joyous. cheerful
Faces all are gay;
None are sad and tea
On bright Christmas das
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 sive greeting
Souls to souls give greeting
Warm on Christmas day.
Warm on Christmas day
Gifts are kept a-going
Fast from hand to hand; Fast from hand to hand
Blessings are a-flowing Blessings are a-flowing
Over every land. Over every land
O:e vast wave of gladness
Sweeps its world-wide way Drowning every sadness
On this Cirristmas day
Merry, merry Christmas,
Haste around the earth,
Merry, merry Christmas.
Scatter smiles and mirth
Merry, merry Christmas,
Be to one and all!
Enter hut and hall.
Enter hut and hall.
Merry, merry Christmas.
Be to rich and poor!
Be to rich and poor!
Merry, merry Christma
Merry, merry Christma
Stop at every door.
Merry, merry Christma
Fill each heart with joy!
To each girl and boy.
Merry, merry Christmas.
Better gifts than gold;
Merry merry Christmas
To the young and old.
Merry, merry Christinas
May the coming year
And as'bright a cheer.
THE REAL PRESENCE
Sermon preached in St. Mary's Shureh
Winnipey, Dec. 8lh, 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 Juhn 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 whic the Anglicans themselres differed, nor to enter upon a useles 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 though it would be best to read the
ermon and comment upon the differ
long.
higurative 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 understaud 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 acideuts remam th same. The appearance of the bread and wine is not changed yet the real presence of Christ's yet the real presence of Christ's
body is there. When the divine
words have been spoken we
know by faith that the substance is no longer bread bat the body of Chsrit.
Archdeacon Fortin attempted to show that the words "This i my body; this is my blood," were mere figurative expressions, the same as "I am the door, I am the rine, 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 'rine,' whereas when He said 'this is my body, He pointed out a very definite body, His own, which certain ly was not a metaphor."
st. soun, 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 that 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 ranning commentary ou 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 cannoi see the King. dom of God; Nicodemus said un to him, how call 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 can not 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 expres sion, 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, said unto them 'Verily, verily,
before Abraham was I am.' Thus

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 hey 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 principla to the verse just read, John ri. 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, bat 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 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. Whoso 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.'
fortin garbles.
"In reference to the 60 th 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. Hes 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 Testament;they are an in rentionof 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 quickeneth, 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 sacramen tal reil.

## 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 wounds. All glorified bodies can
pass through material objects.

Now Christ's body in the sacrament is a glorified one. Therefore what our Lord meant by re ferring 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,"Fron that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him,' Rev. Father Drammond said, 'surely if Christ were institucing a meresymbol it was now high time that He should speak ont His mind and preven 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 gol 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

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TURSD AY, DECEMBER 20, I898.

## CURRENT COMMENT

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

Another excellemt 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 Willia nor his eight motherless children are at all above the commonplace. Yet somehow E. M. Lyuch makes them painfully interesting. This sketch shows great power. It is worthy of Thackeray or W. D. Howells.

The recent passage of Bishop Grimes through Manitoba gave us an opportunity of asking one who knows the country how emale sufficage works in New Zealand. His Lordship replied that the roting of the measure was a surprise to avery 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 ace the ire of the ladies and ced it by a bare majority. How ever, the vast majority of the New Zealand womea did not want the suffrage and do not us thow. It seems to have had little or no appreciable effect on he politics of the country Meanwhile, in case of need, His Lordship has advised all the nuns in his diocese to register on the roting list

Christchurch, Bishop Grimes piscopial city, has a population of about 35,000 , and a fine convent of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart. His Lordship is a religi. ous of the Society of Mary, and to his order hall of his priests be long. the rest of the clergy being
secular priests. There are three other Catholic dioceses in New Zealand: Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

In reprinting Rev. Father Drummond's sermou on "The Real Presence" as it appeared in the Winnipeg Tribune of the 10th inst., it may be well to warn our readers that the Reve rend Father quoted from the Authorized Protestant Version o order that no fault could be found with the texts themselves

A Binder Twine company in Ontario has lately declared a divi dend 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 the world. There is a refreshing honesty about that Binder Twin dividend, and it is suicidal hon sty: for everybody will now want to go into the twine busiess. which will furthwith be ruined. Such is life
The December number of the Missionary Record of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate contains several extracts from the Norph 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 presented to the Holy Father the ski of a black fox, a most valuable pelt, as this animal is now near ly extinct.

Another geological fable has ately been exploded. The ordinary estimates of geologists of the Lyell school made Niagara gorge from thirty to forty thous and years oid. But the csientific periodical, "Nature." informs us that 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 housand years and is probably considerably less. This wonder fully shortens the time separat ing us from the glacial period and incidentally confirms the Catholic estimate of the antiquity of man.
the spirit of poverty.
There is one aspect of Christ mas which often eludes even the pious Catholic. He will real y think he rejoices at the coming of the Infant King, he will go to confession and receire 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 puter 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 in insatiable as ever
Now this is distinctly not the spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem. He came poor in order to teach as to sit louse from earihly possessions. And wonderful is his
way of enforcing that lesson. He allures men to it in the cords of love. His song, put into the
mouths of angels. is one of peac and joy. Peace on earth to men who have the grod will to detach themselyes from money and the comforts it can buy. Tidings of great joy to all the people provided the people see and imi tate, 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 oy and peace follow lowliness as inevitably as if they were its shadow. The Kings of the East bow down before the Infant, en rying him his poverty, and straightway "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."
Conrersely, 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 ieeling produced by the consciousness that all things are as they ought o be, still less is there that joy which is the exuberant frutage 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 perfecion of which the row of povery 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 falfilment of Oar 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 Dirine secret is sometimes hidden from men otherwise enlightened in matters of Catholic doctrine. The eminent author of the "Eter nal Priesthood" never grasped the difference between actual
rivation and the spirit of porer ty. To him the struggling dioce san priest who, though handling prtcious liftle money, still hand led it as his own, was as high in the paths of perfection as the priest or nun who, by the vow of porerty' has cut himself or herself off from all possibility of 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 vir tue 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 spiri of Christmas. They thank God for their poverty and admire those who are still poorer in spirit than themselves, and, con sequently, 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 grived thereunto. This is truly the spirit of the Babe of Bethlehem

## misplaced portrats,

In "The Munsey" for December, Mr. William Pipe describes the Cardinals who are Papal pos sibilities at the next conclave an gives portraits of several of the Princes of the Church. Three of these portraits have become sad ly mixed up. The one maked "Cardinal Srampa" shoutd be
marked "Cardinal Serafino $V_{i-}$ nutelli;" the portrait that purports to depict Cardinal Vinen zo Vanutelli really gives the features of Cardinal Srampa, and underneath the likeness of Cardinal Vincenzo Vanutelli is inscribed, by mis take, 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 car dinalitial portraits would not he misplaced. New York is fuil of priests who, having lately studied in Rome, would know by sight the most prominent Roman cardinals, and could therefore

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No matter how much of a business tie eve-god makes map his, wind to the hot

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evident blunders. Why, even have saved Mr. Pipe from such here in the West we hare several priests who can detect these errors from their experience of Rome.
Curiously enough, though Mr. Pipe says, " Cardinal Vaug han of London might conceivab ly 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 "A merican "school.

## philosophical soirée at

 st. bonifacf collegeLast Thursday evening, at 7.15, the Junior and Senior B. A students of St. Boniface College ave 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. Seinator Bernier, Rev. Fahers Cherrier, Beliveau and Gratel, Messrs. Joseph and Noel 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 essays. The programme was as llows:-
Man's Last End, an English dissertation by Louis Laliberté; The Attainment of the last end arench dissertation by H. Ho sue: 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 ssay by Fortunat Lachance.
After the reading of the essays,

## the real presence <br> Continued ifom pare

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 prore 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.

Mysteriks inevitable.
"We have no difficulty." coninued Father Drummond, "in daily life in admitting natural mysteries which no one can ex plain. Who knows the real nature of electricity, and yet who doubts the reality of that wonde ful 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 sapper.' 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 Corinthians, 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 eat eth 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 savs, as you will observe, that the wicked who receive th sacrament eat and drink damna 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 Biessed Sacrament, bat by doing so they eommit sacrilege and their souls become blacker

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"At the last supper Christ said their bright presences up among to His disciples, 'This is my body, the stars. R ide men are jostling which is broken for you.' Therefore. it is the real body that was bruised in the Passion. "This is my blood, the blood which is shed for you", the rery same blood noured 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 lan-

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'Thus the circumstances in connection with the establishment of the sacrament prove the real presence of the bedy and blood. The Catholic Church has al ways believed this, and has given the strongest proofs for it. It is one of the fundamental doc trines; it is the rery wellspring of spiritual life in the Catholic Church.'
At the conciusion of his sermon, Father Drammond said he would reply to Archdeacon Fortin's "most disgraceful sermon" on the confessional on Sunday evening, Dec. 18, prorided the sore throat, from which he suffered, has disap. peared by that time.

## christmas thoughts.

Was there one angel left in hea en 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 beginuing of creation, the morming stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted tor joy. The mu sic 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 ascen ding homeward, Conqueror. to His Father's throne.
Swifter than light the angel cohorts come. Something drew them all earthward, as surely a in heaven the Beatific Vision drew them always to the Throne In the wintry midnight, when the darkness is the deepest, the Light of the whole world had come, and had come for us sinfu men. Then and forever after-wards,-whether stars shine. or snows are falling, -on Christma night, close to us, closer than at any ot her time, the angels are.

Perhaps no human being has has ever been allowed to go so far in showing to his fellow-men th entire Chirstmas panorama as the prose-poet Fath tr 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 pleas himself. We may read it again again, year after year, in preparation for the blessed feast of Christ's Nativity; and, year afte year, find in it something new, helpful and beautiful.
Here is what he says of Christ mas Ere:-"The sun sets, on the twenty-forth of December, on the low roofs of Bethlehem, and gleams with wan gold ou its stony ridge. The stars come out one by one. Hearen is empty of angels, but they show not. God in the all.ys of that Orien tal village, and shutting their doors in His, mother's face. Tim itself, as if it were sentient. seems to ret tremulous and ea ger, as though the hand of its angel shook as it draws on towards midnight. Bethlehem is a 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 recumbent 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 altogeth or lovely, on Mary's happy heart; and from the wide, wild world of heathendom's rague unrest,-from the Jewish people thrilled with true prophe tic yeaming.-from all Christian lips throurh 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 Lurd. during all His Infancy, as afterwards at the foot of His harder bed of death, was His Immaculate Mother. She


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perceived, more traly than all
other created souls together could do, that it was the w Creator and $R$ :deemer, her (ini Creator and R deemer, her $\mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{h}$
and her All, Who lay upon $\mathrm{h} r$ breast. She foresaw the painfal future, but above all she saw the unfailing love.
a buldet imbedded in the heart for thirty-seven years.
A correspondent of the baLTImore 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 West Virginia infantry, in the civil war, and in September. 1861, while marching through Gilmer County, was shot by some one in ambush. the bullet entering Smaliridge'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 broken 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 Dr

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 Rer. J. W. Dudley stands a large cherry tree, which sereral days ago bloomed for a second time this season. This fact in itself was not so remark able, as that ever since the tree has been in bloom it has been giving off a coutinual mist 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 almosi 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. Sereral small limbs haye been cut off in the effort to solve the mys tery attaching to the tree, but their structure and condition present no unusual appearance The mist at times is most ap parent on dry days. The tree this year bore a large crop of cherries and seems to be a re markably healthy and vigorous plant.



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## 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 went last wev. Father Cahill's place to take industrial school.
This is one of the shortest days n the year, though to-morrow, the feast of St. Thomas the A postle, is coramonly supposed to be THE hortes
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 tradi-

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 nea is dying at Calumet sland near also have some business to trans act 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 fumeral at
Boniface.

Mr. Edmond Trudel, of the Dominion Land Department, lef 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 Win nipeg at $8.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., 1.15 m . to St . Boniface from Winnipeg a $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} ., 1.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ and $5.15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$

At Wednesday's meetingof th provincial cabinet, Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand was appointed a mem be: of the advisory board. The government has the power of ap pointing six members of the board, of which Mr. Bertrand is
the fifth. the fifth.
Mr. Hanbury, the English explorer from Baffin's Bay, who is Hotel, Winnipeg, reports having seen immense herds of baffalo in the north and scouts the idea of the bison being nearly ex tinct.
His Lordship Mgr. Legral, 0. Wednesday, and stopped over Nednesday, and stopped over as far as Regina. He was accompanied as far as St. Boniface by Rev. Father Marion, O. M. 1., who will labor in this diocese.
Rer. Father Guillaume, pastor of Argyle, Minn., made a retreat last week in St. Boniface College Three boys from his parish--Oh mer, Cormier and Sansregretare students of the college. Faher Guillaume is a native of Clermont-Ferrand in Auvergne France
About one hundred friends of Mr. Edmond Trudel gathered last Wednesday evening in the C. M. B. A. hall in st. Boniface (o) wish him Godspeed in his new oost at Regina. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Bétour nav. Messrs. S. A. D. Bertrand, Beliceau. Before the maeting

## broke up Mr. Trudel was pre-

 sented by Mayor Bétournay with well filled purse.Last Wednesday, he 14th inst was the twenty-eigh hanniversary of the burniug of the old
cathedral "with the turrets catedra nd the Bishop's palace at St. Boniface. Mgr. Taché was then hundreds of miles a way in the Northwest, shivering b Rev. Father Drummond is be ing treated for sore throat at st Bonifaee Hospital and thersfore could not preach the sermon on announced for last Sunday: nor winounced for last Sunday; nor will he be able to deliver his
usnal monthly lecture on the asnal monthly lecture on the Bible in the Church of the Immacu
day.

In last issue of "Le Manitoba ppears a letter signed by "Sere ral Electors", protesting against Me opposition now being made to Mr Victor Mager as Reeve of
the st.Boniface rural municipali. ty. No fault is found with his opponent, but the electors won
der why Mr. Mager der why Mr. Mager, who has serred the muncipality so long and faithrully, should now be
to the trouble of a contest.

The other day in the chapel ist. Boniface Hospital one of he patients, Mr. Marchand of without a mistake although he without not done so for almost sixt had not done so for almost sixt ears. 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.

A good citizen and a sincere Christian was unexpectedil Saturday, 3rd inst., in the person of the late Ronald McDonnell.of that place. Mr.McDonnell why was a remarkably robust and vigorous man, was seized with appendicitis a few days bet re his death and succumbed to the dread malady after much intense suffering. which he bo 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 knew him. One of his sons is in Boston and two of his daughters lire in Winuipeg. The death of child of one of the latter-Mrs. Peter OBrien of the mmaculate Conception parish, Winnipeg, May he rest in peace

## 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 Pube. They wert 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 ralued correspondent dealing more at lengeh with the subject:Wincmericer, Mass., Dec. 11898 I:mmory that the TRANSCRIP printed the verses. The editor can not have read Crawford's book on Rome, just published, with his long and careful estima te of Pius IX.' character. Whittier calls him "coward and orver." He might as well has dalled him a negro: it would have been quite as true and not one-hall'as unjust. Whittier was a well-meaning, good man, but his know'edge and opinion of the Pope, and the Church generally were those of the average New

England Orthodox country deacon of his day. And there are hundreds of thanschipt reader now who have no sufficient knowledge to act as a corrective to this dose of misguided hatre and bitterness, mixed long ago
by Whittier's hand and now re administered 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.

A vigorous writer in the Lon don QUARTERLY REVIEW, a nonCatholic periodical, pays his respects to the sort of novelist who sacrifices Christianity to fiction. "Great and manifold as has been the mischief wrought by unbelief," he says," it has hardly done worse than call ou 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 oltaire would have welcomed them. This criticism, which win commend itself to an rod by ded readers, was provok and HallCaines of Mis Marie Corelli.

NOVEL bY RIDER haggard treating of the vac ination question.

A new novel entitled "Doctor Theme," by Rider Haggard, wa be published by Messrs. Longman \& Coim November. The
story, which is told by the prin story, which actor, Dr. Theme, after the catastrophe, deals with the result of the conscientious-objector many thousand children and through them of the communit is practically left in the hands o the antivaccinationist party.British Medical Journal



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