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HOW THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WAS CELEBRATED IN MONTREAL CHURCHES.

The golden jubilee of the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate throughout the Catholic world on Thursday last, marked an important epoch in the history of the Catholic churches, monasteries, convents, schools and charitable institutions, is styled "The Rome of America," the celebrations were never equalled. zeal and good will brought joy to special prayers had been offered in preparation for the great day. All the city churches had been crowded each morning and evening at those services. Wednesday afternoon and their turn patiently to approach the

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sacred tribunal of penance. At five o'clock on Thursday morning the church bells pealed forth their joyous sounds. The early ser-vices were thronged, and as the astical year and at the very close gaily decorated altars lit up by myriads of lights made the scene one of surpassing beauty, thousands and the evensong of the world; she approached the Holy Table, to honor a special manner the Mother of God, and to ask special graces and Attuning her praise to the glories of gifts from her. At the solemn high Mary in the prelude of her anthem, Masses the beauty of the decorations was seen to advantage. Special with enthusiasm to burst forth in a sermons were preached, and the first climax triumphant, its echoes linger part of the day's great work was in the choir and chancel, while its over. In the afternoon thousands strains merge with the heavenly again assembled for the Vesper service, which was rendered in some of the Churches, to listen to a beautiful discourse on our Immaculate Mother, to witness the imposing procession of the sodalities, and to daughter with the Church Triumphask God's blessing at the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 7 o'clock the many peals of bells rang out again to summon the faithful to the climax of the day's celebration. wended their way to their respective churches, the scene which met their gaze was one never to be forgotten. The manifestations of their devotion to the Immaculate One was apparent on all sides. The poor and the Church of Christ has extolled her; rich vied with each other in showing the fathers have written soulful pages some exterior act of devotion in honor of the great event. Statues of chosen her as patroness; nations the Blessed Virgin surrounded with have crowned her statues; bards have electric and other lights, including sung her life-deeds; mariners have lanterns, candles and oil floats, lit called her their guiding star, and up thousands of houses, while Catholic halls, schools, convents, presbyteries and other public buildings were gems of artistic illuminations. But the scenes inside the churches were still more grand. Weeks had been spent in arranging special electric illuminations, and now the time had arrived when they would shed their brilliancy over the many decorations used specially in churches for the celebration. Such grandeur has never been seen in our churches. It was an event in a lifetime, and well worthy of a heavenly Conception was defined but fifty premium at the evening services, and Pius IX., whose name still lives unto hundreds stood or knelt throughout blessing, surrounded by the Cardithe whole service. Beautiful discourses on the power and greatness bishops and bishops of churches, auof our Immaculate Mother were degust with the long-drawn grandeur livered, followed by processions of the Sodalities around the church flocks from the far-off mission field, carrying the statue of the Blessed proclaimed her glorious privilege Virgin, preceded by banners, and inging canticles of praise to their Heavenly Mother. The day was one that was unique in its celebrations, loyal in its devotions, magnificent in its grandeur, showing forth that dogma ever new and ever old, which solid and lasting piety and zeal which proclaim the Catholic Faith. faithful children bent at the word of which the catholic Faith. of the faithful. It was, indeed, a lasting tribute from a grateful peo-

ple, and one that will live in after

years and be referred to as a day of

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The religious exercises in honor of Conception, which was celebrated the great feast were splendidly carried out. The sanctuary was gracefully festooned with white, blue and yellow bunting, together with flags and banners. The shrine which had Church. In our own city, which on been erected for the occasion was account of its being the centre of particularly elegant, in its draping Catholicity, its many magnificent of white and gold, abundance of plants, tapers and fairy lamps. The High Mass was sung by the Rev. Martin Callaghan, assisted by Rev. Jas. Killoran and Rev. J. Polan, deacon and sub-deacon respectively. the celebrations was of faith, piety, Such an outpouring of faith, piety, There was no sermon, this being rezeal and good will brought joy to served for the evening service. At our Immaculate Mother, and made 7/15 there was solemn Vespers. Bethe courts of Heaven rejoice again and again. Novenas, triduums, and the day was preached by the Rev. Father FitzHenry, C.S.C., St. Laurent College. We give it almost in

"Tota pulchra es et macula non est is no spot in thee."

This is truly a day the Lord hath nade. The Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the civil. Mary's praise is, therefore, the matin lay of the sanctuary shines as the morning star of life and the evening star of death with God. Holy Mother Church swells the song chorus of angels and saints. To-day the church acclaims her loveliest child. To-day the full-hearted believers of the Church militant unite in hymns of praise for Zion's sweetest ant, while the tearful but hopeful sufferers of the Church in bond plead for mercy. Prophets had foretold her coming; figures forestalled her; confessors have preached her and virgins As the people have imitated her. From the rising of the sum to its setting her name has been blessed through all generations, in the costly cathedrals of the greatest nations and on the barren rock-shores of the neophyte. The in her honor; religious orders have prince and peasant have placed their heart's best offering at her feet.

Rejoice, ye Christians,

Sing the praise of her whom Heaven's Church obeys, Sing out ye all her sweetest lays,

Tota pulchra es. In hymn and song, at work and play, Thro' darksome night, at break of day,
To her your sweetest homage pay,

Tota pulchra es.

The dogma of Mary's Immaculate Standing room was at a years ago, when the Pope and king, of centuries, and by the pastors of amid the applause of people and the exultation of nations. Thus in a century when heresy surrenders its tenets to meet the fancy and caprice of the hour, the Church announced a they said: We believe. No duty is ing, no love-work so welcome, no task more soulfully fulfilled for

whom mariologists call the spotless Lily of Israel and poets our tainted nature's solitary boast. She is the nation's comfortress. Her name has quickened Christian nations into deeds of valor. She has been the

hope of the Church and of nations. \* If the dogma was but lately defined the truth did always abide, and the festal day of Mary's sinless conception has been celebrated down through the course of ages. A day of prayer and rejoicing it has been in the orient and the occident. throughout the universal Church of God from the XIIth century Christendom. It can be traced with certainty through the Church's annals even as far as into the 5th century in the East and to the 7th in the West. \* \* \* \* Oh! Mary, thy doctors have extolled thee and vie with love and childlike goodness to brighten the halo of thy renown. Thy throne is not that of the Most High, but of God. Thou art the noblest creature, crowned by Jehovah with the queenly diadem of Heaven's great realm and hailed by the court of the elect as the chosen Wednesday evening thousands waited in te. Thou art all fair and there one of God. \* \* After the unerring witnesship of Scripture; after the age-honored approval of tradition; after the treatises of doctors and the heartfelt protestations of the faithful, the whole was sealed by thyself at thy shrine of Lourdes, when at the instance of an innocent child, thou saidst: I am called the Immaculate Conception. \* \* In this, the jubilee year of Mary's dog- tude. In graceful accompaniment to ma, another Pius reigns. To-day in Rome, the eternal city of our Pon- banners of delicate blue, on each of tiff and the capital of the Church's foully-robbed king, the vast choir and aisles and sanctuary have rung with Mary's praise. May it bring blessings upon the Church of God. May our sweet mother in Heaven raise her hand in benediction the Pontiff and his people; may it be a pledge of soothing for God's Vicar in his hours of anguish; may it bring joy to the portions of God's Church now in suffering; may she cause the erring sheep of Israel to seek the

> all in our exile and lead us gently to our heavenly home. There was then a procession of the school children carrying a statue of the Blessed Virgin while the choir sang the Magnificat, after which fol-

sheepfold again; may she guide us

lowed the Benediction. The Presbytery was tastefully decorated. Chinese lanterns, flags and innumerable lights were splendidly arranged and gave a real festive air to the dear old parish. St. Patrick's school was like a fairy-land. Every window was hung with Chinese lanterns, and from the street could be seen lanterns suspended from the gasoliers, making a remarkably dainty effect. The Orphan Asylum was in gala attire also. Candles were in all the windows, over which was green paper, and the soft light coming through cast such a pretty reflection on the grounds.

+ + + A DOUBLE JUBILEE.

Grand Celebration in St. Ann's .-Fiftieth Anniversary of the Parish Foundation.

The day of days of this, our jubilee year, the day whose dawn Catholic hearts throughout Christendom have longed to greet, has come and gone, and but the memory of its glory re-Truly has it been a day mains. which the children of Holy Church the world over have rejoiced to see. Catholic Montreal, the "Ville Marie," has indeed demonstrated to the world that not in vain does it bear its name, for on Thursday last it proved itself without doubt the loyal, royal city of Mary.

For many months the several parishes of the city have been engaged their mother and from their hearts in a holy eagerness to give to the jubilee celebration of the dogma of sweeter, no consolation more sooth- the Immaculate Conception, all the dor befitting the occasion

for and be referred to as a day of loy and triumph in our lives. Below we give a detailed account of the day's celebration in many of the parishes of the city.

Although both interior and exterior decorative schemes in most city churches were magnificent, it was beloved daughter, whom the Son called this mother, and whom the Holy the sublime ideal suggested by the

Ghost made His cherished spouse, occasion carried out with greater propriety and grandeur than in old Jesus Christ. Oh, my friends, I am-St. Ann's.

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MONTREAL, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1904.

The vision of the Apocalypse-"The Italy's Madonna and Spain's hallow- woman clothed with the sun, the ed Senora; England's Lady and moon beneath her feet, her crown France's wonder-worker; while for twelve stars of even," was the vigrief-stricken Ireland she stands as sion which, in all but heavenly splendor, burst upon the enraptured gaze of the thirty or more thousand spectators who from early morn till late at night visited the church.

If heretofore one had had a difficulty in forming a conception of the signification of those mystic words, never again, it would seem, after beholding that entrancing scene in St. Ann's, should the most belated imagination want for material in framing to itself a picture of what beloved disciple saw in prophetic vision. . . . Surrounded by a sun-burst of myriads of electric bulbs stood a most exquisite statue of Mary Immaculate; while at her feet glowed a crescent bearing within its silvery arms, in rich, red coloring, her glorious title, "Immaculate." In the background hung the royal mantle and crown, rich in design and feelings which adorn every Catholic exquisite in workmanship, emblematic of Mary's royal dignity. On either side of the altar, in half-moon shape was a gradual ascent to the throne above; this ascent was banked with flowers of the richest hue, intermingled with delicate electric lights-the whole making an ensemble of solemn yet bewitching beauty, and typifying in the arrangement the lifting up of hearts to her who was called by such sweet and significant titles as "Lily of the Vale," "Flower of the Field," and the final union of devout souls with her, their Queen, in beatithis arrangement, hung beautiful which was elegantly inscribed a text from the Papal Bull, declaring Virgin "Conceived without Sin."
"Lily among Thorns." "Garden en-closed." "The delight of God," were among the texts chosen.

All in all, the sanctuary of St. Angs on Thursday, and on the three successive days during which the illuminations continued, was a sight inspiring in the extreme, and worthy the master mind and spirit to whom the patish is indebted for the planning and executing of so sublime a spectacle.

Surely the Virgin Queen, in whose honor this demonstration was made, must have looked in love upon the devoted sons of St. Alphonsus-Mary's Knights-and upon the faithful gathered with them, round her beloved shrine on those three days of double jubilee. Surely those grace-laden hands, so lovingly shown at the first declaration of her glorious prerogative, to the little Bernadette, must have extended in plentiful benediction on the noble, generous people of St. Ann's who have so ably seconded the efforts of the Fathers in making this occasion so memorable a one. Some there were taking part in the ceremonies of December 8th, 1904, who participated in the jubilee celebration of fifty Church last Thursday, eve after fathers, they themselves, and their children have worshipped, so grand a demonstration of faith and devotion, were willing to sing their "Nunc Di-

The people of St. Ann's feel indebted to the preacher of the triduum, the Rev. Father Scholly, C. out to her this morning, at least SS.R., of Saratoga, N.Y., for the in many cases, when her own Son beautiful conferences delivered each evening. At each of the evening services the church was thronged with lasting lamb of God, who shed His devout worshippers, who listened with marked and intense interest to to His heavenly Father for all the the earnest exhortations delivered to graces and all the titles He has bethem, and henceforth the name of Father Scholly will be associated Mother and our Mother. Oh. how with one of the happiest memories of their lives. The sermon delivered on with the prayers we said to-day, with

who has given us the victory through her honor, by spending the day as our Lord Jesus Christ, yes, a thou- one of jubilee and congratulation: sand times, a thousand times be Does not the whole city of Montreal thanksgiving to God for the words give vent to that pious helief to-of St. John in the Apocalypse, hon-night? Undoubtedly it is the Villa or and praise and glory, thanksriv-ing and power he to our God, Who through Mary Immaculate has given God and His blessed Mother for the

joy and exultation. We have seen sterling Catholic faith which they within the last few days how Mary, the spotless one, the sinless one, the only one born without the stain of original sin into this world, is the triumph of God the Father, Son and ings, give such expression and honor to our Blessed Mother Mary. Oh, is the cause of the triumph of the dren of sin here on earth. Yes, praise our God, who has been so good to us in having chosen Mary, the spotof Christian perfection, to be the ideal of Christian virtue, of Christian love and of Christian purity. Thanks be to God, the eternal, everlasting One, on the victory He has gained over the enemy of man, namely, sin and the devil, by the Imma-

culate Conception of the Blessed Mo-

Oh, my friends, these are some

ther Mary.

the thoughts, these are some of the heart to-day, for to-day is the day of days, the day of Jubilee, of exultation, of joy, of praise and thanksgiving. It is the Lord's day and therefore the words of St. Paul applies to each one of you. Rejoice my dear friends, again I say rejoice, for this is the day, our day, the day of days, the day the Lord has made Oh, Catholic men and women, today we celebrate the anniversary of that glorious day, when our Holy Father, inspired by the Holy Ghost and moved by our Blessed Mother herself, proclaimed to the world at large that the teaching of the Church, the pious belief held for ages and for which men laid down their lives, for which men were slain, that our Holy Mother was Immaculate that is, born into this world without the stain of original sin. Oh, today fifty years ago, perhaps some of you, then very small ones, now old men and women, can remember that day. We of the younger generation recall it by facts given down to us in history. But to-day, could we have been in Rome this morning, when another Pius proclaimed to the world, as did Pius IX., that the Imnaculate Conception was indeed Catholic doctrine, was indeed the faith of the one infallible Church of Jesus Christ himself, then would we have joined with the crowds of others in that grand hymn of victory and thanksgiving. We would have joined our hearts and feelings in the Magnificat, in praising the Lord, for great things has He done to us through His Mother Mary, and to-day we

find these words well applied, "all

generations shall call me blessed."

Oh, blessed men and women. Oh,

blessed is she for the fruit of her

mine.

Catholic men and women, I stand here to-night as a priest of God, as a Father of the Catholic Church, and urge you this last night of our Tridium, this last night of the jubilee years ago-some who have watched year, to give expression to the feel-St. Ann's grow with the growth of ings of your heart. I tell you Ca-Catholicity throughout the land; and tholic men and women that the Imthose were they who, on leaving the maculate Conception is the symbol of our belief through the merits of witnessing in the temple where their Jesus Christ. I say, do I remind you of Mary, the woman clothed in the sun, the moon beneath her feet, is our Mother, and for us has won the great victory. Oh my friends, we have every reason to rejoice and be glad on this, our Mother's Jubi lee day. Oh, how our hearts went was laid in our breast, and then we offered Him, the eternal and everblood for our sins, in thanksgiving stowed on Mary Immaculate. His the angels and saints were delighted Thursday evening by Father Scholly the prayers and thanksgivings, with was as follows: My dear friends, Thanks be to God our Mother by visiting churches in

Jesus Christ. Oh, my friends, I am sure that your hearts are filled with brought from Ireland with them. I say that in America, my own

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country, across the line, we could not give such expression to our feelto our Blessed Mother Mary. Oh, no, there the poor Catholic is angels and saints; it is a triumph of prived of the love he should have for peace and happiness to us poor chil- his Blessed Mother Mary, for remember, the States belong by right of honor and thanksgiving and glory to dedication to the Blessed Mother. Mary, to the Immaculate Conception, and therefore I have the first right less, the sinless one, to be the ideal to claim in this jubilee that both Americas were consecrated to the Immaculate Conception, and therefore I say thanks be to God who has given us the victory, given the whole world, and Catholics especially, a proof that Mary was conceived without sin. All these things the Almighty gave her when he chose her to be the mother of His Son. Actions speak louder than words. It shows to the non-Catholics that the teachings of your Church are not empty fancies or mere phantoms. No they are not, they have taken root in your hearts and bring forth fruit. Oh, Catholic men and women, I will not take up your time in counting the virtues of Mary. Your presence here to-night is proof enough of the triumph and glories of the Immaculate Conception. Oh, Mary Immaculate, look down upon us poor sinners as our mother, as our model. Unlike you, our mother, we were born into this wicked world with the stain of original sin on our souls and we were purified by the waters of holy baptism. Oh Mary, my pure one, my only one, lily of the valley, lily among the thorns of the children of Adam, how shall we approach thee with our vile breath of sin? But Mary's conception, her immaculate, sinless, spotless life is our victory, and we claim it as our own by imitating her.

Oh, then, prove your spirit of the

Jubilee. Then your thoughts, words,

deeds and desires must give out the

expression that dwell forever

Mary's sinless heart. Oh, Catholic men and women, ever keep Mary, the one clothed with the sun, before your eyes. When the little bark of your life is drifted from God, then raise your eyes to the woman high, and soon she shall dispel the darkness of sin. Yes, when the ill wind of temptation and sin besieges you, then raise your eyes to the woman clothed with the sun, her. light shall show you the way you will travel. Yes, she will conduct your soul through temptation's tortuous path. When the world of amusements and approximate ways of sin will draw you into dark ways, oh, then, remember your Mother Imwomb, Jesus, your Redeemer and maculate, then turn your eyes to the woman clothed with the sun and she will enlighten your minds to see the hidden rocks and shallows. matter where you be always have Mary, your Immaculate Mother, before you, always have her on your lips, and remember that it is God to-night that has given us this victory over sin through Mary and by Mary. She will give us the glorious victory and rlumph over all our temptations, no matter how severe they may be, no matter how your blood may boil with the spirit of rerenge, no matter haw base impurity may draw you down, even to the very bottom of hell, no matter how trong your temptations may Mary Immaculate will bring you peace and happiness, for she rushed the serpent's head from the very first moment of her life by her sinlessness and purity. Catholic men and women, if I could night open heaven to you, what a glorious vision would you not behold. Mary crowned with twelve stars, symbolizing every Christian virtue. Mary sitting on her throne of glory, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost before her, the angels and saints bowing before her, acknowledging her as their supreme, their so vereign, their spotless one, yes. as the mother of their Lord. And then, if you could see that place that Mary has marked out for each one of us, if we prove faithful to her. Oh, Mary, our last words of this tridium, our last words of this Jubilee, shall be to repeat what I

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Conducted by HELENE.

were did we but give ourselves with and lightness, not, indeed, any hea our gifts, for the mere formality of giving is so senseless, and at times there is not even a thought as to and glint it seems more dressy. It suitability, much less sincerity of eling, which should always accompany the humblest token. Then again, let no one be forgotten. From the birds which come to our window to the beggar at our door, all have a claim on us, so let our hearts open to those poor dependents and by so doing make the happy Christmas sea son one truly of peace and good will.

FASHIONS.

For the woman who is stout the full-corded and shirred skirts around

the hips and waist-line should be put altogether out of the question, and only the flat, plaited skirts considered. The soft materials this year are often pressed into the plait and stitched only a very short distance below the waist line. This makes a softer falling skirt, yet with all the needed width and fulness in the lower portion. The plaits may stitched the entire length of the skirt if desired—that is, only the edges of the plaits stitched, the plaits themselves falling free from the material of the skirt. Or, again, in the flatly-pressed plaits, which are stitched only a couple of inches from the waistband, they are pressed to the top of the lower trimmings-that is to say, if the lower edge is trimmed with a wide set-on hem the plaits are pressed in only to the top of

One point to remember in the mak ing of a round-length skirt is that there should always be sufficient fulness in the front portion "to walk into." A skirt which is gored and is without any let-in or extra fulness in the front gores is apt to hoop around the feet and to catch in between the feet when walking, which is a very objectionable point in a walking-skirt. The better skirts are made .with a great deal of fulness below the knees, either with the seton circular-plaited flounce; or with inset inverted plaits at the seams This distribution of fulness at the various seams makes a short-length skirt that is constantly worn hang more evenly than one which has all the fulness in the centre of the back.

A suit you can use for the double oose of street and house wear with the simple changes of different be made up of either blouses, can one of the soft satin-finished broadcloths or one of the pretty new velveteens. The latter now come in all the new shades of the season such as plum, hunter's green and mouse-colored brown. These are all colors which combine well with the pale blues, ecrus and mauves for separate blouses, and with an black silk beaver or velvet hat. The skirts, of course, are made in a round length, and the jackets either in the short blouse-bolero style or in one of the very long coats. The coats of these dressy tailor-made suits are made almost to the edge of the skirt but not quite-some three or four inches from the edge. They are fitted in the back, and often in the front if one has a figure that can stand it; if not, they are double-breasted, and the line is straight in front and not curved in. The sleeves are of the dressy, more fancy types. If it is one of the blouse-bolero jackets, it is trimmed with rows of braid and made with loose-fitted fronts and tight-fitted back, and is finished with a snug belt. of the same material, which holds the little jacket in place The loose fronts are either shirred or plaited in at the shoulder-seams and hang quite free over the helt at the

One cannot get anything more serviceable and nicer for an evening dress than one of the fine light weight voiles. The chiffon cloths are all very nice, but such gowns are trifle dressier and you cannot wear them on the street so well as you can a voile gown. The chiffon cloth pretty, fine chiffon laces. These come both plain and spangled, and from them can be made lovely yokes and deep, tight-fitting undersleeves; these be transparent in a gown of this kind, lined only with chiffon. Net other if two laces also come in an immense variety of widths, prices and styles. The satin-striped gauzes have come back as much as possible. again into fashion, and are used for Another important point is, give

The time of remembrance is fast and dressy wear is chiffon velveteen. If the patient lies in a draught, but board, using powdered sugar to du This is of extraordinary supplemental vier than a good quality of silk, but having such a quantity can be had in all the light evening shades as well as the darker

more serviceable street colors. A very dressy model is one having a skirt with a deep Spanish flounce on which flounce there are stitched ing a consultation and decided that all together and add sufficient flour be dispensed with if you choose. Th waist, a full shirred one, has a small pening down the front, and lace with ribbon in a contrasting color and is piped with this ribbon. The yoke is of all-over lace in ecru coffee color. The girdle is of silk to match the ribbon.

+ + + TIMELY HINTS.

A faded cotton dress can be made white by boiling in cream of tartar water.

Clean enamel shoes with sweet milk after all the dust and dirt have been removed, allowing the milk to remain on for a minute, then wiping with a soft, dry cloth.

Medicine can easily be administer ed to a cat by mixing it with lard and rubbing it on the forelegs near the shoulders, where it can be licked

Photographs can be nicely clean with a soft cloth moistened with luke warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. Use lightly, and immediately wipe picture with a soft dry cloth.

The little soft cotton dish mor nake excellent dusters.

The wax from dripping candles can be removed from table linen by generous application of alcohol.

A little soap mixed with stoy blacking will produce better and more lasting luster than without.

Cold rain water and soap will re move machine grease. To remove peach stains soak fabric in spirits of camphor before wetting.

The smart woman saves time and patience by keeping a shoe-horn for children's rubbers to make their dor ning easy.

If stovepipes are well rubbed with lard and tied in several thicknesses of newspapers, they can safely stored without fear of rust.

Alum, the size of a hickory nut dissolved in a pint of starch, brighten the color in the muslins. ginghams, and calicoes after wash-

To remove ink stains from carpe heat some milk very hot, and to save time heat only a very small quantity at first, then while that is being used, more can be heated. Absorb all the ink possible with a blotter; pour the steaming milk liberally on the ink stains, and then wash up the milk with a cloth and warm water. Renew the water as it becomes inky. Apply more milk if needed, A vigorous rubbing of the carpet with the cloth and warm water is neces sary. If the milk is not quickly wiped up it will leave a grease spot, which must be removed with gaso

line. A clever woman traveller mended rent in her gown by using a hair from her head as thread for needle she always carries in her

purse. hand before the cloth or brush is and consequently to prison.—Ex-War taken to clean the stove, the fingertips and nails will be saved contact with the grime.

Pongee silk to be successfully laundered must be hung on the line without wringing the water out and allowed to thoroughly dry. Press with a moderately warm iron without sprinkling.

\* \* \* NURSING AT HOME.

One of the first essentials in caring for the sick, and one that is much neglected, is to enforce absolute quiet. It is very harmful to a sick man, woman or child, even in the gowns should be trimmed with the mildest forms of sickness, to have members of the family running in and out of the room constantly, or to have more than one person in the room at a time. Let one member of the family, or two to relieve each take to care for the sick one and have the others kept out of the room

whole gowns and separate blonses.

The prettiest of all the new winter the patient plenty of fresh air. Keep of granulated sugar, add two eggs, the windows open, put a screen, even and gradually three-quarters of a materials for the blouse for evening an impromptu one, in front of them spound of four. Roll very thin on a

remember being called up-town night to take care of a little baby six weeks old, with double pneumo-

nía. The family had been trying to nurse it, and five of them were the room when I arrived. Both windows were carefully and tightly shut Three eminent physicians were holdthe baby was too far gone to cover and would probably not live until morning. The little thing was stituted for currants. absolutely blue from head to foot for want of oxygen, the life-giving element in the fresh air. Its pulse could not be counted. I asked family if they would not leave baby alone with me for a little while. They gladly complied and I at once open ed the windows and then, of course under the physicians' orders, proceeded to administer to the little on compound oxygen, thus supplying the lack of it in the blood which need not have been so great if baby had been given plenty of fresh air from the first. This I kept up at intervals through the night, supplement ing it with small doses of stimulants and to the amazement of the physi cians and family the baby recovered

A third very important point cleanliness-absolute-not just a little washing of face and hands night and morning, but a full sponge bed bath every day if possible, every econd day at least. This is very easily given with a little quiet care Very few people, unless they have been through it themselves, know the absolute comfort of a warm bed-bath

and the delicious feeling it leaves behind, usually, indeed, inducing quie sleep. A quiet sponging of the face, chest arms and hands, or even of the fac

and hands alone several times through the night will often keep quiet and restful an otherwise less patient. In adopting cold cloths on the

head for headache or nausea, have the cloths thin and light. Three or four thicknesses of cheesecloth two of light muslin or linen is mucl more effective than a thick wad. which has the effect of a poultice, while your object is to cool head. The thinness of the cloths allows the heat to evaporate more readily. Renew frequently.

Alcohol added to the ice water or poured over a piece of ice and the cloths laid directly on the ice is of ten very efficacious.

For nausea, nothing is better than cold compresses to the throat. Use these also thin and light.

The amateur purse should always carefully write out every order of th doctor, and, of course, be both prompt and careful in carrying them out. This is neglected more often than one would suppose. Those who are not much with the sick find it hard to realize the importance little details.

+ + + TO PARENTS.

Often when I have been asked what are the causes of crime, or what is the peculiar cause that sends most of our men to prison, I have of late years invariably answered, want of family discipline." The indulgence of the father and mother who allow the child to grow up with out any discipline to form character, den A. A. Brush, of Sing Sing

> + + + BE WARM-HEARTED.

If you wish to be loved and to have friends, throw away your serve and your suspicions. in your friends for pure friendship's sake. When you meet one, do not offer him the tips of your fingers, or give your sympathy grudgingly and stingily, as if you were afraid you would commit yourself by being cor-

dial. Grasp your friend's hand warmly. Put your heart into your Do not give him a cold, formal "How do you do ?" but a hear ty, whole-souled salutation. Throw your personality, love and good-will into your "How are you?" be afraid to let yourself out. Do not be on your guard every moment. give yourself up heartily.

RECIPES

Cookies.—After creaming one-half pound of butter with half a pound

the board and rolling pin, instead of no better medicine for anything. I flour, and bake in well-buttered tins watching carefully to prevent burn

> Current Loaf. - Bake two small to cupsful of sponge out of the general in baking and before it is kneaded add one-half a cupful of butter with a half cupful of sugar, one well b egg and one cupful of currants. Stir to knead lightly. When light bak half an hour. Raisins may be sub-

Raisin Rounds-Mix a cupful of eeded raisins with half a cupful o chopped walnuts. Sift together two cupsful of flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, three teaspoonsful of sugar and one-half a teaspoonful salt; rub into this one teaspoonful of butter; when blended stir in one half a cupful of milk. Roll into a thin sheet, longer than wide, sprinkle the raisins and nuts over it and roll up compactly. Cut crosswise into slice about two inches wide and place the cut side up, without crowding, into a baking pan. Put over the top one fourth of a cupful of sugar and tablespoonful of butter, cut into bits, pour one cupful of boiling wate around them and bake in a bris oven for twenty minutes.

Cranberry Sauce.-Wash one quart of cranberries, put them into a gra nite kettle with one pint of water and cook about ten minutes. Strain through a colander, return to the fire, with one pound of granulated sugar added; stir until dissolved and turn out at once

Bourbon Fruit Cake.-The follow ng recipe is from a Kentucky cook Seed and chop fine one pound of layer raisins. Dissolve a quarter of a in two tablespoonsful of warm water then stir it into half a cupful of New Orleans molasses; add to this half a pint of sour thick cream and a cup ful of dark brown sugar. Sift thre upsful and a quarter of pastry flour; add it to the mixture and beat the roughly; then add a tablespoonful ach of allspice and cinnamon. Flour the raisins and add to mixture. Tur into a round or square pan, an bake in a moderate oven for one hour and a half. This is a deliciou cake, but it must be made mos carefully to obtain the best results It is better for standing, like al fruit cakes.

Oyster Sausages .- In the propor one-half a pound of rump steak, chop

salt, pepper and herbs, and roll into the form of sausages, frying quickly in deep hot fat.

ouff paste or purchase them from a caterer. Scald sufficient oysters in ine. Make a richly seasoned crear essing and while hot stir in the erve hot.

# 🔯 In St. Patrick's Ward.

place at all (New York I think it But I am goin' out West,' says he, "to a place where I'm told there's fortunes made in no time, so I'll be over wid ye soon," he says, "wid a power o' money an' I'm sure statye o' St. Patrick that ye were till then. The worst of it is," says, "it's a terrible wild outlandish place, and I can't be promisin' ye nany letters, for God knows if there 'll be a postoffice in it at all." says, "but I'll be thinkin' of ye often an' ye must keep heart." Well, sucking up her breath again, "poor Mrs. Byrne done all she could for me, but of course when it got to be weeks an' months that T was on my back not able to do a hand's turn for myself, an' no money comin' an' no sign o' Barney, what could she do, the crature? One day Dr. Isaacs says to her, 'Mrs. Byrne, says he, 'why don't ye send Mrs. Brady to the infirmary. infirmary, sir ?' says she. 'The Union infirmary,' says he, 't's the on'y place she's fit for except the incurables in Dublin,' says he, 'an' I'm afraid there's no chance for there. 'Oh, docther, don't mention it !' says poor Mrs. Byrne—she was telling m bout it afterwards. 'Is it the book, hence comes well recommended: Union? I wouldn't name it,' says she, 'to a decent respectable woman like Mrs. Brady. She's a cousin by aspoonful of bicarbonate of soda marriage o' me own, she says, 'I wouldn't name it to her. I assure ye.' 'Just as ye please,' says Dr. Isaacs. 'It 'ud be the truest kindne you could do her all the same, for get better care and nourish ment than you could give her.' Well, poor Mrs. Byrne kept turnin' it over but she raly couldn't bring herself to mention it no wouldn't, on'y she was druv to it in last Sacraments. the end, the crature, with me being ill so long, an' the rent comin' heavy on her an' all. So we settled an' she passed me her word to bring Barney's letther-if ever a wan comes -the very minute she gets it, and if he comes himself she says she won't ion of one dozen large oysters to let on where I am all at once, but she'll tell him gradual. Sometimes I

do be very unaisy in me mind, Miss Mahoney, I assure ye, wonderin' what Mehoney, I assure ye, wonderin what he'll say when he hears. I'm afcard he'll be ready to kill me for bringin' such disgrace on him."

"Sure, what could ye do?" said Kate a little tartly, for naturally, enough as "an inmate" of many years' standing, she did not quite fill the heated shells and this point. "Troth, it's aisy talkin" but it's not so aisy to starve. An' afther all, there's many a one that's worse off than us here, I can tell ye, especially since the Sisters come,

God bless them, with their holy ways,

Je like to be beyant-

where the nurses gobbles up all the ourishment that's ordered for the poor unfortunate creatures that's in it, an' leaves thim stretched from ornin' till night without doin' a hand's turn for them. Aye, an' 'ud go near to kill them if they dar'd let on to the Docther. Sure, don't I know how it was before the Sisters were here-we have different times now I can tell ye. Why, that very talkin' of a while ago, wasn't them brought it? And there's St. Joseph over in the ward fornenst this, an' St. Elizabeth an' the Holy Mother above. See that now. Isn't it a comfort to be lookin' at them holy things, and to see the blessed Sisters come walkin' in in the mornin' wid a heavenly smile for everyone, an' their holy eyes lookin' into every hole and corner an' spyin' out what's wrong?

"Aye, indeed," assented Mrs Brady a little faintly, though, for however grateful she might be, and comfortable in the main, there was a bitterness in the thought of her "come down" that nothing could alleviate, She and her neighbors were excellent friends all the same, and she soon shared Kitty's enthusiasm for "the Sisthers," finding comfort moreover in the discovery that Sister understood and sympathized with her feelings, and was willing to receive endless confidences on the the "little boy" and to discuss the probability of his speedy advent with almost as much eagerness as self.

But all too soon it became evident that unless Barney made great haste another than he would take Mrs. Brady "out of" the workhouse. Grim death was approaching with rapid strides, and one day the priest found her so weak that he told her he would come on the morrow to hear her confession and to give her the

Not one word did the old woman utter in reply. She lay there with her eyes closed and her poor old face puckered up, unheeding all Kate fahoney's attempts at consolation. though well meant, were slightly inconsistent, as she now assured her friend that it was well for

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS, Everyone wishes to have a Rich Fur, and one which Will Look

It is only reasonable that during these days, the Merriest in the Year, one should dress in a suitable way-rather of rich appearance—there is no wrong pride in it.

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Dear Boys and Girls: I fancy you are all ve doing. If you are going surprises for your friends

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Dear Aunt Becky:

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

BY AUNT BECKY,

Dear Boys and Girls:

I fancy you are all very busy preparing for Christmas. I think it puld be very nice to write to the corner telling us all what you intend would be very nice to write to the corner thing us all what you intend going. If you are going to have a Christmas tree, if you are planning surprises for your friends out of your ingenious little brains, and what you are expecting Santa Claus to bring you. This would be interesting reading for the little folks who take pleasure in reading this page. Your sincere friend.

ATINT BECKY

Dear Aunt Becky: It is with great pleasure I write letter is all right I will write again. my first letter to you. I have heard a great deal about you from reading letters in the True Witness. I enjoy this beautiful Catholic paper very much, and I've been reading it since I was able to read, and I am now fourteen years old. I will be afteen on Christmas Day. Is it not only half-past six, but the short a beautiful birthday to have? I attend the Collegiate Institute and I like the studies very much. I study many others. I also study music, and I like all my teachers very well. We have had two or three snowstorms this year and the weather is wery, very cold. Our Peterboro Cathedral is a magnificent piece of architecture. The plan is so artistically laid out. The women had their jubilee a week ago, and the men had theirs last week. I made jubilee and received Communion. have four brothers and four sisters. My eldest sister entered the convent of St. Joseph three years ago, and is at present in Lindsay. Mother missed her very much at first and does still, but she is getting used to

print. I remain. Your affectionate niece,

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AILEEN. Peterboro, Ont.

+ + + Dear Aunt Becky:

I am glad Christmas is drawing near, for Santa Claus always brings me presents and lots of candies and fruit. I wonder if there are any children that he does not visit at Xmas. My papa started to get up his wood pile. We raised a hundred and forty-five chickens this summer. My baby brother, who is five years old, gathers the eggs most of the time. Good-bye,

Granby. + + +

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weather, so do 1. There are a lot of birds stay in the cupola of our barn, and they come down every day into the door yard to pick crumbs my little brother scatters for them. It is such fun to see them hop about trying to see which get the most. He takes great de-

light in feeding them. Good-bye.

Granby. \* \* \*

Dear Aunt Becky: We have been taking the True Witboys' and girls' little letters, I thought I would write one. I go to like it verv well, it is a fine school. It is in the best part of the city and well ventilated. The Christian Brothers are very nice. I was in the country last summer. I had a fine time, especially on hot days, when we would run aces, in our bare feet. One day my brother, cousin and I went up to the mountain to pick berries. On the top of the mountain there is a which is about ten miles wide and I don't know how long. After we had eaten our fill of berries we thought it was time to go home, but when we looked around we did not know where we were. My brother, who is three years older than I, said it would be better to take one direction and keep straight ahead so we started, and we walked and walked. We were all scratched from the bushes. I was afraid that ald not get out of the bush till the next morning, but at last came to a road and we thought we would follow it. After we came to a house and we inquired the way to get home. However, we got home, and found our neighbors were all out looking to to go and study my lessons. If this

Your little friend. M. B. (11 years old.)

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THE LUCKY LITTLE FIDDLER. The clock on the great stone church at the corner showed that it was

November afternoon had long deepened into darkness. The lights on the avenue shone with a flicker-Latin, French, zoology, botany and ing gleam, through the fast falling snow.

Suddenly around the corner came a figure, and as it passed under an electric light, the rays tell on a elecunder an der little lad in shabby garments, with a violin clasped tightly in his arms.

The boy's face was thin and and the great brown eyes seemed full the of unshed tears. Wearily he leaned n. I against the post. No one cared to listen to him to-day, and he would have no supper. Neither breakfast nor dinner had he had, for that mat-

> Oh, it was so cold, and he was so hungry.

Perhaps he might lie down here in the snow and an angel might see him and take him up to Paradise. What was that verse? Ah, yes! "And they shall have neither hunger nor thirst."

What a beautiful place that must be ! He wondered if little Patrick. the bootblack, was there now. Patrick had died in the early fall.

How many nights they had shared a bun or a bit of fruit together, and planned a dazzling future, when he was a great musician and Patrick a panker, living on Fifth avenue.

Well, Patrick had found a better home than the palatial mansion he had pictured; but he was just a tired, hungry little street waif.

As he stood there in a sort of stupor, a light flashed from a window across the way. The curtain was up and he could see into the luxurious dining room where preparations for the evening meas were going on. The sight of that tempting table filled him with fresh strength, and crossing the street he drew his bow across his violin and began to play

Now, in that great mansion lived a woman past the first bloom youth, but with its traces still upon her. A stately, haughty woman, possessed of many talents, she dwelt in the luxurious house alone. All her kindred had crossed the dark river, and she was left, the last of a noble family. Society admired but stood in awe of her. She gave her money with lavish hand to charities.

nerself she never gave. While possessing much that make life desirable. Elinor Wentworth had missed the best in life. To-night sh sat before the open fire, a bored, listless look on her handsome face She would have to go abroad this winter, she was thinking. Home was

unbearably dull. Suddenly she raised her head in ness for a long time and noticing the wonder. Through the still night air came the sound of a violin. Louder and so full of sadness were that tears unbidden came to the lis-

tener's eyes. Hastily ringing the bell, she ordered the servant to learn who playing outside in the bitter night. He came back in a moment: 'Twas nothing but a beggar lad, and he

would send him away.
She cried out imperatively to bring him in.

"Bring him right here!" she said to the astonished man. The boy entered, his weary face

full of dread. Probably she would send him to the police station. "What is your name?" she com-

manded. "Donald Shepard, ma'am," he replied slowly.

"Play for me. Anything," and Miss Elinor seated herself and watched him closely.

He played a simple little melody, but as she looked something stirred her thoughts. Once, long ago, she had a little brother with just such

es, so long restrained, leaped forth.
"Stop !" she cried, and calling him

to her, held his cold little hands in her own warm ones, while she said

"Donald, you have a wonderful talent. Now, I want you to tell me all about yourself."

He told her quietly. Told her of how he had been a music teacher, and in the spring had followed the mother dead long ago, and had left find herself cured an' out, as many a his boy nothing in the world but his treasured violin, and the legacy of an honest name.

Miss Elinor had listened silently, her thoughts busy, but now she said :

"Donald, I once had a little brother who was dearer than all the world to me. He is gone, and I am all alone. So are you, and I want you to come and take his place," and then she drew him into her lap and kissed him.

People said that winter that Elinor Wentworth seemed to grow younger and brighter; that she had been alone so long a companion was what she needed.

She thought so herself, when the long silent rooms rang with the sound of a child's merry voice; when at night she and Donald sat before the fire making plans for the years to come, or talking of those who were waiting for them in the far country.

One evening when they had been speaking of these loved ones, Donald told her of little Patrick, and of the neglected grave in the cemetery.

"I wish I could put a stone on it. Aunt Elinor!" he said, and she bent and kissed him for an answer.

So it came about that a week later they stood by a little mound and at the head was a marble stone with a beautiful angel on top, and below was written: "Patrick Dooley, aged ten years.-R. I. P."

\* \* \* BRAVE LITTLE MAN.

A crippled boy looked up with bright eyes as the surgeon and the hospital nurse, followed by a group of young medical students, approached his bed. He knew what they were going to do. His weak, wasted, twisted leg was held rigid by a plaster cast. He saw the bowl new plaster and the big basin and the sponge which the nurse was placing near the bed, and he saw the fresh bandages and the surgeon's glittering scissors and needles. His lips closed tightly for a moment.

"You're going to change my leg again, doctor?" he piped, in a thin voice. "No, not your leg, my boy," said the surgeon, cheerily, "only

the plaster; for we're going to save your leg, you know. We won't hurt you much, so be brave now. It will soon be over." "All right, doctor, go ahead," said

the boy. The lady who was visiting the hospital reached out and took his hand in hers. "Is the operation very painful?"

she whispered to the nurse. The nurse nodded.

The surgeon ran a sharp knife through the cast, and peeled off the plaster in great flakes. The yellowed, tightly-clinging linen was removed. The pitifully thin leg was sponged and fresh bandages were drawn around it, the surgeon all the time keeping up a flow of kindly, encouraging words. The little sufferer did not stir or wince once during the operation, but he gazed fixedly at the ceiling and made a continual, curi-

ous, buzzing noise with his mouth. After the surgeon and his attendants had left the bedside the lady visitor said to the boy: "How could and louder rose the plaintive notes, you bear it so bravely? It must have hurt you dreadfully.

"Well, yes'm, it did hurt," replied; "but I just made believe that a bee was stinging me. Bees don't hurt much, you know. And I kept buzzin' because I was afraid I'd forget about its being a bee."

ONE AT A TIME.

We are told that Adam Forepaugh once had a big white parrot that had earned to say, "One at a time, gentlemen; one at a time. Don't crush.' The bird had, of course, acquired this sentence from the ticket-taker of the show. One day the parret was lost in the country, and Mr. Forepaugh started out post-haste to hunt for it. People here and there who had seen the parrot, directed him in his quest, and finally, as he was driving by a cornfield, he was overloyed to hear a familiar voice. He got out and entered the field, and found the parrot in the middle of a flock house and we inquired the way to get home. However, we got home, and found our neighbors were all out looking for us with lanterns. I guess

I will have to close now, as I have got the mercy of the cold world. The of crows, that had pecked him till he was almost featherless. As the crows bit and nipped away, the par-rot, lying on his side, repeated over and over: "One at a time, gentlemen.

§ IN ST. PATRICK'S WARD §

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his father's struggle with poverty; to be out o' that; and in the next her and asked who couldn't be glad moment informing her that maybe when she was annointed she might wan had before her, an' wasn't it well known that them that the priest laid his holy hands on, as likely as

not took a good turn imaydiate. Later on Sister Louise bent over Mrs. Brady with gentle reassuring words.

"God knows best, you know," she said at the end of her little homily, "you will say 'His will be done," won't von ?"

"Sure Sisther, how can I?" whispered Mrs. Brady, opening her troubled eyes, her face almost awful to look on in its grey pallor. "How can I say 'His will be done' if I'm to die in the workhouse? An' me poor little boy comin' as fast as he can across the say to take me out of it, an' me breakin' my heart prayin' that I might live to see the day! An' when he comes back he'll find the parish has buried me. Ah, Sisther, how am I to resign meself at all? In the name of God, how am I to resign meself?"

The tears began to trickle down her face, and Sister Louise cried a little too for sympathy, and stroked Mrs. Brady's hand, and coaxed and cajoled and soothed and preached to the very best of her ability; and at the end left the patient quiet, but apparently unconvinced.

It was with some trepidation that she approached her on the morrow. Mrs. Brady's attitude was so unusual that she felt anxious and alarmed. As a rule the Irish poor die calmly and peacefully, happy in their faith and resignation; but this poor woman stood on the brink of eternity with a heart full of bitterness, and a rebellious will.

Mrs. Brady's first words, however, reassured her. "Sisther, I'm willin': now to say

'His will be done.' " "Thank God for that," cried Sister

Louise, fervently. "Aye. Well wait till I tell ye. In the night when I was lying awake I took to lookin' at St. Patrick beyant, wid the little lamp flickerin' an' shinin' on his face, an' I thought o' Barney, an' that I'd niver see him agin, an' I burst out cryin', 'Oh, St. Pathrick !' says I, 'how'll I ever be able to make up my mind to it at all?' An' St. Pathrick looked back at me rale wicked. An, 'oh,' says I again, 'God forgive me, but sure how can I help it?' An' there was St. Pathrick still wid the cross look on him, p'intin' to the shamrock in his hand, as much as to say. 'there is but the wan God in three divine persons, an' Him ye must obey.' then, I took to baitin' me breast an' sayin' 'the will o' God be done!' an

if ye'll believe me, Sisther, the next time I took heart to look at St. Pathrick there he was smilin' for all the world the moral o' poor Barney. So, says I, after that !'

done! He knows pest, Sisther alanna, doesn't he? But," with a weak sob, "my poor little boy's heart 'll be broke out an' out when he finds I'm afther dyin' in the workhouse!" "We must pray for him," said the Sister, softly, "you must pray for him and offer up the sacrifice God asks of you, for him. Try ' not to fret so much, Barney would not like you to fret. He would grieve

terribly if he saw you like th "Feth he would," said Mrs. Brady, sobbing again.

"Of course he would. But if he heard you were brave and cheerful over it all, it would not be half so bad for him."

Mrs. Brady lay very quiet after this and seemed to reflect.

When the priest came presently to administer the Sacraments of dying to her, she roused herself and eceived them with much devotion: and presently beckoned Sister Louise to approach.

"Sisther, when Barney comes axin" for me, will ye give him me pade an' the little medal that's round me neck, an' tell him I left him me blessin'-will ye, dear ?"

"Indeed I will."

"God bless ye. An' tell him," speaking with animation and in ra ther louder tones. "Tell him I didn't fret at all, an' died quite contint an happy an'-an' thankful to be in this blessed place where I got every comfort. Will ye tell him that, Sisther

The Sister bowed her head; this time she could not speak.

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It was nearly two months after

wards that Sister Louise was sum noned to the parlor to see "Mr. Brady" who had recently arrived from America, and to whom cousin, Mr. Byrne, had broken the

ews of his mother's death. Sister Louise smiled and sighed a she looked at this big, strapping prosperous-looking young fellow, and remembered his mother's description of him. The black eyes and curly hair and rosy cheeks were all there, certainly, but otherwise the likenes to "St. Patrick" was not so very marked.

"Mr. Brady wants to hear all about his poor mother, Sister," said the Sister Superior. "This is Sister Louise, Mr. Brady, who attended your poor mother to the last.'

Mr. Brady, who seemed a taciturn youth, rolled his black eyes towards the new comer and waited for her to proceed.

Very simply did Sister Louise tell her little story, dwelling on such of his mother's sayings, during her last illness, as she thought might interest and comfort him.

"There are her beads, and the little medal, which she always wore. She left them to you with her blessing." Barney thrust out one large brown hand and took the little packet, swallowing down what appeared to

be a very large lump in his throat. "She told me," pursued the Sister in rather tremulous tones, "to tell vou that she did not fret at all at the last and died content and happy. She did, indeed, and she told me to say that she was thankful to be

But Barney interrupted her with a sudden incredulous gesture, and a big sob. "Ah, whist Sisther!" he said. -Selected.

THE TRUE YELLOW PERIL

In a recent sermon, the Bishop of Fall River warned his hearers against the sensational Sunday papers, which he described as "the true yellow peril of this country"; urging parents to keep them away from their homes, out of the hands of their children. "You can not preserve the purity of the home if you have these sensational sheets in them." said the Bishop.

It is a far cry from Fall River to Calcutta, but in distant India the same baneful influence is felt, and the same warning is re-echoed. "Through the secular press." says the Catholic Herald of Calcutta, "many come to lose touch with Catholic interests and Catholic life.' Disregard of this evil, neglect of counteracting influence, is a sign of carelessness creeping in and threatening to smother Catholic life. "There is no denying," adds our distant contemporary, "that in a Catholic paper one finds what must, on the whole, to a great extent, keep alive the true Catholic spirit so much needed when everything around is is so worldly and even debased."

NATURE'S JOKES.

Gardeners all over the world are toiling to produce new flowers. Nature, in a freakish moment, will cometimes accomplish what generations of horticulturists have been un-"Well, Sisther, the will of God be able to effect, says Pearson's Maga-

As an instance in point, there is a Malmaison rosebush in a garden at Violet Hill. Stowmarket, which one summer recently produced a most astonishing floral freak. The rose grows near an apple tree, and when one of its largest buds first burst into bloom it was seen that five perfect apple blossom petals were

springing in its centre. A flower discovered on the isthmus of Tehuantepec in the early morning invitations. blooms a pure white; by midday it has changed to a perfect red, but before it closes at nightfall it has turned to a pale blue. Even more vonderful than its change of color is the fact that at noon only does

it give out any perfume. But the strangest flower is the New South Wales flannel flower. It is so called because it has the exact appearance of having been carefully cut out of white flannel.

The will, like the mind, is developed by its ewn activity. By willing we become more able to will, as by doing we become more able to do. But will to be genuine must be will things, at definite to do definite times, in definite ways. It must come to the point, face the danger or the obstacle again and again, until by courage and perseverance the task is accomplished. Action is its element, and when it is allowed to lie passive, its vigor is lost .-Spalding.

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During the last year there has been an unusual amount of discussion by leading physicians in England and France of the value of alcohol as a drug and its dangers as a beverage. There has thus been put on record a mass of testimony or the highest scientific character and entirely free rom prejudice. The conclusions justified by the experience of the majority of these men may be briefly

ummed up as follows: In certain bodily conditions and when carefully administered alcohol is a valuable drug, but it is at present used much too freely and with distinct harmful results. Its use as a daily beverage in any form is dangerous physically and morally. As an illustration of its medicinal abuse Sir Samuel Wilkes cites the following

case: "A young lady, for many years the subject of heart disease, had finally been forced to take to her bed, and was called in consultation. It was a matter of formality, as she was

thought to be dying. "She was lying in bed gasping with a fluttering heart and an almost imperceptible, irregular pulse and semi-conscious; she was being plied with brandy to keep her alive. The two medical men who were present did not perceive that they were poisoning her, but nevertheless assented to my strong wish to stop the spirit. I met her a short time

afterward walking in the street." As to the daily drinking of some form of alcohol, while the weight of opinion was against it, several of the physicians said they had observed no ill effects from its use in moderation in themselves or their patients. Dr. J. Simms Woodhead. however, calls attention to the significant fact that when the body is being trained for any unusual exertion the use of alcohol is strictly pro-

hibited. During his athletic career at the University of Edinburgh he says: 'I was early impressed by the fact that nearly every athlete who was not already an abstainer became practically a teetotaler during his period of strict training and in some cases had so to alter his routine of life that he found it almost impossible to do anything but keep in training. Those of us, on the other hand, who were teetotalers had to alter our daily routine of living comparatively little. We could continue our work in the classes, and it was not necessary for us to refuse socia

"It is not dancing, dining working that upsets men. It is getting rid of the alcohol. I may say most confidently that during most successful athletic years I did my best class work, and during the whole of that time I do not know that I had to refuse a single invita-

TO LIVE IN THE LORD.

tion on account of training.

How can we live in the love of our Lord? By making this love, living in the Eucharist, our centre of life the only centre of consolation, in pain, in sorrow, in deception. invites us: "Come to Me, all ye who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Thinking to puzzle the eminent physicist and microscopist, they brought him a miscellaneous lection of articles taken from stomach of an ostrich.

"You can't fool me on that, gen-tlemen," he said. "That's the contents of a boy's pocket."

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NOTHING IN THE STORY.

A few weeks ago a cablegram of some length told of a new split in the Irish party having occurred because Mr. Dillon found it impossible to go further with John Redmond on account of William O'Brien's re entry into the Parliamentary Party The story appears to be entirely without foundation, and no better proof of this can be given than the speeches delivered from the same platform in Belfast on December 1 by Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon. Mr Redmond addressed himself chiefly to the Irish demand for university education, for which no one has more consistently and ably fought than Mr. Dillon. Unity was the first point emphasized by Mr. Dillon in his speech. He referred pointedly to the close and practical union complished under Mr. Redmond's leadership, and continuing said:

"Four years have elapsed since that day, and we have throughout that four years co-operated loyally together in maintaining unity. The task, as Mr. Redmond has said. which was cast upon him when he was elected unanimously to the chair of the Irish party, is no light task, It was a most difficult one, owing to the circumstances of the past, and he has exhibited, all the members will cordially unite with me in saying, an amount of tact, of firmne good humor and kindliness towards all his colleagues which have completely obliterated the memory all past differences, and brought us together as cordially as ever the party was before, and I will venture to say of Mr. Redmond that he has delivered a speech here to-night which will excite intense interest not only in this audience, but which will have a powerful effect in strengthening the Irish cause.'

These remarks indicate Mr. Dillon's strongest confidence Mr. Redmond, and in the safety of the cause of the Irish people in his hands. The days of dissension are gone.

#### IMPERIALISM VS. NATIONALITY

In a speech at New York the other day, Mr. John Morley gently re minded the Imperialists not to put too heavy a load upon the Anglo-Saxon race. The race cry is the cry of Imperialism; and its application to the so-called Anglo-Saxon race continents. G. K. Chesterton discusses Mr. George Wyndham's theory that it is race we should be proud of and not nationality. Mr. Alfred Beit, as Mr. Chesterton points out. is not either of our race or of our nationality: but he is of our Empire; he is our Empire. "Would it be practical politics," Mr. Chesterton asks, with fine sarcasm, "if any man had to look up books of ethnology in the British Museum to discover on which side he ought to be in the Transvaal war-whether a prehim to the camp of Botha, or some strain of Jewish blood to the cause of the Empire?" Mr. Chesterton holds that the race idea is an ineffectual dream. "Imperialists like Mr. Wyndham," he writes, "pretend that they dislike nationalism beand so unpractical. But it is quite

ing, because it is so obstinate and The Orne Wilness so triumphant. They hate it with a living hatred because, compared with the bitter patience of the identity of a country like Ireland, they know their butterfly Empires to be things of a day." And here is an epigram which more than Mr. Wyndham might note-"Men give lectures for Celticism, but they go to prison for Ireland."

> ABBOT GASQUET AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. days.

Abbot Gasquet, the eminent English scholar and historian, who reently visited Canada in the com pany of Monsignor Nugent, of Liverpool, has given publication to his views upon Catholicity as he observed it on this side of the Atlantic On the whole he finds it more vigor ous and earnest than in the old world, and he is full of admiration for the enthusiasm with which the men throw themselves in with the interests of the Church. What he saw of the Knights of Columbus pleased him immensely. We clip a portion of a long interview on the nature and work of Catholic organizations of men:

"And their organizations. Are they doing good work?" he was asked.

"Most admirable work. Knights of Columbus, for instance give splendid support to the Church It is a benefit society, and one of the conditions of membership is that one must be a practical Catholic They have an enormous number of nembers. All the best people, cluding lawyers of high standing and to them. The mere tact of being obliged to be practical Catholics has a great influence. One of the arrangements in the constitution of the society is that if at any time the Church should declare it unlawful, it should ipso facto cease exist.

"The society is, no doubt, of great advantage to the Bishops and cler-

"Certainly. The Bishops and priests find that they have in it the nucleus of an organization that may be used for any useful purpose. On or three occasions during my visit to West, the Bishop merely said I was there and that it might be a good thing if I gave them a lecture. There upon the Knights took the whole arrangements into their hands and paid for everything. The majority of the Bishops that I met think it a most excellent aid to the Church. It is a Catholic organization, without distinction of party or nationality If in France, say, there existed such an organization, we should not have the present state of affairs.

#### INSOLENT MASONR;

The President of the Grand Orient Freemasons in France has publicly acknowledged on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies all the charges of informing brought against that anti-Catholic organization in connection with the Combes crusade. Elsewhere in this issue we publish a further specimen of the amazing work undertaken by the Grand Orient to rid the army service of Catholics. The President of the Grand Orient is M. Laferre; and following M. Chau mie, Minister of Public Instruction, he made the impudent boast that has provoked the humorists of two "But for the Grand Orient documents the country would be guarded by a Coup d'Etat army."

> The French Chamber of Deputies has fallen deeply into degeneracy, but enough decency seems to remain in it to resent M. Leferre's humiliating boast that Republican institutions in France depend for their existence and safety from treason upon the patriotism of Freemasons.

The text of the agreement between England and Russia over the sinking of the trawlers in the North Sea dominance of Dutch blood allotted has been published. It is stated in the document that the incident "oc curred on the night of the 21st-22nd (eighth night) October"; and this arises from the fact that Russia and those countries which belong to the Greek Church have never accepted the correction of the Calendar by cause it is so dreamy and so fugitive Pope Gregory XIII., but still follow the old style. Among the most untrue. Imperialists like Mr. Wynd- noteworthy memories of the reign of ham hate nationalism because it is George II. was the reform of the so practical, because it is so endur- Calendar in 1752, a measure which

The Julian Year, or Old Style, as it is called, had been corrected by Pope Gregory XIII. in 1582, and the New Style had been adopted by every country on the continent of Europe except Sweden and Russia. The erro of the Old Style, which in 1752 had ly admitted. Sweden accepted the New Style in 1753; but Russia has still adhered to the Old Style, whose error has now increased to thirteen

The monarchical system in England provides amply for the lords temporal of the realm, but the lords spiritual are not suffered to go hungry. The London Daily Chronicle points out that before the advent of the Ecclesiastical Commission the revenue of the Bishop of Winchester. which is now fixed at £6500 a year was estimated to be £40,000. "Whe Bishop Sumner," says the writer. 'died in 1874, he had drawn this substantial income for some forty years, and the story runs that when one of his predecessors was offered the high dignity of the Archbishopric he replied refusing the honor, because, as he quaintly put it, "though Canterbury has the higher rack. Winchester has the deeper manger."

Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, look to the Irish in America to contribute largely towards the industrial regeneration of Ireland. In a recent address he said he looked to the return of the Gael There was hope in Ireland for the return of the Gael Such a turn of events had been ex perienced in other countries, and the had the Gael in America imbued with courage and enterprise-he would leave capital out of the question, be cause it was the smallest part. It was the skilled hand and trained intelligence that won in a matter of this kind, and they looked to their friends in America to bring these qualities to bear on the industria life of Ireland."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected back in Ottawa for Christmas

The Ontario Legislature is dis solved. On Jan. 25th, the elections will be held.

Two hundred and four licenses to sell liquor were granted without opposition on Monday

Last Sunday Mgr. Sbarretti dedicated the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Windsor, Ont.

Two hundred immigrants arrived at Windsor Station on Tuesday. The majority were English, bound for points in Ontario west of Toronto.

sued by the new Chief of Police close all hotels and restaurants last Sunday, Montreal experienced 'dryest'' day in years

The Earl and Countess Grey and party passed through Montreal on their special train on Tuesday morning, and the reception took place in

In the Witwatersrand Mine in the Transvaal a fight occurred between Chinese and Kaffir workmen, resulting in the death of four and thirtythree wounded.

#### PERSONAL.

Right Rev. Mgr. Archambault, Bi shop of Joliet, is at present in retreat at the Palace, and will on Saturday next hold the Christi ordinations at St. James Cathedral. Rev. Frank Singleton, of the Montreal Grand Seminary, will be dained next Saturday, and will sing his first High Mass the following day at St. Patrick's Church. Rev mas Heffernan, of St. Anthony's Church, will preach the sern

Very Rev. Abbe Lecog, S.S., left a days ago for Baltimore, and will probably go to France in nection with the work of the Order Rev. Louis Lalande, S.J., of St. Mary's College, has left for the States, where he will give lectured veral of the cities.

## FAMINE STRICKEN.

Irish Landlords Prepare to Assis the Potato Blight in Driving Out Connacht Peasants.

In the Dublin Freeman's Journal

of preparations now going on an eviction campaign in the Island When any landlord blasts are sweeping over Ireland, they are certain to strike the Aran Islande in his fisherman's home amidst the winds and waves of the Wes Coast. So it has turned out at the Sessions over a hundred decrees rent were made at the suit of the whose names were not stated, the landlords are believed to be re Howth family, Digby-Laurence of the Guinness family. At all Lady Henrietta E. Guinness, of Bal-Kingston-on-Thames; lard. Lady place: Lord Ardilaun, and a number of others. These are the plaintiffs and of failure of the potato crop in the West of Ireland, are threatening the poor fishermen in their island homes with the terrors of the she riff seizing their little crops and cattle for a rent which everyone who knows the circumstances of their holdings must admit the so-called land never yields. The process were for amounts that included many years of arrears, a fact which is in tself the best evidence of the ina bility of the people to pay the de mand now unexpectedly made upon them. It is thought, no doubt, that as the Congested Districts Board have for many years been helping the Islanders with loans of money buy large fishing boats, and have also subsidised a steamer to run between Galway and the Islands so as to enable them to market their fish, the people should now be compelled to yield up whatever they have made by their perilous harvest of the sea That return from the sea is very forwarded, as he does punctually, his annual instalment to repay the loan on his boat, and when he has fed and clad himself and his family and repaired his gear. For generations this people suffered from the severest exactions on the part of a represen tative of the owners, the late Thompson, and they have not ye recovered from, the blighting effects of the ordeal through which they were then compelled to pass. Happily about twenty years ago or more this "poor unfriended faithful race" to their island homes, cut off from communication with the mainland for many months in the year, found a champion and defender in the per son of the new parish priest, late Very Rev. Father O'Donoghue, who succeeded in enlisting the inter est of many philanthropic people on their behalf. The memory of that splendid Soggarth Aroon is kept fresh in the people's minds by the beautiful monument raised by his friends throughout the country that now looks down on the little harbor at Kilronan, the principal place on the island of Aran Mor. Fathe O'Donoghue's work was taken up after his departure by the Very Rev. Father Corbet, the present P.P. Partry, and now the Very Rev. Murover a dozen years curate and parish priest of the islands, is emulating the good example set him by his predecessors, and doing all that man can do to ameliorate and improve the condition of his faithful parishioners.

#### O'Donovan Rossa in Skibbereen.

Skibbereen, where Mr. Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa has unveiled statue to the honor of Irish patriots was his home in early life. In May, 1858, Mr. James Stephens, in a visit to Skibbereen, was attracted to the meetings of the Phenix National and Literary Society, in which Mr O'Donovan Rossa was a leading figure, and recognized in him the elements of a great revolutionary leader whose powers he determined to utilize. Jeremiah Donovan, as he then was, a ready and resourceful speaker, had devoted himself to Gaelic and historical studies. He shortly resumed the "O" to hi name, and as his people belonged to Ross he adopted the distinguishing Gaelie affix Rossa, thenceforward signing his name Jeremiah O'Dono van Rossa.

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Lord, trust your soul to me en your salvation is secure rself in Mary, Mary Imm the glory of Jerusalem, the Israel, the honor of our peop be against us if Mary I ate, the triumph of God over the devil, protects us ? This oses this evening, and the ppiness shall be ours if we ithful sons and daughters otless mother. Oh, brea of sin, stay away from ing halls and give up that drink which has your soul se om God. Give up that ever se which can only be quer the fires of hell. Come to I larly, be faithful to your ties, and then when death Mary Immaculate shall be a th bed to take your soul a sent it to God, saying, "Her ild, here is the soul of my mlate Conception, who prom the end of the Jubilee to be to me," and then, my friends eds of my text shall be for our hearts, and then we sha the angels and who bow down before prever and ever cry out unces "Praise and Glory, thanksgiv power to God the Father, th nd the Holy Ghost, who has Mary so perfect, so beautiful holy. Praise and thanksgiving God our Lord, who has given victory through Mary the Ir late Conception." Amen.

the B. V. M. The Act of Con tion read by Rev. Father F C.SS.R., Director of the Sowas responded to by the aspire a most impressive manner. Aft onsecration both the senior a nion members of the Sodality r ed in procession around the c singing hymns to Mary. The ladies' sodality choir sang the diction of the feast of the Imr ate Conception. Their renditi the sweet, soulful music lent tional charm to the devotion ecasion, while the music of th gular choir on the Sunday follas worthy of particular note. All in all, the week has bee never-to-be-forgotten one by eople of St. Ann's. To then their zealous, beloved spiritual many golden years, even more ed and fruitful, if possible, tha

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3.45, during which the pupils of Convent of the Holy Cross hymns in honor of the Blessed gin. At the three Masses 1106 ple received Holy Communion. ten o'clock solemn High Mass sung by Rev. Father O'Meara, pastor. The high altar was ully decorated with flowers. The of the Blessed Virgin was tically arranged with potted pl owers, banners and colored li and reflected great credit on Mi e O'Grady. 30 p.m. the rosary was rec followed by a discourse on the of the day by Rev. Father Fahe cession of the Children of hen took place, during which ies sang sweetly diction of the Blessed Sacra sed the proceedings. The sin the fine choir of the church a additional charm. Rev. Fa Gorman, S.J., and Malone, of Loyola College, assisted Rev. ers O'Meara and Fahey to e celebration worthy of the pa ers, and all have reason t proud of the way they honored

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(Continued from Page 1.) ve already asked. My son, my ughter, she says, give me No matter what temptations you have, no matter what temptations you have, no matter what struggles you have, I am the mother of our Lord, trust your soul to me, and then your salvation is secure. Trust ourself in Mary, Mary Immaculate, the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of rael, the honor of our people. Who can be against us if Mary Immaculthe triumph of God over sin and ate, the triumph of the devil, protects us? This jubilee loses this evening, and the joy and niness shall be ours if we prove faithful sons and daughters to our potless mother. Oh, break the habits of sin, stay away from danchalls and give up that cursed ink which has your soul separated om God. Give up that everlasting curse which can only be quenched by the fires of hell. Come to Mass regularly, be faithful to your daily nties, and then when death comes fary Immaculate shall be at your death bed to take your soul and pre-sent it to God, saying, "Here is my child, here is the soul of my Immaculate Conception, who promised at the end of the Jubilee to be faithful to me," and then, my friends, the words of my text shall be forever in your hearts, and then we shall sing with the angels and saints.
who bow down before the of God, and who forever and ever cry out unceasingly, Praise and Glory, thanksgiving and power to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who has made Mary so perfect, so beautiful and so holy. Praise and thanksgiving to God our Lord, who has given us the victory through Mary the Immacu-

On Sunday evening the exercises of the week came to a close with the solemn and touching ceremony of the reception of one hundred and sixteen ing women into the Sodality of the B. V. M. The Act of Consecra. tion read by Rev. Father Fortier, C.SS.R., Director of the Sodality, was responded to by the aspirants in a most impressive manner. After the consecration both the senior and junion members of the Sodality marched in procession around the church, singing hymns to Mary. The young ladies' sodality choir sang the Benediction of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Their rendition of the sweet, soulful music lent additional charm to the devotion of the occasion, while the music of the regular choir on the Sunday following was worthy of particular note.

Sate Conception." Amen

All in all, the week has been a never-to-he-forgotten one by the people of St. Ann's. To them and their zealous, beloved spiritual guides many golden years, even more blessed and fruitful, if possible, than the

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH. The children's Mass was said at

8.45, during which the pupils of the Convent of the Holy Cross sang hymns in honor of the Blessed Virgin. At the three Masses 1100 people received Holy Communion. At ten o'clock solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father O'Meara, the pastor. The high altar was tastetar of the Blessed Virgin was artistically arranged with potted plants, dowers, banners and colored lights, of Heaven's eternal decree—Mary, to the occasion. And reflected great credit on Miss S.
Lyons and Miss Annie O'Grady. At

But why dwell upo 7.30 p.m. the rosary llowed by a discourse on the feast was recited. of the day by Rev. Father Fahey. A procession of the Children of Mary then took place, during which the ladies sang sweetly several hymns. orman, S.J., and Malone, S.J., of Loyola College, assisted Rev. Fa-

The Presbytery was beautifully ilnated during the evening, Chie lanterns, electric lights, and oons being used which made

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The windows of the Holy Cross

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. At St. Anthony's Church the feast vas celebrated with great eclat. The main altar was adorned with innu-merable colored electric and other lights, flowers and potted plants, while the Blessed Virgin's altar was artistically arranged. At ten o'clock solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Donnelly, assisted by Rev. M. L., Shea, as deacon, and Rev. Thos. Heffernan as sub-deacon. The choir rendered a pretty musical Mass by Gounod, Miss M. E. Dono van presiding at the organ. In the evening the church was taxed to its utmost capacity, hundreds being obliged to stand. In the vast congregation were a large number of Protestants, who listened with rapt attention to the eloquent discourse given by Rev. Father T. Heffernan. The sermon was a masterly one, and will linger in the minds of those who had the pleasure of hearing the rev. gentleman. The Rev. Father for his text: "Thou art all fair, O my love, and there is no spot in thee." (Canticle of Canticles.) Fifty years have come and gone, fifty of joy, fifty of sorrows, for the individual, the family, the nation,-since Pius IX., of memory sainted immortal, from his throne raised opposite the altar, in the extremity of the Basilica, ushered forth into the fulness of its light the dogma: Thou art immaculate, Maria. This incident is not to be forgotten. The oldest of the Cardinals and the oldest of the bishops accompanied by the Catholic Patriarchs of the Greek Church, approaching, knelt at the feet of His Holiness, asking him in the name of the Holy Roman Catholic Church to be willing to decree as a dogma of faith that the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of our God, our Creator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, had been exempted from the universal stain of original sin, and that she was consequently immaculate in her conception.

The thrill of deepest emotion was felt through the whole assembly as the Vicar of Jesus Christ arose. Having asked for the last time guidance of the Holy Ghost, by the solemn intoning of the Veni Creator, in the midst of a silence so profound that all those present could distinctly hear his voice, the Pontiff Supreme read the decree of Faith:

"By the authority of our Lord, Jesus Christ, of the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by our own, we declare and define that the Blessed Virgin Mary has been, from the first moment of her conception, preserved from all stain of original sin and that this doctrine is revealed God. If any dare to think otherwise, let him know that he is condemned, and that he has departed from the Catholic Faith."

Dearly beloved, I positively stain from any description whatever of the time, place and circumstances of this solemn occasion. I leave you now just for a moment to your own imagination. A moment. Let us not be unwise; rather let us keep full with the oil of present grace lamp of our holy, faith. Contemplate but for a moment the scene enacted in the Church of God this blessed day.

"What happiness can equal mine" comes from the lips of the Virgin Immaculate. Around her throne hasten as only angels and saints may, those countless angelic spirits, chief among whom we notice Gabriel, the Archangel, who so many hundred years ago, a messenger from God, found fally decorated with flowers. The alin her room at Nazareth a young and tender girl in the most sacred recollection awaiting the fulfilment that nothing was spared to do henor

But why dwell upon the doirgs of he angels? Their nature is SC much purer and holier and loftier than ours that it were but drawing flitting figures of the imagination Rather let us consider the other host -the immense, the grand host mediction of the Blessed Sacrament the saints of God—our brothers, our an additional charm. Rev. Fathers its conflicts, but knew, too, the secret of victory in contest. But what of those? Ah, Pius IX., thou there O'Meara and Fahey to make the celebration worthy of the parishloners, and all have reason to be domitable spirit, who understood so proud of the way they honored the well what was demanded of thee, placed between "love and duty"love that would have saved thee the words, "If any dare to think otherwise, let him know, etc."; duty that made thee recognize, "If he will ry pretty scene.

Sarsfield school was decorated with thee as the heathen and publican." Is it wrong, think you, dearly beloved, that Mary, our Mother, caused to be erected at her right hand

you who sit here to-night, has it ther Kiernan, who took his text been your privilege to have offered to God the souls of little babes, shortly after the waters of baptism glistened upon their baby brows? Mothers, you who seemed to feel the death grip upon the heart as the lifeless little form was borne away to the cemetery! Mothers, you who were not as yet able to fashion the little lips to produce the sound, papa, mamma, may rest assured that they, under the maternal vigilance and care of Mother Immaculate, have been taught to pronounce this day, Immaculata, Immaculata. Are there any of us here who have witnessed the pious death of some loved parent, relative, friend? Such as they have also venerated before her throne pronouncing with their saintly lips Immaculate, etc. And we of the Church Militant, are not wanting when the voice of mother calls us to duty. This morning in every church throughout the land souls bent low in adoration to receive their God, the Son of Mary, in honor of the Virgin Immaculate. Tonight, your presence in this overcrowded edifice bears ample testimony to undying filial affection for our Mother Immaculate. And why should it be otherwise? With our flesh and blood of earth, the fiftieth anniversary of an important event calls for special observance, the presents are then of gold. This the reason, therefore, of the extraordinary things of to-day. Our flesh and blood of heaven should not be worse treated than those of earth.

What is it all about? may heard from the lips of those never learned to experience this Immaculate Mother's love. I see before me some, and quite a few, who are not of the holy religion. Chiefly for them shall I briefly explain the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. At all times among Catholics it was firmly believed that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, was immaculate-that is, that on account of the unique position she was to fill in the history of the world, there could not possibly be any instant in her whole existence during which she was affected by any sin This was all very well, but let it be clearly understood that there always have been and always will be men who argue for argument sake, and others who argue through ignorance -such ignorance as is extant through an imperfect education—and you know the old adage, "A little education is a dangerous thing."

Up to fifty years ago this ques tion of conception immaculate was what we call a free question-that is to say, men could argue about it, consider its merits, admit it or imprudently deny it. Men, in other words, could make use, and did make use of license, to the detriment, partial, it is true, of liberty—it was then that Rome spoke, and checked the foolishness of some of her children, by taking away their license and obliging them to make good use of their liberty. This is the reason why proclamation was given to a truth that was with the Church, as its tenet, from the very beginning.

St. Anthony's Presbytery was brilliantly illuminated by rows of electric and other lights, as well as the exterior of the church.

The Catholic Emigration Home. corner of Fulford and St. Antoine streets, was tasterully decorated and beautifully illuminated, the statue of the Immaculate Conception being brilliantly lighted.

St. Agnes Academy, St. Anthony's Young Men's hall, and hundreds of

\* \* \* ST. MARY'S.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception in this beautiful Church, dedicated in a special manner to Our Lady of Good Counsel, presented a striking figure on the 8th instant, when the Children of Mary and the pupils of the convent lined up in a grand procession of the Living Rosary. An impressive sermon preached on the occasion by Rev. Father Connolly, S.J. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father Cullinan and Rev. Father McDonald presided at the recitation of the beads. High Mass was sung at ten o'clock by Rev. Father Brady, P.P.

\* \* \* ST MICHAEL'S.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Ethelbert, assisted Rev. Father Kiernan and Callahan as deacon and sub-deacon respective-Convening presented a pretty picture, on this special day a special throne in the first time on this occasion, on the christian Brothers' school and community were also brilliantly illuscounds for the around about on every side. Are any of ours among the houses in the parish.

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The new gold vestments worm for the first time on this occasion, were the special gift of a member of the parish. The Blessed Virgin's altar was tastefully and elaborate by decorated for the occasion. The happy ones? Fathers, mothers, sermon was given by the Rev. Fathers are admitted for the first time on this occasion, were the special gift of a member of the parish. The Blessed Virgin's altar was tastefully and elaborate by decorated for the occasion. The happy ones? Fathers, mothers,

from the Book of Judith, as follows: "Thou the glory of Jerusalem of their parts with striking piety and the joy of Israel and the honor of our people."

In the afternoon, solemn Vespers were sung by the Rev. Chaplain of the Carmelites, assisted by Rev. Fathers Kiernan and Callahan.

In the evening, both church and presbytery were grandly illuminated. as were also many of the residences in the parish.

+ + + CHURCH OF THE GESU.

The Church of the Gesu, Bleury street, had very imposing celebrations during the day. At the High tars, the grandeur of the ceremonies, and the soul-inspiring music—all lent event. In the afternoon, at a special service for young men of Sodality, Rev. Louis Lalande, S.J., gave a stirring exhortation.

The Marquis de Maisonneuve, said the speaker, the dauntless soldier who founded Montreal, had consecrated himself to the imitation of the Mother of God and had dedicated the whole colony to her. In his life he made edifying practice of the virtues of his exemplar-her unquestioning loyalty and obedience to Divine inspiration and to the right, her purity, her industry and charity as they have come down in the living traditions of the Church.

Then in forcible language Father Lalande exhorted his hearers to practise, as Maisonneuve did, a virile devotion to Mary; to spend their lives in industry, purity and loyalty to the good: to the individuals to live up to their own conscience; to obedient everywhere to legitimate authority, but to truckle to no man, to feel themselves the inferior of no man, and never to lower themselves

by crowding for petty places. They were to aim to be individuals, to be the echo of no other man; individuals worthy first of all of their own self-respect. They could e otherwise than worthy human children of Mary, and good citizens, unafraid to stand alone if need against corruption and debasing bribery and perjury. They would then bear themselves as men in period of political decadence.

In conclusion, Father Lalande asked the young men to train themselves away from being acrobats in principle, to scorn the ability that consisted in hiding one's flag of principle in the pocket. "Show your colors, boys, and always the colors of the true citizen, the true Christian. Work for this end with the unfailing industry of the Mother of God. Do not fall asleep as the Apostles did in the garden, for while the well-meaning sleep, some Judas in the darkness is active preparing a sad surprise for the good citizen. In the battle waged between the cities of good and evil, it is not enough for the good, surprised with defeat, to throw the blame on Judas. They are themselves in fault. Their own forces had weakened while they slept."

In the evening solemn Vespers and Benediction were held, after which a special display of fireworks took place from St. Mary's College, which was gorgeously decorated and beautifully illuminated.

A pretty feature of the occasion was the presentation by the gentlemen who had followed the exercises of the retreat in anticipation of the feast of a magnificent colossal statue of the Blessed Virgin.

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AT LOYOLA COLLEGE.

irhe fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma maculate Conception was celebrated at Loyola College in a manner wor thy of so great a festival. Under the management of the Director and officers of the Sodality of the Bless ed Virgin, the various functions and ceremonies of the day were executed without a hitch. At 7.30 a.m. the boys assembled in the College Chapel to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion. The Rev. Rector, Father Turgeon, officiated. During Mass, the Sodalists, divided into two sections, day pupils and boarders, recited the Office of Our Lady sang several hymns with a fervor that showed how fully they appreciated the solemnity of the occasion.

The Rev. Dr. G. McShane, S.S., opened the afternoon services with beautiful sermon on the dogma that was being commemorated. was spoken with real warmth of feeling, and was listened to with rapt attention by even the youngest members

necessary for this impressive funcand almost military precision.

The reception of new members was followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which diplomas were distributed to old and new members of the Sodality, and pretty souvenir cards to all present.

During the evening the College was brilliantly illuminated, especially over the main entrance, where the words "Maria Immaculata" in blue and white electric lights were rounded by a frame of dazzling brightness.

Mass, the beautifully illuminated al- of the College for the earnest and Much credit is due to the students pious spirit with which they strove to perform the various duties asan additional charm to the great signed to them in the preparation and execution of this memorable celebration.

+ + + FRANCISCAN CHURCH.

The early Masses at the Church of St. Francis were largely attended by devout congregations, and hundreds approached Holy Communion. The solemn High Mass was sung at 8 o'clock, and a sermon preached. The mellow tones of the monks chanting behind the altar was soul-inspiring. The church had been specially decorated for the occasion. Electric lights were hung around and extended into the sanctuary. Large streamers of colored bunting hung from the ceiling, and also was festooned around the Church. Flowers, candles and colored lights decorated the main altar, and made the scene one of

In the evening the church was at its best with its innumerable lights. The scene inside and outside the Monastery was worthy of record. In colored letters the words "Vive, Marie Immaculee," were beautifully illuminated in the windows, while on the tower a large cross formed of Chinese lanterns lit up the ecene. On the outside of the grounds on Dorchester street rows of lanterns extended right to the doors of the church. St. Anthony's Villa was a gem of art, and the grand display of colored electric lights around the statue of the Immaculate Concep-tion, and the many lanterns in the windows, reflected great credit on those in charge, and was admired by the passing hundreds. The Franciscan Convent was also tastefully decorated and illuminated.

+ + + IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH. At the Church of the Immaculate

Conception the feast had a double

significance; it was parochial and

universal. Solemn High Mass was sung at 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Fouillet, S.J., delivered the sermon. The rev. preacher gave a masterly oration on the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Not infrequently, said he, have Roman Catholics been taxed with having added new articles of belief to the ancient creeds of the Apostles and the Fathers. This was an unwarranted accusation. Some dogmas had, it is true, lain, as it were, dormant or in semi-conscious state in the minds of the faithful; but neither the doctors of the Church, nor the simple laymen admitted that since the death of the last Apostle, any new article of faith had gone to swell the de-posit confided by Christ to His Apostles. With the demise of St. John, the beloved disciple, revelation closed: and in his own expressive words, "if any man shall add to these things God shall add unto him the plagues written in this book." (Apo-22, v. 18). True, this dogma of Mary's sinless conception was officially defined only fifty years Up to that date a Roman Catholic might have been rash enough to refuse his assent to this revealed truth. He would have shown his ignorance thereby, seeing that the great consensus of opinion among both the doctors and the laity was in favor of the dogma-out he would not have been a heretic that account.

Now, however, it was not so. The unerring word of Peter's successor had gone forth even to the ends of the earth. He had spoken and the faithful must hearken to his voice or consider themselves without the pale of the Church over which by divine appointment he presided

This dogma of Mary's sinless conception was intimately bound with other Roman Catholic truths Mary was exempt from original sin even in her conception. Her soul alone-among all the children of Adam-was enriched with the precious gift of grace from the moment it came forth from the Creator's hands. Ma Mary alone was conceived

In the evening solemn Vespers and

Benediction were held, and the church and altars were brilliantly illuminated. After the church service a special display of fireworks took place, and the houses of the parishioners minated. ioners were gaily decorated and illu-

\* \* \* ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL.

The following cable was received late Wednesday night by Mgr. Racicot, Administrator of the Archdiocese:

Rome, Dec. 7, 1904. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Racicot, Administrator.

Acceding to the desires of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Montreal, the Holy Father blesses the clergy, relicommunities, and the faithful who, in conjunction with Rome, are celebrating the Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception. (Signed)

CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL.

At 10 o'clock Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Lordship Mgr. Archambault, of Joliette, Assistant at the throne, Rev. Canon Martin; Deacons of Honor, Fathers Piette and Martin; deacon of Office, Rev. Mr. Singleton; sub-deacon Rev. Mr. Lavigne. Preacher, Rev. Father Fournet, Prof. of Belles-Lettres, Montreal College. The assistant priest and the bearers of the various insignia assisted in copes. The professors and students of both faculties of Laval University attended in a body, the former appearing. in academic gowns. After the Mass a grand dinner was served to those present.

> + + + NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

The historic Church of Notre Dame has often been seen magnificently decorated, but on Thursday the grandeur was unsurpassed. Around the galleries were the words of the "Magnificat" in large blue letters on white cloth. From the pillars hung large blue silk banners. The statue of the Immaculate Conception presented to the church some years ago by the late Pope Pius IX. was decorated with colored electric lights, candles and flowers. This particularly beautiful statue is of Carrara marble resting on granite pillar, and is the work of a Bavarian artist. The main altar and sanctuary were flooded with hundreds of electric lights, that shed their radiance over the gorgeous decorations. The music was well rendered, the boys' voices being heard to good advantage. Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Abbe Troie, S.S., assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. In the afternoon solemn Vespers were sung, and Rev. Father Brosseau, chaplain at Mount St. Louis College, preached the sermon. Solemn Benediction closed the proceedings.

In the evening the Nocturnal Adoration Society held a special service.
At all the services the vast edifice was thronged.

+ + + ST. PETER'S CHURCH. VISITA-TION STREET. (Oblate Fathess.)

Here the feast of the Immaculate Conception was preceded by a tri-duum preached by the Rev. Father Valiquette. Every night the Church was crowded, and on the night imnediately preceding the feast, eight confessors were kept in the church until midnight. On the feast itself there was a continual stream of people during all the Masses, giving a consoling manifestation of their faith in the feast which was being so triumphantly placed before the eyes of the world. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Deguire, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Fathers Berneche and Blanchard, deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The altar was tastefully and artistically decorated. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Whalen, rendered a harmonized plain chant Mass with full orchestra accompaniment. Miss Laurier presided at the organ, and an impressive and eloquent sermon was given by Rev. Father Tourangeau. Provincial of the Order. The general solemnity continued until night, when the ceremonies were brought to a close by the singing of the Te Deum.

#### St Anthony's Catechism Children's Concert

Next Wednesday afternoon and evening will witness one of grand gatherings when the children of St. Anthony's Catechism classes will hold their annual cert. The Catechism classes under the direction of Father Heffernan, and while too much praise cannot be given him for his efforts in this respect, we wish both him-self and the children all the enjoyment they can anticipate on this ocSAMPLES OF CHOICE GRAIN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SEED.

No the Editor of the True Witness

Dear Sir,-By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive orts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. stock for distribution is of the Very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent crops recently had at the branch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the Northwest Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn The quantity of oats to be sent this year will be Ibs., and of wheat or barley 5 lbs. efficient in each case to sow one twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 8 lbs. as heretofore. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:-

Oats-Banner, Wide-awake, Improv-Ligorvo, Waverly, Goldfinder, Abundance and Thousand Dollar. Wheat .- Preston, Red Fife, Percy,

Stanley, Huron, Laurel and White

Barley-Six-rowed.-Mensury, essa, Mansfield, Claude and Royal. Two-rowed. - Sidney, Invincible, Standwell and Canadian Thorpe.

Potatoes.-Carman No. 1, White Prize, Canadian Beauty, Uncle Sam, American Wonder, Bovee, Early Andes and Late Puritan.

Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual re ceives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one househo cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 1st of March. after which the lists will be closed so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort or variety they would prefer, with a second sort as alternative, and should the available stock of both these varieties be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent.instead. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes will please bear in mind that the corn is not available for distribution until March or April, and that potatoes mailed from here until danger from frost in transit is over WM. SAUNDERS.

Director Experimental Farms. Ottawa, Dec. 1, 1904. \* \* \*

DEVELOPING MARKETS FOR BUTTER.

The Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has again this year operated a number of creameries in the Northwest Territories, so that farmers in districts adapted to dairying might be able to obtain a cash income from their cows until such time as they are able to carry on the work for themselves. Considerable attention has recently been devoted to developing new markets for the butter produc ed, and the results have been quite satisfactory. In spite of the fact that the price of butter in Eastern Canada has been lower this year than last, the patrons of the Northwest creameries have received average net price of 20.98 cents from the cream supplied by them, over a cent a pound more than in 1903, and the highest price ever obtained for the season's output of the Government creameries.

British Columbia has naturally been the chief market for Territorial butter in the past and still tinues to take the bulk of the shipments. Freight rates and other ex penses are so heavy that a satisfacnot be carried on at present, but a considerable export trade is being developed with Japan and other Oriental countries. Before the Osaka exposition there was scarcely any Canadian butter sold to Japan, but in spite of the war, some 34,000 pounds have been shipped to country from the Government cream eries during the first ten months of The total consumption of butter in Japan is not large, but increase in demand for the Canadiar at the close of the war.

The Yukon butter trade is also ing recovered for Canada. The total ed in that territory annually is over 500,000 pounds, of useful in same way.

which nearly 200,000 pounds has Government creameries in the North-west Territories. When the country was first opened several shipments of tinned butter sent up by Canadian firms were found to be very inferior in quality, and, consequently, the Canadian article got a bad name and the market was practically monopol ized by the United States. until 1908 about the only Canadian butter used in the Yukon was that ent to the Mounted Police. Mean while the Dairy Division had testing various styles of tins other packages, and had found that a first class article, properly packed, could be shipped there at a profit, Orders for 90,000 pounds were ceived last year, and the amount has been more than doubled this season, as mentioned above.

+ + + THE VALUE OF STRICT DAIRY

There has been some opposition to our stringent legislation such as the Dairy Products Act of 1898 and the Butter Act of 1903, which forbids the manufacture and sale in Canada of adulterated dairy goods. including filled cheese and process The Hastings cheese case recently reported in the press. has shown that if our dairy laws been one whit less strict, the Cana dian cheese trade might have received a blow from which it would have required years to recover. The cas in question is still fresh in the public memory. A leading firm of grocers in Hastings, England, charged with selling as pure cheese an article which the local analyst alleged was adulterated with foreign fat. Fortunately the Canadian High Commissioners inspector in Britain of the Department of Agriculture were able

present a vigorous defence, backed up by indisputable evidence forwarded rom Canada by the chief of the Dairy Division. It was shown that in Canada the manufacture of margarine or "filled" cheese was absolutely prohibited under heavy penalties, and the conditions of manufacture were such that it was quite impossible for this to happen out the fact coming to the notice of the authorities. The purity of the cheese was admitted and the charge finally dismissed, when it was found that the Canadian contentions were proven by the report of the Govern ment Analyst, which showed that the sample in question contained 43 per cent of milk fat and no foreign fat whatever.

The case has attracted almost universal attention in Great Britain, and the triumphant vindication of the purity of Canadian dairy products will prove a great advertisement of our goods. If, however, our dairy laws had been lax or our departmental organization imperfect on either side of the Atlantic, the result might have been different.

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GREEN CUT BONE. The net cost of any food is the all mportant point, and frequently ignorance upon this point deters poultrymen from using foods which compared results had with and without their use, are cheaper than foods with which such poultrymen are better acquainted. For instance, Alme Cole Pickering, who has been quite successful with poultry, and who gives much of her experience to the poultry press, finds green cut bone the cheapest food she has ever used, considering, of course, the results accruing from its use. She claims that it nearly doubles the yield eggs from her flock, increases the fertility of the eggs, produces better plumage and maintains a more healthy condition of her fowls. Her ex perience is only in line with what scientists tell us, chemical analysis of good fresh bone showing that its component parts afford the highest degree of nutriment and sustenance

when fed to poultry. ROOT GRAFTING.

The scions for root grafting are cut in fall or winter or any before the buds swell. The roots should be dug and stored now. Mos nurserymen use only pieces of roots for each graft, but many prefer a section two to four inches long is a good size. The work is done whenever convenient during the winter

+ + + When a horse's shoulders tend well is kept clean always dried at noon and never allowed to remain on of persons under twenty years American Cultivator. Sponge shouliers with solution of half an ounc tannic acid in half gallon of water three times daily to toughen the alum, strong salt water, are



#### LESSONS OF THE LAST IRISH | under twenty. The decrease is CENSUS.

(Dublin Freeman's Journal.)

The facts and figures of the last census return. 1901, as revealed, ar ranged and summarized in the mirable Presidential address delivered last night by Mr. Robert E. Ma theson, the very able and distinguish ed official who holds the office Registrar General, at the opening meeting of the Statistical and cial Inquiry Society of Ireland, make very melancholy reading for Irish men interested in the welfare of Ireland. Except the great decrease of illiteracy there is in the voluminous report no single item for Irish congratulation. It is indeed satisfac tory to learn that "the educational statistics collected at the last census in Ireland show a marked decline in illiteracy as compared with the pre ceding enumeration, the proportion of persons aged five years and upwards who could both read and write having risen from 71 per cent. in 1891 to 79 per cent in 1901 The percentage of those who could read only in 1891 was 11, whereas in 1901 it was only 7, and the per sons returned as unable to read. who in 1891 were 18 per cent of the population five years old and upwards, fell to 14 per cent." there is little else satisfactory in the report, and much to cause deep concern for the present condition of Ire land and the gravest fear for her future. The population is steadily decreasing, and the decrease make itself specially felt amongst the young. For this it is shown constant drain of emigration is main-

ly responsible. As might be expected, the falling off is specially felt amongst the Catholic portion of the community. The proportion married people to the population is also seriously reduced. The figures show how few are the sources profitable employment in Ireland as compared with England, Scotland. and Wales, and even in those countries in the agricultural and the textile industries there has been a very serious falling off. Diseases of all kinds, especially the dread scourges consumption and cancer, exact abnormally heavy toll in Ireland, and the increase in lunacy both relatively and absolutely makes per haps the most appalling figure in the returns.

In considering these figures nust be remembered that decade after decade the population has decreased, until from over nine millions fifty years ago it has fallen to less than four and a half millions. while the population of Great Bristeadily increased. It might be hopreached the limit of depletion, and that no further decrease might shown. But the returns speedily dissipate any such hope. "The popula tion of England and Wales increased during the decade from 29,002,525 to 32,527,843, or 12.2 per cent. and that of Scotland from 4,025, 647 to 4,472,103, or 11.1 per cent. while the population of Ireland fell during the ten years from 4,704,750 in 1891 to 4,458,775 in 1901, be ing a decrease of 5.2 per cent." decrease hits the country all the harder because it is the young and vigorous amongst the population that are being drained away. principal feature observable in a omparison of the Irish age statis tics of 1901 with those of 1891 is the great diminution in the numbe age, there being in 1901 a decrea one year, of six per cent in children one year and under five years, of under ten, of one per cent. in persons ten and under fifteen, and four-

rectly or indirectly accounted fo by emigration, the effects of which seriously disturb the age composition of the population of Ireland as compared with that of the other

divisions of the United Kingdom." For a long time indeed, Trish emigration was openly and ostentatious ly encouraged by the Government. It was contended that the country was over-populated, and that agriculture trade and commerce would thrive and the residue would be rich and prosperous. As common sense might have suggested, the exact reverse ha been the case. The prosperity of the country has decreased as its population decreased, and poverty misery increased in the inverse ratio. The returns under notice give proof that that disastrous process still continues. Nor is "prosperous" Ulster in any degree exempt from this blight. "It is remarkable that amongst the eighteen counties in which the percentage of decrease of population is greatest are round Monaghan, Cavan, Tyrone, Londonderry, and Fermanagh, in the province of Ulster." In its staple industry, for which it is famous all the world

suggestive and the most appalling

figures of all are the lunacy returns

1891."

House . Sign and Decorative Painter PAPER-HANGER. over, Ulster has been particularly hard hit. "Another sad fact is th great diminution of the number of persons working in the flax and linen industry, which lost during the de cade over 17,000, or nearly one-fifth

Bel' Telephone, Main. 1405 of the persons engaged in it But, as has been said, the most

'In England and Wales the proportion of the insane per 10,000 of the population has increased from 30.39 in 1871 to 40.75 in 1901, that in Scotland the proportion per 10,000 increased from 33.97 in 1871 to 45.37 in 1901, and that in Ireland the population of the mentally ranged per 10,000 of the population rose from 30.49 in 1871 to 56.18 in 1901. Ireland occupied the happy position of having by far the highest proportion of insane in its population, Scotland coming next, while England and Wales stand third on the list. Many causes have been suggested to account for this terrifying spread of insanity in Ireland The true explanation is to be found in the heart-breaking poverty and misery to which so large a proportion of the people are continuously subjected. The facts and figures in these returns are a terrible impeach ment, on the Government which has

their own country is subjected. PATENT REPORT.

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chogue, N.Y. Display Racks. 90,252-George B. Southmayd, Garland, Man. Improvements

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Proceedings at Seventh Annual of Sharehold SATISFACTORY

Past Year has been One for Dominionof Directors

The eighty-seventh an

neeting of the sharehol Bank of Montreal was h Board Room of the in noon on the 5th instant There were present: Ho A. Drummond, K.C.M.G. dent; Sir William C. Ma G. Reid, Hon Robe Messrs. G. F. C. Smith, ford, James Skeoch, B.C. J. Fleet, K.C., Ge Henry Morton, R. B. A Foley, B. A. Boas, F. S C., Angus W. Hooper, Gault. Thomas Irving, J John Morrison.

On motion of Mr. R. George A. Drummond, V was unanimously voted in the absence of the P Right Hon. Lord Strath Mount Royal. On motion of Mr. C.

C., seconded by Mr. H it was agreed: "That the gentlemen be appointed scrutineers: Messrs. F. K.C., and Mr. G. F. C. that Mr. James Aird be DIRECTORS' RE

The report of the Direct

Shareholders, at their ei THE Capital Stock ......

Balance of Profits carrie Unclaimed Dividends .... Half-yearly dividends, pa

ber, 1904 ....

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Bank Premises at Montre Current Loans and disco and elsewhere (rebate i and other assets ..... Debts secured by mortgag Overdue debts not specia provided for) ..

Bank of Montreal, Montreal, 31st Oc

THE GENERAL MAN The General Manager

as follows : Referring to the states before you, the principal compared with last year crease in the deposit ber est of \$13,265,000, in the of \$9,143,000, in the curre \$6,699,000, and a decrea balance due by our own a other banks outside Canad

There is nothing that ca special remark in connecti these amounts, except the case of the loans and depote tain amount of the increase temporary nature and will Proceedings at Eighty-

Seventh Annual Meeting

of Shareholders.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT

Past Year has been Prosperous

One for Dominion-Election

The eighty-seventh annual general

meeting of the shareholders of the

Bank of Montreal was held in the

There were present: Hon Sir George

A. Drummond, K.C.M.G., Vice-Presi-

dent; Sir William C. Macdonald, R.

G. Reid, Hon Robert Mackay,

Foley, B. A. Boas, F. S. Lyman, K.

in the absence of the President, the

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The report of the Directors to the

John Morrison.

Mount Royal.

the meeting."

srs. G. F. C. Smith, George Durn-

on on the 5th instant.

of Directors.

rectory.

15, 1904.

CIETY -Estab 1856 incorpor-1846. Meets in 92 St. Alexandonday of Rev. Director P.P.; President, C. J. Doherty ; viin, M.D.; 2nd B.C.L.; Treas on; correspond. Kahaia; Ro-L. P. Tansay,

A. AND B. SO. the second Sun.
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B. SOCIETY. -Rev. Director l; President, D. J. F. Quinn, street; M. J. St. Augustin the second Sun-, in St. Ann's g and Ottawn

MEN'S SOCIE. .-Meets in its street, on the ch month, at Adviser, Rev. R.; President, Robt. J. Hart, DA, BRANCE

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sufficient amount to show that ou business is steadily progressing. The accounted for by the low rate of in terest ruling in the foreign markets, where we have to loan most of th money we desire to hold readily available. I saw a statement the

annual general meeting, was then and the prices for daily products un-feed by Mr. E. S. Clouston, General satisfactory. Certain industrials The Directors

ectors have pleasure, in presenting the report, showing the re-sult of the Bank's business for the ear ended 31st October, 1904: Balance of profit and Loss Account, 81st

October, 1903 ... ... ...\$ 373,988.06 Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1904, after deducting charges of manage ment, and making full

provision for all bad and doubtful debts... 1,609,207.95 intelligent management.

maintained. Domestic trade shows a

slight increase, while foreign trade,

\$454,642,000, as compared with \$450,040,000 in 1903. One feature

probably been much more than over-

come by the introduction of capital

brought by an increasing volume of

immigration, by investments of for-

eign capital, largely from the United

States, in our virgin lands, water

powers, forests, and in many other

ways. Yet the fact remains that.

considered alone, the foreign trade

balance has turned against us, and

to this cause the somewhat less

abounding activity of domestic trade

two months of the current fiscal year

for which returns are available,

July and August, domestic exports

were less in volume by \$4 200 000

than in the corresponding period last

year, and imports for consumption

show a decline of about \$530,000.

may, perhaps, be traced. In

Dividend 5 per cent. paid 1st 1904 . . .\$700,000.00 Board Room of the institution at Dividend 5 payable 1st December, 1904. 700,000.00 - 1,400,000.00

ford, James Skeoch, Henry Dobell, C. J. Fleet, K.C., George Filer, Henry Morton, R. B. Angus, M. S. Loss carried forward.\$ 583,196.01 Since the last annual meeting of the Shareholders, a branch of the C., Angus W. Hooper, Percy R. Bank has been opened at Portage la Gault, Thomas Irving, J. Scott and Prairie, Man., and sub-agencies at Percy R. Bank has been opened at Portage la Armstrong and Kelowna, B.C., and On motion of Mr. R. G. Reid, Sir Papineau avenue, (Montreal), and George A. Drummond, Vice-President, Westmount. Sub-agencies at Hochewas unanimously voted to the chair, laga (Montreal), Enderby, B.C., and two at Winnipeg have been arranged Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and for, and will be opened shortly.

The reconstruction of the headquar On motion of Mr. C. J. Fleet, K. ters building on St. James street is C., seconded by Mr. Henry Dobell, now proceeding, and will be complet-it was agreed: "That the following ed in a few months. gentlemen be appointed to act as All the offices of the Bank includ-

scrutineers: Messrs. F. S. Lyman, ing the Head Office, have been in-K.C., and Mr. G. F. C. Smith, and spected during the past year. that Mr. James Aird be secretary of STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL

President. Bank of Montreal. Head Office, Shareholders, at their eighty seventh | 31st October, 1904.

THE GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities. Capital Stock ..... ....\$ 14,000,000.00 Balance of Profits carried forward..... 583,196.01 \$10,583,196.01 Unclaimed Dividends ..... 980.01 Half-yearly dividends, payable 1st December, 1904 ...... 700,000.00 - 11.284.176.02 \$ 25,284,176.02

Deposits not bearing interest ..... 23,681,366,62 Deposits bearing interest ..... 71,113,046.67 Balances due to other Banks in Canada . . 162,489,27

.... 1,112,152.15

- 105,882,592,26

\$ 48,881,689,93

- 81,685.079,35

\$131,166,768.28

E. S. CLOUSTON,

General Manager.

said: \$131,166,768.28 Gold and silver coin current ...... ... ... ... ... 4,083,672.63 Government demand notes ...... 4,468,798.75
Deposit with Dominion Government required by act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation ......... ... 460,000.00 Due by agencies of this Bank marks. and other banks in Great Britain ...... \$ 3,555,929.34 Due by agencies of this Bank and other banks in foreign

-29,167,704,49

..... 7,373,367.89

.... 128,286.00

519,863,56

ed, and which are now close to completion, have, I am sure, met with your approval as furnishing a worheadquarters of the Bank for many

The General Manager has referred to which may be added the fact that Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches ...... 600,000.00 has been going on

to the fact that in 1847, when the Bank first occupied the premises on this site, its total assets amounted to \$7,110,000, and this year they

of the country, it may be noted that range of value and confidence in the lasting character of this improve-

It is evident that any marked induction of cereals, must come from the North-West. We have there an stated in figures conveys no acequate of latitude, which, passes through the north of England, up to the average in volume.

the Government expert estimates The exports of grain and timber

reaches an extent considerably exsatisfactory. Certain industrials have suffered from foreign competiceeding the total area of the Empire of Germany, while referring to tion, but on the other hand, some of the much larger extent to the north our important industries are now of the fifty-fifth parallel he says: reviving under more expenses of and "What proportion of these vast districts will be capable of the profit-The trade of the past year, both able growing of crops domestic and foreign, has been well matter of conjecture."

You are all aware, of course, that the isothermal lines do not necessaomitting specie, reached a value of rily coincide with the parallels of la titude, and these latter only approx imately denote the climate, but the of foreign trade may be noted. Ex- fact of the production of the finest ports of domestic products declined qualities of wheat in our territory, in value \$16,000,000, while imports for consumption rose \$18,776,000, vond question. You will be able to making a loss in balance of trade form some estimate of the possibiliof nearly \$35,000,000 from the pre- ties of the future, when I add that ceding year. In the seven year pe- as yet less than 4 per cent. of this riod, 1896-1902, incluerve, the very land has been brought under crop. exceptional condition existed of an It is worthy of note, also, that the excess of domestic exports over im- yield per acre in Manitoba and the ports for consumption, the actual Territories exceeds that of every one balance in favor of Canada in this of the North-Western states of the period having been \$1,428,000; but American Union, Montana alone exin the last two years the condition cepted, has changed, and since 1902 im- Striki

Striking proofs of progress in this ports have outrun domestic exports part of the Dominion are everywhere by \$55,600,000. In itself this exvisible. The population of Manitoba cess may be of small concern. It has and the Territories, which in 1901 was 422,000, became in 1904 870.

The homestead entries, which 1901 numbered 8,157, and represented 1,305,120 acres taken up for cultivation, had, in 1904, reached the number of 31,383, and covered ar acreage of 5,021,291; and to this may be added land sold for settlement by companies, bringing the total up to 9,387,501 acres.

The number of immigrants, which ten years ago, in 1895, was 25,788. and for years made little progress over this figure, last year reached 130,329, and is believed during the present year to have largely exceeded that number; but statistics are not yet attainable.

While the evidences of progress are, Taking a broad view of Canadian as already said, most marked in our commerce, the future is bright, with western territories, the rest of the promise. Our population is fed now Dominion has not been standing still. by an immigration of upwards of One feature is noteworthy, the num-100,000 people annually, and the ber of new manufacturing enterprises stream appears to be well turned tospringing up all over the country; wards Canada. Production in the some of them are essentially Cana-North-West grows apace, the raildian, others are branches of import-ant American industries. It is imways are prosperous, a second transcontinental line is on the eve of conpossible to give data, even approximately correct, of their extent number, but I hold in my hand a list of over thirty in Ontario Quebec, and may say that for three only in this city and neighborhood, sites have been secured averaging about fifty acres each.

OLDER PROVINCES.

Of trade in general I submit the following brief summary, which, taken in conjunction with the remarks of the General Manager, may be useful:

DRY GOODS-A fairly good year's ousiness, the woollen industry somewhat better, collections good.

LUMBER .- Not so good; the production this year will be reduced, and better prices expected.

PROVISIONS-The export of bacon shows large increase, and considerable quantity of provisions is going to South Africa.

LIVE STOCK-Exports show large decline, prices of cattle being very LEATHER-Good year's business

at fair prices. BOOTS AND SHOES-A very un-

satisfactory year, consequent on labor troubles and high prices of ma GROCERIES - Business reported

good and fairly profitable; the far mers reported prosperous everywhere DAIRY PRODUCE—Cheese has been

disappointing, but butter has been charge for banking services which satisfactory; upon the whole fairly good.

The grain trade of the port shows a marked falling off. The hay crop of this province has

een exceptionally good, and exports fetched remunerative prices. IRON AND HARDWARE-Not so good as last year, which was pheno-

menal. The construction of another line of railway across the continent, about to be undertaken for the Grand Trunk Railway Company, is an event of the

TRADE OF THE PORT.

utmost importance.

The steamship lines have suffered from various causes, the reaction due to the close of the South African war, and the keen competition in rates inaugurated by the continental idea; but taking only that portion to This warfare is believed to be over The import trade and the passen

show a reduction or one-third to one-

ter trade next season.

It ought to be noted that importers complain that, considering higher freights and insurance and port charges in the St. Lawrence, as compared with Atlantic ports, there is able growing of crops is as yet a little inducement to bring goods this way.

The prompt completion of the longtalked-about harbor improvements with modern facilities for handling goods, the reform of the pilotage and improvement of lighting, are urgently called for, if the advantages due to our geographical position are to yield their due results. In this connection, a point of interest is the announcement of the construction of one or more ice-breaking steamers. About these comparatively little is known, but any experiment bearing on the prolongation of the season of navigation, if seriously entered on. will be watched with an interest commensurate with its importance to the country.

The continuance of the sanguinary struggle in the Far East is, course, a menace to the general prosperity, but as regards our own coun try, surveying the whole field, I can see no reason to doubt that, normal conditions and favorable weather, we are about to enter upon a prosperous year.

I beg in accordance with custom to move

"That the report of the Directors, now read, be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders."

The motion was seconded by Mr. R. B. Angus, and after some remarks by Mr. John Morrison, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. B. A. Boas moved: "That the thanks of the meeting

be presented to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank.' This was seconded by Mr. George Durnford, and was unanimously con-

curred in. The Vice-President having acknowledged the compliment, Hon. Robert Mackay moved:

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to the General Manager, the Assistant General Manager, the Inspector, the Managers and other officers of the Bank, for their services during the year."

This was seconded by Mr. R. G. Reid and unanimously carried, the General Manager acknowledging the same.

Mr. Angus W. Hooper moved, seconded by Mr. James Skeoch:

"That the ballot now open for the election of directors, be kept open until 2 o'clock, unless 15 minutes elapse without a vote being cast, when it shall be closed, and until this meeting be continued."

This was unanimously concurred in THE DIRECTORS.

The ballot resulted in the election of the following Directors:

R. B. ANGUS. HON. SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND.

K.C.M.G. EDWARD B. GREENSHIELDS. SIR WILLIAM C. MACDONALD. HON. ROBERT MACKAY. ALEXANDER T. PATERSON.

ROBERT G. REID. JAMES ROSS The RIGHT HON. LORD STRATH-CONA AND MOUNT ROYAL, G. C.

## Newfoundland Correspondence, A party of travellers, journeying through Japan a few years ago.

placed their private car Terra Nova, which he asked a hundred dollars, at the disposal of His Grace Archthishop Howley, as well as special as- the work, and one of the party at sistants to wait on His Grace during his trip across the country en route to Rome, via Halifax, N.S. The Archbishop thanked the Messrs. Reid for their great kindness.

The collection for the Christian Brothers amounted to \$2826, the largest since their inception to St. nearly \$400 more than last year's. The Community of Mount St. Francis now number twelve members. They teach nearly 800 boys in St. Patrick's and Holy Cross schools, and also a night school at St. Vincent's Hall.

Hon. E. M. Jackman, Minister of Finance, recently stated that it is the intention of the Government to \$70,000. Four years ago, when the artist had but one reply-he could Bond Government came into power, the grant was \$155,000. During that time it was increased \$41,000, and stands to-day at \$196,000, and with the increase will show \$266,-000, or two-thirds more than it was

## ship-owners, however, look for better trade next season. The most to be noted that import. and Trial Free

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It did this for legions of others, among these

so revitains and build up she entire constitution as to make you feel as healthy and strong as in you friend you feel as healthy and strong as in you friend you have the well known persons as Archibald Ritchies, Mt. Forest, Ont. Mrs. Wells & Mrs. Forest, Ont. Coper, Chatham, N.B., H. Ctr., Que., W. J. Cooper, Chatham, N.B., H. Revnolds, Norham, Ont., Mrs. T. P. Carefoat, Collingwood, Ont., and it will surely do it for you. Writes to the Tunock Medical Ce., 23:2 Bush Tomple, Chicago, Ill. and since every free treatments, and the strength of the strength of

The Virginia Lake, a steamer under the command of Captain Parsons, arrived lately from the Labrador coast, after having met fearful weather. Snow storms, with very heavy frost, prevailed, and in valleys and guiches along the Labrador shore coast, as high as 80 feet of snow filled them.

Newfoundland fishermen are noted for their bravery, courage and selfsacrifice in time of danger. A few days ago, a captain was lashed to the wheel of his little vessel for 40 hours, and during that time, without a morsel of food, and with the that time, and for that purpose only, waves dashing over him, he stood his ground nobly until he reached a haven, and thus saved the lives of twelve men and two women, who were passengers at the time. A n. e. gale which swept the whole island lasted for three days without intermission.

The Nova Scotia Company at Bell Island will put out 100,000 tons of iron ore for Sydney alone this season. They have sent a large supply to Rotterdam also. Next year a greater supply will be handled, as several alterations will be made at the pier and the pockets for the Wabana mines.

THE JAPANESE ARTIST

A party of travellers, journeying came upon an old artist it ivories, The Reid Newfoundland Company ed was one most exquisite piece for Among the carvings which he showonce agreed to take it. Before surrendering it, however, the artist examined it minutely, and the result of the examination was the discovery of a tiny imperfection which he pointed out

"That will make no difference." the traveller answered. "No Jehn's. This year's collection was but you would ever have discovered it; it need make no difference in the

"It is not a matter of price," the artist replied proudly. "No imperfect work ever goes from me at any, price. I cannot sell you this,

The traveller, incredulous, urged again the plea that none but the artist's eye could ever see the blemish, he was offered a higher price still, increase the educational grant by but to all his arguments the old not give his name to imperfect work -it was impossible. And from this decision nothing could move him.

How the spirit of the heathen' artist rebukes us! Nothing was lowed to go from his shop that was in 1900. This news causes general not the best that he and those worksatisfaction throughout the colony, and adds new laurels to the wise administration of the Bond regime.

Debts secured by mortgage and otherwise . 252,478.07 Overdue debts not specially secured (loss d the Best. provided for)..... or the empty bags Montreal.3 Bank of Montreal, Montreal, 31st October, 1994.

E BRICKS IN

The General Manager then spoke as follows: Referring to the statement laid before you, the principal changes as compared with last year are, an increase in the deposit bearing interof \$13,265,000, in the call loans of \$9,143,000, in the current loans of \$6,699,000, and a decrease in the other banks outside Canada of \$4,-

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Notes and Cheques of other Banks ...... 2,808,282.61

There is nothing that calls for any

THE GENERAL MANAGER. | shortly, but there will still be diminution in our profits is largely other day, that in New York not in balance due by our own agencies and loaned so low as it did a portion of

On the whole, it may be said that

struction, the reports from the mining districts of British Columbia are more encouraging, a spirit of abiding confidence in Canada pervades our people; and despite temporary checks in the progress of material developments, there is an increasing belief that this country has entered upon an era of great and enduring prosperity. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. The vice-president, in moving the adoption of the Director's report, The statements submitted by the General Manager and in the Directors' report, so fully place before you the position of the Bank that it is unnecessary that I should trespass on your patience for more than a few moments with some general re-

The handsome and commodious premises in which we are now assemblthy and convenient home for the years to come.

to one cause of diminished profits, to earn dividends now-a-days a much larger volume of business must be done, though that is only another way of stating the great reduction in the rates of money, and in the

I may again draw your attention reach \$131.160.000

In reviewing the general condition the Stock Exchange, reflecting as it does the views of investors, has apparently entered on a period of revival; securities have now a higher ment appears to be spreading.

crease in immigration, or in the pronense territory, of which the area south of the fifty-fifth parallel special remark in connection with the past year has been a prosper-these amounts, except that in the case of the loans and deposits a certain amount of the increase is of a temporary nature and will disappear.

On the whole, it may be said that the Government expert estimates that the portion "suitable for cultivation," in Manitoba, Assimboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, that is from Manitoba to the mountains.

The exports of grain and the show a reduction or one-third to vation," in Manitoba, Assimboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, that is from Manitoba to the mountains.

### GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

The Forty Hours' devotion opened at St. Ann's Church last Friday morning and closed on Sunday after High Mass.

\* \* \* The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hibernians, Division No. 2, held a very cessful euchre party in St. Gab riel's Hall on last Monday evening.

Hon Rodolphe Lemieux. Solicitor General of the Dominion, was banqueted on Saturday evening at the Reform Club rooms on University

The euchre party held at the Brothers' Hall, corner Rachel and Sanguinet streets, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the building fund of St. Anges' Church, was quite successful. + + +

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception the patients of the Blessed Virgin's ward of the Hotel Dieu were given a treat by the Sisters in charge of the ward. This took the form of a dinner to which only the medical faculty and their friends were invited.

St. Bridget's Night Refuge reports For the week ending Saturday, 10th Dec., the following had a night's lodging and breakfast: Irish 250, French 107, English 31, other nationalities, 16. Total, 404. Men can be had for attending furnaces any other work by calling up Main + + +

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has sanctioned a decree annexing the following portions of Ste. Cunegonde to St. Leo. The territory bounded as follows: On the south by the Canadian Pacific Railway track, on the west by the limits of the municipality of Westmount, on the north by a line passing in the centre of Dorchester street, and the limits of the said municipality of Westmount to Edgehill street, on the east by a line passing in the middle of Edgebill street, from Dorchester street to the Canadian Pacific Railway track.

Right Rev. Mgr. Archambault, Bishop of Joliette, held an ordination service Monday morning in the chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Dorchester street, when Rev. Pierre Roy, of Hochelaga, a professor of the Normal School of this city, was raised to the priesthood, Mr. Williams, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was made a deacon, Mr. Cousineau, of Ottawa. was made sub-deacon, and the tonsure and minor orders were received by Mr. Junker, of St. Boniface. Rev. Fathers Nantel and Dubuc, honorary canons, assisted Bishop Archam-

#### MEETING OF A. O. H.

Friday evening last, the regular fortnightly meeting of No. 2 Division A.O.H., took place in their hall, Centre street, Point St. Charles. After the transaction of the regular business of the meeting, a friendly game of euchre was indulged in. between the members of No. 2 and the Hibernian Knights, thus passing a very pleasant evening.

#### Catholic Order of Foresters.

Loyola Court, No. 1461, C.O.F., held a well attended meeting in the Raby Hall, Monday evening, when the following officers were elected: S. J. O'Neil, Chief Ranger; J. Mahoney, V.C.R.; J. J. Gethings, P.C. by Rev. Father Meloche, S.J., and sisted, including the male and fe R.; M. J. Gahan, Rec. Sec.; C. A. solemn Benediction of the Blessed English members of the Third Co. Fairfield, Fin. Sec.; W. A. McCallum, Treasurer; Wm. Donohue, W. P. Gerraghty and Jas. McGeever, Trustees Dr. W. H. Donnelly, physician; Rev. T. F. Heffernan, Spiritual Director.

#### ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

The 8th instant saw the first meeting for the purpose of the reorganization of the above society. About thirty-five or forty members presented themselves for admission. Words of encouragement were lavishly given the young men by Rev. Fathers Brady, McDonald and Cullinan, as also from the well-known friend of all young people, Mr. Dugald McDonald, from Mount Royal

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ature and Interests; Religious To-pics; Prie-dieu Thoughts; Third Order Notes and News; St. Anthony's Corner; Franciscan Cameos; Flot-sam and Jetsam; Chronicle; Our Bookshelf. Yearly subscription, 50 ents. Manager, Mr. Robert Warren 23 Brunswick street, Montreal,

#### ABBE LEPAILLEUR HONORED

The parishioners of the Church of pastor last week on the occasion of his being appointed honorary canon of St. James Cathedral. An address and purse were presented by the chil dren, and a similar offering was made by the senior members of the congregation.

The evening of the 13th inst. witgatherings which do so much to keep alive the grand spirit of the beautiful among those whose privilege it is to come in contact with them, when Karn Hall was well filled to assist at one of those entertainments given by Mr. J. S. McCarry, in which he so graphically describes the life and ustoms of our friend the Habitant. The musical portion of the programme was carried out by Mr. Jos. Saucier, baritone, and Mr. J. B. Dubois, cellist, who did much to delight and entertain those present. In every detail the evening was a

#### Defrauded of their Wages

charming one, and too much praise

cannot be given to our talented en-

tertainers for the way in which they

performed their respective parts.

To the Editor of the True Witness' Sir,-I beg leave to put the following statement before you for consideration, and, if possible, kindly use your best endeavor to have some thing done to put a stop to such a scandal. I know quite a lot of men who have been working in the lumber camps in Maine and Northern New York who have worked from two months to ten weeks and did not get one cent for the time they worked. The sub-contractor skipped and left the men to starve or beg, whichever they pleased to do. This statement can be proven by reliable witnesses. I took pains to enquire into the matter and found their story to be correct. I am glad to say that, with few exceptions, Canada has none of those sharks, frauding the poor working man.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE.

Before Grand Mass the blessing of five beautiful statues destined to ornament the different side altars took place, viz: The Immaculate Conception, the Sacred Heart. St. Ann, St. Anthony and St. Joseph. Grand Mass was sung by the Rev. Father de Lamirande, assisted by Rev. Fathers Pare and Dufort, as deacon and sub-deacon. The musical portion of the services was plain chant, with a full orchestra. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Auclair, P.P., on the feast of the lay, and was a series of proofs the authenticity of the feast taken from the Bible, Fathers of the Church, Doctors and Universities, and confirmed by the apparition at Lourdes. At 3 p.m. solemn Vespers and Benediction were sung. At 7.15 p.m. there was a grand reception into the Children of Mary, sermon Sacrament. The day's events were brought to a close by a grand illumi nation of the church, priests' residence and several private houses throughout the parish

ST. LOUIS DE FRANCE. Grand Mass was sung at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Father L. Boissonnault, assisted by Rev. Father Melancon as deacon, and Rev. Father Geoffrion as sub-deacon. About 4000 people approached Holy Communion. choir, under the direction of Mr. A. Clerck, rendered a harmonized plain chant Mass with good effect. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Bryant, Dominican. At. p.m. took place the closing of the ladies' triduum, as also the reception of a large number of young ladies into the Sodality of the Children of Mary, closing by a solemn

interior decorations of the church were of a superior order, and re-flect much credit upon the artistic taste and practical knowledge the Rev. Father Provost, carried out.

#### OBITUARY.

REVEREND MOTHER MARY MAR GARET.

An Evening with the Habitant ral of the Rev. Mother Mary Marga ret took place from the mother hous of the Sisters of the Holy Names, at essed one of those pleasing social Hochelaga. The Requiem Mass was sung by the Chaplain, the Rev. Abbe J. A. Boucher, and the Rev. Father Christopher and Ethelbert, Franciscans, served as deacon and sub-dea con. In the sanctuary were the Very Rev. Father Colomban. Superior of the Franciscan Order, Rev. F. L. T. Adam, cure of the Sacred Heart parish; Rev. D. Chevrier, S.S., and Rev. Abbe H. Charpentier. Amongst the relatives present were her two first cousins, who are nuns of Congregation Community. The cortege was accompanied by the Rev Mother Superior and many nuns, and several priests.

A Libera was sung in the Longue uil Convent Chapel, where Mother Mary Margaret made her first Communion, 60 years ago, and made all her vows. In 1859 she went with the first missionaries to Oregon Territory, at the request of the saintly and noble Bishop Blanchet, where she remained 36 years, and was Provincial many years. On her return here in 1895, she was chosen Provincial Superior for the State of New York, which position she filled until last year, when she reluctantly withdrew from active work owing to ill health. Mother Mary Margaret was noted for her great piety, from her childhood. She had an elder sister, Mary Francis of Assisi, belonging to the same Order, who died in Oregon. She was a sister to Mr. John O'Neill, and Mrs. Doody,

#### THE LATE FATHER DOWD

Next Monday' will be the twelfth anniversary of the death of the lamented Father Dowd. It seems but vesterday that he walked among us. with his happy word and kindly smile for every one, yet twelve years have passed since he fell into his dreamless sleep. Let those who remember his work try to assist at Mass on that day that he may enjoy the sweet rest promised to those who have so faithfully served the Master.

#### Requiem Mass.

On Monday morning a solemn Requiem Mass was offered up at St. Patrick's Church for the late Mrs. Mary Celestine Fitzmaurice, mother of Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery. Very Rev. Father Colomban, O.F.M., Prior of the Monastery, officiated, assisted by two Franciscans as dea con and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were several of the Franciscan Fathers and the priests of St. Pat-The church was draped for the occasion. The choir rendered the "Messe de Requiem," by Abbe Perreault. A large congregation as-English members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

#### Requiem for Manchester Martyrs

A Requiem High Mass for the reose of the souls of the Manchester Martyrs was celebrated in the Church of St. Anne's, Underwood street, London, and was attended by crowded congregation of Irish tionalists from all parts of London Contingents from the various branches of the United Irish League assembled about an hour previously on Tower Hill-itself the scene of the executions of many Irish Catholic martyrs at the time of the Reformation-and a procession numbering many hundreds, headed by the Anne's, Bermondsey, and Commercial road bands, and handsome banners, marched, to church. The procession presented a most impressive spectacle, and On January 1st, 1905, will appear the first number of The Franciscan Review and St. Anthony's Record, a magazine, for lovers of St. Francis and St. Anthony, under the direction of the Franciscan Fadru, Dom. The illuminations and Murphy, of '98 fame. Subsequently

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a meeting was held in St. Anne's Hall, at which Father Murphy presided, and a number of speech delivered by prominent Nationalists after which the procession returned to Tower Hill, where the contingents

#### FREEMASONS AS SPIES,

More Revelations of their Em ployment Against Catholics in the French Army.

The system of informing in the

Frency army discovered by the Nationalist deputies and journalists is still being used as a stick for the punishment of M. Combes, Cabinet is in a sorrier plight than it has ever been before. "Fiches," or sheafs of paper written out by Freemasons, are still published daily and in one of them some tale-bearing is revealed about an officer with thoroughly Irish name, to wit, Lieu tenant O'Gorman, of the Thirtieth Artillery Regiment. Lieutenant O'Gorman is charged by a Freemaso spy named Bourgueil with having together with Colonel Delpit, Major Benoit, and Captain de Verchere, all of his regiment, taken part in a Corpus Christi procession at Orleans in 1902. Not only that, but Lieuten ant O'Gorman and his brother offi cers joined in the singing of magnificent hymn, "Lauda Sior Salvatorem." The scandalized Freemason notes that the officers offered un singulier spectacle, and that they sang de tout coeur. The truly eminent Bourgueil, who is a Government clerk at Orleans, in his additional reports to "Brother" Vadecard, the head 'Mason in Paris, puts black marks against Major Denis, of the and who during the Dreyfus case said that daylight ought to have been let through the bodies of Picquart that he proposes to track the Marist ROONEY .- At Danvers, Mass., Nov Fathers of Orleans, in spite of the 'good' Press which will fire off 'rotten pears' at him, which he does not mind, since his "skull became harder and balder."

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LIGHT IN CALIBRE, PERHAPS. "Is this the humane society?" asked a lady at the door of Congress hall of the very polite Jefferson

guard. ege aluminum is meeting here." And the lady went away commenting laughingly to her companion that there was food for reflection in the statement.

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storing all things in C amongst the first of the he thought of to this en in the Brief that he add Cardinal Presidents of tee for the public celebr 50th anniversary of the the Immaculate Concept
was devotion to the Mo Such was the beginning which he addressed to C cenzo Vannutelli, Marian Domenico Ferrata and G asanzio Vives y Tuto, I the Committee mentio When the brief was read day morning, November vast assembly — Cardi bishops, Bishops, priests stood up respectfully to the words of the Pontiff The place of assembly cious Church of the Twel

in one of the most centr

the city. The church pr

unusual appearance. On

of the central nave, unde dow of one of the great series of benches, rising the other until they culm central bench, was built occupied by the President Presidents of the Congr seats, instead of facing altar in the apse of the ed these benches. Behind altar a great white draper which hangs above a th from the vaulted ceiling, with dark purple velvet as gold lace, formed a backs the altar. In the centre colossal picture of the ] Conception is placed, and head twelve double electric call the crown and stars se the head of the Woman see Apostle of the Apocalypse near to the speakers were the members of the preand foreign. These were o erous, and their presence h played the widespread int the Catholic world at leas stions that concern religion. pers represented were the O nane, the official organ Vatican; the Civilta Catto very learned and important the Jesuits published fortp Rome, and thirteen, Italian nearly all Catholic, from ot of the country. Besides the was an Italian paper of I represented here, another of Ayres, and the Univers, and of Paris; the XX Siecle, of the Kolnische Volkszeitung logne; the powerful Germani lin; the Westfalischer Mer Munster (Westphalia); the V of Vienna; the Liberte, of I the Freeman's Journal, of the Sun, of Baltimore; the Herald, of India; the Tablet, don; the Gazet wan Antwe Antwerp; the New York

the Luxemburger Wort, of burg, etc., etc. Cardinal Vincenzo Wannute sided, and no less than twel dinals were present. Nowhe but in Rome could such a go of Princes of the Church be s sides the presiding Cardinal s Eminences Mariano Rampolla menico Ferrata and Guiseppe anzie Vives y Tuto; and in t beach on the floor beneath the neaces Tripepi, Casali del Dra cella, Taliani, Martinelli, Aiut thieu and Gennari sat, a crimson arrayed members of nate of the Church. Behind were the Archbishops, and Band the priests and members of ous religious orders and cor ns, representing the benefice luence of the Church in the ways of its charitable works. me the laity in great nu

Journal; the Volksblatt, o

Amongst these were the repre-tives of the Governments accu-to the Holy See. That of the ament of France was consp absence. In every public per