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Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen."-(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname.)-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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#### LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1895.

#### THE SERAPHIC DOCTOR.

Extraordinary Public Interest the World Over in the Life of Assisi's Famous Saint, Apostic, Poet.

Now the life of St. Francis proves that poverty is no hindrance but rather an aid to the growth of the religious spirit. It was in the ever present thought of the poor that he found his work. But before he could efficiently help them he felt that he must be one of them. So he renounced all that he once enjoyed and became a mendicant. The fondness entertained by St. Francis for sports and tournments suddenly gave place to the most perfect contempt for things of earth and was replaced by an ardent zeal for the and looked upon by the world as a fan-

We all remember that supreme atic. and celebrated scene in which he was brought by his own father before the brought by his own father before the justice of the town and prosecuted for having given away what did not be-long to him. The Bishops exhorted him to return to his father all that was rightly his. St. Francis instantly stripped himself naked, and laying his clothes and his money in a little heap before the Bishop gridd to the surbefore the Bishop, cried to the sur-rounding crowd : "Listen and underrounding crowd : "Listen and under-stand ! Up to this moment I have called Pietro Bernardone my father. I now return to him his money and the

garments I have received from him, and from this day I will only say, 'Our Father who art in heaven."" And then the Francisan order was there and then founded by one naked

That order has since given to the Church eleven Popes ; eighty five can-onized saints, including such glorious onized saints, including such globous names as St. Anthony of Padua, St. Bonaventure, St. Bernardine, St. Peter of Aleantara and St. Francis Solanus, the patron of American mis-sions, besides Roger Bacon, Alexander of Hales, and John Duns Scotus ; and over seventeen hundred martyrs. It

hundred and seventy-two years ago,

It's getting close to Christmas. O time of peace and joy! And, oh to be once more, once more, a wake ful watchful boy, With stocking in the corner for Santa Claus

The Forty Hours' Devotion, concern-ing which Cardinal Wiseman says, In no other time or place is the sublimity of our religion so touchingly felt," is another legacy from the Fran-

late Conception are also-as is well known-of Franciscan origin.

But the crowning grace of devotions which we owe to the Franciscans, is the divinely-given Indulgence of the Portiuncula concerning which the great Jesuit theologian Bourdaloue concert that of all Laduer. says: "I assert that of all Indulg-ences that of the Portiuncula is the most authentic and valid in the Church, because it is an Indulgence directly granted by Jesus Christ Himself." All other Indulgences whatever have been derived from Sovereign Pontiffs, this one alone was given directly by God try in the world would have been Himself to the loving and lowly St. fought out with revolvers and knives

has also given to the world poets and painters, scientific discoverers, and from the day of its foundation, six From the day of its foundation, six

it was without a stain upon its records, peen a missioner of universal love and peace. The untiring activity of these truly apostolic friars and their close troubles in Ireland, anything has happened which proves the unfitobservation of rule have made them an much they owe to St. Francis and the object of the affection and admiration Franciscans. of all good men. During the past two But all this is by the way. To reness of the Irish people for self government. On the contrary, I venture confidently to say that the calmness decades the Order of St. Francis seems turn to business. If the world is to profit by the present and the good sense with which the Irish people have made up their mind evival of interest in St. Francis that interest must be more than mere sentiunder circumstances of the most cruel ment. St. Francis lived his life, not difficulty, and the decisive majorities that we should talk about him, but that we should carry on his work more broadly and deeply. Some practical method of doing this must be sought out and adopted. What more efficaby which they have expressed their ishman. opinions proves that the Irish people have qualifications for self-government that no country in the world, except cious means could Catholics employ in perhaps, England and the United States, could surpass. Take twenty this direction than in applying them men, even less perhaps than twenty selves with zeal to spreading the Third Order of St. Francis? No time men, out of the country at the present moment, and if you like include myself has ever been more opportune for do amongst the twenty, I am quite will-ing to be one of the twenty to be sacriing so than the present. The Holy Father has repeatedly expressed his conviction that the Third Order is destined to exercise great influence ficed for the purpose of making peace, and this I do say, take twenty men out for the regeneration of society. "Work hard," he says, "for the spread of the Third Order, for it is the of the country at the present moment, or at any time for the last five years and you have removed every obstacle to unity, and you would have ninety-Third Order of St. Francis which is was a protest against the luxury of the period. Simplicity of life, the putting of the spiritual first, and the nine of every one hundred Irishmen TO RENEW THE WORLD. In the principal church of the Fransiscans in Rome, there is a notable showing of the spiritual first, and the showing of the crib, the humble manger, to the people as a reminder of this humility-we need these now. As Prof. Maurice F. Egan, whose writings display a rare appreciation writings display a rare appreciation painting representing Leo 111. dedicat ing his family to the Third Order of St Francis, for which His Holiness himself composed the following verse : Tertius Ordo nitet! Francisci pronus ad of the Franciscan spirit, has well reof the Franciscan spirit, has well fe-marked, we need a new St. Francis not only to, solve the social question, but to teach our young people that the little things of life are admirably worth attending to. Why, he asks, should not all children that have a Christ-man trace and the manare hencath its aran Beque suosque dicat maximus ecce Leo! (Giorious Third Order! At St. Francis' Altar Great Leo consecrates himself and his own. The leaders of the new anti-Masonic crusade in Europe are looking hope-fully to the Third Order to replace the they go lecturing Irishmen. THE IRISH PEOPLE THEMSELVES DE-NOUNCE LEADERS' DISSENSIONS. The future. We have done our part straightforwardly and honorably by mas tree see, the manger beneath its branches, and the kneeling animals, secret societies, and in Paris the great work of personally distributing "St. Anthony's Bread" is wholly in the hands of these Tertiaries. The pres-ent writer has described in another place the machine society. secret societies, and in Paris the great NOUNCE LEADERS' DISSENSIONS. While England has been wavering like a weathercock, Ireland has been solid and firm as a rock throughout the general elections of '92 and '95. In solid and firm as a rock throughout the solid and firm as a rock throu and the grave St. Joseph, and the Mother of God, and the star in the Mother of God, and the start in the East? Why should the beautiful symbols of St. Francis be replaced by the glittering gewgaws of the toy-shops? For it should not be forgotten general elections of 92 and 95. In opinions of Englishmen about our say-the first place surrounded as they were ings or our doings will not be a matter by all sorts of difficulties and trials, and having as they had a good deal of quarrelling, the Irish people recorded a verdict against Redmondism by as the ranks of their own Irish party, and sweeping a majority as England even are able to prove once more that no place the workings of this great chartable movement which has been productive of such immeasurable good is thus described: "Late in the autumn of the year 1223, being at Rome, he sought and obtained from The extraordinary growth this spe-

The Merry Feast Is Drawing Near. By FRANK L. STANTON. The getting close to Christmas, across the hore way. He then journeyed to five feast of the Nativity in a novel way. He then journeyed to five feast of the Stativity in a stress of the Divine Child, then the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. Others The dist observed to the baland bugies sound through the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the source at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the through the the source at the the source at the the source at the source at the there at the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. The source at the the the the the the source at the the source at the there at the glory there: The the glory there: The getting close to Christmas. There is not the source at the the source at the the source at the source at the the source at the the source at the source at the source at the sou happy effect of eliminating acrimony delegates of the Qaeen's County, of from the minds of men so that they Galway, of Mayo, of Donegal, practiful watchful boy,<br/>With stocking in the corner for Santa Claus<br/>to fil!with them also musical instruments,<br/>and the wild, sweet Christmas carols<br/>resounded through the dark forestsfrom the minds of men so that they<br/>more easily discern where truth resides,<br/>and it may thus be a short cut to the<br/>the bark forestsGalway, of Mayo, of Donegal, practi-<br/>cally speaking, of every county in<br/>Ireland that ever signalized itself in<br/>the bark forestsBut we still thank God for Christmas, and<br/>we're boys in memory still!<br/>--Atlanta Constitution.with them also musical instruments,<br/>and the wild, sweet Christmas carols<br/>and awakened the cchoes of the rocks."<br/>The Forty Hours' Devotion, concern-<br/>the Forty Hours' Devotion, concern-<br/>the point for the state of the conduct of the state of

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WILLIAR OTRELE OF LODD and the religion so touchingly will an OTRELEA OF LODD and the rules of the franciscans. It was instituted in 1557 by Father Joseph A. Terno, a friar of Milan, and the rules for its observance, where drawn up some years later by St. Charles Borromeo, himself a Franciscan were the St. Charles Borromeo, himself a Franciscan were the Elimerick, at Askeaton, on Sunday, and the rules of Muster. There of the Third Order.
So again the Franciscans were the Elimerick, at Askeaton, on Sunday, and the rules of the there was only one from the entire has were from the entire has the develop of the greatest to could be got to support Mr. Healy, and of these there was only one from the entire has the develop of the greatest of the section of the greatest of the section of the greatest of the transment of solid truth in that statement; but there is a great deal of smug English cant and hypoerisy in it also. I know something of English parties, and I know that the English Tory party and the English Liberal party are torn by jealousies and by rivalries far more bitter than those that divide Irishmen, bit met there have a little more of the eye with us at present upon this sub-ject; but it is beyond doubt that, whatever may be said for individuals, there is not one single representative body of Irish Nationalists throughout although they have a little more of the wisdom of the serpent to conceal it. It the globe that Mr. Healy can point to the globe that Mr. Healy can point to as supporting him in his campaign to bankrupt the National funds and to bankrupt the character of the Irish party. If that is true, to oblige Mr. Healy to conduct himself like any other man is only the exercising of the first right and duty of every free comis easy for a domineering power like England to taunt our people whom they

have for ages enslaved and trampled down, with not having learned all in a moment the lessons and the habits of self-governing freemen. The Irish people have been passing during the last five years through an internal revolution such as in any other coun-

SALISBURY.

Himself to the loving and lowly St. Francis. Tothe streets. It was because we saw nor should it be forgotten in this connection that the sublime and path-etic "Dies Irae" which forms part of the Requiem for the dead was COMPOSED BY A FRANCISCAN. Fr. Thomas de Celano, and that the "Stabat Mater," which fs the most ciscan — the Italian poet Jacopo da Todi. Indeed few Catholics know how much they owe to St. Francis and the Todies in Ireland, anything has much they owe to St. Francis and the

before this country is whether Lotd Salisbury is right in saying that we cannot again create an agitation that will make English parties afraid of us." THE COMING IRISH NATIONAL CONVEN-

Further on, Mr. O'Brien said : "You are aware that the Irish party have summoned a great national con vention that will call out the patriotism, the brains, and the resources of all the scattered Irish race. That convention will be, I venture to say, one of the greatest and one of the most historic events that has occurred in Ireland since the volunteers assembled in the Dungannon Convention. That convention must not be a convention of any cliques or any section, but must be a convention that will reflect and mirror the mind of the whole of Ireland and of the whole Irish race in the broadest sense of the term. But before a convention of such a character can be assembled there is a great work before the people of this country. At the present time there are only 490 branches of the National Federation in the whole country. There are, roughly speaking, 1,200 parishes in the coun-try, that is to say, that in two out of every three parishes in the country there is a constrained at all and there is no organization at all, and that is the case chiefly in districts which are amongst the sturdiest Nationalist districts in the country. For example, there are six counties in Munster. Of these there are three counties, and not the least patriotic— Kerry, Clare, and Waterford-which have at the present moment no voice at all in the councils of the Federation. Well, I need not tell you that a convention that would only represent an organization so restricted as that would be a poor and a petty thing, and would have no right to speak as the voice of the Irish nation. To re organize the country is the first duty of the hour. Mr. Justin McCarthy is prehour. Mr. Justin incontrast is pro-paring a plan for sending the mem-bers of the Irish party and county delegates of the stamp of Mr. Lundon into every parish in the country to rouse the dormant branches, and to first right and duty of every free community-the right to oblige individ uals to bow to the will of that majority organize new ones, and their instruc-tions will be not to be daunted by any amount of obstruction or of a pathy by which alone human society can be kept together or human freedom main-

tion for the advancement of women, is the knowledge it is circulcating about the high place which women have held in the Catholic Church even away back in ages popularly called "dark." Re-becca Moore sends a letter to the Woman's Journal, of Boston, descrip-Woman's Journal, of Boston, descrip-tive of the annual conference of the National Union of Women Workers held last month in Nottingham, Eng. Lady Laura Ridding, wife of the Bishop of Southwell, and Mrs. Creigh-

enumerating the women of Notting ham who had distinguished themselves "The earliest of these lived one thousand two hundred year ago-St. Wer-burgh, a king's daughter, the Abbess of Repton, over whose burial place a noble cathedral was raised as a fitting testimony to the sanctity of her life Southwell Minister. The old chronicle paints her portrait thus :

A RESURBECTION OF UNITED IRISH NATIONALISM. "Its business, above all, will be to show that there are fifteen millions of people whose hearts are in the Irish cause, and to convince Englishmen that the is an unconvented with that this is an unconquerable Irish race which is willing and ready for friendship with England, but which is ready also to watch and to wait amids the vicissitudes of empires until, if an Irish Parliament cannot be obtained from England's sense of justice, it wil be sooner or later wrung from Eng-land's necessities. I call upon you, my fellow-countrymen, to rise to the height of the great duty before us of preparing for that great National convention. If I had more time I should have wished to prove to you that in organizing this great National convention upon a proper scale you will not only be secur-ing a new birth and a new creation to our sacred National cause, but you will be securing at the same time a great and genuine fair rent bill for the farmers. You will be securing a com-fortable home and an acre of land for every honest agricultural laborer in the every honest agricultural laborer in the country. You will be securing that the grabbers will give Askeaton a wide berth for the future. You will be secur-ing the reinstatement of the gallant evicted tenants; you will be securing a great Catholic Uni-versity Bill; you will be secur-ing the release of the unfortunate political prisoners who are still suffer-ing in Eoglish and. I am sorry to say. ing in English and, I am sorry to say, in Irish jails also; and you will be securing many another of those great measures that Lord Salisbury tells you candidly, and tells you quite truly, you never can secure until you have made the English parties again afraid of you.

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INFUSED WITH NEW VIGOR in this country once so fruitful of blessed results by the labor of its devoted sons.

As is well known the Franciscan order is not confined to men. Daring the life-time of its founder many pious virgins under the direction of St. Clare subjected themselves to the rule of St. Francis, and in these luxurious and Francis, and in these invations and effeminate days of ours his daughters still bear the noble title of Poor and preach by their daily lives the poverty of Jesus Christ. Moreover, in the course of time another branch of the order was established for persons who, though living in the world, yet fol lowed a special rule laid down by St

Francis himself, and put themselves under the direction of the Franciscans. The foundation of this Third Order

Mr. Chamberlain and expelling him rom his Cabinet without fear of being taunted by any foreign Powers with dissensions amongst Englishmen. The England of Lord Salisbury is a foreign ower to us, and we will do our own ousiness without carrying a thraneen or the flouts or the jibes of any Eng-

ALISBURY DOES NOT SHINE AS A PROPHET. "When Lord Salisbury tells us that

rish dissensions are his sovereign emedy against the demands of Irend, and that so long as they continue we can no longer have an agitation we can no longer have an agration that will make English parties afraid of us, I beg leave to tell him that he has not been a very fortunate prophet in his prophecies about Ireland. In 1886 his "sovereign remedy" was

twenty years of resolute government for the Irish Hottentots, but before six of the twenty years were over we had Lord Salisbury and his friends sprawlpining for National unity, and you ing on their backs in the cold shade would have convinced Paraellites as well as Nationalists that there is no substantial différence between the sec tions of Irishmen, and you would have you may remember, he told his friends them only too willing to trample down to lay their money on Mr. Parnellevery personal consideration so long as whose name I will never mention ex the good old cause of Irish freedom cept in terms of respect and of venera could be advanced, no matter who might be the man at the helm. You leader. Lord Salisbury told his friends to lay their money on Mr. Parnell. that, and Englishmen would better Well, I think those of his friends who take the beam out of their eyes before took his advice will probably be a little shy of Lord Salisbury as a tipster in

thing is packed now a days those select little circles of a half dozen, who can be whipped together occasion ally in some remote part of the coun-try, to pass some resolution or other

against the Irish party. MR. HEALY'S EGOTISTICAL BLUNDER

"So far as Mr. Justin McCarthy and the Irish party are concerned, their desire and their one determination is that this convention shall be a convention representing every class and every section and every corner in the country, priests and people, laborers and farmers and artisans, and the

that it will represent the strength and the manhood and the intelligence of the whole Irish race in all its length and breadth and freedom. The mis-take that Mr. Healy makes is in sup-posing that this mighty convention of the light rest of the strength and breadth and freedom. The mis-take that Mr. Healy makes is in sup-posing that this mighty convention of the light rest of the strength and the worthy daughter of Alfred the and restored it in 918 to Christianity and civilization." posing that this mighty convention of the Irish race is summoned for the beneficent abbeys and holy and purpose of dealing with his own per- learned nuns from the life of England sonality. There never was a more grotesque mistake. Mr. Healy is not so very important a person-age as he sometimes imagines him-ue of a Protestant Bishop can hold up age as he sometimes imagines him-self. So far as it is necessary to deal with Mr. Healy, his colleagues in the Irish party have dealt with him already, and if there be the slightest necessity for it, they will know how to deal with bim for the source of necessity for it, they will know how to Lady Henry Somerset's address before deal with him further, but this great the Woman's Council in Washington, convention of the Irish race will have omething higher to concern itself with, than the miserable lawyers' squabbles with which the country has been dosed for the past few years. I hope it will rise to a higher level than that of any mere question between one man's and another man's Pilot.

that this Irish question, this Irish difficulty, is as indestructible as ever it was. Its busi-

"She was a minister rather than a mistress. Her great pre eminence caused no presump

She served her systers with humble subjection.

Piteous and merciful and full of charitie To the poor in their necessitie.

She never commanded systers to do anything But it was fulfilled in her own doing.

Oftimes, in her convent, she had a common saying, Please God and love Him, and doubt not anything.

D. C., last winter ; where she said that Protestant women would never get their due till their religion rendered due honor to the Blessed Mother of God. Verily Catholic ideas are reconquering lost ground, but sometimes with the most unexpected weapons. - Boston

Let us mourn and weep over the Il be to show dead and help them according to our uestion, this Irish ability : somewhat let us succor them, alive and is as though it be never so small, yet let us put up helping hands. But how, and by what means? Both ourselves praying for them, and moving others to do

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MOTHER'S SACRIFICE OR, WHO WAS GUILTY? should ensure their success.

CHAPTER XXII.

Weeks passed, and the search was as Christine Faber, Authoress of "Carroll O'Donoghue." fruitless as when it first began. The marriage of Hubert and Margaret was delayed until something definite could

be learned of the lawyer, for the lovers thought it would be somewhat heartless "Roquelare " did resign Hubert to consummate their own happy union Bernot's case ; and men, whom fear of that society had deterred from offering while his fate remained so uncertain, and apparently so dark. their aid before, now volunteered their But Hubert grew importunate at nfluence in the young man's behalf.

last, and Margaret urged : "Only a few weeks longer.

There was not wanting even high iudicial power to effect Hubert's speedy The Bernot servants had their cusrelease, so that in a few days there was omary social evening assemblies, and a brief trial on which it was shown that they had celebrated Mr. Hubert's re-Hubert Bernot was in no way the cause ease with full Irish fervor; f Cecil Clare's death ; that the cut he Hannah Moore had neither taken part had given was done in self-defence, with her wonted spirit, nor did she the murdered man having recognized perform her daily tasks with her Hubert because of his strong resem " Little Sam," wonted cheerfulness. plance to his deceased brother, Mauras if by that means alone he could testce, and the prisoner was acquitted, on ify his gratitude for past kindness, tried which a storm of applause burst forth to imitate the melancholy of the cook and congratulations, and handshaking were administered to young man in a and he succeeded so well that not even the complimentary allusions which the very promiscuous and democratic fashhelp still occasionary made to his last

evidence in court, seemed to rouse him His mother and Margaret accom rom his sad and somber mien. panied by Dr. Darant who would in Warm-hearted Hannah Moore was sist still that his services might be prrowful with thoughts of " Mr. needed, waited for him in a private She summoned courage Frederick." room, and fond and ardent were their to ask Miss Calvert about the lawyer, mbraces and congratulations. At last Madame Barnot, leaning on and emboldened by the kind, sym pathetic manner in which Margaret son's arm, and accompanied by Margaret, descended to visit the serv

replied, she poured forth the tale which already she had told her fellow servants, and tears of joy were shed by those good souls as in turn they courtants, adding : "His mother was so fond of me that sied, and took her proffered hand, and

t seems as if I ought to be near him ffered their simple and heartfelt confor her sake when he is in such trouble gratulations to Mr. Hubert. Then the three took their way to the dining. Maybe he's sick and wants nursing, and has only the hand of the cold room, where it was so strange, and so stranger about him. happy to have Madame presiding at the table, and where the heart of each

"Maybe he is, Hannah," was the troubled reply, "and that is why we was so full, that but a pretence was are all so anxious, and trying so hard made of eating. Their ignorance of Plowden's fate to find out where he is : and just se

soon as we learn anything about him, was the only cloud upon their happiyou shall know. Father Germain had made con-'God bless you, Miss ;" was the stant and persistent inquiries, but he elicited only very vague and varying

grateful response. But the weeks wore on ; even the The press, particularly the sensa "few weeks more," for which Mar garet had urged, without gaining any tional press — which had devoted col-umns to the trial of Hubert Bernot, tidings, and even Madame Berno whose wonderfully restored health still continued, advocated the uselessness of a longer delay of Hubert and Margaret's marriage.

awaiting his trial, but those who bore the insignia of "Roquelare," knew that "One more month," Margare coaxed. "Strange as it may seem, 1 it was no ordinary prison which con-fined the murderer of Cecil Clare. stronger feeling than ever, that have a we shall see him soon ; and the post ponement of our marriage until we Later in the day Eugene Delmar came to testify his honest joy, and to Margaret's inquiry, why his sister had shall have learned definite news of him. will seem as a proof of our regard. accompanied him, he gave some The pleading girl won her way excuse though Hubert with a sort of tender which Miss Calvert charitably con sternness, stipulated that it should be strued into meaning that Louise still

the very last postponement. The press had ceased to have even desultory word concerning the lawyer and morning after morning the lady who had envied Margaret because of Plowden's attentions, threw down the Wby paper in bitter disappointment. was there not something about the lawyer's impending trial, as there used

be about that of Hubert Bernot? Now that Miss Calvert was known to he hetrothed to Hubert-Mrs. Dalmar had long since scornfully promulgated that fact in fashionable circles-this silly creature of uncertain age fain storm the citadel of the handsome lawyer's heart with her own faded

Murderer though he was, harms. Miss Lydia Lonnes felt that she could magnanimously lay her heart and for tune at his feet, providing that horrid "Roquelare," did not secretly assassinor the laws o

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with the mutually avowed determina- asked the reason ; but Clare, without that such a course must be a sure tion to leave no means untried which answering, turned to Margaet : "Your happiness has been completed long before this, so that my congratu-

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lations come late ; but still, accept them Mrs. Bernot. Margaret drew back, blushing hotly. while Hubert rising, said hurriedly

"We waited to know your fate-you who have been the cause of the happiness Margaret would not accept until her, and to prove the truth or falsity we should learn something definite about you - she is not Mrs. Bernot yet." "It is enough," he said. "I am

strong now for the future since I know that not only am I not hated, but that I have been regarded by you both with omething like affection

"When I came to-night it was for the purpose of assuring myself that you had forgiven me the wrong which kept you two so long apart, to beg your prayers, and then without saying more, to bid you a long farewell. But I owe it now to your regard for me, to tell you, as much as I may, of a life which has only begun to pursue a right course; and I owe it to the kindness of one who has helped to place me on that course, to tell how her influence, unconsciously to herself, has performed a good work.

You heard, in common with the charitable public," there was a little of the old sarcasm in his tones-" the tale of my birth, and the desire for revenge with which my boyish years were filled. My mother —" his voice changed suddenly to touching tenderness —

' could only look on and weep that her influence was powerless to subdue that determination in my character which was to prove so fatal to myself From my first meeting and to others. From my first meeting with Cecil Clare, when he cast foul aspersions on my gentle mother, my desire for revenge-for vengeance for her wrongs-grew until it would yield o no power. From that time I dropped the name of Frederick Clare and adopted that of Charles Plowden. Plowden had been once a much vener ated name in my mother's family, and she had caused it to be added to Frederick in baptism, so that I was chris-tened Frederick Plowden Clare. But would have no name of my father's. and neither my mother nor uncle made nuch opposition when I declared my determination to sign myself in future, Charles Plowden. Only my mother would call me Frederick Clare at home. Clare was her name she said, and l would not seem her son if she could no call me by my own name. I did not oppose her, for it made little difference as I had no friends to come to the

" My uncle's constant companionship left me little wish for other associates, so that I was almost com pletely unknown, and at liberty to change my name without question of remark. Once I was offered a posi tion that would help me to the pin nacle my ambition desired, but there were terms annexed to the voluntary gift which would require a renuncia tion of the practice of my Faith. promised to accept in defiance of m mother's frantic entreaties. I did no

deny that I was a Catholic. I even promptly avowed my religion when occasion required, but I went no more to Mass, and for the sacraments, I had ceased to frequent those from the time of my first meeting with Cecil Clare. "My uncle was a member of

'Roquelare.' His natural and ac-quired intellectual gifts, his superior ity in his profession, his wise judgment, his keen penetration into human motives, all had conspired to raise him very highest degree of that the

society.

means of averting every shadow of suspicion from myself. I did not know then how Miss Calvert was connected with the Hubert Bernot about whom the murdered man had drunkenly raved ; but from her manner during the examination, I concluded that she had some fear, some anxiety, as it were, to conceal, and simply, to test of my own suspicion, I charged her with a knowledge of Cecil Clare's mur

der. The result proved the truth of my conjecture : but it also somewhat puzzled me. I was the murderer, then why her fear, her anxiety for some one whom she evidently believed to be guilty.

"In order to ascertain as much as possible about her, my uncle, in the disguise of a beggar, called at this house, and was admitted, as he expected to be, for charity's sake. He recognized in one of the servants the attend ant to whom my mother had been much attached, and she recognized him, despite his disguise ; but she understood the secret motion he made for silence as to his identity, and she obeyed him He asked sundry, and apparently, care

less questions, which, however, drew from another of the servants many particulars about the family who occu pied the house, and on his departure the domestic whom he had recognized, accompanied him to the door, probably for some explanation of his strange disguise. But he deemed it best to say nothing.

"When he detailed to me the par ticulars he had learned, and I heard the name of Hubert Bernot, we knew that it was the same Hubert Bernot mentioned by the mur-dered man, and, connecting all the circumstances, I arrived at what eventually proved to be the truth that you "-looking at Hubert-" imagined yourself to be the murderer of Clare, and that you had made a con-

fident of Miss Calvert. I exulted at my discovery. I could now forever avert earthly suspicion from myself. I could work up the case on that knowl edge, even though an innocent man should hang for my crime. Success would bring me honor, in my profess on ; and for any fear, for any remorse save that of having my guilt discoverey, I had none.

"I bared my plan to my uncle myself, a Cath-Though, like

olic only in name, he appalled at my proposition, and e endeavored to make me forego at least my determination, to prosecute an innocent man. But I who had an innocent man. But I who had scorned a mother's entreaties, found ittle difficulty in contemning his. He

ness, lest going abroad an accidenta alone understood. I feared that she

ise to my dead mother, all that crime

" I became as anxious for the speedy termination of the case as I had been for its prosecution, and I described Madame Bernot's pitiable condition in order to foil Bertoni's efforts for her examination. The particulars which my uncle had learned during his visit in the guise of a beggar, enabled me to give that description, as well as other details which must have surprised Miss

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He stayed his feet, that pilgrim priest, His morning Mass to say ; And put the sacred vestments on Which near the altar lay.

But who shall serve the holy Mass For all is silve the hory mass, For all is silve there? He kneels and there in patience waits The peasants' hour of prayer ;

When, lo! a Child of wondrous grace Before the altar steals, And down beside the lowly priest The Infant gently kneels.

He serves the Mass-His voice is sweet, Like distant music

With downcast eye and ready hand, And tootfall hushed and slow.

"Et cerbum caro factum est." He lingers till he hears, Then, turning round to Mary's shrine, In glory disappears.

So round the altar, children dear, Press gladly in God's name, For once to serve at holy Mass The Infant Jesus came.

## ONE IN A MILLION.

#### A Christmas Tale.

John Patrick Brennan in the Catholic Universe. "Seventy-five cents for Doc Jones" old nag,-seventy-five from four dol lars-three and a quarter. Say, Ger-

trude, I've got three and quarter more," and Paul Gainan strode into the cheery sitting-room, overcoat, cap, rubber boots, mud and all.

"For mercy's sake, Paul," ex-claimed his sister, eyeing the mud, just look at the carpet ! I don't care -it's a shame !

Whew !" ejaculated the lad, glanc ing at the footprints much after the manner of Robinson Crusoe, "I for-That ridge road is an awful mudpuddle.

With this exculpatory remark, Paul retired somewhat crestfallen to the woodshed, and began to scrape his boots. A moment later Gertrude ap-peared, carrying his shoes, and looking penitent. The lad straightway felt that he was being badly used after his long, tiresome ride on horseback over a muddy country road, and he at once assumed an injured air.

"Say, Paul," began his sister, soft,, "I didn't mean to scold you, but you know we want that carpet to look nice, and it's near Christmas time, too. I'm glad you did so well. Are you very tired ?"

"Not very, "grunted Paul, struggl-ing with the left boot. "Did you have any trouble in col-

lecting the money," she asked, draw-ing her shawl more tightly about her head, for the air was bitingly cold. "None, he didn't 'kick' a bit," re

turned the messenger, laconically. " Isn't he a brother of the Mr. Shil-

ling here ? Yes, he said so. Say, Gertrude, I'm hungry."

"Come on, then," she said, smiling, happy to think that the cloud had dis appeared, " and I'll get something in the kitchen."

Paul and Gertrude, aged respectively fourteen and sixteen, were two of a family of five children. Their father had died when the youngest was barely two years of age, leaving Mrs. Gainan alone to face the toil of life. The family could not by any stretch of the imagination be called wealthy. Yet they found means to enjoy some of e less common comforts of life. Paul

shut himself in his room, feigning ill

word, or look might betray anything to 'Roquelare,' and he remained thu secluded, until I told him I had dropped the case because of my recognition by Hannah Moore and her implied threat to tell something of other people which

might tell, notwithstanding her promshe knew about me, and that my own fears might lead to the discovery of my

Calvert. 'I felt relieved when I found that Unmarried himself, my was a sturdy, manly lad of resolute no testimony of any value had been mother, several years his junior, was the only creature he loved, and for her will, and more than average talent. obtained from Madame Bernot, and He had quitted the parochial school a that at last the case had been dropped. sake his love for me became the one few months previous to the opening of Then, my uncle told me of the resolu-tion which he had formed : unable to passionate, absorbing affection of his this narrative, with the fixed deter-When she died, and he accom endure longer his intense fear of panied me on my search for the Clares Roquelare,' since he had made him. it was for the purpose of preventing elf amenable to its utmost rigor, and any rash act of mine, not of permit loving me too well to betray me, he ting me to commit one. But when the had determined to shut himself forever deed was done, and under his own from the worli. He had already an interview with the Superior of a relig eye, and he knew that as a member of 'Roquelare' he was bound to sur ious house, during which he solicited render me to justice, he fell into a an asylum in order to elude the venge pitiable state of remorse and terror. His terror was augmented by the ance of a secret society which he in-tended to abjure ; if permitted a home thought that if he failed to give me up, some other member of 'Roquewith the Religious without being re-quired to join the Order, he promised to endow the house with a considerable lare 'might discover my crime, set the society on my track, and because of his near relation to me, might even portion of his wealth. When assured that he was a Catholic and in need of ferret him out, and compel him to bear thing. their spiritual aid, his request was granted. "I was exultant - the revenge "On the last night that we spent which had been my sole thought ton together before he went to his new years, was now accomplished, the man who had heaped such foul aspersions nome, he disclosed to me as much about 'Roquelare 'as he dared to do, because on my mother was lying dead by my that knowledge might help me should hand. I though of nothing else, and l ever be dogged by any member of the society. I would have become a mem ber long before, but in that case should have been obliged to forswear even the slightest intention of private revenge. My uncle gave me also certain details relating to one or two who occupied high place in the society, and who might, in the strange future, sit in judgment on my crime, should it ever be discovered. One of these was Bertoni, whose character my relative long before had thoroughly read ; and when he described to me the ambition of that character, the desire to mount in the society at any cost, I treasured up his words.

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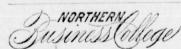
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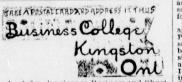
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said thère was no help for me. At last, almost discour-aged, l began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-scription and took five bottles. It is three veature any return of the trouble. I feel very grateful, and in fact, owe you my life. Mrs. Lvon. for I do not think I should have been alive now if I had not taken your medicine."

a rope about his neck before the per MOTHERS formance of the marriage ceremony. On the last of the chill autumnal evenings, just four months after sighing about the house in true, dislife. Hubert's acquittal, when the wind went mal fashion, and sudden and fierce gusts of rain poured down at intervals a quick, sharp ring sounded at the street door. Margaret, who was cross ing the hall, answered the summons, and admitted a tall, manly figure, so muffled up-either as protection from the weather, or to serve as a disguise -that but little of his features could e seen, and that seemed quite unnown to her.

He spoke, and she recognized with up, glad cry which brought both Hubert and his mother from the parlor, Plowden, or rather Frederick Clare.

They drew him further into the light of the hall, Hubert and she, and they joyfully pulled the muffler from his face.

"Not hated, then, after all," he said huskily, and for an answer Margaret pressed one of his hands, while Hubert warmly shook the other.

They drew him into the parlor, and I felt neither terror nor remorse until when he had shaken hands with we turned from the spot-then, the dead body seemed to pursue me Madame Bernot-who immediately re tired, ostensibly to order a repast, but drank brandy when we reached home, and I plied my uncle with the same really to give the young people an opportunity for any secret confidence until we both fell into a heavy, drunken sleep. they might desire to impart-and was

"The next day I looked steadily at eated, they noted more closely, and my position, and I had to acknowledge with new surprise, the sad changes to myself, that, brave as I had been in which had been wrought in his ap pearance ; he was pale and emaciated to a pitiful degree, with deep lines in the attainment of my revenge, I was not brave enough to face the consequences-I, who had taken a human his forehead and about his mouth, that life, shuddered at the thought of death never had been there before. Margaret could have wept at the too apfor myself. "We had assured ourselves that arent evidence of his suffering, and

even Hubert's face wore a grave, sad there were no earthly witness of my crime, and we watched for the comook, and his voice took a tender tone ments of the press on the dastardly deed. I saw the account of Miss Cal-

witness against me.

"Answer one question first-have vert's visit to the morgue, how it you escaped from prison ?' considered an important clue, and I at Clare faintly smiled.

once formed my determination. "No; they have let me go," shud-dering as if some terrible memory was would announce myself as a friend of connected with the words, and then he the murdered man-my knowledge of his antecedents would enable me easily pulled out his watch and said he had to do so-and having been admitted

as he said :

to do so-and having been admitted "Not long to stay:" echoed Margaret previously to legal practice in the city. I would take up his case. I fancied in dismay, while Hubert in surprise

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Diseases. He has Tried it.—Mr. John Anderson, Kinloss, writes: "I venture to say few, it any, have received greater benefit from the use of DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL, than I have. I have used it regularly for over ten years, and have recommended it to all suffer-ers I knew of, and they also found it of great virtue in cases of severe bronchitis and incipi-ent comsumption.

mination of making something of himself: what that something was, or would be, he could not surmise. he would make a start, and the only situation open to a boy in his village -the only one promising quick promotion and substantial rewards - was that of telegraph messenger. For in six or seven months a messenger was transformed into a telegrapher, constant work was assured. He had now been studying the mysteries of the Morse alphabet for nearly four months and could "write" on the key with fair speed and accuracy. But "receiving" was quite a different He found it extremely difficult to "take" more than fifteen words per minute. If he tried to break this record, he found to his dismay that he. nor the operator, nor the two hundred pound agent, could read what he had written. The operator was wont to laugh at the result of these tests, while the fat, good natured agent would pat him on the head, and say : "Keep at it, Paul. You've time enough. When I was a student, and had been in the office two months, couldn't distinguish one 'call' rom another." But Paul refrom another." But Paul re-fused in every instance to be comforted, and it was only when his mother and sister, Gertrude and May, a miss of thirteen, talked him out of his repeated discouragements that he resumed his practice with renewed vigor. If he thought he could do any thing, nothing could prevent him from doing it: if he imagined or felt convinced that a task was impossible, he gave it up at once. This was the key to his entire character, as it is, per-

haps, to that of many men. When he and Gertrude entered the kitchen .they found May busily engaged in scouring the family set of silver knives and forks. She looked up in surprise, while Paul returned the look with interest. He was her ideal, and she doubted if any little girl in Weston had a more important and

more promising brother.

country," queried Paul, with a strut, "with mud, mud everywhere? I'll bet Doc Jones will have to take his old horse down to the river. Why, he's just plastered with mud.

just plastered with mud." "How much did you make ?" she asked, pausing in her work. "Three twenty five, clear," returned Paul, indifferently, "and now I'll have

enough to get mamma that wrap Gertrude spoke of." "Better get yourself a suit," said

practical May, glancing at the mes-senger's frayed uniform, "that office is hard on clothes."

Paul looked down at his coat and knickerbokers. Yes, they were be-coming shabby. He frowned, and coming shabby. turned towards the table, where Gertrude had placed a cup of coffee and some delicate white bread.

"Can't held it," he soliloquized be-tween mouthfuls, "that old office is hard on everything. I can't learn telegraphy.

Why, Paul," exclaimed Gertrude "don't be so foolish ! Take your time -you're only a boy." "Humph!" and Paul was silent.

"There goes the bell, Gertrude, said May, with a laugh, "maybe it

means a sleigh ride." "Mud ride, you mean," interposed the lad, brightening up visibly. "Say, Paul," began May, as Ger-

trude vanished from the kitchen, "why don't you make a novena. It's near Christmas and you could finish on that You know I made one last year and I got what I wanted." 'I don't know," observed the lad,

dubiously. "Oh, Paul !"

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"Oh, what did I say ?" he retorted testily, "I mean that I-I don't know what I mean. I just mean I don't testily, know

"Didn't I get what I wanted ?" she asked triumphantly.

Yes, but you prayed well. I don't think I could pray enough.

"Oh, Paul !" exclaimed May, in a tone of despair, "I believe that office isn't a good place for you, or you wouldn't say you couldn't pray enough.

Tears started to the lad's eyes. This was more than he could bear. What he really imagined was that to obtain what he viewed as a great favor, would require more prayers than he could It was a boyish view of the matter and he was a boy. "I'll pray as much as I can, May,"

he said, in a grieved tone, " but don't think I can pray enough."

'That's enough, Paul," she said, gently, "do your best. That's what

Gertrude appeared at this juncture and noddod to her brother. "Mr. Shilling is here, Paul," she

said, "and wants to see you. I believe his uncle is dead. Wasn't it mentioned in that despatch you took to his brother? We're not allowed to tell what's in

a message," replied the young official, with some dignity. "Oh, bother! Come in and see

him then." Mr. Shilling was a very wealthy

merchant of Weston, and he enjoyed a certain popularity. He was always affable and obliging-obliging when the obligation meant a social or friendly duty, which he could discharge without pecuniary loss to himself. But he drew a sharp, clear cut line when the American dollar loomed

which led one to the threshold of everything life has to offer. Paul darted a questioning glance at the quick, great man. "Because if you have such a desire," resumed the benevolent gentle "you will doubtless be enabled day to gratify it. "Where man, some day to gratify it. 'Where there's a will, there's a way,' you know," and Mr. Shilling smiled en-

while college was the grand avenue

couragingly. Paul's sudden hopes were dashed to the ground. The wonted frown set tled on his brow. He wondered what the man was talking about.

"Yes, Paul," said the latter, rising, " ' where there's a will there's a way. We shall see, Paul, we shall see," and

he nodded significantly. "Thank you, sir," muttered the lad, his spirits rising perceptibly under the powerful rays of a kind, hopeful word.

Wreathed in significant smiles, Mr. Shilling took his departure. " Making more nice speeches, was he?" enquired Gertrude, rather spite fully, as she entered the room.

Yes," answered the lad, abstractedly He was thinking that perhaps they

were more than mere words of encouragement.

'Well," he added, after a prolonged silence, "I 'spose I'd better go back to the office.

And bright dreams gave way once more to dull reality. The days immediately preceding Christmas Eve passed quietly and monotonously. There were daily the

same humdrum duties to perform, such as sweeping the office, delivering teleoverhauling and cleaning the gram s, local batteries and practicing on the learner's instrument, or 'taking 'mes-sages in their ceaseless flow to and fro over the main lines. College and dreams of college gradually passed from the young student's mind. He felt that he was fast becoming more expert in deciphering Morse and he

accordingly took fresh courage. length dawned Christmas Eve at upon the valley of the Maumee. Snow and ice held nature in its cold em brace. Sleighbells jingled through the gay streets of Weston and along the lonely country roads. Man and beast seemed happy to breathe the fresh, crisp air. The river lay stretched in its sinuous bed between cultivated fields and meadow and wood

land, like some huge serpent motion-less in death. Here and there the wind had swept from its smooth surface a coating of snow, revealing a glitter ing expanse of solid ice. Boys and girls, men and women, their faces flushed with a healthy glow, flitted hither and thither, intent upon the enjoyment of the hour. A wintry sup lent its light to the happy scene and caught up a thousand flashing rays from the bright skates of the merry-

makers, as they glided to and fro. Paul was returning from a trip across the river, when this gay sight met his eyes. He dearly loved to skate and he could skate remarkably well. But he realized now that he was a bread-winner, and bread-winners mus time their hours of amusements to suit their work. He sighed once more, as he resumed his rapid walk.

When he reached the office he found the day operator awaiting him at the The latter was enveloped from door. The latter was enveloped from head to foot in his great ulster, while his gloved hand supported a small valise. Paul gave him a questioning glance.

#### THE CATHOLIC RECORD

and there's one coming.

night man.

proach to a trot.

to the insane.

terror she felt.

over her shoulder.

stops here."

emphasis.

chain

consequences.

conductor

don't know what to do.

there'll be an awful wreck."

'Gone after the agent, or night

"Oh, what'll I do ? he cried piteous

"The superintendent would dis

At this moment a long-drawn whistle

desperate resolve, came to his cheeks

He was about to do what the operator

He needed no urging. Relying

click told that the signal was set.

May entered the office, and standing

at her brother's side, glanced up the

track. The head-light of the approach-

ing train shone brightly along the rails. Paul sat in silence, staring at

his order. A moment later forty three's engine stood panting like some

great animal, before the office window.

"Well, what are your orders?" asked a quiet voice at Paul's elbow,

and turning, he saw the colored lan-

tern and bright brass buttons of the

A moment later forty-

Delta has given it orders to go to Wat-

son." "They'll meet on the main track,

then," observed Dan in grim humor. "Wait !" he added suddenly, struck

by a new idea, "I'll call the agent, as

Dan hurried away with a near ap-

' Paul, why don't you come to sup

"Why, Paul, what is the matter ?"

to unwonted activity and gave his orders with a curtness and rapidity his head. that amaxed the attentive listener. It was: "Hold train ninety-nine." do! " Tell

Nothing for fifty seven." that slow poke on sixty eight that he isn't making running time," "Is twenty one coming?" "Turn your twenty one coming?" "Turn your signal," "Thirty-five will 'head in' on passing track," and thus the instructions and reprimands passed from the despatcher's office to the various points along the line. Besides all this latter, a constant stream of formal orders, couched in the terse, imperat-

we language of the road, issued from the same seething brain in the main office, to the different crews then manning their respective trains.

Snatching a sheet of paper, Paul amused himself in trying to copy these per? We've been waiting a half hour," and May's golden head appeared in the rapid orders. Here and there he lost waiting-room window. word, or failed to catch the name of a meeting place, but he grasped enough of most orders to learn what Well might anyone ask the question, for the boy's face looked wild and hagtrains were to meet. He continued this exercise for about fifteen minutes, when his interest was particularly troused by copying an order for some thing to meet train forty three at Weston, his own station. He managed to catch a few letters of the word "S-pa-I West," but could not guess what they signified. The despatcher ordered the Toledo operator to repeat his order and receive the "correct." Paul followed the repetition, but it was sent very rapidly by the Toledo expert and the former could only distinguish, "S-p-i-a-l West." Another letter added, it was true, but still unsatisfactletter But he noted particularly that ory. had correctly copied Weston, the

man." "Why, Paul, I saw them both in a sleigh, going over the river." Paul clasped his hands in new ter meeting-place. He waited for the operator at Delta to repeat his copy of the order, but other pressing business crowded in ror. ly. "All the people will be killed." "Where are the trains?" asked upon the line, other trains were to be kept in motion; other instructions were kept in motion; other instructions were to be given and Delta did not repeat at once. The student sat droning over the "sounder," wonder-ing what under the sun "Sp.i.a.1 West" could possibly represent. Sud-denly "De," call for Delta. flashed over the wire and the letter "Z" which May. clock served to vary the monosony of the call, told that the dispatcher "wanted " the operator at Delta. Nor was the latter tardy in responding; he dreaded the despatcher's sharp reprimand. It charge mechanced that he was a young and in experienced telegrapher, otherwise he sounded in the distance. It was the signal of forty-three. Paul started for-ward. A deep flush, which told of might not have been so prompt. "R-r" came the signal from "Z" meaning that the despatcher desired Dalta to repeat his order.

Paul bent low over the instrument, had warned him never to attempt-to determined to find out this time what stop the fast mail. "S-p i-a-l West" signified. And he was not disappointed, for he copied the word entire, "Special West." But as he listened to the conclusion of the order, he was surprised, not to say, alarmed, to read Watson instead of Weston, as the meeting place. The word was sent hurriedly, but he felt convinced that he was not in error. Watson was the first station east of Weston and it seemed evident to him that the operator at Delta had made a serious blunder ; what was worse, the despatcher failed to correct the mistake. He was overcrowded with demands for orders from various freights along the road and from two belated passenger trains near the west end of his district, and his wearied brain had lost much of its accustomed vigor. Thus reasoned the young student, as he sat with knitted brow, staring at the order in

his hand. But what was he to do? Ought he could say. line when the American dollar loomed up in the perspective of an obligation. afternoon. I am going home for my or despatchers discovering and correcting his mistake, or ought he "call the latter and ask him to give the proper meeting place! But, then, suppose that he himself had made the mistake-that he had misunderstood the operator at Delta? Was it reason able to presume that one of the oldest and most experienced despatchers on the entire system had failed to read the repeated order correctly-that the very man who had given the proper order, make such an inexcusable would blunder?

"I'll see that you are properly re gage man opened his eyes and shook warded for this," interposed Stephens, without any show of feeling. "But "Not in my line," he said sagely. " Didn't the operator tell you what to it seems to me that a boy of your age ought to be at school. "He didn't say anything about a

'Oh, he wants to go to school," put in May, her awe vanishing, "but mamma can't afford to send him special," replied the lad, mechanically holding up his copy of the order, I'm sure away. it ought to meet forty-three here, but

"Send him away?" echoed the superintendent, fixing his masterful blue eyes upon her, "ah, I under-stand. He wishes to go to college?" Yes, sir," answered Paul and May in unison.

"Humph !" Well, you will hear from me, Paul. Now, good-bye," and the great official actually shook hands with the two little watchers. They were well-nigh overcome at this unex pected honor

The conductor swung his lantern and forty-three, with its ten coaches teeming with life, started forward or its journey. Then the "special west' steamed by the station, bearing five more coaches of excursionists. As each train passed the office, Paul and gared ; his lips were parted as if to ask a question; his wide open eyes May looked up at the faces in the winseemed abnormally large, and bore that dows — men, women and children — wealth, pleasure and innocence — all unconscious of the frightful doom strange, vacant stare which is common He started towards her with the fatal order in his hand. "Oh, May," he cried in agony, "1 averted. If one or the other passen gers noticed the two children on the " I'm afraid platform, it was, perhaps, only to wonder why they were foolish enough to stand there in the cold watching a "Oh, Paul !" and May looked the I hope Dan will hurry," he said trein.

Christmas morn ushered in a blind slowly, as if speaking to himself. "Where is he?" she asked, glancing ing snow storm. Everybody who was anybody in the town, and many who were nobodies, ventured out, despite the storm, to visit a church, a neigh bor's house, or a confectioner's estab lishment, just as the individual viewed the object of the holiday. The Gainan family, however, ob served the feast as Catholics. The mother and Gertrude attended first Mass, while Paul and May went to the second and completed the novena to the Babe of Bethlehem ; for notwith "One will pass here in a few minstanding Paul's doubts as to his ability utes," he replied, glancing at the to pray enough, he had acted upon his sister's suggestion. The real peace and joy of these two young hearts must be felt to be understood. "Then, stop it, Paul," said his prac tical-minded sister, "don't let it pass." "I can't-it's the fast mail-never Words would but mar the picture. " Better stop it than have it wrecked, you silly boy," cried May impatiently.

When Paul and May returned home late that morning, Gertrude met them at the door. Her checks glowed with excitement and pleasure. Mrs Gainan stood in the center of the room, a proud, happy smile on her Gertrude held up a telegram, face. bearing the stamp of the great company which Paul served. asked the question his lips could not utter.

'Guess what it is," said Gertrude p the fast mail. Paul !" cried May with warning gaily. "A message?"

"Why, of course. Well, here, read

upon the wording of his copied order Paul grasped the envelope and he determined to stop the train, and if drew forth a yellow sheet. It was he had made a mistake, to take the consequences. He loosed the pulley dated "General manager's office, St. Louis, Mo.," and ran as follows : beside his table and a sharp

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General manager T. P. & W. Ry. "What's that?" enquired another The novena was answered and and Paul's boyish ambition was about to be realized ! He looked at his mother, then at Gertrude, and finally at May. With a cry of gladness he threw him-self into his mother's arms and was clasped to her breast. Happy the boy who has a mother to share his

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He was benevolent, but he could not be termed beneficent. He wished well to everybody and showered kind phrases-commendable in themselves -upon young men starting out in life. And he helped them, too, when the effort could be made without cost.

"Ah, Paul, I am glad to see you," he began, with a gracious smile, as the messenger entered the room. "You have brought unpleasant news to my brother—I received a message after you left town. Will he take the train here for Toledo, or go to Cassville?"

"He said he would take the train here," answered the lad, beginning to feel very small in the presence of this great man.

"Ah, very good," observed Mr. Shilling, stroking his beard. Bv the by, my boy, how are you getting on at the office? I feel interested in young men making their first start. not very

"Pretty well-that is, well," stammered Paul, feeling him-self grow smaller and still more con-fused, "I can't 'receive,' fast enough

"Ah, that is too bad," observed the "but then great man, reflectively, you are young, Paul, and have plenty of time.

" That's what mamma and the girls say," returned the messenger, his eyes fixed upon the carpet.

"And it is very true," continued Mr. Shilling, gravely, "but tell me, Paul, wouldn't you like to go to col-lege? I hear that you stood well in your class and with talent and a college training you might carve out a osperous career."

Paul's heart bounded at the words. ollege had long been the subject of his boyish dreams. It was to him a new world of splendid realities and marvelous possibilities. He had read and re-read "Tom Brown at Rugby" until its heroes were as familiar to him as old companions, but college as a something to be realized in his own life, had never entered his mind. He knew that his mother could not meet the expense. But Mr. Shilling's words awoke desires which up to this moment had never been clearly de- railroad wire. fined. Telegraphy was a stepping. Train orders were fiying thick and stone to certain high preferments, fast. The despatcher seemed roused

Christmas turkey," and the young telegrapher smiled. "Whew !" was all the messenger

could utter.

"You won't have any train orders until this evening," continued the operator, "and the night man will attend to them. Don't be afraid. You can receive as well as some operators on this line."

Paul looked dubious.

"If any fellow on the line asks you a foolish question or tries to act smart,

why tell him to -climb a tree." The messenger smiled uncomfortably. He knew that this was more easily said than done. "I'll do my best," he said, with a

shrug.

"Here comes my train," continued the operator, looking up the track, "now remember, you have no orders for anything — let the fast mail go through. It doesn't stop here, you know.

Paul nodded, the train steamed on its way and the operator was gone. The lad felt a strange sense of responsibility creeping over him-a some thing which was of such reality and magnitude, as to seem palpable. He entered the office and looked around. The agent had closed up his books and had gone home. There was no one around to give him advice-no one to tell him what to do should any unforeseen incident arise. True, the station baggagemaster sat in his little office near by, smoking a wheezy odoriferous pipe, but he knew nothing con the movement of trains. cerning the movement of trains-Plainly, there was nothing for him to do, but to make the best of his unpleas-

ant situation. Giving the fire in the clumsy box stove a vigorous shake, he threw himself into the operator's arm chair beside self into the operator's arth chair beside teeth. Dan and the pipe, or "htther the clicking instruments. Messages the pipe and Dan, were inseparable. seemed unusually numerous, and Paul endeavored to catch the thread of these brief discourses. He fixed his atten- "What's up, youngster?" he asked the clicking instruments. Messages brief discourses. He fixed his attention on the commercial wire and heard tion on the commercial wire and near is met. the words: 'Come at once. Father is met. '' Ob, Dan, I'm afraid there's a mis-'' Ob, Dan, I'm afraid there's a misdead.' A sad Christmas for somebody, thought the lad, as he turned to the

The more Paul reasoned and, the faster his imagination worked, the more confused did Paul become. He looked about the office, there was no one there to give him advice. He glanced through the open window. Two little boys had improvised a sliding path on the platform, and their merry shouts and laughter jarred harshly on his ear. Unconsciously he placed his hand to his forehead, and was startled to find it wet with a cold perspiration. Something in his head eemed ready to snap in twain. his desperation he rapped on the win The boys turned round, dow pane. The boys turned round, and, at his beck, ran towards the win He looked at them helplessly. dow. scarcely knowing why he had called them. They answered his frightened, them. enquiring gaze with a broad grin.

"Say," he shouted, with a wave of his hand, "tell Dan I want to see him. Quick !

Dan was the veteran baggage master, and the boys knew him well, for he had often taken them by the coat-collar and ejected them uncerefrom the waiting room. moniously They dashed away, and a moment later Dan appeared with his great later Dan appeared with his group black pipe set firmly between his teeth. Dan and the pipe, or rather teeth.

gruffly, without removing the calu-

take in an order, and I don't know what to do !"

Paul's face was a lively picture of the distressed mind within. The bag- his messenger badge.

voice-a cool Paul started to his feet.

A tall, moustached man, with regular, even handsome features, stood beside the conductor. His keen blue eves seemed to pierce one through and through. A half scornful smile played about his deep red lips. Paul recognized him at a glance. It was G. W. Stephens, the superintendent, one who could be said to hold the for tunes of two thousand men in the palm of his graceful white hand.

"Did you have orders to meet the special west at Watson?" enquired Paul, marvelling that he could speak at all.

The conductor nodded.

Well, I heard the 'special west get orders to meet you here," con-tinued Paul feverishly, "and I wouldn't let you pass."

" Didn't the despatcher tell you to turn your signal ?" asked Stephens in the same cool tone.

"No sir. I was - I didn't like to ask him.

Another wild whistle reached Paul's ar. He leaned forward and peered rough the window. A glaring headlight in a direction opposite to that of forty-three met his gaze. He turned to the two officials with something like a smile of relief-it was more-a smile of triumph. The "special west" was at hand !

"You've done your work well," said Stephens, consulting his watch. " and now turn back your signal. Your name?

" Paul Gainan."

"Where is the operator ?" he continued. "He's not here just now," replied

the boy. " It seems so," observed the official

dryly. "Tell him to report to me.

Give me that copy." "My boy," said the conductor warmly, "you have saved us from an awful fate. I have a son about your age and a daughter, too. like this little one, your sister, I suppose," turning towards May, "and I'll them to night how their papa, with many others, owes his life to you."

Paul colored and nervously fingered

joys and sorrows ! When Mr. Shilling, who, by the way, chanced to be a passenger on the "special west" that night, heard the of Paul's good fortune, he rubbed his hands together in a benevolent man-ner and said :

"Ah, Paul, I was sure something would come of your striving. What did I tell you? 'Where there's a will, there's a way.' We shall see, Paul, we shall see.

His smile and his manner of speak ng were charming in the extreme. Mrs. Gainan said :

"Now, Paul, endeavor to thank God for His kindness, by making the

most of your opportunities. "Who would ever think, Paul," said May, brushing back her curls "that you could get to college in this way. Not one boy in a thousand uld have done so

And Gertude added with a smile, 'No, nor one in a million.



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RECORD will be amongst the good resolutions they take with which to begin the New Year.

CHRISTMAS GRACES.

The festival of Christmas, which the

Church is now celebrating all over the world, brings joy to every Christian heart, and that joy is reflected every where. It is found especially in the eagerness of the devout Catholic to express at this holy time his gratitude to God, by approaching the holy table Mrs. Mercy A. Beer was put on trial of the Eucharist whereon our Blessed in the Criminal Assize Court on the Lord offers Himself as a victim to His and our heavenly Father, to atone for and blot out the sins of mankind, and gives Himself to us as a banquet of love whereby we participate in the favors and graces which become the share of those who receive worthily His

flesh and drink His precious blood. Christmas is a time of joy for young and old, and the beautiful custom of giving Christmas gifts to friends is itself an invitation of the divine bounty from which every good and perfect gift flows to mankind. But there is no gift more precious than that of God the Father "who so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him may no perish but may have life everlasting For God sent not His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world may be saved by Him." (Jno. iii., 16 17.

Christ is born in the crib of Bethle hem to save us from the evils brought

mas day, and we sometimes hear carping remarks against the splendor of the Divine service as it is offered in have not learned wisdom from the ex-

our cathedrals, and even in more numble churches on Christmas day and other great feasts. This carping of Hamilton and spirit is thet alter alter and a tertained while complaining at the great penitent anointed our Saviour's

"Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?" But "He said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because carried the things that were put there-God does not need our generosity, nevertheless we need God, and must recognize Him as our Sovereign Lord and Master by decorating His house. Beside our obligations to God, we must show charity to our neighbor, and not forget to provide for our advance in virtue by reconciling ourselves to God and coming nearer to Him at this holy season, and at other times during the year, through the sacrament of penance, and more especially through a worthy receiving of the Holy Eucharist whereby we are made to abide in Him and He in us, as He

STITION.

Himself teaches.

Another instance of the criminal folly of the Christian Scientist superstition, now so prevalent in Canada as well

as in the United States, has occurred in Toronto within the last few days. 4th inst. for the alleged manslaughter of Percy Beck, aged six, who died of diphtheria while under Christian Science treatment at the hands of the prisoner. Mr. J. A. Barron, Q. C., conducted the case for the Crown, and said in his opening address that the prisoner for the sweet music of truth. did not wilfully cause the death of

young Beck, but his death was attrib utable to her negligence. The father and mother of deceased gave evidence. They both stated they had thorough confidence in the prisoner, who had treated all their six children. They had tried Christian Science treatment because they were tired of doctors' bills. They each claimed to have felt the good effects of Mrs. Beer's treatment. The innocent child, who was not responsible for the superstition, was the unfortunate sufferer on this occasion. The responsibility for this

and similar cases lies on the system which makes each individual the sole interpreter of scriptural teaching.

recovery. The counsel said also

earth and of all things worthy of our cal treatment by so-called Christian the Government only in the hope that were circumstances which the execut- Protestant Separate schools. But in scientists that we should have hoped there would be no Federal interference ive considered extenuating, as the addition to the educational guarantees, that there was an end to such methods with the Manitoba school laws ; but convicted man, though concerned in the Protestants of Quebec have political ful of what we owe to our Divine Lord of treating diseases, but it is difficult that if circumstances should so occur the conspiracy to murder, did not do guarantees of representation in the who was born for us on the first Christ- to eradicate superstition where it has that the remedial measure would be the actual killing. His sentence was Legislative Council. It is not to be become fixed in the mind, and it is pro- brought up by the Government, he therefore committed to imprisonment supposed that if the rights of Catholics

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bable that there will still be some who would know how to act, leaving it to for life. be supposed that he would then resign. Up to the last moment Mr. Wallace periences of the past. supported the Government, and he prison he was seized and hanged.

MGR. SATOLLI.

in North Ontario, supporting Mr. Mc-The election of Archbishop Satolli Gillivray against both the Liberal and to the Cardinalate is gratifying to the many Catholics who have watched his strange, therefore, that his resignation in the case of other vicious habits. career in the United States with anxishould be announced just the day beous interest. The fact of his not fore the election took place in that conbeing an American and not conversstituency, as if it were his purpose to ant with the needs of the country, led injure the prospects of the candidate some to think that his administration whom he had so earnestly supported. would not be successful. However, he If such was his intention, he utterly has proved himself equal to every failed, as Mr. McGillivray, the Conemergency. He has always spoken servative candidate, was elected by a fairly and justly, and throughout the majority of 1022 over Mr. Gillespie, length and breadth of the United Liberal, and by 766 over the Patron States prelates and priests have come candidate, Mr. Brandon. to look upon the representative of Leo We have kept ourselves aloof from XIII. as a man who said what he the party politics of the Dominion, thought. Honest in his views, and and we do so still. The Catholics of the fearless in upholding them, he has bequeathed to us the legacy of a manliness that sought justice, and that did not population, and we have no intention swerve from it, though circumstances at times did not seem to warrant it. He has displayed such an astonishing knowledge of men that we can but admire the wisdom of the Pope in

selecting him to guide the Church in America. It was said when he arrived here that no student could ever hope to adjust the differences that existed, to CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUPER banish contentions, to settle the many cases that seemed incapable of solution Yet he has done all this, and well proved

the truth of the time honored max m that the student can be when an occasion demands it the most successful in dealing with practical life.

The profound thought that made his ectures at Rome suggestive and eminently valuable, and placed him in the front rank of great professors, fashioned and directed his administrative career. He was not to be misled by sophistry, for too long had he communed with the Angelic Doctor to mistake the discordant notes of error

We congratulate him on the honor pestowed upon him, and we but wish that the sound thought and sure judgment, and withal the winning simplic ty that nature gives only to he mightiest offspring, that has made him here and at home revered, will ever receive just appreciation. We have no desire to play the prophet, but political advancement of the negroes. we shall not be surprised if some day the Catholic world acknowledge Francis Satolli as its supreme spirit. ual ruler.

MR. N. CLARKE WALLACE'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of the Hon. N larke Wallace from his position

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will of the majority in any Province,

the special privileges thus accorded to Protestants should be retained. We have no desire to raise such

The frequent repetition of such outissues as we have here indicated, for rages as this shows that the appetite we wish to see the whole Dominion in for committing murder grows upon the Patron candidates. It was those who accustom themselves to it, as peace and prosperity, an end which cannot be achieved without mutual Lynchings occur in a locality, first forbearance and toleration and respect for each others' rights and under extraordinary circumstances, or wishes, and especially for each others' the pretence of extraordinary circumreligious convictions. It is in our destances, owing to the special enormity sire for the welfare of the country that of the crime which is thus punished ; we have maintained, and will continue but when one lynching is effected, the to maintain, the rights of the appetite for another murder is whetted, Catholic minority, and though the and it is not long before the mob seeks Parliament is not by any means a another victim whose guilt may be tribunal from which we could expect only suspected, or who may not be special favors, we have confidence that guilty at all of any crime, but who has it will do the act of justice which in some minor way brought upon him-Manitoba refuses. self the odium of the leaders of the

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE HAVE received some charming poetical effusions by James Penny. In the poem " Jean " he tells the story of the heroine, "sweet voiced and sweet faced," who leaves her home, preserves her name, despite temptations, without reproach, and become at last a good man's wife. There are some halting rhymes, some turns of expression crimes on the day legally fixed. A varied by poetic rules, but the poem as a whole is of high merit; and whilst comthe jail, seizes the unfortunate man plimenting its author, we venture to express the hope that he will, ere long, and drags him to execution, hanging him on a tree, and thus the people weave in verse some of the satisfy the craving for blood which traditions and legends that form they have created in themselves by part of our early history. "Valkyrie III. " is a stirring account of

the international yacht race; and "Lilly," a story "o'er true indeed," that will interest many a reader. We should wish to see them in book form.

THE following from the Chicago Record will be a revelation to many who have been in the habit of consid ering that the London Times is the great organ of English public opinion : great organ of English public opinion : "There is a public impression that all the leaders in the London Times are written by the great men in the British Empire, and when a subscriber of the Times opens the Gamp sheets in the morning he always looks first at the editorial page instead of the news columns, as he does with the other papers, and you do in this country. He imaginess that the articles he finds there have been written by the Marquis of Salisbury, the Chancellor of the Exchequee, the Minister of Home Affairs, the Archibshop of London, the poet laureate, the Lord Chief Justice or some other big gun. It is popularly supposed that all the great men in the British E mpire are continually writing for the Times, while as a matter of fact 90 per cent, of the editorials are prepared by ordinary literary hacks at great humbug. The late Mr. Barnum would have advired it immensely. It has played the rate of \$10 a column. The Time sis great humbug. The late Mr. Barnum would have admired it immensely. It has played this game of mystery for half a century and still continues to be considered as profound an authority on all topics as the oracle of the Pythian Apollo at Delphi."

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consideration the practice of lynching negroes, which has become so frequent in the Southern States. The recen burning alive of a negro in Tyler, Texes, after torturing him by every device which inhumanity and fury could suggest, was especially a theme commented upon by the speakers. It was freely said that the whites deliberately endeavor to cast oblequy on the colored race for the purpose of retarding the The strength of the anti-lynching senti ment may be judged from the fact that among the speakers there were men of such divergent views as Congressman Elijah A. Morse, the A. P. A. leader of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Father Scully, one of the best known priests in the State. The following resolution was part of the platform unanimously

Dominion are 42 per cent. of the whole ing for their general character, if ynching were justifiable at all. to ask them to cringe at the feet of one It has reached that pass in several political party or the other to obtain a States, South Carolina and Texas bepaltry measure of justice. The justice ing among the number, that the mob of our demands on behalf of the will scarcely permit at all the law to Catholic minority of Manitoba is not take its course in any case, even when a party question, but it is a question of criminals have been sentenced to the natural right, and the rights of Cathogallows to suffer the penalty of their lics must be conceded, no matter which party may gain ascendency at Ottawa. mob usually assembles and breaks into

We claim equal rights with our Protestant fellow-citizens, and it concerns us very little whether Mr. N. Clarke Wallace remains in or out of the Government. As Grand Master of the Orangemen of Canada, we are aware that he has a certain amount of influence with a

even took part in the political contest

sade. A mass meeting of citizens of Boston was held a few days ago to take into

having satiated it before. The Boston meeting has determined to appeal to the people of other States to aid in the movement to suppress lynching, and we most heartily wish them success in their projected cru-

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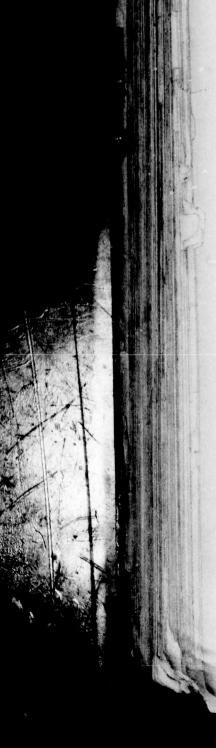
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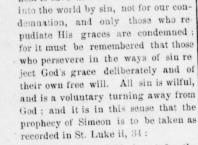
As we have all along anticipated the Manitoba Government has given it final answer to that of the Dominion, that it will give ao redress to the Cath lic minority of that Province.

As a necessary consequence of this decision, it becomes the undeniable duty of the Dominion Government and Parliament to grant that redress which the constitution of Canada, in conjunction with the decision of the Privy Council, accords.

The Bill of Rights under which Mantoba entered into the Confederation provided for Catholics and Protestants alike the right to establish Separate schools. The question of the Third and Fourth Bills of Rights, so vehemently discussed by the journals, is of little

importance, in view of the fact that





"Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted."

Those who fall do so by their own perversity : those who rise do so by should provide for the punishment of negligence of this kind. the grace and assistance of God, who is ever ready to extend His helping hand to those who pray earnestly to Him. their confidence in Mrs. Beer's treat-Therefore the Angel of God who an ment. The mother said Mrs. Beer atnounced to the Judean shepherds the tended every day for over a week. birth of the heaven-born King de temperature, nor do anything com clared :

mon to the usual medical treatment "Fear not ; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be nor did she give any medicine, simply to all the people : for this day is born following the Christian Scientists to you a Saviour who is Christ the methods. One treatment, however, Lord, in the city of David." she did order, which was to give him

This joy is expressed in the hymn of white of egg, and milk, or in fact anythe angels who sang at the birth of thing in the shape of nourishment. Christ : "Glory to God in the highest, The prisoner had been told that Percy and on earth peace to men of good-(the dead child) had a sore throat, but will." This is the burden of the hymn had done nothing for it." of exultation which is used by the

Two doctors were called, one of Church at Mass on all feasts of special whom believed that with proper medijoyfulness. It is a joy which cal attendance the child's life would all Christians feel when they celebrate the festival of Christmas, have been prolonged, and possibly and especially when they celebrate saved. The other thought the child that festival by purifying their souls would have recovered.

and receiving worthily the Holy The methods of the Christian Scient Eucharist, the same sacred body and ists were also partially explained by blood of Christ which was revered in several witnesses, from which it apthe crib of Bethlehem by Mary and peared that the principal thing done Joseph, the pious shepherds of Judea, in the case in point was to read ex- with them, declaring himself opposed and the wise men who came from the tracts from a book entitled "Science to the passage of any remedial legisladistant East to adore Him and to offer and Health," and the "Key to the Him their gifts of gold, frankincense Scriptures."

and myrrh in acknowledgment that He There have been so many disasters was and is the Lord of heaven and reported owing to the neglect of medi- last, when he said that he remained in of law. In the case of the fourth there school, nearly all of whom attended the ored High School, and a B. A., having

It was admitted at the trial by M adopted Barron, the prosecuting counsel, that Comptroller of Customs is the latest development of the Manitoba school Mrs. Beer had no intention to kill the controversy, and it has excited conchild. On the contrary, we have no siderable surprise, not so much from doubt that she wished to save his life, but she was prosecuted, Mr. Barron any thought that he should have rcmained in the Government, but besaid, because having accepted pay cause he clung so pertinaciously to ment for her medical services she had his office that it was the general opinnot taken proper means for the boy's ion that no circumstances would in-

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might be thought that he had somewhat slaughter. It is necessary the law of a free hand, like an ordinary member of Parliament, to oppose such Government measures as he saw fit with The parents of the child testified out any incongruity, but though not a

member of the Cabinet, he was recognized as being of the Government, and it is inconsistent with the generally accepted ideas of Responsible Gov-But did not feel his pulse, take his ernment that a member of the Government should openly express his

variance from any part of its general policy, as Mr. Wallace has done on many occasions. It was, therefore, incongruous that he should have retained his office so long.

Mr. Wallace has always been a decided opponent of Catholic Separate schools, and during the last Provincial it has become such a matter of course electoral campaign he took a promi-

nent part in supporting the anti-Catholic and anti-Separate School policy of the Provincial Opposition. While, in regard to the Manitoba school question, the Government of which Mr. Wallace has been hitherto

a member declared itself most unreservedly in favor of doing justice to

the Manitoba Catholic minority, Mr. Wallace has been openly at variance tion. He declared himself to this

We condemn without any reservation the lynching, the mutilating, the roasting alive of American citizens now commonly practised in parts o the country, so commonly practised as to arrest the attention of the world We condemn this God-defying heartlessness with most indignant feelings We denounce this and promptings. heinous, wide spreading, demoralizing crime in the name of humanity, of decency, of law and order, of the supreme law of the land, of civilization

and of Almighty God. We protest against it because it makes us as a nation a subject of reproach and of

mocking, even among heathens. Mass achussetts calls upon all lovers of law and order all over the nation to rise in their might and majesty and say amen

to this declaration. We invoke the uncompromising spirit of Garrison, of Phillips, of Sumner, of Andrew, and in their names to to these defiers of God and humanity out 'Stop this brutality which crv darkens our nation's fair name 'add ing that if it be not stopped the im-petuous spirit of Crispus Attucks, of John Brown, which is still marching on, will in its march haunt into action. This lynching practice is certainly one of the greatest blots on the civiliza

tion of the United States, and all good citizens will denounce it as readily and as loudly as the Boston meeting. Yet lics of the Separate school system, or to

where negroes are the persons to be punished, that it is doubtful if any such movement as has been inaugurated in Boston will put a stop to it, un-

less other States follow the example thus set by Massachusetts, and show by an equally determined attitude that an

end must be put to the evil. It is worthy of remark that within a couple of days after the Boston resolutions were passed, a South Carolina mob perpetrated another of these atrocities. Four negroes were convicted effect especially in a violent speech de- of murder, and three of them were

before the original Bill was stolen from the archives the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council acknowledged the conditions under which the union was effected. The copy of the original bill still exists, and it fully bears out our contention that as a condition of the entrance of Manitoba into the Union, the Separate school

system was to be maintained for the benefit of the future minority, whether that minority should be Catholic or Pro testant.

Altogether apart from the question of the Bill of Rights, by which the Dominion was placed under the obligation of a treaty, the unanimous acceptance of the Manitoba Act by the Legislature of the Provice was of itself equivalent to a treaty. By this acceptance Catholics and Protestants alike agreed to abide. Certainly if Catholics had retained their majority in the Province there would have been no attempt to override the agreement at the expense of the Protestants ; but as the Protestants have since secured the majority of the population, we maintain that on no principle of legal justice or equity have they the right to deprive Catho-

make the rights of Catholics their poliin the Southern States, especially tical football, as they are now attempting to do.

If the Dominion Government were to allow the Manitoba iniquity, it would be opening the door for a similar breach of faith on the part of Quebec and Ontario toward the respective minorities of these two Provinces.

The total number of Catholics Sep arate schools in Ontario during 1893 was 313, with an attendance of not quite 70 pupils at each, or 34 pupils ton. He is a graduate of Oberlin Colfor each teacher, whereas in Quebec, with a smaller number of Protestants, gree of B. A. Another, Professor T. S. livered at Ottawa on the 12th of July hanged on the 6th inst., in due course there were 25,578 children attending Jackson, is also a professor of the Col-

and that their religious calling does not prevent them from defending themselves and their property from marauders. A band of brigands attacked recently a convent at Viterbo, Italy, and were resisted by the monks, armed with muskets. Several of the bandits were severely wounded.

Is Holland there is a new evidence of the liberality with which that country is now governed, and of the just treatment of Catholics, notwithstanding the very small percentage of the Catholics as compared with the total population. A Sister of Charity is the first on whom a decoration has been conferred by the Government, the good Sister having been made a knight of the Order of Nassau-Orange. The distinction is conferred on her on account of her great services to humanity in attending in the public hospitals. There are thousands of self-sacrificing women in the same and other Catholic religious orders who would merit an equal distinction, but they labor for no earthly reward, the sole recompense they look for being that which God will grant to those who so devote their lives to the works of mercy.

> THE question of admitting colored students to the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., having been brought before the faculty of the institution, it was decided in conformity with the spirit of the Catholic Church, that color should be no bar to their admission. In consequence of this decision there are already several colored students registered, one of

whom, Prof. Love, has been a professor of the Colored High School in Washinglege, wherein he received the deDECEMBER 21, 1805.

former is taking a course of law, and So far as this claim is concerned, the the latter a course in political science. Independent has no stronger way of The admission of these students is re- refuting it than by showing that garded as an evidence of the liberality Christ's teaching was of greater import with which the University is to be conducted.

ance to mankind than His miracles,

and it asks that Schlatter should per-

form some such miracle as his own

resurrection from the dead, before ex-

pecting men to accept him as a Messiah.

It warns the public not to accept him

as such on his mere thaumaturgic

powers. There must be great danger

that very many Denver Protestants

will make a demi-God of Schlatter when

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Independent is one of the papers which

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found among non-Catholics to a much

greater extent, and the Independent

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itself is not altogether free from it.

RECTOR AILWARDT, the German-Lutheran minister who has made himself notorious by his anti Semitism inside and outside the Reichstag, has come to America to excite an anti-Jewish sentiment on this continent. He will soon find that he is out of his element here. The people of the United States and Canada want no new dissensions on account of race and creed, and as it is understood that Herr Ahlwardt does not even know English, or speaks it very badly, his attempts to indoctrinate the public with anti-Jewish sentiments will have a very foreign look, and foreign they really are to the general love for fair play which exists throughout the English speaking portion of the continent. His speeches will resemble more the ludicrousness of the

burlesque German of variety shows, or

Brother Gardner's addresses, than any.

thing serious. The United States

journals have already begun to ridi-

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section of the population which is as

an excess of greed therein. But other

races are not without the same defects.

There is no room for an anti-Jewish

crusade on this continent, as Rector

ing it, the less unprofitable he will find

GERMANY appears to be determined

to crush out Anarchy from the Empire

by drastic measures. Baron Von

Koeller, late Minister of the Interior,

issued general orders for the indict-

ment of extreme Socialists who are

in addition to these the three editors

of the Socialist organ, the Voerwaertz,

and Editors Ewald of Bremdenburg,

and Diehl of Chemnitz, their papers

being all socialistic organs, are now

in jail. Six Socialist members of the

Reichstag, and the entire staff of the

THE British Tories appear to be

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Ahlwardt will soon find out, and the the late Cardinals Manning and New

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graduated at Amherst college. The it speaks of his claim to be the Messiah. the common mass of men. Catholic would be a Calvinist if Catholicity permitted him to be, both right and wrong - exclusive election is so lattering to the elect few.

And in nothing is this pettiness so distressing as in the views some of us take of the Church's missionary vocation. Some would think it had been better for our Saviour to have said to "Going, teach all Ire-His apostles, "Going, teach all Ire-land," or, "Go forth into all Germany and preach the gospel to all Germans." the universal Saviour insists on But our being Catholics, and He says to us, Going, teach all nations ; go forth into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature.'

pon which our race vanity and our Catholic family pride withers up and vanishes away, and our hearts are enlarged with the noble zeal of Apostles. All the world and every creature are entitled to our love, if that love is born of the heart-throbs of Jesus Christ. To be broad-minded is a characteristic trait of the one international religion, and to share our good heritage with all our brethren-Jews and Greeks, bond and free—is Catholic generosity.

We mourn, indeed, the prevalence of wordliness, the brazen effrontery of vice, the spread of various forms of skepticism ; we shall not be mistaken for optimists and visionaries. But on the Catholic Church under the title what we say is that there is no com-"Vaticanism." When he wrote it he munity in America to-day, however small or however corrupt, which does not hail with acclaim the name of Jesus Church, who know from a long personal was laboring under the irritation caused by the defeat of his attempt to as the only symbol of eternal salvation, force a godless education on Catholic and which does not furnish a fair field ous attempt to excite ill will against a Ireland. This defeat was owing in a for the discussion of Christian differgreat measure to the resolute attitude much as any class inoffensive, patri- of the Irish Episcopate, and Mr. Glad-

Among Protestant denominations this condition of the people is the sug-gestion of prodigious missionary activ-Protestant home missionaries are itv. counted by the thousands and are active everywhere. They are usually men and women of rather meagre men-Papal infallibility interferes with the claims of the State to the loyalty of tal gifts, but with much real or affected Catholics. He was well answered by The denominations do earnestness. The denominations do not so much rob each other of members by these missionaries as they draw converts from the mass of people who do not attend church at all. The clared that his views are changed in regard to this matter. A recent utter-Methodists last year spent nearly half ance of the eminent statesman may be a million of dollars on their home mis regarded as a further act of atonement sionaries, besides the large expenditures of private individuals and indiv The Presbyterians idual churches. " Since the first three hundred years and Congregationalists spent each nearly a million, and this vast amount is exclusive of the sums spent on the of persecution the Roman Catholic Church has marched for one thousand

five hundred years at the head of civil ization, and has driven, harnessed to blacks. And how much did Catholics spend ? identical in principal with Anarchists, its chariot, as the horses of a triumph How many missionaries did the Church and though the Baron is no longer in al car, the chief intellectual and material of Christ support? How does the Christian Catholic Church compare in his position, the police have been in- forces of the world. Its learning has structed to carry out his orders. In-dictments have been issued in Berlin against sixty-nine Socialist leaders, been the learning of the world; is greatness, glory, grandeur and majesty have been almost, though not absolutely, all that in these respects eal with these Protestant sects? For the blacks and the reds we have collected and spent a few scores of thousands and for them we have provided some truly capable and powerful mis sionaries. For the fifty millions of white non-Catholics in America there THOSE MISSIONS TO NON CATHhas recently developed a practical zeal but it is so far in the tentative stage of activity. We are looking after " our Rev. Walter Elliot, C. S. P., in Catholic Stand-ard and Times.

own," says one class of excusers. But No man knows the joy of being a let us ask whose "own " are the non-Catholics? Are they the devil's Catholic till he has made some one else a Catholic. Half the depth of 'own?'

divine truth remains unsounded till In fact, the time is ripe and the one has undertaken to persuade his erring brother of its glorious beauties. No man will know what he has not opportunity has arrived for the devel opment of the apostolic element in the American Church, nor shall we long This is especially true of lack the men to do the good work of con Dublin University. This seat has religion. No generous soul enjoys a bitherto been sure to the Tories, and verting America. No better thanks to God can ever be offered by hearts grate ful for many favors than to extend the kingdom of His Son until it embraces the newest and most splendid of the has been raised to the Peerage, the into civic fellowship in order that they nations of the world. Prejudice,

Luciferian temple, furnished exactly like that of Charleston, is located. However when the Prince Borghese went last summer to examine his former palace with a view of repurchasing it, he was freely admitted to every part of it. But when he came to a certain door he was told by the guard that he could not enter there without a permit from head quarters. The prince, who had a search warrant and a posse of police with him, threatened to force the en-trance, whereupon the guard admitted statue on the altar, and all the furniture, etc., as described by Bataille. The Italian papers caused a tremend-

ous sensation by publishing the partic ulars of Prince Boughese's discoveries. It is true Lemmi & Co. denied them most vigorously, but he never took any measures to disprove the revelations neither did he make an effort to prosecute the papers that published them. No wonder, then, that no one took his denials seriously ! D. Margiotta, formerly another great

light among Luciferians, who published the savorous life of Lemmi, the Luciferian pope, also states and proves over and over again that Lucifer is the good god, the grand architect, etc. whom Luciferians and the really initiated Freemasons adore.

Leo Taxil, Stanislaus Kostka and a experience among the secret sects whereof they speak- all concur in the assertion that Lucifer is adored by them ; and, further, they prove it by evidence to any one who is open to conviction. Consult and study the

voluminous and wonderfully interest-ing works of Taxil, Bataille, Miss Vaughan, Margiotta, S. Kostka, etc., and then deny if you dare in the presence of so many, so distinguished and an ever increasing number of most reliable authorities who all conform and complete each other in their astounding revelations.

It is a pity that, outside of France and Italy, those poor Mason-ridden countries, so little interest is taken by the means in this matter and the potential of the second the people in this matter. The press especially should do \* more in exposing They the dark lantern conspirators. are strong, active and determined in their work of subverting Christianity Must we wait, as they did in France and Italy, until the tyrannical octopus of Freemasonry and Luciferianism has actually enslaved us and fettered the Church, hand and foot ? Would it not be better to learn before it is too late " Unmask and combat the monster this must be the parole of every well-meaning man. To unmask it the meaning man. To unmask it the material is at hand. It is abundant conclusive and ever increasing. Once unmasked it will be more easily com batted. It must be met before it de stroys Christianity in order to raise upon its ruins the damnable edifice of Lucifer worship and the universal

REMARKABLE CONVERSIONS.

The New World.

eign of anti Christ on earth.

In the humble walks of life many conversions have occurred marked by such special providences as to attest in wondrous way the leading of the Divine hand. A few of these storyettes which have come to my knowledge from reliable sources and are stored in my memory I will now relate in as few words as possible :

words as possible: The first shall be the story of Mrs. McG., a New England lady, whose an-cestors came to the bleak coast in the Mayflower. She became a Catholic in the time of the Rt. Rev. John Chevarus, irst Bishop of Boston, and is my authority for the two stories which will follow. In fact, the providences of God are always noteworthy of those who are intelligently alive to His Almighty presence, and, therefore, her conversion may be linked with the others, if not in the incidents so mysterious.

where she had ample time for reflection, and ever on her tongue was this significent word : "I want the truth whatever it may be." On one occasion a gentleman boarder, whom she had taken into her house to relieve the sense of isolation, passed through a severe illness, and she cared for him with the devotion of a mother until his convalescence was assured, and even then continued to visit his apartment, to see that nothing was wanting, pre-vious to retiring for the night. Havvious to retiring for the night. Hav-ing done so on the particular night of the party. Within that door they found which I wish to speak, she repaired to her own chamber, closed the door, and was standing at her bedside opposite the door, adjusting the curtains and pillows when she was startled by a strange voice directly behind her. It said distinctly: "If you wish the truth you will find it in the Catholic Church." Turning quickly she saw at the entrance a man arrayed in garments such as she had never seen. His back was towards never seen. His back was towards her, but he glanced around so that she had a full view of his features as he re-peated his former words and then vanished without opening the door. The occurrence was so remarkable that after pondering a moment she retraced her steps to the room of the invalid and told the incident, minutely describing the singular dress she had seen. The listener, when she had finished, told her that his parents were Catholics and that he well remembered going with them when a very small boy to a meet ing they called Mass, and that the dres the priest wore was precisely like that she described. And here the mystery had to rest. However, a little later in the season a letter came to the sea captain's wife from a dear sister resi-ing at St. Louis. It contained an

urgent invitation for her to spend the time of her husband's absence there, with an offer to pay all the expenses of the trip. This invitation was accepted, and on a certain Saturday afternoon she found herself in the Missouri town ready to alight at her sister's door when she espied that dear relative in the back yard talking over the fence to an Irish woman, instead of hastening to give her welcome, for which negled

he felt rather resentful as she entered the house alone. But if the greeting had the aspect of tardiness the St. Louis lady apologized after this fashion-she was afraid of offending her Irish neigh bor if she left her too abruptly-a Cath olic church had been just completed and the next day there were to be services in it for the first time, and the Irish woman had offered her a seat in her pew-all of this being given by way of excuse. And the visitor readily forgave her in the recollections thus awakened in her breast. She at once expressed a wish to share the invitation. It was easily arranged by a transfer as the St. Louis sister was quite willing to re nainathome. Sundaymorning, then, our New Englander, accompanying the Irish Catholic, was in a good posi-tion to observe all the ceremony. The robed celebrant stood at the foo of the altar steps and she recognized in him the very form and garments she had seen that notable night in her far distant eastern home ; and, when at length his face was turned to the audience she recognized it as the one that had so mysteriously vanished after the second time assuring her that if she wished the truth it was for her in the Catholic Church. The logic of her simple mind found in the circumstances a sufficient argument for no delay. She sought instruction of this priest and found her rest in the bosom of the one true

Church of Christ. A devout Quakeress of Vermont, whether a maiden lady or a widow I

upon which the evening meal was already prepared. Still the host was not quite satisfied with appearances, and during the supper directly ques-tioned the guest to learn how she, a lone woman, was roaming thus about the country without money. The Quakeress was not disconcerted, and in all simplicity told all the truth as she understood it in her heart, and a sympathetic chord in the heart of John was made to vibrate with the very pitifulness of herignorance of the truth she was making such heroic sacrifice to discover. As for him he knew that be knew with no shadow of doubt where God had secured the deposit for which she was seeking, and it must have been with a quick aspiration of prayer that he suggested when her tale was completed that it was possible if she would like to go to the Catholic Church near by, of which he was sacristan. He opened it every morning at 5 o'clock or Mass, he said. In complete ignorance of the Catholic faith the Quakeress was at John's side when he unlocked the church the next day; and entering the aisle leading to the sanctuary of the still unoccupied edifice she hastened her steps—she fairly flew until reaching the foot of the altar steps she prostrated herself and remained in silence. Like the wise men of the East she had found the Divine Child, though hidden. Her goal was reached. Her journeyings were at an end. Led thus by the in-Her journeyings terior spirit in which she in good faith trusted through the darkness she found rest and peace and an assured faith in the Catholic Church infallibly preserved by her Founder for the salvation of men from teaching aught erroneous in doctrine and morals Elizabeth A. Adams.

#### THE PRAYER GAUGE AS AP-PLIED TO INGERSOLL.

That late and rather benighted agnos tic scientist, Tyndall, once flippantly challenged Christians to a test of the ruth of their faith by means of the uccess or failure of their prayers for a given specific purpose. But all sens-ible Christians reject the proposed "prayer gauge" because of its being But all sens a presumptuous and irreverent chal lenge of God's omnipotence and wis dom. But this respect for the dom. But this respect for the Almighty and the All wise is not, it for the would seem, a characteristic of the "Christian Endeavors" lately as-sembled at Cleveland, and some of the "Salvationists;" they have had no such hesitancy. On the contrary, they have adopted a course that is marked only by presumption in having prac-tically accepted the challenge of the the prayer-gauge," making the test to onsist in whether "Bob" Ingersoll is o be speedily converted or not. That. at all events, is the effect which this hysterical sort of act has had upon the

nysterical sort of act mas had upon the world at large as far as it has taken interest in the matter. It does not seem to have occurred to these would be stormers of the Throne of Mercy that their conduct implies the denial of two essentially Christian the denial of two essentially Christian doctrines, God's omnipotence and man's free will ; for, if He is supposed to be compelled to yield to their en treaties, He is no longer all powerful, and if He forces the blatant denier of His attributes, if not of His existence, to believe in Him as every true Chris tian, then He robs Ingersoll of his free will. His conversion must come from his own merit; and what has he done to deserve a special grace, seeing that his statements of historical facts against Christianity are so outrageously false as to be reputed not only by Protestant historians, but even by some of the pronounced rationalists. To a man of such pretended extensive

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ing colored niversity at wing been of the insticonformity olic Church, bar to their nce of this ady several ed, one of n a professor in Washing-Oberlin Coled the derofessor T. S. or of the Col-A., having seat became vacant, and an election was held last week to fill it. There were the wildest scenes imaginable of excitement and discord on the occasion. William A. Lecky, Liberal-Unionist, had been nominated by the professors for the seat, but the undergraduates universally opposed him, assembling at the entrance to the polls and assaulting every voter who was suspected of being favorable to Mr. Lecky. The disturbance was, after some difficulty, quelled by the police.

Two Mormon preachers who reached Inez, Kentucky, two weeks ago, had a warm reception from the populace. They were from Utah and believed they could establish a Church secretly on the mountains, news of which would be kept from the people in other parts of the State. The secret leaked especially in the settlement of this conout, however, and a mass meeting of tinent. indignation was held at Eden, the county seat, and a committee was appointed to wait on the preachers to warn them to leave the State. They were told that if they remained they would have a coat of tar and feathers each, so they migrated into West Vir-

ginia. They had already made some converts to their faith in that thoroughly Protestant region, but the tolerant Protestantism prevalent in Kentucky could not allow a freedom of worship which would include freedom American republic. The origin of to Mormons to propagate their peculiar doctrines.

THE New York Independent, which is the Western organ of Latitudinarian Congregationalism, has are cent article on Francis Schlatter, the Denver Faith Curist. The article concedes to the pretender the wonderful powers he claims as a faith healer, saying he is honest, and free from selfish or ecclesibeing a follower of Schlatter only when by low views of God's purposes with showing the exact spot where the

the more so since the adoption of Home Rule as a plank in the Liberal plat-form. As the Hon. David R. Plunkett here because the more than a state of the planet of the pl may re-establish among themselves religious fellowship. Here He has gathared parently societies represent gathered powerful societies represent-ing everything in religion, true and false, good and bad, beautiful and hideous, in order that the one kingdom of Christ may absorb them all. Here He has stung all minds with a resistless purpose to dispute about the way of salvation in order that dispute may end in sincere conviction of the truth. And here He has given the fulness of the conditions necessary for the settlement of religious dissensionpersonal freedom, mental activity and love of truth. This land may well be

called the divinely chosen arena for the settlement of the lamentable dissen-sions of the Christian races. The present religious aspect of our country its restless striving after God and im mortality, its enormous zeal for edu cation, its immovable purpose to give every claimant a hearing, only carry out the original design of Providence in the discovery of the new world, and

The richest and, in some respects, the most powerful section of the Union is New England, and it was founded by religious people for an exclusively religious end, and in all their wanderings of mind or body the descendants of the Puritans are to day the most active investigators and propagators of religion in the republic. Pennsyl-vania was founded by the Friends for purposes dominantly religious, and its people are to day profoundly Christian. Maryland was a religious colony of Catholics, and it is yet the centre of Union is associated with religion, in the West especially the profoundest religious "awakenings" often accompanying the opening of the country

by the first settlers. It is almost as easy for us to belittle our vocation as Catholics as to rise to its proper dignity. Pettiness is the besetting sin of many religious minds. This sometimes takes the form of racevanity, a vice most offensive to the generous heart of our Blessed Re-

fire with their missionary preaching and lecturing, and their use of the apostolate of the press. The exhortations of our great Pope will not long be without a responsive echo in the hearts of the best missionaries that enlighterment and love can produce.

## THE LUCIFER WORSHIP.

#### For the CATHOLIC RECORD.

Some time ago an interview of an American Bishop while at Liverpool, England, declaring the assertion that Lucifer was adored in the Freemason temple at Charleston, S. C., to be a calumny, made the rounds of the press In her memoirs of an ex-Palladiste No. 4) Miss Diana Vaughan takes the Bishop to task, telling him that he makes a grave mistake if he thinks he saw everything in that temple, as no one but a Luciferian in good standing can ever place his foot inside the hall reserved for Lucifer worship.

Dr. Bataille not only affirms that there is such a temple at Charleston, there is such a temple at Charleston, as well as at Rome and other Luciferian centres, but he gives the ground plan of the Charleston temple, locates and describes the Luciferian temple called the Sanctum Regnum, giving details of decoration, furniture, etc., as only an eye-witness could do. He describes the altar and the goat-like statue of Lucifer on it, together with the ceremonies used in the worship. Vaughan, who also writes as an eyewitness, confirms the doctor in every particular.

No one, then, who has not cross the threshold of this particular hall in the Freemason temple can logically stand up to clear the Luciferians of the terrible charge of adoring Lucifer. Were Dr. Bataille alone in his asser-

tions one might reasonably doubt his authority. But we have a host of eyewitnesses of undoubted veracity and integrity who confirm Dr. Bataille's revelations most emphatically. Miss Vaughan, until recently, one of the greatest promoters of Luciferianism, also gives a plan of the Palazzo Borghese, Sometimes we are belittled the Freemason headquarters in Rome,

We were in conversation, and in reply to a remark I had made, that all my life previous to my conversion had longed to stand on the bed-rock of truth, she responded that it had been Then she just the same with herself. old that she married an Irish refugee, from the political entanglement of his native land without suspecting that he was a Catholic. Some of their neighbors who were Catholics knew that he also, was of their faith, however negli gent. A number of years after their marriage, when it became known that the Bishop was making his first visita tion through the State of Maine looking up his spiritual subjects, one of these neighbors took pains to acquaint Mrs. McG., with both facts and to advise her, for her own interest, to embrace the opportunity to be married by the Bishop, as Catholics had less respect for a merely civil contract. Docile in heart and a lover of truth Mrs. McG. accepted the advice, and when the Rt. Rev. Shepherd of Souls arrived he was directed to her cottage. She was alone. The interview was uninterrupted, and when the saintly missionary, after-wards Cardinal, if I mistake not, was taking his leave, he addressed these words, which proved prophetic, to her 'Madam, very soon you will yourself be Catholic." She attained to her eighth decade in life and how staunch was her faith and how edifying her de-votedness and that of her daughter, all who knew her would gladly testify now that both mother and daughter have passed to their reward. It is to this good woman that I am indebted for the following illustration of the

am unable to say, in spite of her strict obedience to the impulses of the interior spirit required by the peculiar tenets of her sect, still experienced an ntense longing for that something she felt she did not possess and which she constantly denominated the truth.

One afternoon while quietly engaged with her sewing her interior guide pronounced a strange mandate words equivalent to these : " Take up your staff and journey without money or scrip until you have found that for which you are sighing." Confidently the simple Quakeress laid aside her occupation and prepared to obey quite after the manner of the patriarchs and prophets, or like the wise men of the Gospel who found that Babe who is the way, the truth, and the life with His Mother in the stable of Bethlehem. She had proceeded on her way, after the manner of a modern tramp, at least, in the eyes of men soliciting necessary food and lodging for love of God—thus proving her unbounded confidence in Him-for two or perhaps three days when just at night all she was entering a town and saw the first light struck in an humble dwelling near a church on the opposite side of the street from where she was walking. The spirit moved her to apply there for lodging. She rapped at the door, and, to a man in working attire who opened it, she made her petition with the usual formula-for love of God. Somewhat impatiently he returned answer that their house was small and their family large, therefore she could not be accommo-dated. Humbly the applicant turned away, not in the least disturbed by the refusal, just as if she had had Joseph and Mary in her mind when they also were seeking lodgings and found no room in the town of Bethlehem. But the door was hardly closed when a female voice within was hardly closed to protest. "What is that you say, John? No room for one who asks for His sheepfold those souls who cherish an ardent desire for truth. There was in Maine a sea captain who went on long voyages, leaving his wife in their quiet, isolated home both and source was made for her at the table their own rash conclusions, and conclusions

to attribute ignorance; the natural motive, then, to credit him with is either malace or a love of notoriety for the purpose of making money by to the ignorant mob with catering captious clap-trap always unsupported by proof.

No wonder, then, that curious results should come out of this thought-less praying movement. One which has already followed is that impious camps are betting on the result, with the odds in Ingersoll's favor, and naturally so long as he keeps his heart hermetically sealed against the promptings of Divine grace. How, then, about Ingersoll himself? He is probably glad of the additional notoriety the public prayer movement gives him, and the managers of his lecture course are no doubt looking forward to a great increase in the ticket office receipts consequent in this free advertis-What a rush there will be to ing. hear him when next he makes his bow to the ignorant audiences that hang upon his lips as the blasphemous apostle of disbelief? "Here I am again," he can say, and none the worse for the "Christian Endeavors."

But there are few reasonable persons who can perceive either true piety, or even the wisdom of serpents which St. Paul advises in that singling out of this man, and in such a manner as to shake the faith of many in the efficacy of prayer in case God, for inscrutable reasons of His own, should not deign to confer the special grace prayed for just at this time, or in case of the grace being so conferred, Ingersoll's free will should conform to it. This, then, is another instance of rash men rushing 'in where angels fear to tread."-Catholic Standard and Times.

The reason which should lead us to love our neighbor is that he is loved by the Heart of Jesus.—St. Alphonsus Lignori. It avails nothing to subdue the body if the mind allows itself to be controlled by anger. —St. Gregory the Great.

#### THE CATHOLIC RECORD

#### Christmas Ships.

Blow fair, sweet wind, upon the distant seas Blow fair, and kind, For many sails sue for a favoring breeze Where none they ind. Your grace they court, For Christmas port.

pain along his nerves, causing his heart to cease its calm pulsations. The Some ride the waves with strong and buoyant prow, And canvas white, Others with straining spars the dark seas that laugh, repeating again and again

plough In piteous plight. Make them your care Kind wind, blow fair.

Many are faring home from havens far, After long years; And eyes are gazing out across the bar Through gathering tears. Bring the ship near, For Christmas cheer.

Wherever ships should speed upon the wave, Go, friendly breeze : But when the billows fiercely rock and rave, Lull them to ease. Let joy abide At Christmas tide !

-Harper's Weekly.

#### IN THE CHRISTMAS DAWNING. woman. "Come!"

One Answer to the Triumphant Sum io s of the Adeste Fideles.

BY A. C. MINOGUE.

With the dawn of Christmas Eve, snow began to fall and when Night, scattering darkness, winged her silent course across the steel-gray heavens,

she stood as motionless as one of the fluted pillars supporting the church's earth lay, folded warmly, in a robe of dazzling white. As Night approached lofty steeple. "Adeste Fideles," again came the the snow ceased falling, and, one by invitation, angel voiced. Dared she? one, the starry worlds swung out their She stepped forward, then stopped. lights, eternal guides for the celestial "Ah ! not for you, not for you, my messengers forever traversing the realms of space. The wind piped its lost soul," lifting her eyes, now dull and sorrow charged, to the snow-wreathed church. "Long ago you wordless song, not in catching gasps wreathed church. "Long ago you discarded your claim to that title." Yet she stood, straining her ears to and sobs as if a chained heart followed in its wake, but in ringing trills and grace-notes. With it another song, or catch each well-remembered note rather the breath of a song, was mingl while in the stately house opposite, ing, subtle, sweet, and low. What was it? The vibration of the leafless sat another listerer, his face buried in his hands. boughs, fairy echoes hither wafted

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tiding of redemption : to night it came

in the snowflakes' feathery falling.

Her heart gave a throb of joy as she mounted the stone steps, but soon passed, for she thought over her

trampled, stained life never should the

A shaft of light slipped out between

now of innocence fall.

from some far southern land, or the "Adeste Fideles," and the words, by frequent repetition of Christ's joyful their magnetic power, led her from natal song? Souls dwelling in the he street, across the narrow strip of valley where earthly din and tumult vard, to the foot of the high steps reign, though their ears are strained she glanced around, half in fear wholly in shame. What if she were to be seen here! If she dared but and pleading hands are lifted, hear not this heavenly music ; but they who stand, tip-toed, upon the still, light enventure as far as the vestibule ! She circled mountain-top, are transported by its rapture. And they carry in looked across the yard, and the print of her steps upon the snow were like their hands golden bugles through angry words of accusation ; but lo which they blow, to the ears beneath, flakes were swiftly, silently hiding the the sweet song's mystic meaning. Hence the world is glad at Christmas marks of her desecration. She con tinued to gaze until where she had time ; the blinding tears are brushed passed was again a soft, unbroken suraway, and peace, like the soft snow covering earth, falls gently over The great God communicates tace. with man in various ways. On that human hearts. first Christmas night He sent all All day long and far into the hours heaven's choir to proclaim to earth the

of the night, a constant, restless tide of men and women had surged over the broad streets of the city. The light snow, under their feet, had been beaten into a surface as hard as the asphalt it concealed, like hearts grown callous beneath the pressing march of Time. Grinding of wheels and ring-ing of bells, cries of drivers and shouts of children, laughter and merry greeting, these had the tired hours heard then quiet fell, broken at intervals by the street cars rumbling past. The light faded from the windo ows leaving the streets enveloped in gloom, save where an occasional electric lamp threw

its circle of trembling ravs. But in the stately houses lining those

saw it all, and, seeing, she remembered. She, too, had knelt before those altars when life was young, and purpose deserted streets were wakeful eyes, for the ghosts of our lives are not fastidistrong, and her heart untouched by ous ; they will keep us company in the shadows as well as in the light ; indeed sin. Often on such Christmas mornthey rather prefer the shadows, for ings she had come hither, not as now, shrinking from the eyes of men, but there their white, accusing faces flash more vividly before our eyes. In one of those houses, with carved lions guarding its gateway, with grand armorial ensigns ornamenting its walls, a man sat, alone. The fire that had gleamed so brightly on the gay family circle an hour before had dwindled into a few dying embers, that flickered feebly ere falling into the ashes beneath ; and as each fell, a cry resounded in his ears, the cries of the ghosts with whom he was spending his Christmas Eve. Faded hopes and shattered dreams, broken friendships, blighted loves, crowded around him sitting there. But as the last ember fell, a face shone full on him, so sudand dared she insult God by asking to denly, so distinctly, he threw a proreturn to Him. tecting hand before his eyes, as if that shield of flesh were proof against one of memory's poisoned darts ! Then by the feeble rays shining across the bed of dull, gray ashes on the hearth, he read the allegory of a woman, who had once stood, like some fair angel, taminating touch? upon the still, light-encircled mountain's brow, and who, gazing down had caught a cry of yearning, perhaps of anguish, surely, from an earth-clogged soul beneath. She ventured down that dizzy height to whispe words of cheer and comfort, and found but earth where she had thought she caught a glimpse of heaven. Then -a shiver ran along his frame al though the room was warm. He left his place by the hearth and stole into the next apartment, where a lamp shed its softened gleam over the cot of a sleeping child, and shivered shining coils. again on seeing, against the lace pillow, the face of the woman of the But gently, tenderly, like the breath of April over the frozen earth, there the allegory; for Innocence wears on all came to her the memory of Bethlehem's same expression. Remorse and penitdear story. She seemed to see two ence, clasping hands, knocking at his tiny hands extended to her from a crib soul's door, gained admittance, and kneeling humbly, he cried to Bethleand of straw, two mild, if sad, blue eyes fixed on her in silent pleading, and hem's King for pardon, as over the around the baby lip a smile of loving listening world rang the joyous bells of welcome. For her the Sinless One was Christmas night. born, for her the lowly life was spent. Again peace and quiet on the snowy for her, the sacrifice on Calvary made streets, peace and quiet in the watch-"Forgive, forgive, forgive," came As the hours wore on, soft gray clouds from the pale lips, while tears ran attested; but not so a genuine blood-began to gather and spread themselves like rain in summer time, over the purifier. Over and over again it has over the star-lit sky, and soon snow- face pressed against the hard, cold tilflates fluttered down, or white ships ing. In richly jeweled cups, the joy-they might have been, bearing angels ful angels gathered up those tears, as from Heaven's port to offer fealty to a gift for Bethlehem's King, in whose acy. their new born King. But the silence sight they were far more precious than Fair.

the gold and myrrh and frankincense pulsing around was abruptly broken the Eastern sages brought by a woman's laugh, the laugh of her who had lived the tender, pure, beauti-Inside, the music had ceased but she ful ideal of her youth into a cruel,

tirred not until the sound of coming eet aroused her. As the door was scathing, bitter mockery. It fe'l on the listener's ears, sending a tingling feet aroused her. pushed forward, she sprang up, but in hurrying away she missed her footing The echoes of the deserted street caught up and was hurled down the steep flight of steps. Some man stumbled over her in the yard below, and the hastilyits hollow, biting mirth. Other laughs filled the silence, yet he heard but one, brought light discovered her lying in the snow, which was stained a bright for treacherous memory had bounded forward to aid the echoes in its reprocrimson by the blood flowing from a Then he realized his penalty gash in her temple. The eyes fluttered duction. Then he realized his penalty was to hear, throughout all time, in open once to see the white-robed priest bending over her, while strange voices every sound, that woman's laugh, to were reciting the familiar prayers of her childhood. She moved her lips, see on every countenance that woman's

out the sounds died unuttered. The But over the street's sudden noise a sweet voice was borne, singing the "Adeste Fideles." At its magic note, dying eyes saw the cross raised over ner in solemn benediction and then losed forever on the things of earth. Each prisoned soul awoke and began to cry But when they opened in another life, piteously for freedom ; but the crie hey beheld great bands of angels hastening down, with songs of joy and were instantly stilled, save by one alad thanksgiving for a bark, that, lespite loud winds and tossing waves, "Go !" and her breath as she sent had drifted safely into port that happy

out the word, falling on the cheek of Christmas morn. her companion, stung like red hot needles, while her eyes seemed to shoot LEGENDS OF THE NATIVITY. out sparks of fire. Unconscious of the wind and snow

The Wonderful Light of the Holy Night - Beautiful Significance of Symbols.

One of the most beautiful legends of the Nativity is that which is given in the "Protevangelium" in regard to the miraculous calm of the holy night. Joseph, having left the Blessed Virgin n the cave, goes out to seek a nurse And I," says he, "was walking and was not walking ; and I looked up into the sky and saw the sky astonished ; and I looked up to the pole of the heav ens and saw it standing, and the birds of the air keeping still. And I looked down upon the earth, and saw a trough lying and work people reclining, and

their hands were in the trough. And those that were eating did not eat, and those that were carrying anything to their mouths did not carry it ; but the faces of all were looking upwards. And I saw the sheep walking and th sheep stood still; and the shepherd raised his hand to strike them, and his hand remained up. And I looked on the current of the river, and I saw the mouths of the kids resting on the water and not drinking, and all things in a moment were driven from their This is an idea which neither course. painting nor sculpture can express for though, strangely enough, it is only description of what one sees in every statue and in every picture-a moment ary action fixed in a beautiful restvet neither picture nor statue can tel us that the rest continues; their natura interpretation is that it is only an immeasurably brief instant in that ever changing current of life which flows through all things. But poetry can do hat which lies beyond the power of the other arts ; and we find this idea of mmobility and profound quietude the heavens, at least, expressed in Mil ton's "Ode to the Nativity :'

the swinging doors, and by it she saw, from Memory's pages, the festive scene the inside of that church pre-The stars with deep amaze Stand fixed in steadfast gaze, Bendir g one way their precious influence And will not take their flight sented. The wreaths of holly circling the marble altars, the silver rays, reflected a thousand times, in rainbow or all the morning light, Or Lucifer, that often warned them hence hues, from dangling prisms, the white robed priest, the kneeling people-sh

There are two other noteworthy legends in regard to the Nativity. One, which is common to several of th apocryphal books, describes the dazzling supernatural light which filled the

A Protestant's Praise. In the course of a sermon preached in Plymouth pulpit, New York, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott said : between the differences

" The Roman Catholic and the Protestant are But wide and fundamental. there are some . . . things I have not forgotten : I have not forgotten . things I have the services of the Benedictine monks who traveled over Europe establishing schools and laying the foundations for seminaries and colleges. I have not forgotten the sacrifices of Roman Catholic missionaries who could be deterred by no burning heats and no frigid zone from bearing, after their own manner, the message of the Gospel of Christ to the people that were in darkness. have not forgotten the preaching of the Franciscan Friars, who, working in the poor and miserable hovels in the cities of Great Britain, laid there by their Gospel the foundations for freedom, civil and political as well as religious. I have not forgotten the Roman Catholic tutor and instructor of that Simon de Montfort who may almost be called the founder of the English Parliament, and so the creator of the American Constitution. I have not forgotten the Brothers and Sisters of charity who are leading the world in their self-sacrifice, their generosity, their devotion, their good works. I have not forgotten the Roman Catholic hospital in this city, nearly all of whose surgeons are Protestants, or at least non-Catholics, and whose doors swing as readily to let a Protestant as a Roman Catholic enter. At Gettysourg, in the crucial moment of that critical battle, a regiment made up of Roman Catholics was ordered to a charge. There were five minutes before the charge was to be made, and in that five minutes the Roman Catho lic chaplain offered one short prayer and gave absolution to the regiment and then came the command Charge. and the whole Roman Catholic regiment rushed on to death. Who has shown more love for America than that Roman Catholic regiment?

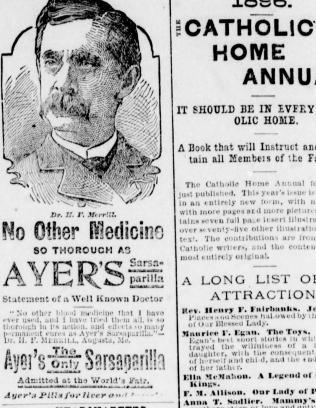
#### A Time for Rejoicing.

It would be unlawful to be sad to day, for to day is life's birthday ; the birthday of that life which, for us dying creatures, taketh away the sting of death, and bringeth the bright promise of the eternal gladness here after. . . . Rejoice, O thou that art holy; thou drawest nearer to thy Rejoice, O thou that art simcrown. ful ; the Saviour offereth thee pardon Rejoice, O thou Gentile; God calleth the to life. - Christmas Sermon of Po, e Leo the Great.

The Festival of Childhood and Mot'ierhood.

Chr stmas is truly the festival of childhood; but it should also be the festival of motherhood, for the child, even the holiest, is not divided from the mother. We may learn to think of infancy as sacred in the light that lows from the manager cradle of Yet it seems to me we cannot Jesus. receive that truth perfectly unless we first learn to think of motherhood as holy in the memory of her whose virginal and stainless love found favor with God to receive and guard and cherish the Son of the Highest. - Henry Van Dyke in "The Christ-Child in

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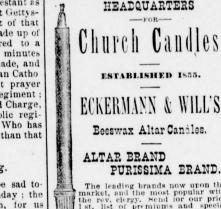
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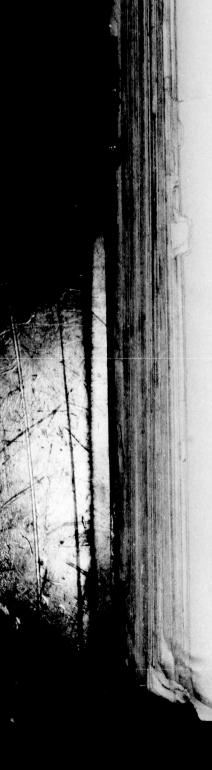
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by some of the painters to produce wonderful effects of light and shade. Outside that iron gate, she knew A famous example of this is Coreggio's what awaited her, but to what else could she turn? Which of the picture in the gallery of Dresden.

There are also certain symbols of women, praying so devoutly Christ's shrine, but, in passing, would draw away her skirts, fearful of a conmystical emblems which are trequently ntroduced into pictures of the Nativ ity. The cross is placed in the hand of an angel or of the little St. John to Which of the men but would turn from her in scorn remind us of the future of the Holy Child. The lamb is the type of His True, there were others, tender, Godike creatures : but folded as they were ourity; and when it is bound with in a cloud of sanctity, breathing an ords it represents His sacrifice. The atmosphere of sinless peace, what knew they of the lashing waves of love is the emblem of the Holy Spirit passion, how could they sympathize t also speaks of meekness amd inno The gold finch, because of with the frailty of the bark that went ence. to pieces before the storm's fury? A red spot on its head, is connected with cares, about the agony of despair in the wood-dove's heart, finding itself placed in His hand, as a sure of it are

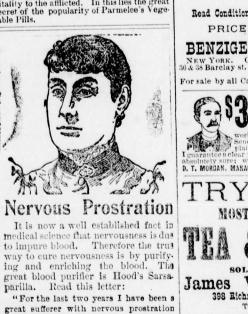
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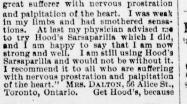
that He is the Word of God. The palm is the symbol of martyrdom and glory the olive is the emblem of peace : th globe represents His kingly authority. Thus in the silent language of sign the artists have expressed the thoughts of wonder and worship which have gathered through the ages about the cradle of Christ - From "The Christ Child in Art," by Henry Van Dyke.

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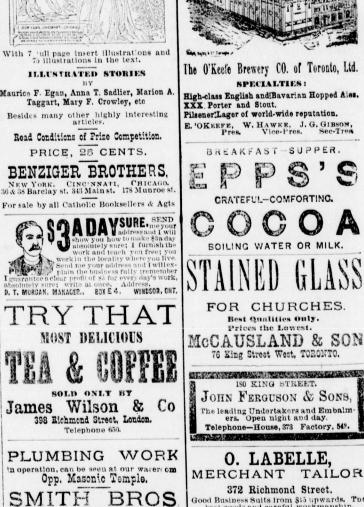
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#### To the Christ-Child.

BY MARION MUIR RICHARDSON

Dear Christ, Thy coming makes a two-edged 

Lord, Murmur against the loss of kindred hands Passed to the silence of far twilight lands. O Star, shine clear ! O Child of Bethlehem Eternal rest and comfort give to them !

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Almighty God at various times, my ethren, has repeated and confirmed

His promise of a Redeemer who should come to save us from sin and its consequences. Many of these renewals are recorded in Holy Scripture, and as the time of our Lord's coming drew near they became more frequent and more clear. His chosen people, the Jews, were, when He came on the earth, in possession of these prophecies which had been made by holy men who had received them from God ; and they not only knew well that the Redeemer was coming, but they knew very nearly the time at which He would come; for this, too, had been quite clearly predicted, especially by the Prophet Daniel. There was, then, no difficulty in their making an act of faith in this promise of redemption ; though many of them, whose hearts were more set on prosperity in this world than salvation in the next, con sidered the promised Redeemer more as one who was to free them from the foreign yoke under which their nation was groaning, than from the far more grievous power which the devil had

grievous power which the devit had got over their souls. The Jews, then, this chosen and favored people of God, plainly had the means of the forgiveness of their sins and of eternal salvation before our Sections areas to the casth. After He Saviour came to the earth. After He had made Himself manifest, of course the faith which before sufficed them the faith which before sufficed them would not answer; for it would no longer be faith in God, but just the contrary, to keep on expecting Him to fulfil a promise which He had evidently accomplished. But before our Lord's appearance the expectation was enough; many of them saved their by means of it, and many more

souls might have done so if they had chosen The Jews, however, were only a very small part of the people of the world Outside of their little country there were untold millions who had never heard of the special promises made to them, and who could not by any possibility have heard of them. And there are many such still, who have not only never heard of the prophecies made to the Jews, but have no knowledge and no suspicion, so far as we can see, that these prophecies have been fulfilled ; who know not the name of Christ, nor anything which He has done for us and among whom even the tradition or expectation of Him has, so far as we can see, been almost, or quite, for-

gotten In Central Africa, for instance, alone there is an immense population whose very existence was unknown to the rest of the world until it was discov-ered by Mr. Stanley. These savages, sunk in ignorance and sin, have lived there, as did their fathers before them for ages, shut out by their own ferocity from all others around them. No one dared to venture inside their limits ; it is not probable that even any of the Apostles of Christ that even any of the Apostes to penetrated into their fastnesses to preach the Gospel; to tell them of the way open for the forgiveness of sin. But they are all under the ban of original sin, like the rest of us; and, bead. Her hands were stretched out, fully of the saloon, where there was

please, while others offend, Him.

now be brought to heaven, without having the faith declared to him,

without hearing of Christ? We must

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A Beautiful Custom.

In many parts of Norway the birds,

as well as human beings, have a merry

Christmas. Great bundles of un-

threshed grain are brought to the markets on Christmas Eve. These are purchased for a trifle by everyone, whether rich or poor; and taken home, so that the birds may have a

grand Christmas dinner. All about

the houses are fastened little sheaves of

oat straw for the wild songsters that

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and speedy relief. A timely dose of

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No one in Norway would be un-

And it seems as if the influence

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. Patsey's Christmas, BY E. L. D. He wasn't a picturesque object, for his hair was red and wild, his eyes

large and almost wild, his nose pinched and blue, and his face so freckled that it looked as if it had been sprinkled with wet sawdust. His clothes scarcely held together; and his shoes, though joined at the heet, yawned as widely at the toes as Patsey himself was doing ; for he was tired and sleepy, cold and hungry, and had nowhere to go for shelter or food.

It was the Sth of December, and the Catholic churches were open for Vespers ; for it was in a great seaport and factory town, and as the hands could not get to church till "after hours," the half-past seven bell was clanging as the boy stood looking at the crowd go by

At last he thought : "I'll go too, and keep warm for an hour, anyhow." Not that there was the least feeling of piety ; for Patsey had lost his father and mother when he was a wee lad, and had grown up without the least religious instruction, escaping priests and school. He lived by his wits, his favorite haunt being the wharves, where, with kicks and curses, an honest penny was always to be earned by running messages or helping to

haul and pack. Poor child ! he hadn't a friend in the wide world, and though some of the men were kind to him they seldom thought to ask him if he was hungry. Where he slept, and how he spent his Sundays, when the wharves were all vere all but deserted, no one knew ; but he had never seen the inside of a church. He was only twelve, and all he re-membered of home or mother was a warm breast, and a pair of strong arms that held him once and rocked him, as he would stammer something about "Hail Mary, full of grace-" Just what it was he did not know or remember; but he used to wonder ften who Mary was, and what "full of grace " meant, and he made a short " Hai exclamation of it, shouting, Mary !" as he played his rough games

and ran about the wharves. Patsey followed the crowd, and found himself inside of a place that was like a fairy land. He had so often heardjchurch, priests, and sermons sworn at and reviled that he had imagined the first like a prison, but he other two were too vaguely alarm ing and disgusting to even shape into thought. Here, though, was a stretch of warm, lighted space, with some thing on the floor that felt very com fortable to his half-frozen feet : ther were stained glass windows, and pic were stained glass windows, and put tures beautifully painted, though what they represented was a mystery to Howaver, Patsey's soul was him. However, Patsey's soul was stirring with its first sentiments of religion ; for what he looked at was the Way of the Cross, and the bleeding

head and faltering steps of Jesus touched his warm, Irish heart, making him wish he had "been there to worry their heels like a terrier, or help carry that beam on His back." At the end of the church the wonders culminated : for there, rising tier above tier, were lights and lights, until Patsey's eyes were arrested by a pale Figure hanging to a cross, blood trickling from His hands and feet and side, and a crown of something sharp and cruel on the head. He stood fascinated. But a move-

Father Harmer, and soon they were well acquainted. The good priest was greatly surprised to find such a genu-ine heathen on his hands, but he answered all his questions patiently; and many a good "bit" did Patsey have from the old house keeper, and many a dime did he make shoveling snow for the priest's friends. A few weeks after that first church

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rolling. Father Harmer said to him : "Now, my boy, to morrow is Christ mas. Come to the early Mass at 5 o'clock, and then stop at my house, to see what I have for you.' The day wore to night, and the boy

held a grand council with himself. "Wull I go to the 'Robin' now and hear them sing, and see the torkey-rafile? No; that's too far, and the fightin's bad when the tickets is drawn, and they'll be cussin' and swearin Wull I go to the ingine-house and keep warm? That's far, too, and I might get too warm and sleep late, and miss Mass. I'll go to the shops, and look nto the windows awhile, anyway.

So he trotted about contentedly staring in shop-windows, blowing his fingers when they ached too hard, and running when he got too cold to feel his toes. As he stood near one, about 10 o'clock, a young girl came out loaded with bundles ; as she wen toward her carriage, her foot slipped, and, in saving herself from falling, dropped half a dozen of the packages Patsey picked them up, and handed them to her. One was soft, and wrapped in tissue paper. "Oh, my flowers!" she said. "I am so glad! lowers !" she said.

Thank you. Patsey breathed hard and stared. He didn't know enough to say, "You're welcome ;" but, as the paper blew side, he saw something he had never een before. "What's them?" he asked.

"Flowers," she answered, surprised in her turn ; and she held them down for him to see.

He gasped with delight. Roses o as pale a gold as the hair of the girl nolding them ; roses as red as the blood on the cross ; and something so purple so sweet, so warm, he shut his eyes and sniffed till the tears came. "Would you like to have one ?" she

asked, gently. "Oh, very much !" said the boy, breathless with pleasure. "I want to give it to -" and he stopped.

"To whom ?" "To the beautiful Mother of God,

vhose statue is in Father Harmer's thurch. The girl's eyes softened; she thought a moment; then: "Yes, bet-ter so;"--then, louder, and putting the package in the boy's hands, -church." 'Take them all, and give them to

er." Then she was gone. Off he flew. But the crowds seemed her.' to increase, and he could not " hang on " the cars with his precious package ; the church was at the other end of town, so, hurry as he would, it was after midnight when he reached it. He sat a while on the steps. No ; he would not ring at Father Harmer's bell ; for he was asleep, and then he did so want to give the flowers himself. One o'clock. Well, they'd open the door at 4, anyway, and he'd just wait. up and down walked the faithful child. The moon shone white and frozen, but the wind came up from the lake, and riding on its breath were great black clouds ; on and on they crowded from the west, and swallowed the shining disk, and the snow began



aid before the altar of the "Hail Mary," his flowers at her feet, and his soul, I think, with God. For who shall say they did not come, those Two of Love and Mercy, to take him home?

#### Love for the Mother.

There are some pictures too sad almost to look upon, and one of these is to see a wife and mother who has laid her life down for her family, when slowly fading out of sight receiving at last the tenderness — the softened love tones of those most dear to her, for which the her here the softened for which she had hungered for many a long year. Still, better even so late than not at all, but do you not think with me, it is better to recognize our angels now? Will you not act on this suggestion? I met a beautifu woman the other day who reminded me of a time when at a seaside resort l gave a talk to young girls-this beau-tiful girl had just come to remain a week. I talked that day about our mothers, how much they were to us, for, of course, they could not always be with us, and how we should regret the little attentions we had missed giving them. This beautiful girl, an only child, took it all in : she said she could hardly wait for me to get through. She left on the next train for nome, and startled her mother by her sudden return. Her moth claimed, "What is the matter ?" Her mother exmamma," she said, "I have come back to be attentive to you. You won't die, will you, till I am a perfect daugh-ter?" Long after that I met that mother on a train, and she said to me, "I always thought L --- was about as good as she could be, but from the day she returned from the sea that summer she was absolutely perfect." That

mother has gone on and that daughter is now a mother herself, and she has not to regret that she was not everything a daughter should be to a mother. There are too many daugh mother. There are too many daugn-ters who act as if their mothers were their servants. I am not talking to mothers just now, or I should say, Be careful! What some might call your unselfishness may ruin your daughter, and she, in turn, ruin others. Let your children have the benefit of the thought that they are to care for you, instead of you being made to care for them. You did care for them when they could not care for themselves, now let them care for you, and you be the strong augel mother to your children; and I hope your children will be the angels of your life, but angels down here need training. The angels in Heaven are represented as doing the will of the Father — let us be as like them as possible, living glad, obedient, happy lives, and so make this earth more angelic !- Margaret Bottome, in Ladies Home Journal.

### Rash Judgment.

We will sometimes meet an intelligent non-Catholic who believes the absurd stories related about the Church. You may tell him that Catholics never pay to have their sins forgiven, and he will not believe you. If you tell him anything of a business nature he ready to accept your word, but when ou declare on your honor that Catholics do not pray to images, buy Indul-gences, or worship the saints, he at once refuses to accept your word. This simple fact should make an im pression upon the minds of such men. vho we might believe should be in duced to ask themselves the question, 'Why do I believe that man in busi ness and disbelieve him on matters of religion ?" The business man whom you ask to take his own advice on a question of law will laugh at you, but he is just as quick to ridicule the interest you man ifest when you suggest to him the pro priety of consulting some authority on religious affairs, in place of being guided by his own information. guided by his own information. Then he feels his own importance and may be insulted because you question his knowledge of the Bible or his ability to interpret its meaning. He will con-fess his ignorance of Blackstone, but not his ignorance of St. Paul not his ignorance of St. Paul. He is not satisfied in deciding for himself what he shall believe, but he insists that his Catholic neighbors really believe things they emphatic ally deny. Such men have no kind words for the one who judges rashly in his business affairs, but they do the same thing every day in spiritual matters, and in consequence are in-clined to undervalue as friends and neighbors their Catholic acquaint

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#### To A Dead Bird,

#### BY WILL CARLETON,

Poor, perished thing. How the of death the unaffected grace. That tingers on thy little feathered frace : Could any rem that mortals choose to prize Assume to match the radiance of thine eyes? Some man destroyed what ne'er again can be In killing thee.

Say, filent thing : Hadst thou the heaven invented gift to sing ? Couldst chant a sonnet, undefiled by art. And thrill and win the chosen of thy heart ? Couldst hush the silent sobbing of the air. With strains of jeweled laughter, free from eare? One fancies some of God's unsullied glee Went back with thee.

Didst love to fling Thyself upon the sweling breast of Spring Didst joy to thread the airy lanes with ease. Or find a swaying throne among the trees ? With dainty prow and firmly planted sall. Couldst ride along the billows of the gale ? Heaven meant the earth and azure sale For such as thee.

If deathly splendor can a comfort bring, If deathly splendor can a comfort bring, If but thy body, from its sweet control. May send a message to the restless sont, Revise; it hath a more than royal bed : Thy mausoleum is my lady's head. And I can fancy many swatns I see. That envy thee !

#### HALE AND HEARTY AT 70.

What "Father" Toull Thinks of nat "Father Toull Thinks of a Popular Remedy.— Suffered for Twenty Years From Heart Troubles —His Doctor Said he Might Drop Dead at Any Moment—Tells How he Overcame the Trouble.

#### From the Ingersoll Chronicle,

That a sound mind in a sound body s one of the best and greatest gifts of a kind Providence no one will deny. Maukind in all ages have sought to obtain the elixir of life, have hunted for some means of prolonging health. vigor and vitality-have in fact hoped that they might find

# "Some blithe wine Or bright elixir peerless they could drink And so become immertal."

But while man can hardly hope to attain that coveted prize this side of the eternal world, yet it is evident to all who give the subject any consideration, that modern science, skill and education in the treatment of the ills that flesh is heir to, have worked worders in restoring the human body misery, bringing them back to health and happiness, and giving them a feel-ing that life is indeed worth living. Stitutes are worthless – perhaps di A case in point, in our own town, having reached the cars of a reporter of the Chronicle the scribe determined to satisfy his curiosity by calling on the party who had had such a happy experience and investigate for him

family physician would sometimes give me some medicine that would help me for a short time, but without perman-ent benefit. He told me I might drop dead at any moment, and I tell you I expected to do so on many occasions. I had heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when they first came, out but I had used so many remedies that I just about lost faith in everything of that kind, and had become resigned to my fate. However, I came in contact with so many that had used Pink Pills, and who assured me that they had been benefitted by their use, that at last I decided to give them a trial also, hast I decided to give them a transmission of the several years ago I commenced taking them. I continued their use until I had taken eight boxes, and I am now happy to say that I have never had a symptom of the disease since, and I am convinced that by the blessing of God, Pink Pills cured me. I might also say that last fall I was attacked with rheumatism, which be came so bad that I could scarcely walk from my work to the house, and for a long time I could not get out to church. I tried a number of things recommended to me, but received no good from their use, so I said to my-self one day, Pink Pills did me so much good before for my heart trouble, Fil try them again, so I gave them an-other fair trial, with the result that the rheumatism has all gone out of my bones, and I have not been troubled a bit with it since. Everyone," said the old man, as he waxed warm over the thought of his happy experience, " who knows old 'Father Toull,' knows that what he tells is the truth." After thanking Mr. Toull for his kindness After and courtesy, the reporter left the shop with the same opinion as to the truth of his statements, and impressed

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head. Her hands were stretched out, dense as their darkness is, they still with such a look on her face that the ragged gamin pushed on, determined have enough of the light of conscience to keep them above the level of the to see her " near to.' beasts ; to show them at least in many

The organ pealed, and the psalms things what is right and what is were sung ; but after the first start, wrong- enough knowledge of God to Patsey returned to his absorbed conmake them know that some things templation of Our Lady's statue. black snake lay coiled at her feet, and Now, is there any way in which he saw that she stood upon its head. even one among such a people can be saved, before the promise of God and He was so glad that he said aloud : ' Ain't she brave, though !" But the organ tones rolled loud just then, and its fulfilment have been distinctly announced to him? Can any one of these or of others like them have been or

nobody heard him. Presently the priest came to the railing and began to talk with the people. He said a great many words before Patsey listened, but finally he turned to the altar of the Blessed Virgin and said : " Behold your Mother, that tender Virgin full of grace, into whose heart we all can enter ; who loves us,

heart we all can enter ; who loves us, who pleads for us before the throne of God." And, repeating the wonderful story of Cal-vary, and applying it to the needs and wants of his hearers, he hearers them for the love of God and begged them for the love of God and Mother to be less turbulent, less His rough, less wicked in their habits of speech and life. He closed by saying : 'I do not ask you to say long prayers, for they might be overlooked and for gotton when you come home tired from your hard labors ; but I do ask and do beg you will never let a day go by without saying one 'Hail Mary.' Come, say it now with me, and let this birds at Christmas time lasts all through the year; for the children

be a beginning. And loud and clear his voice re cited the beautiful prayer. Out of the darkeded mind of the Irish boy memory rushed to meet the words of the

priest, and when the people responded with one voice, "Holy Mary, Mother Singers, public speakers, actors, auctioners, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to over tax and of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death," his piping the vocal organs, find, in treble swelled the sound. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain,

That was a beginning for him, and every day he faithfully said the prayer, thinking all the while of the

weet face and loving hands of the 'Hail Mary" he had seen in the church ; and every chance he got he returned there, and sat staring at the fair face, listening eagerly to the sermons for word of her.

always a bright, warm fire, and where occasionally he had been plied with rum or gin till he was wild with the

his drunken antics amusing the low crowd gathered there-Goo forgive them ! But he thought, "No fumes, if I go there. I'll lose my nosegay, maybe. I won't go. I'll wait now for Mass, and give 'em to her, if I freeze for it." This he shouted out, as if he were answering a question.

Two o'clock, and the streets white with snow. Against the church door crouched a little figure, the head nodding sleepily, the face as blue as death. The snow drifted over it, softly, tenderly. He dreamed, and in his dream he saw a fair and lovely woman clad in shining garments coming toward him; by the hand she led One who hung upon the cross above the altar ; but His head was crect, and instead of

blood, light streamed from the wounds of His hands and feet. Down the aisle of the church they seemed to come, and it shone like the sun. They passed through the doorway, and

stood beside him. "My child," said the lady-and her voice was sweeter than the organ or the singers' tunes, -- " Come !" With a glad cry, he scattered his flowers at her feet, and clasping her hand, he kissed it reverently.

When the sexton opened the door toward 5 o'clock he saw a sight that made him pierce the night with a startled prayer. He summoned Father who stood for a moment, ances Harmer, who stood for a moment blinded with tears ; for there lay Pat sey, with a smile of unearthly radi ance on his face, and strewn about him were violets and roses, and two great lilies lay in his outstretched

As they stood there, the people be-gan to gather ; among them the young girl who had given him the flowers She had intended to offer them herself, but for the sake of the Child of Bethlehem she had sacrificed the pleasure She told her story, and, after trying vainly to revive him, they took the little dead lad into the church, and Rheumatism Runs Riot

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elf. He called at the boot and shoe

shop of Mr John Toull, King street west, and on entering the building the reporter found "Father Toull," as he is familiarly known in town, busily at work on a pair of shoes for one of his many customers, at the same time humming over to himself the tune of a cherished hymn, for by the way, in his younger days Mr. Toull was considered a good local preacher among the Methodists of this section and frequently filled the pulpits of some of our local churches in the pastor's absence, and he still loves to sing, preach or expostulate on some scripture theme or expostulate on some scripture theme or favorite hymn. The reporter was cordially received, and on making known his business, the old man's countenance brightened and his eyes sparkled with delight. It was inter-orting the nets the formany with which esting to note the fervency with which he volunteered, as he said, for the sake of humanity, to tell what he could of his case, and we will let it be told in his " For twenty years I was subject to heart trouble and could get no relief, although I had tried almost everything that My

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#### C. M. B. A. Resolutions of Condolence.

Thursday morning, was very largely attended. The religious services were very elaborate and i npressive, and in the great building was a throng of worshippers. Of her the words are true: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from beneeforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

HURCH ST. CATHERINES

Father Moyna preached in the even

Resolutions of Condolence. Toronto, Dec. 6, 1895. At the last meeting of Branch 15, Toronto, the following resolution, moved by Brother Rooney, seconded by Brother Cal-laghan, was unanimously adopted : Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to her eternal reward the mother of our respected Marshal, Brother D. O'Hagan, therefore he it AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT ST. MARY'

call to her eternal reward the D. O'Hagan, therefore be it Resolved that this branch extend to our worthy Brother and his family its sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to Brother O'Hagan, and one each, to the CATHOLIC RECORD and The Canadian for publication. Chas. N. Ryan, Rec. Sec. The St. Catharine's Star states that the ceremony of blessing the new statue of St. Anne, recently placed in St. Mary's church on the Great Western Hill, took place at 10:30 o'clock this morning. His Grace the Archhishop of Toronto ; Rev, Father Ryan of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto ; Rev, T. J. Sullivan, Thorold, and Rev. Father Allain were present within the chancel railing. The handsome edifice was filled to its utmost capacity.

The handsome edifice was filled to its utmost capacity. His Grace, who was the preacher of the occasion, spoke most eloquently and to the point. His remarks were on the intercession of saints and the use, as instruments in the hands of God, of relices, statues and other objects of piety that are so conducive to the eternal welfare of His people when used as the Church wisely directs. He said that in praying for spiritual favors we can always do so unreservedly. When asking for corporal or temporal favors we should always do so conditionally, i. e., if it be to the greater glory and honor of God Himself, or conducive to our soul's alyation.

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Chas. N. Ryan, Rec. Sec. Poterborough, Ont., Dec., 12, 1895. At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 30, the following resolution was adopted : Whoreas Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from this life the young and amiable son of our es termed Brother, T. Hurley. Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 30, deeply sympathize with Brother Hurley and family, and earnestly pray that Almighty God will enable them to bear their loss with Christian resignation. Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Hurley, and published in our official organ The Canadian and CATH-OLIC RECORD. T. J. Doris, Rec. Sec.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9, 1895. At the regular meeting of Branch 244, held on the 27th ult., the following resolu-tion was unanimously adopted : Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this world the mother of our esteemed Brother, P. J. McCarthy, there-fore

of God Himself, or conductve to our sour sour searcaion. Rev. Father Sullivan was the celebrant of Mass. The choir rendered Leonard's Mass in E. flat, the solos of which were taken by Mrs. Tuite. The choir was composed of Mrs. Tuite, soloist; Mrs. Carroll, alto; Messrs. Brennan and Phelan, bass; Mrs. Carroll, organist and a full chorus. Mrs. Joseph Robinson sang the offertory solo, "Ave Marie," in splendid voice. The music-al part of the service was particularly beau-tiful, and the choir deserve to be compli-mented. Resolved that his brother members of Resolved that his brother McCarthy and his relatives their heartfelt sympathy. And be it further Resolved that this resolution be entered in Resolved that this resolution be and that a copy be

the records of the branch, and that a copy be sent to Brother McCarthy, and that a copy be be also sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and Canadian for publication.

## E. B. A.

St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough. St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough. Chap. Rev. D Scollard, chan. J J Lynch. pres. J Daly, vice pres. J Hanrahan, rec. sec. J J Hickey, fin. sec. A L Giroux, insur. sec. Jas. Drain, stewards J Lonegan, chair, R Baz-ley, Wm McAuliffe, J McDonough, F Murray, E Ward, T Hanrahan, mar. R Begley, asst. mar. W O Lynch, outside guard T. F Mc-Mannus, inside guard T Hanrahan, libr. E R Waud.

Sarsfield Branch, No. 1, Hamilton. The standard in the first of the stand of the stand of the life and death of St. Ann and gave a history of the translation of her preci-ous remains from Jerusalem to Apt, in France. The church was crowded with a most attent-ive and interested congregation. He spoke of the divine message communicated to St. Ann after twenty years of married life as a re-sult of fervent prayers, that the Lord deliver her from the reproach of barrenness. The beautiful ceremony of the Presentation of Mary in the temple was described, also a graphic description of the temple it-self and particularly of the house of St. Ann in Jerusalem, a house around which cluster so many scriptural incidents and historical associations; it being near the Pond called Probatica, not far from the temple near where our Lord was crowned with thorns and laden with this cross, where the Christian pilgrim to Jerusalem begins Sarsfield Branch, No. 1, Hamilton. At their last regular meeing the following officers were elected for 1896; Chaplain, Rav. Father Mahoney; Pres., W. J. Sullivan; Vice-Pres., T. Cheesman; Rec. Sec. A. Terrcott; Fin. Sec., J. P. Ball; Ins. Sec., N. J. Curran; Treas., W. H. Jamison; Stewards, J. Keating and P. Cheeseman; Mar., W. S. Bonany; Ass. Mar., C. Burden; I. Guard, M. I. Ball; O. Guard, J. Doyle; Surgeon, T. H. Ball; M. D. Guard, J. Doyle; Surgeon, T. H. Ball; M. D. The following members acted as jadge, clerk and inspector: Surgeon, T. H. Balte, M. D. The boltowing members acted as judge, clerk and inspector: P. Booth, P. Cheesman and P. Dowd. At the close of the election the members were ad-dressed by the Rev. Fathers Mahoney and Brady, each giving the members some practical advice on the benefit of belonging to the association. A man who joins the branch does it to better the condition of him temple near where our Lord was crowned with thorns and laden with His cross, where the Christian pilgrim to Jerusalem begins the well-known devotion called the Way of the Cross. He described the church and monastery, now in the possession of a French Community of Brothers founded by Cardinal Lavigreie, built ever this house. After this followed an account of the trans-lation of the precious relics of St. Ann from Jerusalem to Apt, where they remained concealed in the crypt of the church from the beginning of the eighth century to the year 792, when they were miraculously discovered. He congratulated his congregation on their being the happy possessors of this precious relic of St. Ann, now being exposed to their veneration during this beautiful novena. Rev. Father Dodsworth, of St. Patrick's, Toronto, preached on Monday and Tuesday nights, when he imparted the Papal Bene-diction to all who complied with the condi-tions of the novena. The church was crowded at every exer-cise from the berinning of the invorus to the association. A main who joins the branch does it to better the condition of him-self and family in the first place, and to assist his fellow man in the second place. They were glad to see the unity and harmony that prevalled in the branch. After the address of the Rev. Fathers the following members took part in the evening's programme: songs were sung by Bro. W. J. Sullivan, N. J. Curran, P. Dowd, C. Burden, P. Cheesman and S. Smither. A jig dance by J. Keating brought to a close one of the most successful meetings that No. 1 has held. The members passed a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Finhaven, who for the last ten years has held the office of Teasurer, and regret that he could not accept the office for 1896, but hope that after a year's rest he will see his way clear for re-election. St. Patrick's Branch, No. 12.

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St. Patrick's Branch, No. 12. At the last meeting in Nov. a debate took place, the subject being, "That Annexation with the United States would be to the best Interests of Canada." Bros. W. P. Murphy A. A. Gloucester and J. J. Nightingale up-held the afirmative ; while Bros. C. Burcher, A. McGinn and J. J. O'Connor opposed the motion. The arguments ou both sides were very spirited. Bro. J. J. Hennessey, the critic of the evening, in summing up the argu ments, congratulated the members for the able manner in which they handled the sub ject, and as the arguments were so even he was unable to decide the superiority of either side, so declared the debate a draw. St. Panl's Branch. No. 8. Toronto. The church was crowded at every exer-cise from the beginning of the novena It was a grand success. ELOQUENT SERMON BY REV. FATHER

Rev. Father Moyna preached on Thursday evening. It is sufficient to say regarding this lecture that it was of the same high class both in elegopence and matter, as have

offended, the enormity of their offences against Him, the doom that awaits the sinner, and the happiness that will be awarded to the joar, and ing recordled to 6od, so that hereafter they would see, know and enjoy Him forever. The Scar referred as follows to the taste that was displayed in the decoration of the church, which though small, is one of the neat st and most comfortable in the Niagara District: The whole interior has been reno-vated and improved. Under the scrutinizing decorations are superb : the windows are of cosily chipped glass; new carpet has been the stated the fraction of a strikes the eye as having been done with artistic effect. The wall and ceiling decorations are superb : the windows are of cosily chipped glass; new carpet has been striking; and, last of all, the statue which it has been the good fortune of Father Allain to secure for the church, is a work of art indeed. Tev, Father Allain has been and indeating able worker in his parish, and it must be a source of satisfaction, not only to himself but to his parishioners as well, to be able to con-template what persevenance and zeal will accomplish and view the results of these labors in what will now be a memorable church in Canada. A WORK OF ART. The magnificent statue of St. Anne

church in Canada. A WORK OF ART. The magnificent statue of St. And is full life size, carved out oak, and is a wonderful illustration polychromy, the rich Oriental drapery at the natural tinting of the features being ma vels of art. The face is grandly expressiv and the aves are so natural in appearan the natural tinting of the features being mi-vels of art. The face is grandly expressi-and the eyes are so natural in appeara that one gets the impression that the tend glance is directed at the beholder, no mat from which point the figure is viewed. fact it requires the closest scrutiny to convinced that the eyes were really paint so life-like are they. The curves of drapery are executed with masterly effe Not a detail has been omitted, and even tinted liming under the folds is as perfect if the figure were draped with the rich Oriental garments made to order. Nothi-like this beautiful statue is to be seen Canada. Although a replica of tamoer gorgeously decorated. Both of the are the work of Zens of Gand, Belgium, a Father Allain, ever since his visit to Anne, determined to have one here. I was further impelled to the work by the fi-that he secured a portion of the original rel-in the shape of part of the bone from the wr of St. Anne, which was brought from to church of Apt, in the diocese of Avigna France, her remains having been transfer there is the teature, which rests on a flat pedestal.

Rented. Rev. Father Moyna preached in the even-ing, to a crowded church, the opening ser-mon, which was a rare intellectual treat. His sermon was on the motives that should in-duce us to enter into the spirit of the novena. The 1st motive deduced with respect to God thimself; 2nd, with respect to ourselves, and the 3rd with respect to the fovena. Second part, on the different exercises of the novena, to draw therefrom the graces and blessings sure to follow in its wake. The novena continued until Tuesday even-ing, Dec. 17, when the Papal Benediction was solemnly imparted. The preachers were: for Tuesday, Wednes-day and Thursday, Rev. Father Moyna ; Friday, Father Crimion, Dannville ; Mon-day and Tuesday, Rev. Father Allain lectured on the life and death of St. Ann and gave a history of the translation of her preci-ments for the result of the ranslation of her preci-ments of the results of the ranslation of her preci-ments of the ranslation of her edesta OBSTACLES TO CONVERSION.

Zealous Catholics who have the prosperity of the Church and the interests of souls at heart are apt to wonder and even complain that com paratively so few conversions are made. It is true that in themselves the number is not inconsiderable. Cardinal Vaughan, in a sermon at Brompton Oratory, the headquarters of the Oratorians of Saint Philip Neri, in London, said that in that church they had converted in forty years be tween five thousand and six thousand persons. The Liverpool Catholic Times commenting on this says that the number of converts in the large and energetic London parishes is estimated at one hundred per year We have no means at hand for esti mating the number of converts in our own country, but we know that the list of leading, intelligent and professional persons who have joined the Church within the last forty or fifty years, which list has been published, is a pretty long one. We are aware, too.

that the work of conversion is going on in almost every parish in the country, quietly and unostentatiously, the names written only in the Church record and in the Book of Life.

But all this is, really, only a drop in the bucket to what it should be, and what, in view of the arguments and influences inclining in that direction. would lead us to expect. that a great change has taken place in the last forty years and that in consequence of the revival of the Church

Bright be your hearthstone, glad your have the grace and courage to break through all restraint and throw them heart, and may the song the angels sang of " Peace on earth, good will to selves into the loving embrace of Holy men !" find echo in your soul to day. A merry Christmastide to you ! Mother Church. This suggests the real explanation-

the grand difficulty-it is the want of real, genuine faith. True Christian High cause had they at Bethlehem, that faith is not mere intellectual convic tion. Faith is the gift of God. No man can acquire faith by study alone and by his own skill. A man may be intellectually convinced of the truth night To lift the curtain of Hope's hidden light, To break decree of silence with Love's cry Forseeing how this babe, born lowly, Should Mercy to her vacant throne restore Teach Right to Kings and Patience to the and yet fail to follow it. He must first be convinced of the imperative obligation of following the truth and Should by His sweet Name all names over throw, And by His lovely words, the quick seeds his heart must be opened by the grace of God to receive the truth in the of it. The mind, indeed, must be con-vinced but above all things the will of golden equities, and brotherhood, of ply, Peace and gentle praise of Good; of knightly honor, holding life in trust For God, and Lord, and all things pure and

must be subdued and made willing cheerfully to obey. The motive of true Christian faith is not so much conviction of the under-

standing: it is the authority of Almighty God. We believe because No sudden thing of glory and fear Was the Lord's coming, but the dear Slow nature's days followed each other To form the Saviour from His Mother, One of the children of the year. God hath spoken. We know that God hath spoken, and continues to speak, through His Church. The Church is the pillar and ground of the truth, "the The earth, the rain received the t the true exponent and teacher of the The sun and dews, to frame the Just : He drew His daily life from these, According to His own decrees, Who makes man from the fertile dust. divine revelation which God has given

We have satisfied ourselves on this Sweet summer and the winter wild. These brought Him forth, the Undefiled point. If Almighty God has given us a revelation of His will He must have given us the means of ascertaining that will. If He has given us a law and require i us to obey it at the peril CLASSIC MUSIC CLASSICALLY of our eternal salvation we must know what that law is without doubt or per liss Ella Butler of Deseronto Receives adventure. How can that be done without a divinely appointed teacher The Church is God's appointed agent and instrument for conveying to us knowledge of His will. In the Church its divine author, Jesus Christ, has, Himself, instituted an infallible tribunal for interpreting and proclaiming to the faithful a true and certain knowl-edge of the divine will. Without that tribunal there is absolutely no certainty-we may well say there is no revelation for it is absurd to suppos a divine revelation without the means of ascertaining definitely and certainly what that revelation is. Let the honest seeker after truth be convinced of this fact, then let him with deep humility and compunction submit himself to the guidance of this divine tribunal. Let him pray fervently and with all his heart for the light of the Holy Ghost to guide him into all truth and give him grace to love and embrace that truth and follow

its demands, even at the sacrifice of all earthly goods. Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Jesus through evil report and good report, remembering that the Blessed Master has said : "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or danghter more than Me s not worthy of Me, and he that taketh not his cross and followeth Me is not worthy of Me." Let all good Catholics pray for the grace of conversion, especially, for the almost persuaded.-

Catholic Review.

#### AN UNWISE SUGGESTION.

AN UNWISE SUGGESTION. The Rev. Father Chiniquy declares that when he was converted from Romanism to Protestantism he became anxious to lead his fallow French Canadians to the light. His right to persuade his brethren to follow him and the sincerity of his good intentions are unquestioned, not so the wisdom of his methods. Mr. Chiniquy said at Coke's Church the other day that Protestants had forgotten their heritage: that both political parties had lost sight of their duty; that God sent the English to Canada to lead the French-Canadians into the light, but that they have done nothing. "Before many years," he exclaimed, "your churches will be deserted,

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Latest Live Stock Markets. TORONTO, Toronto, Dec. 19. – The Christmas meat sold at from 3( to 4)e per pound, with a few deals of extra choice stiff at 44c. One sale consisted of 1 cattle, sessing 1.130 lbs, each, and they fetched 4)e; another lot 30 head, averaging 1.085 lbs, sold at 4 [e per pound. Sheep and Lambs – Sheep for export were in good demad, and sold at from 2] to 3/e per pound; all went. Lambs were much firmer, at room 30 to 53.40 per cwt. Chose on 20 milk cows were here, and all sold at from 522 to 53 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 30 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 80 to 65.50 each. Calves sold readily at trom 80 to 65.50 each. Sold at 4.3.40 and 55.50 to 65.50 each of the selections 83.60 per cwt. was paid; light hogs sold at 4.3.40 and 55.50 to choice handy fat steers, and good fat butchers stock, with the outlo k fair for the coming weak's trafte. Hogs-Receipts, 50 cars; imarket fairs, 51 40 to 85.55. Sheep and lambs fair to prime, 84.50 to 85.50 to 85.00 to so 55; stags. common to choice. 45.60 to 85 to sheep and the to each is market fairly active; lambs, fair to prime, 84.50 to 85.60, cheep and lambs, fair to prime, 84.50 to 84.50; sheep, choice to selected wetters, 53.50 to 83.00, culis and common sheep, 51.25 to 84.50; sheep, the one selected wetters, 53.50 to 85.00, to 54.50; sheep the of selected wetters, 53.50 to 85.00, culis and common sheep, 51.25 to 84.50; sheep, the of the selected wetters, 53.50 to 85.00, culis and common sheep, 51.25 to 84.50; sheep.

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The merits of Miss Ella Butler's graduat-ing recital on Thesday evening, Dec. 10, in the concert hall of Loretto Abbey, were thus happily summed up by the Rev. Father Ryan, rector of St. Michael's cathedral, when presenting the successful young stu-dent with her diploma. After defining classic music as the perfection of form and harmony, he proceeded to show that its classical rendi-tion meant a perfect performance, that with these combined — classic music classically rendered—as on the present occasion we find them, the result is enjoyment and pleasure to all—to the untrained ear even as well as the musican's. Miss Butler's technique showed most careful and painstaking teaching. The technical difficulties of the exacting compositions rendered were overcome with ease and peace. There was not apparent any effort or strain, while the interpretation of the young debutante showed a musician's appreciation. The favorite Third Ballade of Chopin was most artistically given. The Mendelsshon Concerto in G minor, with second piano, Miss Miller, and string accompaniment was most thoroughly appreciated by the andience – a representative audience of the musical staining given musical version, LeBel and Stea. Miss Baller was ably assisted in her recital by the Misses Chapin, LeBel and Stea. Miss Chapin's beautiful rich contralto was heard to advantage in the solo 'O Salutaris'' by Centemeri, and in the duet, '' A Night in Venice'' by Lucantoni. Miss Ise Bel excelled herself in the solo of the given the solo were headed of the earder of the audience for Salutaris'' while too much praise cannot be given the solo '' O Salutaris'' by Centemeri, and in the duet, '' A Night in Venice'' by Lucantoni. Miss Ise Bel excelled herself in the solo of the Yues young voice charmed the audience in '' The Heart's Springtime'' by Wickede. The very appropriate recitation, 'The Swan's Song,'' was randered with great feeling and dramatic power by Miss Hughes. We give the programme in full; Miss Butler's *technique* showed most care

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