

The Death of the Old Year.

Full knee deep lies the winter snow,
And the winter winds are harshly lighting;

He lieth still he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day,

He hath no other life above,
He gave me a friend, and a true true lover,

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How hard he breathes over the snow
I heard just now the crowing cock,

His face is growing sharp and thin,
Alas! our friend is gone,

FABIOLA:

THE CHURCH OF THE CATACOMBS

BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL WISEMAN.

"Stupid barbarian!" growled Corvinius, but well
within his teeth; then he added:—"This business

"What is it?"
"Why, to let a man come up and speak to you

"Oh yes, he came up, and said quite plainly, 'No
more Imperatorum.'" (The name of the Emperor.)

"Nomen Imperatorum."
"Nomen Imperatorum" was the watchword

"Nomen or Nomen, it's all the same. I suppose.
A letter can't make any difference. You call me

Corvinius was enraged at himself; for he saw how
much better he would have gained his ends, by put-

"Look you now, Herr Krummbelmer," returned
the soldier, with a look of sly stolidity; as to that;

"You are right my friend; I must make it out
that a strong body attacked you and killed you at

"The soldier went off, and concealed himself. A
few days after, the dead body of a Dacian, evidently

"When morning had fairly broken, crowds streamed
from every side, into the Forum, crowded to

"At an early hour the places of public fashionable
resort were all occupied with the same theme. In

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"Say rather, what a reasonable outrage against
the divine emperors!" answered Fulvius.

"How was it done?" asked a third.
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ordinary people these Christians must be."

"I don't believe a word of it," observed Proculus.
"There is no such power in magic; and certainly I

more than their betters. Come, Calpurnius," he
continued, "but that old hoodlum, Scarus, is the

"There is no reason to suppose such a thing im-
possible; for the power of magic has no bounds. To

"Then, as to the Christians; you will remember
excellent Proculus, that in the account to which

"Dreadful!" all cried out.
"Then, again," resumed Calpurnius, "we all know

"Fearful!" joined in the chorus.
"Such a doctrine," said Scarus, "is incompatible

"And that, no doubt," observed Fulvius, "is the
cause of this new and terrible edict against them.

"Fulvius had been keenly eyeing Sebastian who had
entered during the conversation; and now markedly

"And you no doubt, think so too, Sebastian;
do you not?"

"I think," he calmly replied, "that if the Chris-
tians be such as Calpurnius describes them, infam-

"And what is that?" sneeringly asked Fulvius.
"Such a one should be allowed to join in de-

"Fulvius winced under the catalogue of vices, and
still more under the indignant, but serene glance

"Had the soldier seen him pick up the watchword
in his house? Be it so or not, the dislike he had

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for, to many, their last public communion on

"We need not remind our readers that the office
then performed was essentially, and in many de-

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom
shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life;

"Then come a full chorus of voices, singing, like
the sound of many waters,—and he answered Cor-

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"The fact was, that keener eyes than he was aware
of had been on the look-out. Severus had never

"He was not alone, indeed; in the early Church,
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piercing the earthen wall, here some twelve feet
thick, and entering the chamber, which is at a low-

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through its loose separation. Their work it was
which had been heard, and which had screamed off

"Torquatus's perplexity was not diminished by the
volley of oaths and imprecations, and the threats

"With these words, he ran back to the next gallery
on the left, advanced a few paces and totally disap-

"Though his companions had followed him to the
very mouth of the gallery they could not see how

"He looked like a man who had been carried off by
magic." Worried, heated in the close atmosphere

"But before these foiled hounds with drooping
heads had reached the entrance, they recoiled before

"Who can it be? What is it?" the men whisper-
ed to one another.

"The goddess," observed another.
"A spirit," suggested a third.

"Still, as they approached steadily towards it, it
did not appear conscious of their presence; it was

"Who are you?" asked Corvinius in a rage.
"A Christian," answered Cecilia, with her usual

"Bring her along," he commanded; "some one
at least shall pay for our disappointment."

CHAPTER XVII.

THE FIRST FLOWER.

Cecilia, already forewarned had approached the
cemetery by a different but neighboring entrance.

"No sooner had she descended than she started at
the strong odor of the tombstones. "This is none of

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It has been found necessary in Berlin to publish a kind of official explanation of the extraordinary and detestable measures which the Government have seen fit to take with the ostensible excuse of crushing Socialism.

BRAVO! CORK.

The cable informs us that, at a meeting of the Town Council of Cork, on the 3rd inst., after several bitter speeches by Catholic members, a motion that the letter of the U. S. Consul at Queenstown, announcing General Grant's coming, be simply "read" was carried without a dissenting voice.

The despatch was dated from London, where, of course, it was worded in such a way as to make it appear that Cork's refusal to give Grant a public reception was due to the antipathy of the Catholic body alone.

The real cause of Cork's refusal to give Gen. Grant a public reception is based simply upon national pride, and nothing else. He snubbed Ireland once, and he contemptuously ignored her in his present tour.

He richly deserved the rebuff which he received, and Cork is to be congratulated on having been afforded such a splendid opportunity of teaching Grant and men of his ilk that they cannot always insult Irishmen with impunity.

It has been a noticeable feature that during the late storms the Grand Trunk has managed to keep open its connections, while other roads, particularly those in New York State, have been completely blocked.

OBITUARY.

As the old year was just going out, that is about four o'clock in the afternoon of the 31st ult., Mr. Michael O'Gorman, for the last five years Professor in Assumption College, Sandwich, breathed his last in that institution.

It would be a pleasure, or at least some alleviation of the distress his death has caused us, to tell how beautifully he made this preparation. But such things are difficult to state rightly, and we pass them over in order to have more time to say a word upon the life just ended.

The deceased was born in Toronto, in September 1846, we think, and after making his course of humanities in St. Michael's College, in that city, he went to the College of St. Sulpice, in Montreal, with a view to the study of divinity.

From his twentieth year he was the victim of an incurable malady. The bodily frame, as too often happens, was unequal to the support of the mind, and such was the state of his health all the way through that nothing but his wonderful courage could have enabled him to do anything at all.

DEATH OF THE HON. MR. TREMBLAY.

A Telegram informed us a few days since of the death of the Hon. Mr. Tremblay, late member of the Dominion Parliament for the county of Charlevoix.

The following is the address to which we refer: TO THE PUBLIC.

In the presence of the Eternity to which God very probably shall soon summon me to enter—Remembering the precept of charity which obliges the Christian to have no enemies, and commands him to pardon the injuries which he may have received, as well as to repair those he may have been guilty of towards others, in order the better to obtain the grace and mercy of God, at the solemn moment of death, I desire in all Christian humility and sincerity, to make the following declarations:

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3. Finally, if, contrary to my intentions, and the feelings of respect and filial obedience which I have always entertained towards the Holy Catholic Church, my mother, there has escaped either in my words or writings, anything that might be construed derogatory in the least to that spirit of submission which a Christian ought to cherish for her whom he considers the guardian of truth, and its sole organ on earth, I entirely repudiate it, and publicly express my desire that it should be regarded as if it had never existed.

May then, my friends and all those who were my political opponents, intercede for me with the common Father of Christians; and should God call me to Himself, I hope they will not refuse me the charity of their prayers.

P. A. TREMBLAY.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND FREEDOM OF WORSHIP.

"Whilst refusing freedom of worship, therefore Cecil, like Elizabeth, was ready to concede freedom of conscience. And in this concession we can hardly doubt that the bulk of Englishmen went with him."

What rare notions of religious worship some people have! Here are Cecil and Elizabeth and the bulk of Englishmen of reformation times granting "freedom of conscience," but refusing "freedom of worship" to the world, and expecting nobody to be astonished at their conduct.

We have often asked ourselves the question, can a Protestant be tolerant? We think not. At any rate as a matter of fact Cecil, Elizabeth and the bulk of Englishmen of her day, and Oliver Cromwell in his day, as holding this doctrine, were not; and they are representative Protestant Englishmen of their several periods.

spiritual things, and if their is the slightest semblance of connection between them, what right has any human power to disjoin them? If external worship is only internal belief in action, if worship is an outward expression of our inward faith, how can any but a hypocrite hold the one and consent to discard the other?

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

From Our Special Correspondent.] MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, Dec. 19th, 1878.

At the present moment the one theme above all others which fills the minds and mouths of men—is the sad death of Princess Alice. The press of the Continent equally with our own is full of regrets for the loss sustained.

Another subject of present anxiety is the general distress which is prevailing in the manufacturing districts. From my previous letters relating to strikes, you will have gathered that I prognosticated much suffering this winter by the working classes.

SANCTITY OF THE CHURCH.

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We cannot, brethren, overrate the salutary influence on individuals and society of this Catholic doctrine of no divorce with power to marry again.

I ask the thinking men of this age who know "the signs of the times," and who feel that increasing divorces are corrupting human society, I ask them which is the more salutary, the whip of the reformer, or the grand, solemn protest of the old Church?

Who takes most care of the poor, the sick, and the friendless? Who has founded Sisters of Charity and Mercy for their relief? Who is most like to Jesus Christ in calling to her all "who labor and are heavy laden?"

The sisters of charity are the evangelists of the hour. Their living testimony, backed by deeds of purest charity, is bringing conviction to the minds and hearts of our non-Catholic people.

Behold, then, the wonderful resemblance between Christ and his Church, in their history, their doctrines, and their sanctifying influence on men.

members of her sacred charge. She alone can preach to the poor and illiterate by her system of oral, manual teaching. She reaches the deaf and dumb by her striking pictures and statues and beautiful symbolism.

In most of the cities of Europe and America are houses of this most charitable order of the Good Shepherd, in which the Church continues towards the fallen Christ's mission of peace and pardon.

When the Redeemer was receiving converts from every part of the world, he sent forth his apostles to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.

We see also this similarity to Christ in the Church's relation to the political parties of various countries in which she exists.

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spise these despised, Christ and the Father who sent him; when dazzled humanity felt it was good to be near these—rank in light and glory from the face of splendor, and "built tabernacles" to retain these in order to bless all its institutions!

Treat your servants with confidence and consideration, and do not suspect them of doing wrong. They must be trusted more or less by the household, and trust, in most cases, begets a sense of responsibility.

AN AMERICAN LADY SEES THE POPE. (Correspondence Philadelphia Telegraph.) We were quite a large American party. The ladies were required to dress in black, without gloves, and wear black lace veils.

At a duel the combatants discharged their pistols without effect; whereupon one of the seconds interfered, and proposed that the principals should shake hands.

A man may sneer at a woman all he will because she can't sharpen a lead pencil, but she has the smile on her face when she holds an unoccupied needle in her hand, and wondering whether it will hurt less to pull the needle out of her thumb the same way it went in, or push it on through.

RIPPLES OF LAUGHTER.

"Do you ever have malaria here?" said a lady to an illiterate hotel-keeper.

"I live in Julia's eyes," said an affected dandy in Colman's hearing.

"My dear boy," said a fond mother, "never defer till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

Why are sheep the most dissipated creatures in creation? Because they gambol in their youth, spend most of their days on the turf; the best of them are black legs, and they are sure to be fleeced at last.

Somebody remarks that young ladies look on a boy as a nuisance until he is past sixteen, when he generally doubles up in value each year until, like a meerschaum pipe, he is priceless.

"What do you mean by a cat-and-dog life?" said a husband to his angry wife.

"During a series of wet days a gentleman ventured to congratulate his umbrella-maker.

Three gentlemen being in a coffee-house, one called for a dram because he was hot.

A western girl, according to the Carroll Herald, hung up her stocking at Christmas, and when she came down in the morning she was terribly disappointed to find nothing in it.

A little Portland girl recently testified innocently to the life of drudgery experienced by the average "queen of the household."

A lady who, though in the Autumn of life, had not lost all dreams of its Spring, said to Jerrold, "I cannot imagine what makes my hair turn grey."

One of the English princesses, when her tutor, a bishop of the Church of England, said to her, "I find that my instructions have made you but little better," replied, "Ah! but, my lord, you do not know how much worse I should have been without them."

"According to Milton, Eve kept silence in Eden to hear her husband talk," said a gentleman to a lady friend, and then added, in a melancholy tone, "Ah! there have been no Eves since."

A Scotch blacksmith, being asked the meaning of metaphysics, replied—"When the party who listens disna ken what the party who speaks means; and when the party who speaks disna ken what he means himself—that's metaphysics."

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An old sea-captain took his son to task for laughing at a cat, when the youngster asserted that he lunged her for the same offence that his father had done for his men executed for.

AWFUL CHILD.—Aunt Emily: "Why, Nellie, don't you know that it is unkind to catch hold of your sister and pull her hair?"

HOMEOPATHIC NOTE.—Take two starved pigeons; hang them by a string in the kitchen window, so that the sun will cast the shadow of the pigeons into an iron pot already on the fire, and which will hold ten gallons of water; boil the shadows over a slow fire for ten hours, and then give the patient one drop in a glass of water every ten days.

A lawyer and a doctor were discussing the antiquity of their respective professions, and each cited authority to prove his the most ancient.

When the duke of Wellington was at Paris, as commander of the Allied armies, he was invited to dine with Cambaceres, one of the most distinguished statesmen and courtiers of the time of Napoleon.

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77. POETICAL ANAGRAM.

Owl rifle si feil! who signay ireh! Who er bit sti jny nad rease!

Si Walter Scott was born on the 15th. August, 1717. On what day of the week did that date occur?

Name the author of the following verse. During what period of British History did he write? Name some of his principal compositions:

"But see, the Virgin blest Hath laid her Babe to rest; Time is, our tedious song should here have ending; Heaven's youngest-tempered star Hath fix'd her path'd car; Her sleeping Lord with handmaid lamp attending; And all about the courtly stable Bright-harness'd angels sit in order servicable."

How far may a person go in a stage which makes 8 miles an hour, so that by walking back at 3 miles an hour he may be gone only 6 2/3 hours? By arithmetic.

If an article had cost me 15 per cent. less, the same selling price would have brought me 25 per cent. more. What was the gain per cent? By arithmetic.

Without employing the methods of quadratics: 1 + 1 = 1 + 1; x + y = a + b.

A MULE'S RESERVED POWER.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

This mule looked like he was 135 years old, and was dead standing upon his feet. He was hitched to a pine-bodied spring-wagon, with a high dashboard. The "team" was standing on the levee in mute silence, while the old darkey who "driy" it went ahead the what-not.

The Yearly Food of one Man.—From the army and navy diet scales of France and England, based upon the recognized necessities of large numbers of men in active life, it is inferred that about two and one-fourth pounds avoirdupois of dry food per day are required for each individual; of this about three-fourths are vegetable and the rest animal.

We regret to hear of the death of Rev. Father Kluck, an aged priest of the diocese of Detroit, which occurred at Sherman township, on the 21st ult. R. I. P.

BACKWOODS COURTING.

He sat on the side of the room in a big white oak rocking-chair. A long-eared deer-hound snapping at flies by his side; a basket of sewing by her.

HE SETTLED IT WITHOUT MALICE.

During slavery I owned one of blackest as well as meanest negro men in South Arkansas. He was known in the neighborhood as Crow Sam.

HE DREAMED HE DREW THE CAPITAL PRIZE.

An Italian gentleman with a nice little income had a nice little servant girl, who said to him one morning: "Oh, if you please won't you give me three frames to buy a lottery ticket with?"

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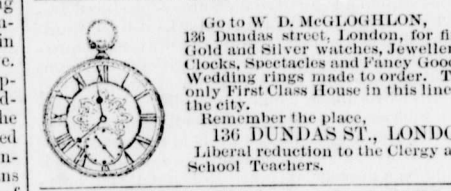
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