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

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SEIPEL RESIGNED TO SAVE AUSTRIA

PROPOSED RAIDSON TREASURY THREATENED FULFILMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Vienna, Dec. 5.—Although Mgr. Seipel has resigned as Federal Chancellor of Austria and his successor has assumed office, the distinguished prelate is still the dominating figure of Austria today When he resigned the Chancellor-ship he assumed the leadership of Christian-Social Party and in this capacity, exercises tremendous influence upon the policy of the Government. Recognition of this position of the former Chancel-lor is contained in a statement issued by the new Foreign Minister Mataja soon after his Government control. Mataja's statement said

'The policy of the new Government is that all departments, including the Foreign Office, shall be the same as that of the Seipel We only wish to strengthen excellent relationships which bind us today with the whole world. Despite all difficulties, we will not abandon the reconstruction program and, if Dr. Seipel no longer heads the State, he still leads the Christian-Social Party, without whose will no change in policy is possible

There is a movement, not very pronounced as yet but definite, to elect Mgr. Seipel the next Presi-elect Mgr. This is predicated and this growth was accentuated by and this growth was accentuated by There is a movement, not very pancy of high official position would be valuable to the credit of the Austrian State in view of his successful conduct of negotiations with the League of Nations for Austria's rehabilitation and the carrying out of the rehabilitation program while he was Chancellor. Another indication of Mgr. Seipel's present power in Austria from a source, not so friendly but significant, is the complaint voiced by the Socialist press that although Mgr. Seipel has resigned he is still the "Master of Austria."

Mgr. Seipel's resignation as Chancellor is regarded here as an epoch-making event and not merely as a political turnover of the kind that occurs at intervals in all modern States. For one thing, his resignation was not forced ; it was made of his own free will and despite the protests of many of his most intimate friends and advisers. Some of these friends had known for several weeks preceding the resignation that the Chancellor was convinced of the necessity of forcing the Austrian people to make a decision of tremendous import regarding fulfillment of their obligations under the agreement with the League of Nations. He has consistently maintained that no-thing should be done which would extend the period under which Austria is bound by the restrictions of her agreement with the League. This meant that he opposed any expenditures not absolutely neces-sary because of the tendency such

its efforts to lower Mgr. Seipel's prestige with the people.

THEMISSIONARYSPIRIT MUST SERVE WORLD

In his sermon on the day's Gospel, preached in the Cathedral, St. Louis, Archbishop Glennon pointed out that the missionary idea which was embodied in the person of St. John the Baptist was a feature of the establishment of the Church, the first Apostles of which were

enjoined to carry the teach their Master to all nations. the teachings of

"The Church," continued His Grace, "has always had this missionary feature, which is not static, but is a going out, pushing forward until all the hearts of men shall be enclosed in Christ's kingdom. The Catholic Church in America began, not as a missionary church, but as a result of the work of missionaries from other lands. In its early years here it had no tendency

the tremendous influx of immi-grants; it being the great work of the Church to hold these.

"The second stage of the American Church was that in which it was advancing and flourishing, when it began to produce great fruits, to have its own priests and bishops to fill its ranks. That is, it had be-come autonomous and able to live by itself, to grow and prosper. There were some who appeared to think it was doing all that was necessary, when it worked within itself, like a family, for example, where the members have a feeling that they have no duty to perform outside their own circle.

'The third chapter of our history is that in which the real Catholic and missionary spirit is evident and where there is a desire not alone to serve ourselves, but as far as we may to serve the world. In recent years we have had the strange ideal that America was a sort of avatar, by which the world could be made safe for democracy. This is a good and lofty idea, but it has been shown to have limitations. The world has not been ready to accept it and other nations have not thought it best for themselves. Thus, there will remain divisions of opinion in regard to things which to us are sacrosanct.

THE ONLY REAL INTERNATIONALISM

lems, because these are so many lems, because these are so many and so varied, according to the different nationalities. There al-ways will be struggles between the jewel, but a constellation of jewels."

fruit. We ought to lift up the banner of brotherhood and speed the day when there shall be Lord, one faith, one Baptism. You will not grow poor, but be enriched by the mission spirit."

PRICELESS OLD BOOK GIVEN UNIVERSITY

Washington, D. C.—The richest treasure in the Lima Jibrary at the Catholic University of America is Montalboddo's Collection of Voy-ages, printed in Italian at Vicenza in 1507, the same year as the Waldseemueller book and map that sold recently in France for 28,000 francs. Harrisse, the prince of Americanists, says that the Montalboddo book is most rare. Only five copies are known in the United States. It contains the first printed narrative of the voyage of discovery of Brazil by Pedro Alvares Cabral (1500) and is the second oldest collection of voyages. The compiler, Montalboddo, was a professor at Vicenza, and the book was succes-

sively reprinted and translated. Rodriguez, the Literary historian of Brazil, explains as follows how this description of the discovery of Brazil came into the collection : The Venetian Admiral, Malipiero, historian of his republic, obtained through the Venetian Ambassadors in Madrid and Lisbon, although with great difficulty, (as those in Portugal who revealed facts con-cerning the discoveries, incurred the penalty of death) relations of first maritime explorations. relation of the discovery of the The Brazil was most probably based on the letter of Peco Vaz de Caminha,

the first document concerning Brazil, written from Porto Seguro to King Dom Manoel. It was com-posed by the Admiral himself for the "Libretto di Tutta Navi-gatione," which he was preparing and of which only two copies are known, one of them in the Library of St. Mark's in Venice. It arrived too late for that (1504) and Montalboddo was in this way able to use it in his book of 1507, which is, after the original of Caminhai's letter in the Torro do Tombo (Portuguese ecord Office) the oldest document on that great historical event -- the

discovery of Portuguese America. Montalboddo's volume also contains the first Italian edition of the third voyage of Americus Vespucius

"There can be no real internation-alism in political and social prob-

at the expense of obligations under the agreement with the League of Nations. The Chancellor wared sgainst this feeling of undue optimism, but in vain. Then, too, he was somewhat handicapped by the attitude of the unscrupulous Socialist opposition. This element has been greatly concerned lest a prominent Catholic leader attain to great popularity and has best Louis as garden missions. We

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in a larger church in the center of the town. The only use to which Porta Coeli is now put is to house the Sunday school classes of the village.

ST. THOMAS QUOTED TO DUTCH CHAMBER

LEADER OF CATHOLIC PARTY FORMULATES ITS PLATFORM By Rev. J. Van der Heyder

Brussels.—Monsignor Dr. Nolens, leader of the Catholic party in the Dutch parliament, in a great political oration delivered before the reassembled Chambers, formulated

the coming year's program of his party, which is the dominating one in the cou.try, and reviewed, with many favorable comments, the work of the present ministry, presided over by the Catholic Statesman Ruys de Beorenbroeck.

In the legislative bodies of most countries, appeals to the teachings of St. Thomas for the elucidation of political problems might provoke a smile of astonishment; not so in Holland, where during the twentyeight years of his parliamentary the largest labor body in the coun-career, Monsignor Nolens, an ardent try. Members of Larkin's union Thomist, has accustomed his col-leagues, attentive listeners to all of the larger group were employed his utterances, to hear the Summa at the same factory or storehouse. of the Angelic Doctor frequently cited. In his latest oration he quoted St. Thomas with reference iabor groups menaced industry.

to the mooted subject of national disarmament, upon which the Cath-olics are divided as well as their fellow-citizens of other faiths and of no faith.

Considering the present international political situation, disarma-ment for Holland is, in the opinion years, and in that time every indusof Professor Nolens, but a hollow trial dispute in the district was rallying cry. The propagandist, settled amicably, without work once having but one aim in view, may ignore all side issues, but, he declared, the politician, particularly when he has to deal with questions of foreign policy, is bound to prac-

tice prudence, 'Mgr. Nolens "His prudence,' Mgr. Nolens continued, "must possess all those elements into which that virtue has

ciples in all matrimonial legisla-tion; the maintenance of equal private and public schools; the the question, "Is a workman restoration and conservation of the entitled to 'down tools' when he

Dublin, Dec. 15 .- Following turbulent disputes chiefly in the trans-port workers' trade, Irish employers and laborers have taken steps to end and laborers have taken steps to end the sporadic strikes which have in many instances hampered the in-dustry of the country. In this movement many priests are taking a leading part.

Conciliation boards, rather than strikes and lockouts, are now com-ing into favor as a solution of indus-trial disputes, especially since both sides have been convinced of their effector, and fairneer have efficacy and fairness by several notable examples.

Particularly is the new procedure taking hold because in the troublesome transport trade, for instance, it was not disputes between capital and labor, but rivalry between competing labor bodies that caused between

strikes and disturbances to industry. James Larkin, who spent some the Irish Transport Workers' Union,

In the move for arbitration and conciliation, priests who have had a prominent part are the Rev. Dr. Thomas, O. S. F. C., and the Rev. Philip Murphy, O. F. M. Father Murphy acted as chairman of a con-

may stopped or a single man being he thrown out of employment.

In an address to the workmen of Dublin, Father Murphy said : "There is nothing more necessary in Dublin than a spirit of concilia-

been dissected in the dissertations of St. Thomas Aquinas, by what we would now call psychic analysis." Among the planks of the platform elaborated by Dr. Nolens and set forth in his speech, the following the the workers of class hatred. Liberty Hall, but there is neither unity nor liberty among the neither unity nor liberty among the "The gospel I preach in regard to labor is not the gospel of the red flag and the flag of class hatred. are the most interesting: The assertion of Christian prin-class friendship and brotherhood.' that the workers raise the flag of In a booklet entitled "A Catechism of Catholic Social Principles," rights and privileges for both James P. Kerr, LL. D., deals with private and public schools; the the question, "Is a workman

financial equilibrium, with a diminu-tion of taxes for the poorer classes and for creative capital, and larger exemptions from taxation for large families; an active cooperation with such plans of the League of Nations construction of the League of Nations co

Under the title "A Militant Priest," The New York Telegram-Mail publishes the following editorial tribute to Father Bennett : "A gallant and godly knight of the Church Militant is the Rev.

George F. Bennett, pastor of St. Lawrence's Roman Catholic Church. Weehawken, and the dismayed grafters and bootleggers involved in the Jersey rum scandal may live to regret the day when they provoked him to righteous indignation. As a result there is already consternation among them. It is too early to say which of the many persons mentioned are guilty or innocent of the offenees alleged against them. but public opinion will not be sat-isfied until the guilty are weeded

out and properly punished. "It appears that Father Bennett. solicitous for the welfare of his parish, gave the bootleggers operating there a fair warning to get out. When they flouted his admen-ition he undertook to put them out.

tt was a tremendous undertaking, but history has long demonstrated that no undertaking is too great for any man whose zeal is fired by a olic daily just anger.

"The good priest did not ask anybody to take any risks he was not willing to assume for himself. At night, and with but a single companion, he went to a dock where smuggled rum was being unloaded and he held a flashlight to the faces of those he found there. He had every reason to expect that he might be shot or stabbed or knocked on the head and thrown into the river. Indeed, his daily life, since he embarked upon his campaign has been one of imminent personal risk. The danger disturbed him not at

all. "It was a desperate and lonely adventure upon which he set out. It may be less desperate now; at least it is less lonely. Plenty of people will always rally to the standard of a good man making a good fight, and they are rallying to him now."

> COMMISSIONER PRAISES N. C. W. C.

Henry H. Curran, U. S. Commis-ioner of Immigration at Ellis Ellis Island, recently gave the highest praise to the N. C. W. C. workers amongst the immigrants at Ellis Island " It is because I know these work-

ers personally that I can give them unstinted praise," he said. "They are doing a splendid work." "At Ellis Island we are definitely

CATHOLIC NOTES

A thousand nuns belonging to the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary volunteered to work among the lepers of the Far East, in a re-sponse to an appeal sent out by the Mother General, it is announced in London by the St. Francis' Leper Guild.

Mr. Mitchell Banks, K. C., who Mr. Mitchell Banks, K. C., who moved the Address in reply to the King's Speech in the British Parlia-ment, is the Catholic M. P. for Swindon. He caused a stir in the last Parliament by a brilliant maiden speech.

The wife of the first Catholic settler in New Zealand was a Wexford woman? A thousand miles of stormy sea lay between her and the nearest Catholic Church, but after the birth of her fort shild she are hearled in a morely first child she embarked in a small boat and carried her child to Sydney to be baptized.

New York, Dec. 12 .- John M. Matsuzaki, president of the Catho-lic Asiatic Club of Tokio, sailed from here this week en route to Rome where he plans to discuss the propagation of the Catholic faith in Japan. Mr. Matsuzaki will seek a private audience with the Pope order to present his views and in-

Paris, Dec. 1.—La Croix, the Cath-olic daily newspaper, announces that the Minister of Marine, M. Dumesnil has ordered the release of all chaplains in the naval division of the Levant. Furthermore, the chaplain of the naval division of schools has been instructed not to embark on the cruise in which he has habitually taken part.

London, Dec. 8 .- Messages from the Pope and from the King and Queen were read at the opening of a new church at Camberley, Surrey, which will be a memorial to Cathe lic officers who fell in the Great War. It was opened free of debt. Local non-Catholics helped the building fund by organizing enter-tainments for the cause.

New York, Dec. 12 .- Courses in musical composition will be added to the curriculum at Fordham University in the near future, according to announcement made here. Frank Patterson, composer and associate editor of the Musical Courier has been added to the Faculty of the University and will have charge of the new course.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 1.—The Sisters of St. Francis have opened in this city the St. Francis Training School, or novitiate, where young women will be prepared for lives of service, receiving their training in the land where their future ministrations are to take place. The training is the same as that at the mother house in Syracuse, but adapted to the islands.

His Eminence, Cardinal Dubois of Paris, recently re-dedicated the organ of St. Gervais, the Paris Church which was partially destroyed by a German shell on Good Friday in 1918. The work of rethis sixto

pone complete economic rehabilita-

When the employees of the Austrian Federal Railways went on strike for increased wages, the Chancellor seized upon this opportunity to ask for guarantees from the Provincial representatives which would enable the government to carry out his economic program. He received some promises of assistance but deemed them insufficient and resigned.

In the face of powerful pressure, he refused to form a new Cabinet. One factor in his decision was his been hesitant about giving the central government the facilities it needed. At the same time he desired to make an appeal to the conscience of the nation, to arouse public opinion and mobilize the moral forces of Austria in defense of a nation's welfare. To do this it was necessary for him to be free to assume the leadership of the Catholics of Austria and make of the Christian-Social Party the lead-ing spiritual factor of the country.

Before he resigned, however, Mgr. Seipel had carried his program of renabilitation far enough to insure the continued financial stability of the nation. From a nation with a rapidly sinking cur-rency, a hopeless deficit, and widespread depression, in May. 1922, when Mgr. Seipel became Chancellor, Austria has emerged with a stabilized currency, public life progressing in a normal fashion, and an orderly administration of government

Overconfidence, based on the Chancellor's phenomenal success was in darkness and have not had the one of the factors in producing the state of public mind which made it necessary for Mgr. Seipel to force Gospel, but are satisfied without it, the issue by presenting his resigna- and some of them are even apostion. The people had become so firmly convinced that prosperity had returned that they expected

nationals of the nations of the world. There is only one true internationalism, that of Christ's kingdom, and only one flag or

banner to float above the world, namely, the Cross of Christ. There is but one King, and but one super power, that of God.

'We reach the fullness of our American Catholic life when we Western Hemisphere, held by many have the missionary spirit. There to be the second oldest in the two

are two kinds of missionary spirit. Inere and foreign, and still the 'going forth' means going outside of our country. In this respect the One factor in his decision was his desire to put the responsibility for whatever may follow, squarely on the shoulders of those who have been hesitant about giving the state of the plan how being church is showing great activity in these days. In Rome we have the Propaganda Fide, which signified propagation of the faith. Today word 'propaganda' is used to the denote many other activities, by the ization from Right Reverend George way. For instance, we have a J. Caruana, Bishop of Porto Rico. way. For instance, we have a propaganda for promoting hatred among citizens, for opposing relig-ion. We have at times forgotten to propagate the truth, but thank God that today we are giving something back to the Propagation of the Faith.

The Archbishop said that in the early days of the diocese of St. Louis it had received more from the Propaganda Fide than it has given old monastery of the Dominican back.

"I am glad to say, however," 'he has disappeared. The church is built in the typical style of the old continued, "that now nearly all the built in the typical style of the old religious communities have been Spanish churches of Latin America religious communities have been and is made of brick and place. sending out members to heathen and is still strong, its solid walls hav-lands. At Maryknoll also, where It is still strong, its solid walls hav-ing withstood the wear of time and the shock of earthquakes Louis, who will represent this arch- for nearly four centuries. The roof diocese in foreign lands. We are and ceiling are of native woods and often asked why we send our best great plain pillars of native hardto convert foreign pagans, when we wood support the roof and decorate have so many pagans right here. the rude interior.

The poor pagans in foreign lands sit Gospel preached to them, while the son of pagans in our midst have heard the 1512. 1512. It stands but a few miles from the sea in the hill country of southwestern Porto Rico. In early days it was a military stronghold tates from the faith. Our Lord did not promise His enduring pres-ence to any one nation. He told His soldiers in the West Indies. The Aposities that when a city rejected people of the town and the sur-

ONE OF OLDEST AMERICAN CHURCHES By Rev. R. A. McGowan (Written for N. C. W. C. News Service)

San German, P. R., Nov. 27 .- One ployers and employes. The veteran Catholic leader's of the most ancient churches in the

speech and the program exposed by him are the subject of long articles in the press of all shades of Americas, is to be restored and honored as one of the shrines of the Catholic Church in the New World, opinion, from the ultra-conservative

down to the communistic. In the Chief's mind, probably, the according to the plan now being perfected by Senor Gabriel Corre, a effect he aimed at, was the rallying about him of all the elements repre-sented by the three different streams of his own party—one con-servative, one democratic, and the one he himself favors, which keeps stands. A commission is being formed which will soon seek authora middle road between the two The church. called the Porta Coeli (the gate of Heaven,) was built by Dominican missionaries in 1587, others All three have their own organizations spread over the country and are already up and doing in preparforty-five years after the discovery of America. It stands on a little

ing the elections for next year. To show that they do not mean to divorce public life and public inter-ests from their Christian ideals, knoll overlooking the village and is reached by twenty-seven decaying brick and stone steps from the street below. Adjoining it on the left is the ruined front wall of the each of the three factions has placed itself under the protection of a leader of the Angelic Hosts. fathers. The rest of the monastery

for their patron; the Conservatives, St. Raphael, and the Middle-of-theroad men, St. Gabriel.

A NOTED IRISHWOMAN'S PREDICTION

the rude interior. The town of San German was founded by Diego Columbus, the son of the discoverer of America, in 1512. It stands but a few miles message to accompany the gift in until which she expressed confidence that provided by the Public school authfuture historians would do justice orities.

to a noble and reconciling vision of Irish nationality.

The

as agree with the propositions of Pope Benedict XV. for the submis-requisite notice. If he refuses to sion of international differences to obey lawful orders and quits work arbitration and for the reciprocal without giving such notice, he and simultaneous reduction of armaments; the continued promo-against justice. Even where no notice is required, tion of labor legislation, so o that

whatever concerns labor and in-dustrial contracts may be settled by may be under an obligation of justhe existing organizations of emtice to take all precautions that no

loss is caused to his employer, or danger to his fellow-workmen, by his sudden stoppage of work. may be free to stop work at will, but not to cause harm at will.

> K. OF C. LOANS HALL TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 12.-Gulf-port Public school pupils are attend-ing classes in the Knights of Colum-bus hall, formerly a Catholic Church, while the Central school building which was recently destroyed by fire is being rebuilt. It is probable the K. of C. Hall will be used for the remainder of the school

term. When the Central school building burned the 845 pupils and nine teachers who were in the building when the fire was discovered were the Churches of Christ. rescued without injury. The building, however, was completely destroyed. Democrats have chosen St. Michael

Before the walls of the burning school had fallen, John C. Wacker, Grand Knight of Gulfport Council K. of C., had handed over the keys of the Council's hall to B. Frank Brown, Superintendent of schools. Mr. Wacker offered the use of the building to the school authorities

Dublin, Dec. 13.—When Mrs. Stop-ford Green, widow of the historian and herself an historian of distinc-tion, recently presented to the Catholic Church of St. John the presented to the Catholic Church of St. John the presented with a colossal t "Some people are more im-pressed with a colossal ten cent Evangelist, offered the school auth-orities the main floor of the Catho-he said, "but we need the beautiful lic parochial school building for use until other quarters could be and true. in our religion as well as the good

Father Spengler recently com-Father Spengler recently com-

pleted the tenth year of his service the Presbyterians, the well ordered This is not promise its enquiring pres- and a training camp for Spanish had returned that they expected the miraculous. Demands were done to any one nation. He told His soldiers in the West Indies. The material provides that when a city rejected people of the town and the sur- hide the fame of honorable men," could not have been granted save could not have bee

that. The welfare work that you do organ has been long and difficult as at Ellis Island is valuable, and I want it continued." Expressing enthusiasm at the pro-

posed expansion of the follow-up work of the Council, Mr. Curran said

'There is no one of us who can fail to be delighted with the evition of receiving our new guests repress the fear into our American family in the way that we ourselves should like narcotic drugs. to be received if, perchance, we want abroad to join the national

family of a nation in some other quarter of the world."

DR. CADMAN'S VISION

Atlanta. — "A united church alone can put up a sufficient front sina claims to have the oldest civilization in the world, and the against the evils of war, crime, and the exploitation of the weak by the royal family traces its genealogy strong," was the declaration voiced here by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes back to Adam.

Cadman of Brooklyn, newly elected President of the Federal Council of Paris, Dec. 4 .- The religious of the Society of Foreign Missions are soon to publish a "History of the Establishment of Christianity in India." Father Croze, missionary from Kumbo-Konan had collected the materiai for this history but Dr. Cadman explained that, in his opinion, this united church should embrace the twenty-eight denominations now comprised in the Federal Council and the Anglican and was unable to complete his work. Returning to France during the Catholic Churches as well. The two first months of the War, he was killed in Champagne in 1918. His colleagues have found his notes among his papers, and have thus been able to publish the work he had planned. latter denominations he described as "The heirs of great cathedrals. a stately form of worship and an impressive tradition." These ele-ments, he said, should be incorporated in the united church of the

New York, Dec. 12 .- Ellis Island immigrants have been regaled with an unusual entertainment provided by the N. C. W. C. Immigration Bureau. Some time ago a Czech band of thirty-nine pieces passed through the Island as a unit. Miss Discussing the component parts Rosalie Kavan, in charge of the Czech work for the Bureau, induced the entire organization. which was playing about New York, to come

it was desired to renew as little of it as possible. Paris, Dec. 8.—Thanks to the Catholic Union of International

Studies, Catholic societies and organizations of ten nations are rep-resented at the International fail to be delighted with the evi-dence that you have given here tonight of the warm zeal of spirit and understanding that you are throwing into this splendid occupa-tion of measuring one measured by the second struggle it has undertaken to repress the fearful evils attendant upon the abuse of opium and

The French republic received the official visit of Prince Regent Ras Taffari of Abyssinia whose ship came into the port of Marseilles flying the Ethiopian flag. The mother of the prince holds the title of "Queen of Queens," and claims to be descended in a direct line from Kings David and Solomon. AbysTWO

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A ROMANCE OF THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

BY JOSEPH J. QUINN

CHAPTER II.-CONTINUED

"Really, Janet, you don't take any stock in what she said, do you ? She declared the girl was born in the East. What would an Eastern the East. girl be doing out there in the oil fields of Oklahoma? If you really wish and are in earnest about it I'll make her prediction mean you.

But, of course, I must have per-mission. If you say 'yes' then I will have something to work for beside my financial future." "If you feel like having her words come true, they will, won't they Jack? You have my full permis sion. But remember you must

sion. But remember you must work for a great big future for yourself, too. Don't let me stand in your way. It would be silly for me to tell you to work when you are going out there heart and soul to make good

Work? Why I'll show Dad work i why in show bad less empowered to hold rebeining that he has been at leisure ever since he left the cradle. And when I make good I'll come back and we'll stand here and watch those ships out there coasting along." They turned. Balls and chains of fire raced down from the sky and They turned. Balls and chains of fire raced down from the sky and played below the waves. Pin points for ships that passed in the night. The plangent throb of the waves mingled itself with the cadence of the music from an orchestra. Another flash of electricity showed a ship pasted against the horizon. "Something makes me feel so queer tonight," whispered Janet.

"Something makes me feel so queer tonight," whispered Janet. their loveliness. I seem to have some strange foreboding but I can't describe it. I wish a thousand times you had not features were far from perfect but, seen that fortune teller ; her words have filled me with uncanny uneasi-

Jack laughed at her idea of placing importance on the presagement of the woman.

"Don't let her empty words ouble you, Janet. Don't you see tat she could have you in mind if ae took her seriously. You were took her seriously. "Don't let her empty words trouble you, Janet. Don't you see that she could have you in mind if one took her seriously. You were born in the East, couldn't you go West sometime later? But you mustn't think of her any more. Just remember that I will be out there in Oklahoma working for my future and you. Dad, you know, wants me to come back within a year and start to school again."

"All that might be true but for my part I'm going to live right here in the East in the shadow of the major league ball parks. I would rather spend one evening at the seashore than a month of perfectly good evenings listening to timber "I'd like to 'av been there," de romantic but I would rather hear the prosaic whistle of an excursion boat." TO BE CONTINUED VIOLETS AND TOBACCO By Kathleen Cooney "All that might be true but for my part I'm going to live right method." "and who knows? Maybe you and Striker and I will go some day to that real Bethlehem. But there's lots of time to think about that and to hight we ought just to think about this mother." "But not cruel for you to jest about the beautiful story until we fall asleep." "I'd like to 'av been there," declared Michael decidedly. "and I'd 'av liked those shepherd fellers. I suppose there's shepherd fellers. I would anybe there too now, and maybe they'd are little for him. I don't see that he is properly doctored or nursed. I don't buy him gifts or think of him or kiss him." "At a sign from the nurse, Striker

By Kathleen Cooney

so then it's Chris'mas the treble voice trailed " An' again, wearily.

"And so then it's Christmas again," a musical voice echoed; a voice which had read the wonderful story as it was first written and may never by improved upon. The owner of the musical voice was dressed in white. A dainty, filmy cap rested on chestnut hair

inclined to be riotous for all the disciplinary pins, and even in little tendrils, escaping the veritable police affair of a drag-net, invisible, At that moment a firm step was really infinitesimal, but, neverthe-less empowered to hold rebelling

followed by a pleasing voice. "You here yet, Miss Everett? It's your turn to play a bit. Do you know it is Christmas again?" "Yes, it's Christmas again; that's what Michael and L have been as what Michael and I have been saying.

"And what I say is, you have folks and must have some Christmas. How much of tomorrow will Mrs. Decatur give you?" "Any or all, if I wished. She knows Striker's enough, but I'd rather — yes, I'd really rather be with Michael. Our people haven't

all this," she swept with appraising eyes the luxurious spartment, "but we're happy, oh, much happier than poor little Michael."

Sydney Everett, twenty-five years old, was not strictly beautiful. Her perhaps largely because of the wistful eyes and the rebellious tendrils, she gave the impression of beauty. She was tall and slight and as she leaned to the crippled

boy and clasped his wrists as if in Not at Christmas?" marveled moving. the doctor.

"Yes, at Christmas, Dr. Weatherought to be a woman with a child at Christmas."

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I'm thinkin'.'' At a sign from the nurse, Striker lifted the boy's slight form. He avoided Miss Everett's eyes, as she did his. Both knew only too well what Michael was thinking. When he was in bed and into his first fiftul sleep—for, Michael was no good sleeper—Miss Everett re-marked. ''The doctor has not been here today. Striker.''

any way more than you do of your Pekingese."

She stood rigid, with an almost She stood rigid, with an almost overmastering desire to strike with her strong white hand the set face looking down at her. But an estrangement would be most upset-ting, she reflected; not indeed to be risked just then with all her plans fixed for pleasure. The boy lowed this bateful desire. and a new loved this hateful doctor, and a new one, less frank, perhaps, might, nevertheless, be even more nag-ging and ordering. All things con-sidered, mild tactics must prevail. She approached the doctor, laid a

shapely, properly jeweled hand on his sleeve and smiled up at him in a way she had found to impress

in a way she had found to impress other men. It did not impress Dr. Weatherly. "You just will be cross," she pouted. "If you want to preach, go ahead. It's a pious time, I know, but I was never pious. If you want to tell a mother how her heart ought to feel-and as a man, you'd "Is his mother to be away much of the day?" The doctor tried to keep his cool professional tone, but of the day ?" The doctor tried to keep his cool professional tone, but he had really guessed, and the touch of indignation in his voice betrayed him.

him. "Mrs. Decatur leaves for St. Louis tonight—midnight," answered the nurse quietly. "I would prefer you read your own thoughts in connection with the boy," replied the doctor, un-

Easily read: Loye. What Yes, at Christmas, Dr. Weather-When she told me, I told her think of for him?" She skilfully ly. When she told me, I told her think or for nim : She sail dig I would spend the day as usual with managed just tears enough to add I would spend the day as usual with there to the beauty of her eyes, but the It seems as though there to the beauty of her eyes, but the be a woman with a child doctor spoke coldly as he moved and picked up a book on a table beside

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musta't think of her any more. "I want to hear it part over, Muss there in Oklahoma working for my future and you. Dad, you know. wants me to come back within a year and start to school again." "Yes, Jack, you must always keep before you the thought of gently with "Let us go over to gently with "Let us go over to some to pass." "Must be above all twill teach. "Now, Michael, I'm going to all the west will help you in many ways but above all twill teach. "But, perhaps, you may forget when I am gone." Jack threw in the statement as a question. "Yes; isn't that possible?" "You will be forever in my mind. And then we must write often, we 'You will be forever in my mind. And then we must write often, we often." "You, '' Janet confessed. "But I will be forem now on. I never has to casaion to write to you often. "You'r an to enthusiastic about correspondence, Janet. At least you never were?." "No," Janet confessed. "But I will be forem now on. I never has there. The I'll be so interested in you out there in the we to you often." "You'r an the to you often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r an the to how ere have you will be forever in my mind. And then we must write often, we ''No," Janet confessed. "But I will be forem now on. I never has dow there in the Will be downer, and be that is a way over the words occasion to write to you often. Then I'll be so interested in you out there in the West away over the words often more wall often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r an the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. "You'r and the to you often. Then I'll be so interested in you out there in the Will be forever the you word in the wear will only the the you as you have you. "You will be forewer has the you often. Then I'll be so interested in you out there in the Weat. Will be forewer has al



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path and touched the horizon with fire. Janet and Jack neared the cottages.

'Come on, Jack," called Dave. "Come on, Jack," called Dave. "It's time for a little boy with a long trip ahead to be in bed. By the way, do you want your palm read tonight? It's rather late but I think I can arrange for it." "Soft on that silly stuff." and who loved poor little Michael soul. Hadn't he loved Michael's father so, and didn't he strong voice broke (Striker had very "Soft on that silly stuff." "Soft on that silly stuff," rejoined Jack. "I'd like to be around when yours is read. You'll probably marry a borneo beauty

with nutmeg earrings." "Imprint your memory right

now. Say your gentle goodnight and we'll track back over the walk 'A cripple and we'll track back over the walk to our li'l bungalows. You'll say the sad farewell to Janet tomorrow at the station. So come along big boy it's getting late." Five minutes later Jack and Dave together walked back up the board walk. Dave in serious mood was as likeable as when brimming over

walk. Dave in serious mood was as likeable as when brimming over with humor. He wished Jack hearty good luck in Oklahoma, cautioned him not to fail to call on him should he need funds and bim should he need funds and state of the state of

him should he need funds and hoped he would soon return. "I'm not so sure you'll like the West. I took a flying trip out that way once myself," recalled Dave. "Can't say as if I ever fell in love with it. The Wort is too chemen

with it. The West is too shaggy for me. That man who said that civilization is blocked by the Missis-sippi hit the nail's head. It might be alright for adventure or a rapid trip but for settling down out there where the sun does a 15 hour-a-day job and where an opera singer would be roped for disturbing the peace is not my idea of doing the right thing in life."

right thing in life." "That's a rather hasty impres-sion, isn't it ?" asked Jack. "Why I know of several families who went West and they like the country. They say its big, free and that there?" Michael," she answered quietly, laying a cool hand on his hot cheek,

you never were." "No," Janet confessed. "But I will be from now on. I never had occasion to write to you often. Then I'll be so interested in you out there in the West. I will want a letter from you every day." A sea gull riding in the surf rose from the water with a short, startled cry. A group of fishermen were pulling a boat encrusted with fish scales and dried foam high upon the beach. One pointed to where the lightning doubled back on its own path and touched the horizon wit ''An want to look at ?' It sounded so bethum is away over the world somewhere, and——" ''Suffering ages even the child. That's what Striker suffering ages even the child deter. Has he expressed any Christ-mathing '' Miss Everett's ''Suffering ages even the child. The most surprising one, '' What was it ?'' '' To go over to Bethlehem.'' '' To go owhere?'' '' What the shepherds said — in the Bible, you know—I was reading the Christmas story to him. He got

can't we, Striker ?" "Yes'm, Miss Everett," admitted excited ; 1 was sorry. He said he wanted really to go." Striker, whose eyes held the admir-ation he felt for the splendid girl, and who loved poor little Michael

"Poor little tike!" said the doctor. Then he told the nurse to "Why, doctor, you here? I was just on my way to kiss Michael good-night. I'm off for St. Louis later, and so many things to be getting off because I've a stupid new maid. The other one, my reverently appropriated the sacred phrase) on glad tidings of the great joy of a little son? Didn't he remember also a gray evening four years later when the same strong

voice broke on the telling of a doc-"A cripple, Striker-my boy !"

"I should like to speak to you before."

" Please only a word or two. I'm her chatter. " Please only a word or two. I'm dreadfully rushed, really." She displayed her perfect teeth in a smile and, the fragrance of the violets at her blouse waist floating around her, preceded the physician into the drawing room. Her cruel obstinacy held the doctor spellbound. " Christmas is as good or as bad as any other time, to my mind," she continued. "The boy will have his gifts, that well-paid nurse or Striker to amuse him, or—"" she laughed

Striker was now holding out his arms to take the burden he so well knew how to hold, but Michael desisted.

"How do you go over to Bethlum in your thoughts, Miss Everett ?" he

demanded. "Why, Michael, just as we go anywhere we just think about and make pictures of in our minds without really truly going, you know." "But I'd like to really truly go," he answered with eagerness. "People can go, can't they? There's trains and ships and camels like you told me about, isn't there?"

would survive. More, Mrs. Decatur, I tell you frankly I expect you to send a last minute excuse—'Michael needs me,' true and sufficient." "Which I won't do." She laughed musically, but in a way that sflected the doctra insticutes.

that affected the doctor irritably. How he would have enjoyed boxing her pink ears. "Oh, you musty old medico," she

said in a trivial manner which alone saved her from betraying a rage that was not becoming. "I believe suddenly and walked downstairs into the dainty presence of Michael's mother, who was starting upstairs. "Why, doctor, you here? I was on my way to kiss Michael good bye when your sermon inter-vened. It has not, however, converted me." The doctor stepped to the door-

getting off because I've a stupid new maid. The other one, my second self really, just must go, without considering me, and get married. But—" "I should like to speak to you

about Michael. Only a word or two," said the doctor, interrupting I may suggest, Dr. Weatherly, that you are not the judge of my personal affairs."

"Now," she said, seating herself languidly, "please don't tell me Michael's got some tiresome new discesse and that I can't give him a disease and that I can't give him a me.

"Don't be opaque please," she pleaded, with a pretty frown. "I like translucense. What's the matter with Michael?" the boune provin if it

"
"Has he? I wonder?"
"You have evidently come to
insult me, Dr. Weatherly. If you
think he'd be happier in a home for
incurables, just say so."
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"Poor boy, poor boy," mused

Incurables, just say so." The doctor started. Could it be the doctor, "your one big mistake.

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his pale lips. "Bethlum—and he got growed up—and cured folks——" but Michael did not waken, or if he did,

Go to Bethlehem ?" She smoth-d a laugh. "Rather an ambition for a little cripple, I should say, Striker.

Striker." He looked at her in pained amaze-ment which he made no slightest to notice it. be no other. "And the child! She would be mind dwell on the first cruelly lonely Christmas seven years before.

to notice it. "Well," she instructed, "tell the nurse to show him how those electrical toys work-and that she'll find many boxes for him. There's one for her, too — in my room. Here's a remembrance and merry Christmas for you, Striker."

Thank you, Mrs. Decatur." He knew the remembrance. He always wished her merry Christmas return. It seemed he could not night. Indeed it would have tonight. pleased him to tear the good-sized bill into tiny pieces. She had gone. The fragrance of violets remained. Striker decided he would never like Violets again.

"She's never been like a mother, really," he mused, "but she's never left before at Christmas. not even like a woman tonight.

When Sydney Everett had left the luxurious house which held her little patient, she found the sharp air good on her cheeks and the crunching of the snow as music. It was such genuine Christmassy weather, and the stir and bustle in the crowded streets so heartening to realized, as was most probable, that jaded spirits. Even more heartenng, however, as she walked hastily along, was the sudden, welcome voice which asked teasingly

Who's late, Miss Punctuality ? I've walked up to your borrowed mansion twice and back two blocks, and am on the third quest as at last we meet.

Miss Everett laughed, a rippling laugh that seemed to take on a gay and yet a haunting music in the snowy atmosphere.

was motherless. "There's a bit of Christmas in here, Miss," said Striker awkward-ly after his first greeting, as he led the way to a beautiful tree. "Oh, Lawrence, so I did keep you waiting ? "Long enough for me to make the millionth observation that you have

"Striker !" cried Miss Everett, amazed, "Michael had had Christ-"Silly boy ! Well, I was a little delayed." it on all girls. mas trees, conveniently ordered and Poor little sick kid going to

have all the gilded perquisites of the season. I suppose

"Oh, plenty of them," and the girl stamped a small foot notice-ably as she fell into step with the

tall young man at her side. "And what's wanting?" he in-quired. "Plainly something want-ing to your exacting mind."

"To my heart, rather. Don't talk of the child's mother to me please, Lawrence. It's wicked to feel as I feel towards her tonight." "To my heart, rather. Don't please, Lawrence. It's wicked to feel as I feel towards her tonight."

Let's hope you never knew it—may not know it now." Then Dr. Weatherly went. Michael stirred in his sleep as his mother leaned over him and kissed his pale lips. "Do you realize that by another thread sufficiency of you, my jewel." "Do you realize that by another shall be married, darling ? I am getting where I can really count on taking proper care of you, my jewel." They went along, absorbed as me once what it was. I don't produce. like viclets. Show me again how Parking wed lovers are, whatever the season, and but little dreaming that Dr. Weatherly that track and cars work, Miss

be no other.

was at the same moment planning a holiday for the crippled child in Everett.' The sudden digression was most gave no sign. "Talking in his sleep. What did he say, Striker? Did you hear holiday for the crippled child in exactly the same spirit as that which held them enthralled, for after which held them enthralled, for after and for the crippled child in exactly the same spirit as that which held them enthralled, for after and for the crippled child in the same spirit as that which held them enthralled, for after and for the crippled child in the same spirit as that the same spirit as that which held them enthralled, for after holiday for the same spirit as that the same spirit a welcome, and the hours passed be-tween joy of the tree and playing

he say, Striker? Did you hear him?" Striker returned from outside the door where he had stood at call when the mother entered the room. "Yee'm, Mrs. Decatur, I heard him. He said Bethlehem, and him. He said Bethlehem, and "I won't have that nurse filling his mind with religious notions. It's not good for children." "She only read from the Bible, Mrs. Decatur. The Christmas part,

his mind with religious notions. It's not good for children." "She only read from the Bible, Mrs. Decatur. The Christmas part, you know, and he said—the little feller said as he'd like to go to Bethlehem himself." Bethlehem ?" She smothheartless woman was dissolved in memories of another woman like to whom, he told himself, there could And

And Master Michael decided: "Guess one of the caramel cats. They're chewy and they last long." After a nap and the Christmas dinner, which Miss Everett enlivened with wonderful stories sug-Minutes passed, hours, without his heeding time. Then he pulled him-self up. "This will never do ! I must plan how to brighten the day gested by the turkey and the dainty favors and the ice cream Santa Clauses, Dr. Weatherly came to find a happy little patient. The digni-fied doctor warmly accepted the invitation to "run the cars" and disposed of the "chewy" cat in for another lonely heart—a little one. She, my gay but tender Mary, would be glad. That's it, that's it exactly !'' He quite exulted in the thought as the sound of the bells of cld CF Bhilmenr's many another with the sound of the bells of

sed of the "chewy" cat in short order that the giver old St. Philomena's rang clearly out in the crisp midnight air. "The creche !" The idea suddenly took "You must 'uv swallowed her old St. 4 minute in the crisp midnight air. "The creche !" The idea suddenly took form in his mind. "The boy has never seen one. He may think it is his Bethlehem. Living alone has babied him some ways and aged that smote the doctor, so perfectly that smote the doctor, so perfectly that smote the doctor, so perfectly in the smote the doctor in babied him some ways and aged him in others. Wanting to go there, that fine nurse said. Poor little cripple !"

had so often given him. "That," he pronounced, " is a He was almost boyish himself as he planned how he would take the boy, how he would—yes, deliber-ately—let him, should he do so, who was coming in with a tray of who was coming in with a tray of refreshments, nearly let it drop. His confusion at the praise was not greatly helped by Miss Everett's think it was real. He would learn quickly enough whose child's heart had known almost nothing within

night ?" its memory but sadly stark realism reply: "It is the m tree I have ever seen. don't you ? It is the most beautiful of pain and helplessness, however luxuriously surrounded. If he As the boy received this, the

It was after she had gone with a singing heart (for had not love made up greatly to Michael, and the pious representation was only such, even that would be a pleasure was not love waiting for her to crown her beautiful day?) that the doctor said casually, "Well, young man, we're going to have a bit of and a partial satisfaction to his pitiful wish, if not, the doctor de-

pitiful wish, if not, the doctor de-termined to tell him no untruth, but yet to leave the boy his dream but yet to leave the boy his dream out, you and 1." Michael's eyes bort, you and 1." Next morning Miss Everett and Striker bent loving endeavors to make a real Christmas for the boy who, having a mother, still, seem-inclust to their outpaned indexemptions. It is the the set outpaned indexemption is a set of the ingly, to their outraged judgment,

isn't like we could go over to Beth was fast asleep. lum, like it says in the story. But I'm going there some day," he finished with decision

was fast asleep. "I'll have a look at him when you have him in bed, Striker," said the doctor, and to himself: "I feel I want to kiss the boy good-night. It's Christmas—and for his father." When, alone with the sleeping 'And who says we can't go looking, for Bethlehem today ?" The doctor's eyes twinkled, but the boy answered in the manner of child, he stooped and kissed the moist lips, Michael stirred but did

one who would instruct the ignortime she had forgotten. Probably she was remembering now and deciding that Striker and the nurse would make it all right some other not waken. like tobacco lots better than viotime she had torgettal. I have and she was remembering now and deciding that Striker and the nurse would make it all right some other way, since it was now too late for a tree. And Sydney, last night, had thought with sinking heart that there would be none. But the one Striker had achieved was such as lets. THE STORY OF CHRIST

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The rich man delights in his property and it grieves him to have to give away even the smallest part of it because he thinks that this life like that idea of Striker's,"

Yes, dad," he muttered. "I

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Baby, and the sweet young mother,

there but, if he noticed the discrep-

he leaned over and lifted the slight

certainty should be in any way dis-

'Going ?" Michael's tone was

"I-I didn't want to come

pelled.

tinued,

away.

laborers into this harvest." enough: others are necessary to proclaim the good news, that it may be carried to all those who suffer

Parking the car, he lifted Michael in his arms and entered the building so dimmed by the early dark that its interior and furniture were almost effaced. The eye indeed was immediately and com-nulling document to the arche above and who await it.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

pellingly drawn to the creche above which a beautiful star hung low The demon walked through dry At last Thou art come, little which a beautiful star hung low —the thrifty Brother Isidore, who was in charge, having decided enough people were present to permit of the electrical aid to a religious and picturesque if not perfect imitation of Bethlehem. Laid gently on a bench close in front, Michael was absorbed, obliv-ious to stares of curiosity and pity and whispered commiseration. He had come over to Bethlehem. Baby, and the sweet young mother, Saviour ! And thine angels fill midnight with song; Thou art come to us, gentle Creator!

Whom Thy creatures have sighed for so long.

Thou art come to Thy beautiful Mother; She hath looked on Thy marvelous face:

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the reverend St. Joseph, the ragged, rugged "shepherd fellers" and the "animules." The Kings also were rushes. Then will be made the last Thou hast brought with Thee plentiful pardon. and irrevocable choice, like that of ancy, it did not disturb him as it had an exacting lady to whose hyper-pulled up from the sea his net full Our hearts are half broken, dear Jesus.

criticism Brother Isidore had replied crisply, "The Kings would have been there if they'd got there in baskets and throws away the others. With the joy of this wonderful night! crisply. "The Kings would have been there if they'd got there in time, so I put them 'in time."" And the lady had submitted her that they may have all the time We have waited so long for Thee, Saviour, Thou art come to us, dearest, at

Isidore's large accommodation to the Kings. last bless Thee, dear Joy of Thy 0 Mother, This is worth all the wearisome

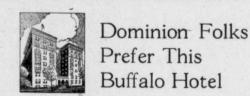
the Kings. Standing by and watching the utterly absorbed boy, the doctor thought, "The world is too much with us," and realized that to the child, as yet free of the world's sordidness, if not of a share in its suffering, this was indeed the Beth-lehem of his dreams. Deliberately he leaned over and lifted the slight Next to acquiring good friends. the best acquaintance is that of

and came and told their master of books. form before the miracle of joy and it. ' Wilt thou then that we go and **OIL LIGHT BEATS** gather them up?" But he said, "Nay! lest while ye gather up the regret itself, when the doctor had tares ye root up also the wheat him again back in the car, he con-with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time

Will the Baby be there all of harvest I will say to the reapers. "I think his mother should take Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn agly brilliant, soft, white light

him away and put him to sleep, them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

As the boy received this, the dcctor called himself some not very complimentary names. "To remind him of his mother, just when I was grateful he didn't talk of her !" he multitude was about Him to is multitude was about Him to listen to Him, and seeing all voice only said dreamily. "She s looked like she loved the Baby lots and she didn't have violets. I t The poor innocent violets ! Pafore home was reached, Michael Thus like a good husbandman Jesus waits for the day of the harvest. One day an immense multitude was about Him to listen to Him, and seeing all these men and these women who were hungering after love. He was noved with compassion and said to the harvest, that he will send forth the harvest, that he will send forth



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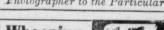
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"She leaves for St. Louis on the midnight—and tomorrow's Christ-mas." "No! She's not choosing Christ-mas to leave the kid." The man spoke more in assertion that in question./ "Do is the first time in the preties and the second seco

"But she is; for the first time she's done just that. I was there last Christmas evening, you know. She had a tree for him. True, she morely ran upstairs, radiantly for the little fellow." merely ran upstairs, radiantly dressed and evidently radiantly happy, and gave Michael a kiss and some of the table favors, but even that gave a few moments with his mother at Christmas." Matthe trave of tensis in her voice Matthe tensis of tensis of tensis in her voice Matthe tensis of tensi

At the trace of tears in her voice, long for hoping as the little fellow'd enjoy it. I just couldn't abide the thought of him without a tree, just

her lover spoke anxiously. "Don't you worry, Sydney," he said, the little fellow won't miss her. Children know where there's real love and where there isn't." "They's it correctly they's they's because the missus-

"Forgot," supplied Miss Everett, in a tone that expressed all the man was thinking. "You're a trump; Striker, that's all." "That's it exactly, that's the tragic part," the girl almost sobbed out. "That he won't miss her—his own mother—and that some day she'll probably wretchedly wonder why. It will be too late then." He blushed like a schoolboy and then went with her to bring Michael, who, from the next room, was imperiously demanding

"And I suppose, due to the motherly mother's pleasure trip, notice that you're going to try to make things up to the kid and I'm going to see you scarcely at all to-morrow?" he questioned.

"It might have been so, and you would have approved, too." "I might have magnanimously consented," the man interrupted, to

"It would have been the same

thing, really. But, listen, Lawrence. That perfectly splendid doctor has told me to take the entire afternoon and he will take care of Michael's pleasure. What do you think of that ?"

said the doctor. And just suppose we-you and I-found the baby again ! Yes, it might be very far," in answer to the surprised question current and caused a brilliant star

"I hope he didn't hear us. I want

in the boy's eyes, "and Miss Ever-ett knows a lot. But maybe she forgot how awfully far you can go these days in a big automobile.'

"Aut'mobile," gasped Michael, but I can't—" "Oh, yes," corrected the doctor, you can go in an automobile quite as well as be pushed in your chair. Suppose Striker and I fix you com-

Suppose Striker and I fix you com-fortable on the seat and wrap you tight in rugs. How about it ?'' Michael's eyes were stars. "You're fooling me, you don't mean it," he said, with a little break in his voice. "I fool you, Michael?" The kindly stern voice steadied the boy who sneachleas with joy was pro-

who, speechless with joy, was pre-pared for the wonderful journey

He heard the doctor's word to the chauffeur. "I'll drive myself, George. You and Striker get along until we come back." Then Michael found his voice : "And eat and drink and everything, Striker," he ordered heartily. The doctor laughed and the big car glided smoothly away. Had there ever been anything like

Heaven. He who does not make friends

"I hope he didn't hear us. I want him to have the whole wonderful surprise," said Sydney. He had not heard. He would not, anyway, have been surprised at a tree, but his wondering, delight-ful surprise at this particular tree to which they wheeled him was so numb, so poignant, that Striker loudly blew his nose and Sydney's eyes swam. Had there ever been anything like this? The streets gay with laugh-ing people, the snow glistening in the iast sun's rays, boys and girls sliding and sledding and playing snowball. On they went until they were in stretches thinned of houses and people, alt of the beyond houses ind people altogether. Scrubby pine growths pierced through the snowy carpet in scattered spots

numb, so poignant, that Striker loudly blew his nose and Sydney's eyes swam. "Gosh !" the boy exulted. "I've gazed long and joyously. He ex-claimed over every tiniest feature. "Gosh the truly beautiful tree. When the toys were brought to him they excited less though curious interest. Both the nurse and Striker word, but the state of the solution of the truly beautiful to him they excited less though curious interest.

"That he deserves your encomium and that—from me—is saying mighty much. And now will you listen, young lady." He turned her coat collar protectingly up around her throat and continued in almost an awed voice : the toys were brought to him they were brought to him they control of the green and white land-scape. Dusk had fallen, and out-all right, too, but not like the tree is. Mother's gone away, I know



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

message sung by angelic choirs the God on high and on earth peace to men of good will.

Heaven and earth meet; the Son of God, born of a virgin, becomes Luke I, 26-39.) also the Son of Man. It could never wondrous message: "On earth Mary thy wife, for that which is loved the world as to give His only- from the pen of Saint Paul, and say peace to men of good will."

For that peace, the peace of God which passeth understanding, peace tion. Peace to men of good will.

Not good will but envy, distrust, which the Lord spoke by the hate greeted the birth of the Prince prophet, saying : of Peace. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. Hate and distrust and unbelief still they shall call his name Emmanthem is the Christmas message of with us." (St. Mathew I, 18-23. Peace to men of good will. Peace will come to the world only when the condition is fulfilled.

The peace of Christ will come to out, only through the reign of Christ.

good will in the world but that through the ages the Apostolic each one of us prepare his own soul for that peace which is the special grace of the feast of Christmas. If Virgin Mary." each one of us extends the reign of Christ in his own heart, in his own soul, he will have done more for the peace of the world, for the reign of Christ in the world, than all the peace plans ever devised by man. Each succeeding Christmas should

find us with a deeper realization of the tremendous significance of the great event commemorated : and should find our souls more closely united to the angels in their glorious hymn; Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will.

And yet there is a fitness in the old greeting that has come down to

the throne of David his Father ; and | to give Jesus the superlative degree he shall reign in the house of Jacob of every adjective to which a man for ever. And of his kingdom can aspire; but anything divine is there shall be no end. And Mary balked, glossed over, or even denied said to the angel : How shall this outright. Hence it is like parting be done, because I know not man? | with the Jesus he knows and loves and the angel answering, said to and needs, to think of Him as her: The Holy Ghost shall come baving come into the world in any upon thee, and the power of the other way than as the rest of manmost High shall overshadow thee. kind. And therefore also the Holy which "With the old-fashioned it is all

shall be born of thee shall be called the reverse. He does not close the Son of God. And behold thy his eyes to the least of Christ's cousin Elizaebeth, she also hath human traits. On the contrary he conceived a son in her old age ; and observes them with an insight at Pervading the festival and the this is the sixth month with her that least as keen, and venerates every Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, and a season of Christmas is the glorious is called barren : because no word one of them with an affection every shall be impossible with God. And bit as warm. But the stronger the first Christmas night: Glory to Mary said : Behold the handmaid faith within him the greater is his of the Lord ; be it done to me astonishment that such a thing according to thy word. And the should be. What amazes him is not angel departed from her." (St. that Christ should be born of a virgin but that He should be born "Now the generation of Christ at all. Once he has taken in the have entered into the heart of man was in this wise. When as his meaning of the Word made Flesh,

to conceive of a love so stupendous; mother Mary was espoused to everything else follows as a matter only God Who is Infinite Love could Joseph, before they came together, of course - the Annunciation, the conceive of the amazing manifesta- she was found with child, of the Magnificat, the Gloria in Excelsis, tion of the Creator's love for his Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph and all the rest. How wonderful creatures that the Incarnation her husband, being a just man, and it is that there should be birds and a reveals. The first impulse of faith not willing publicly to expose her, spring-time, but, given these, what in this transcendent mystery is to was minded to put her away pri- more natural than that the thrush join the angelic choirs in that out- vately. But while he thought on should welcome in the spring burst of praise: "Glory to God in these things, behold the angel of The burden laid upon the intellect the highest"; and in profound the Lord appeared to him in his of the Christian is the Emptying, of humility and gratitude endeavor to sleep, saying; Joseph, son of which St. Paul speaks; the stupengrasp the deep significance of His. David, fear not to take unto thee dous condescension that God so letters that have been preserved

conceived in her, is of the Holy begotten Son. Ghost. And she shall bring forth a "This belief, far from obliteratson : and thou shalt call his name with God, peace with ourselves, Jesus. For he shall save his makes it enlarge into proportions worked in several countries for the people from their sins. Now this grander far. He bends over the was done that it might be fulfilled "Behold a virgin shall be with

reign in the hearts of men. Not to uel, which being interpreted is God earth. . . But does more than instruction of the world to which enlarge his view of the humanity of Christ sent them to preach ? Seven centuries and more before Christ; it enlarges his view of The nature of St. Paul's epistles

who looks upon Christ in this light letters written for special reasons prophet Isaias foretold that He should be born of a virgin. The has in him the seminal principle of the world, as His Vicar has pointed Evangelists Matthew and Luke a Father Damien, who had a way of tell of the fulfilment of that showing that he loved even the out- tians, the Ephesians, the Romans, prophecy in language so plain that casts of humanity, more than if he But our great concern on this it is impossible to misunderstand. had founded an institute to exter- arose, and when the Saint was holy anniversary is not the lack of The Creed that carries down minate the microbe of leprosy."

> tradition and teaching asserts the fact that Christ was "born of the That is and always has been a martyrs to the cause of Christ. sort. More than that, such as they dogmatic fact that no Catholic ever Their heroism, their zeal, compels are,-and of course they are inthinks of calling into question. No recognition and admiration; but spired truth as far as they go-we

> without destroying the very found- praise. It is the same "enlarged ation on which he bases his religion view of humanity," the unwavering previous letters which are not in the -the authority of the Bible. If conviction in the inmost soul of the the virgin birth be denied nothing is Christian that Christ, the Eternal Son of the Eternal God, died for all And yet we cannot read the news- men, that made it a joy for men of papers without becoming aware culture and refinement to live and

that every Protestant denomina- die for savages ; makes it a joy for raided and looted by barbarians tion is rent asunder over this funda- devoted women to consecrate their who uphold the traditional belief America.

WHERE DID THEY GET THE | uninspired epistles and other writ- | China. The territory assigned to BY THE OBSERVER In a discussion which is going on

in a Nova Scotia paper, to which we have already alluded, the time-worn Protestant formula has been used in reference to Saint Peter's residence and his bishropic at Rome : 'Show it to us in the Bible." It is altogether incomprehensible how and

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why Protestants have so long deluded themselves with the notion that four brief accounts of the life that they have the Bible. Moreover, there is this to be said. few letters written by some of the

Apostles from time to time as Paul-and a few other writings, bound up into a book called the New Testament, are an exhaustive statement of the teachings of Christ and His Apostles, and that outside of them no Christian truth exists.

Can any reasonable man take the suppose that they are an exhaustive account of what the Apostles of Christ did and said ? Can such a man take into his hand the few be sure they were wrong ?

that they are a full and complete record of the teachings and the ing his view of the humanity of Christ, preaching of a great Apostle who conversion of the people for about manger of Bethlehem, or gazes at thirty years. Can any man say that the cross of Calvary with feelings the two Epistles of Saint Peter far other than those of one who exhaust his teachings during thirtycan see there the beginning and five years? What of the Apostles child, and bring forth a son, and the end of nothing more than the who never wrote a word? Did wisest and best life ever lived on they contribute nothing to the

the birth of Christ the great humanity itself. . . The Christian is plain on their face. They are and for the purpose of advising and spondent of the Roman journal.

necessarily absent from them. Not The illustration is an admirable only do they not purport to be exone. Not less to the point would be haustive summaries of Christian the early Jesuits who gave their doctrine, but Saint Paul expressly lives to the Indian missions and died said that they were nothing of the more can the Protestant Christian few really understand what they have not the whole of Saint Paul's letters. In two places he refers to Bible and are not to be found. The only wonder is that so much

of the sacred writings has been preserved. The repositories where over fifteen hundred miles from the Glassworks." manuscripts were preserved were very heart of Asia to participate in

the deliberations of the Council mental doctrine of Christianity. lives to the care of lepers in China wars and tribal and racial move- race or language almost every and representing as they did in ments of which so much of the early nation in Europe, the assemblage history of Christian Europe is made was truly pentecostal in character. The neo-Christian's Christ is not up. There was no printing press From Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, the Christ of these heroic Christian then; and the labor of copying England, Ireland, Scotland, Holsouls. The modernist's Christ is a thirty thousand verses of the Bible land, Portugal, Germany they human Christ. Him he loves and out by hand was an appalling thing Christian era who had come across praises and calls Master; but he to face. Who kept the Bible in originally came, as well as from the the gospels and who admired the cannot bring himself to acknowledge existence ? From whom did the Pro-United States and Canada, and teaching of Jesus, comparing His Him as the only-begotten of the testants get it ? How do they know within council sat many native philosophy favorably with that of Father who was conceived of the that they have it and not a substi-Chinese, representative of the large and increasing body of native clergy.

ings which were rejected by the the new Prefect contains a popula-Church had every appearance of tion of about one million, 30,000 being inspired writings; at least only of whom are Catholics. Father they did not carry the distinction Melchior Sun is a native of Pekin, of from inspired writings on their a family that has been Christian face. The Church decided in each and Catholic for several generacase by principles and by authority | tions. He is about fifty-three years which Protestants reject ; namely, of age, made his studies for the the traditional belief of the Church. priesthood in the Seminary at Pekin,

and upon the Promise of Christ that and after his ordination taught in such cases He would enable her Latin for some years in the same to decide infallibly. And yet Pro- institution. Later he took up testants rely on that decision and active missionary duty, and for on that alone for their belief some years has been in charge of a large centre.

If the Catholic Church had FURTHER EVIDENCE of progress occasion seemed fit, to some of admitted the claim made later by appears in the project of a Catholic forming the miracle while William J. Bryan with an air of sanctimon their converts here and there, and a very brief account of a small free to spell out a religion from now taken definite form. It is to water made wine on the floor. portion of the travels and work of the Bible according to their own the United States that China is inthe Apostles-principally Saint interpretation, there would have debted for this great step in been no Church for Luther to try advance, and to the generosity of his hand on as a reformer, for it the American Benedictines that its and more recently of Sing Sing. is would have been gone out of the realization becomes possible. As is depicted standing in the door believed were saved from destruc- and to found the desired University, tion and rejection, by the Church, from which so much may be hoped Can any reasonable man take the centuries before he was born. for the future progress of the the picture which, through any but everything is possible to God, and all signs tend to show that Catholics in other and more favored NOTES AND COMMENTS THE EXTRAORDINARY development | tunity that lies before them in that of Catholic missionary effort in land.

China, with special reference to the work of the Salesian Fathers, THE DUBLIN Freeman's Journal occupied our attention briefly last which, it is announced by cable is to week. Following upon that, some cease publication, after an honorreference to the first Council of the able career of a century and a half. Church in China seems in order. had in a recent issue an amusing This event, though held last May, allusion to the humors and curios has such an important bearing ities of advertising posters and upon the future of Catholic mis- newspaper headings. Under the sionary operations as to render latter head the following were cited apology for this belated reference as genuine examples : During an unnecessary. We are indebted to election in St. Stephen's Green the Osservatore Romano for the Division of Dublin City, owing to few particulars we have. These the curious juxtaposition of some details were communicated by an bills on a hoarding, the constituents

eye-witness, the Shanghai corre- found themselves confronted with the cryptic combination, "St. Anthony of Padua, Vote for James THE COUNCIL was opened by the McCann." On a contents bill of a Papal Legate, Mgr. Constantini, London daily one day was read :

who presided throughout, and the "Another Exhibition Fire : Absence assembled prelates were the Bishop of English Visitors Much Regretassembled prelates were the bishop ted." Yet another poster read, fellow countrymen. of Macao, and the Vicars Apos-''Heavy Gale, Magnificent Spec- Although not yet entirely recovseventy mission districts spread tacle on the River. Three Men over the entire Chinese Empire. Drowned." Other public announce-This fact alone-that is the exist. ments that need not be forgotten ence of no less than seventy distinct were "Unveiling of the Robinson in Vienna. The largest halls of the districts-speaks volumes for the Memorial. The Mayor on the thoroughness of the effort to- Bust." "Opening of Parliament, ward the conversion of this Great Rise in the Price of Gas," pagan people. Some of these pre- and "Daring Theft of an Actress's lates had to travel a distance of Diamonds. Strike at Simpkins'

APPRECIATE WORK OF CONGRESSWOMAN

lor, Monsignor Seipel made a state-New York, Dec. 15 .- If the firs

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NOT INDECENT

New York .- A picture representing William J. Bryan, Andrew Volstead, and William H. Anderson protesting and attempting to prevent Christ from working the miracle of converting water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana, is not "indecent" is the unanimous opinion of the Appellate Division of is the unanimous the State Supreme Court. This Court has reversed the conviction of Abraham S. Baylinson, Secretary of the Society of Independent Artists, found guilty by the Court of Special sessions last year of "outraging public decency" because he perbecause he permitted the hanging of the painting at the Society's exhibition.

The picture shows the Saviour perlating with Christ, and Will H. Anderson, former State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League

The decision of the Appellate Division reads in part :

Luther rejected the teachings of Faith. The ultimate conversion of strain of imagination, could even Arius and Pelagius and Nestorius; the teeming multitudes of China tend to outrage public decency. but on his principles how could he may seem to some a visionary hope, Undoubtedly the picture may be said to be sacrilegious, in that present-day mortals are portrayed as venturing to oppose their judgment as to what is right against lands are awaking to the oppor-tunity that lies before them in that not convicted of sacrilege or blasphemy, nor is either made a crime under any law of the State."

A fine of \$100 collected from Baylinson by order of the lower court, was ordered returned.

AUSTRIA'S MORAL UPBUILDING

EX-CHANCELLOR SPEAKS ON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES By Dr. Frederick Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Vienna, Dec. 8. — Monsignor Seipel, former Federal Chancellor of Austria, is now busily engaged in his self-imposed task of insuring the moral as well as the material regeneration of his nation. latter he accomplished as Chancellor with the backing of the civil power of that high office. The former he hopes to accomplish as leader of the Catholic party in Austria dominated by his own magnetic personality and inspired by his faith in his

ered from the effects of the wound inflicted by his Socialist assailant several months ago, the former Chancellor makes frequent addresses city are too small to accommodate the audiences that flock to him. There is no doubt but that his influence today is as potent-if not so-as it ever was. The crowds listen attentively to what he has to say and applaud his appeals for a return to the spirit of Christian solidarity and the application of Christian principles in the conduct of the affairs of Austria. After his resignation as Chancel-

claim equally to be Christians. us through many generations. For it is not the Christian faith but materialism, hard, cold and calculating, that kills the joy of living. Only where the great fundamental truth that Christmas commemorates possesses the hearts and minds and souls of men that life has a joyous meaning ; only then that the festive celebration of Christmas is entered into with a whole-hearted of all would he, himself, claim to zest entirely in keeping with the religious significance of the feast

THE CATHOLIC RECORD will reach its readers this year on Christmas Day. It will carry for each and every one of them a fervent prayer for all graces and blessings of this great and holy feast ; and with the handclasp, of sincere and grateful Christian friendship it wishes each and all, A Merry Christmas !

"BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"

"And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God Ecclesiastical Review depicts these into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man and sympathy : whose name was Joseph, of the

That is giving to the term 'Christian' a new meaning. A well read pagan of the first centuries of the other great teachers, no one would Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin tute for it ? Luther rejected some think of calling a Christian ; least Mary. be one. Indeed he might still share to the full the pagan contempt and

certain.

hatred that inspired the ruthless persecutions and enjoy the spectacle of Christians torn by wild beasts in the Coliseum.

Our modernist Christians are something better than that. They to lose the divinity would be live in a Christian atmosphere and are imbued with the Christian spirit. They would propagate the

the rose-tree. They are not Chris- to fight every step of the way in what scriptures were inspired and tians unless we degrade the meanestablishing the Kingdom of God what were not? The Church did ing of that glorious name. Father upon earth. For all these difficul- that ; and if she did so many things ties of the Modern Man had to be wrongly and wrongfully, how do Edward Bergin, S. J., in the current neo-Christians with rare insight

"The Jesus of the parables, house of David; and the virgin's Jesus the moralist, the vindicator kept on clinging to it and found it a spired writings and what were not, name was Mary. And the angel of the dignity of human nature, hand of flesh which met her own was settled by a general Council of being come in, said unto her: the seer of noble ideals, the hero with a grasp that was tender and the Catholic Church, held under the Hail, full of grace, the Lord is facing undaunted the plots of the warm. She was told to let go of it authority of the Pope and acknowlwith thee : blessed art thou among" Pharisees and the might of Romebecause it was only a hand of flesh. edging that authority. On that women. Who having heard, was this is a character with whom the She clung to it still and found in it decision Protestants depend for troubled at his saying, and thought new type of Christian is quite at the strength of God."

within herself what manner of sal- home ; but he is ill at ease with the be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him a stumbling-block. He is willing Virgin Mary, is both God and man. on the face of them many of the tan mission of Chi-li in Northern

Among the latter the two newlybooks of it. How does any Proappointed Prefects, Mgr. Tcheng "The true Christian will not part testant know that he rejected with either boon which he possesses enough ? Or, that he was justified in Christ, neither with his humanity | in rejecting any ?

nor with his divinity. One without By the end of the fourth century, the other would be of little avail. a matter of a thousand years before

and Mgr. Ou. Of the assistant clergy, we read, half of these present were native Chinese.

To lose the humanity would be to Luther was born, the last of the THE MEMBERS of the Council assembled at the old mission church lose the Son of Man, and Christ original Scriptures was gone from would not be one of ourselves; the earth. Nothing was left but of Zi-ka-wei, in the suburbs of Shanghai, and went in procession copies. Moreover, Europe was full through the streets to the great to lose the Son of God, and Christ of writings which were considered church attached to the Jesuit Mrs. Vogel conceived the idea of College, where the sessions were taking the rosary intended for the would be no more than one of our- by many people to be inspired selves. Herein lay the struggle of writings. Who, finally, and centurfragrance of the rose but uproot the infant Church, in which she had ies before Luther was born, decided held. The Osservatore correspondent remarks that the contrast between the two churches was in itself an object lesson in the progress of the Faith in China. The old mission church which dates back

met fifteen centuries, and more, Protestants know that she did not to the days of struggle for existago. She was told to let go of the do this wrongly too ? The question hand to which she clung, because it of what books and writings were to dred worshippers - the new will was not a human hand. But she be admitted into the Bible as inaccommodate several thousand. The procession from the one to the

other was the first spectacle of the kind ever seen in China, and may be said to mark the advent of a new day for the Church in that vast empire.

their belief that they have the The wrangling of fundamentalists Sacred Scriptures, and on nothing

IN REGARD to the native clergy, utation this should be. And the Christ foretold by the prophets, and modernists is but a phase in the else. They were unable to go back the elevation for the first time of angel said to her : Fear not, Mary, announced by Gabriel, heralded by process of disruption begun when to the original documents, which two of their number to higher office for thou hast found grace with God. the angels, transfigured on Thabor, the authority of God's Church was had disappeared off the earth of bishop is significant. The first, Behold thou shalt conceive in thy risen from the tomb. The Son of rejected. But that Church is now centuries before Luther was born. Odoric Cheng, is a Franciscan, and womb, and shalt bring forth a Man he is quite at home with; the as it has been for two milleniums Nor would they have been able, on the second, Melchior Sun, a Vincenson; and thou shalt call his name Son of God makes him lose his and will be to the end of time the their principles, to decide such tian. The latter has been appointed Jesus. He shall be great, and shall bearings. Whatever lifts Jesus unfailing witness to the stupendous questions even had they been able Prefect Apostolic of Li-tsien, a new

o representatives of the press convention of the New York Archin which he said :

diocesan Council had not opened Something can be done with with Pontifical High Mass, the new Congresswoman, Mrs. Norton of mankind; at the very moment in which I think it proper to resign New Jersey, might never had possessed a silver rosary blessed by had the powers of government into d by other hands, I do not see any His Eminence Cardinal Hayes. Mrs. Norton, who has been active reason to be shaken in my convic tion that, after all, all men or at in welfare work in New Jersey for least the greater number of our own many years, is president of the Day people and the people of all Europe Nursery maintained by the Queen's can be united in cooperation in the Daughters of that State. As a great task of general reconstruc-token of appreciation of her splengreat task of general reconstruc-tion. Although my remarks con-cerning spiritual relief and the curing of souls, have met with ridicule and have been mocked did work for this institution, the members decided to give her a parting gift before she left for Washington. A silver rosary was many times by many men, I stick to them and it shall be my task in the unanimous choice of the gift committee. The Catholic women of the immediate future to influence New Jersey, who are among the people wherever and whenever I can to collaborate in the reconstruction most active workers in the National Council of Catholic women, sent a delegation to New York to attend of the world and the consolidation

of peace. the first convention of their sister Council, and just before leaving, Editorial tributes to the achieve. new Congresswoman, "just in case" there might be a chance to ask from Cardinal Hayes to bless it. don't suppose there is a chance," she said, "but then it always pays

to try." After the Mass, during which St Patrick's Cathedral was filled to overflowing, Mrs. Vogel found her ence has room for but a few hun-way to the Sacristy, where she met dred worshippers - the new will Bishop Dunn. In a few words she explained her mission, and asked him if he would not bless the beads. "Now, wouldn't you really prefer to have His Eminence bless them?" Bishop Dunn asked.

'Why, of course, if the Vatican were not so far away I should like to have the Pope bless them," Mrs. Vogel answered, "but if His Emi-nence would be good enough to bless them, we would appreciate it very much. You see, Mrs. Norton is the first Congresswoman from the East, she is a Catholic and has done so much for the people of her State that we want to show her this evidence of our appreciation." Cardinal Hayes was greatly inter-

ested in the story, and willingly gave his blessing to the rosary

ments of the former Chancellor have been voiced by papers of the most diverse political opinions and from many nations outside of Austria. One particularly interesting tribute was that voiced by the Swiss Catholic daily the Hochwacht which declared that the former Chancellor of Austria was the greatest statesman of post-war times and drew a comparison be tween his achievements and those of Mussolini. The Hochwacht quoted Mussolini's statement short-

ly after he assumed office that "Our tradition, our Faith, is the great nation which we want to make a concrete reality' and then com-mented as follows :

"Monsignor Seipel too must have been possessed of such a belief. But the great difference between Seipel and Mussolini was that the latter found his belief backed and supported by the political reality of an army and a hopeful nation. whereas any such reality was missing in the case of Seipel. However, Seipel had greater things to throw into the scales ; a personality of perfect integrity and an absolute ly open-hearted, truthful character. Mussolini is a pure Machiavelian, Seipel a pure anti-Machiavelian. A

whole political philosophy separates these two men. It seems as though,

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in the persons of these two statesmen, an historic example is to be set to show the people of the world the respective results of Machiavelian and anti - Machiavelian policies. and anti-Machiavenan policies. Seipel's faith has been victorious; slowly, by degrees, and with endless pains and labors he suc-ceeded in saving Austria from the horrors of hell. He succeeded also in doing the most difficult thing of all; in teaching the Austrians to believe in Austria once more. And this tinued to this day. in Austria once more. And this belief he has also implanted in the rest of Europe which has placed the fullest and most unlimited confi-dence in that rare statesman. has announced the foundation, with the help of a few friends, Seipel disclosed to the world that true political reality does not rest on bayonets but on the truthful-ness of the human mind. He which will be known by the pictur-esque name of "Les Compagnons de Notre Dame," (The Companions of Our Lady.) The troop has already been assembled. It has engaged a theater in Paris and will challenged his century which believed only in the reality of material things. Against this superstition the Austrian statesman set up the nation-building power of absolute truthfulness and hongive several performances during 1925, for the press and the public at large, and will also make a tour

"Chatterton Hill the famous professor of sociology at the University of Geneva, in his book 'The Social Value of Christianity' of the provinces. Modern and ancient works will be given, drawn from a repertoire containing French and foreign, medieval and classic works, all of purely Christian inspiration. arrives at the conclusion that Christianity has been the world's greatest producing force. Seipel furnishes experimental proof of that proposition. Seipel who ex-changed the chair of Moral Theology for the seat of the Prime Minister know from his acheletic M. Henri Gheon describes as follows the spirit which will animate the new company. Minister, knew from his scholastic career that all real order in a nation implies a certain state of mind and soul. He realized that anarchy in the soul leads to anarchy in the State. Seipel gave a soul to Austria and the miraculous revival of this State became a reality."

CARROLL AND CARROLLTON

Carrollton, Uhio.-A tribute to the Catholicity of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was em-bodied in an address by Right Rev. James J. Hartley, Bishop of Columbus, at the recent dedication of the first Catholic church in this village. Carrollton was named after the illustrious Catholic, Charles Carroll.

Bishop Hartley reminded his hearers that Carroll and Carrollton were historic names in Catholic annals in the United States. John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States, had been a personal friend of George Washington. He, more than any other one man, was responsible for the clause in the constitution which declares that no religious test shall be made for any office of profit or trust in the United States.

"Charles Carroll, after whom this little city is named, the last survivor of the Declaration of Independence, was a daily attendant at Mass and received the sacraments weekly," said the Bishop.

Bishop Hartley's address also offered congratulations to the Catholics of Carrollton on completion of the new church and appre-ciation for gifts to the building from non-Catholic residents of Carrollton, declaring that this was evidence of the spirit of good will that prevails among all the people here. This, he remarked, should be the condition in every locality for the teaching of the church emphasized the fact that love of one's neighbor is second only to the love of God. Catholics know faction. THE CATHOLIC RECORD

every part of Ireland, the young to be trained, the old to guide and said further : "Youth is no mitigation for direct. In course of time these con-tinental schools sent back missioncrime. If it were, then we might as well close up the State's attor-ney office, reduce our police force and reduce the number of deputy aries to Ireland. The Franciscan link with the Irish people has con-

sherifis State's Attorney Crowe advocated THE CHRISTIAN THEATRE the serving of women on the crim-inal juries, which is possible under Paris, France.-Henri Gheon the law, but has been prevented by the selection of talesmen. "Women are fundamentally interdramatic poet and author, who has devoted himself especially to the restoration of the Christian theatre,

ested in the protection of their homes," he declared as a justification of their service as jurors. He also deplored the custom of reprepoets, dramatists, actors, of a Christian dramatic confraternity sentative citizens evading jury duty.

DEAF-MUTE AND BLIND SISTERS

Paris, Dec. 5.—The celebration of the jubilee of a desf-mute who entered a religious order in 1864 and who is now eighty three years of age, has called the attention of the public to the order to which she belongs, and which is composed entirely of deaf mutes. It is the Community of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, founded in 1851 by

Abbé de Larnay at Poitiers. Since that time fifty deaf-mutes have entered the community. Half "We shall have our natural gifts, of this number have already passed their reward. Twenty-four

and our good will. We shall not retreat in the face of difficulty. All this would be vain and deplorreligious and one novice remain. The Sisters of Our Lady of the ably insufficient if we did not found Seven Forrows have, at several times, received as pupils young our enterprise on faith. These dramatic manifestations will be girls who are still more unfortunate the expression of our Christian f girls who are still more unfortunate than themselves, for they were blind in addition to being deaf and all from the precarious successes of the amateur. Our present and unfortunates known as "the souls" arrival future collaborators must know what they are undertaking : to give in prison. There is also, in France, an order

NEWS LETIER

HEROISM OF NEOPHYTES

The missionary heard

On

replied.

days

the best of themselves at the times of blin when they are called upon to lend us their help." of blind nuns, the Sisters of Saint

FOREIGN MISSION CENTRISTS HOLD OWN AND LUDENDORFF REBUKED

Berlin, Dec. 9 .- The Catholic A poor slave in Africa hearing of A poor slave in Arriva mary, ran the arrival of the missionary, ran Center party again came through the German electors of Sunday like the reliable anchor in German politics that it is, while Luden-dorff's anti-Catholic, anti-religious in the brush," he exclaimed, work " me die without Sacraments, me damned." The missionary heard the poor fellow's confession. party, which had assailed Catholics generally and insulted members of returning home, his master de-manded an account of his absence. the Hierarchy, was virtually anni-

hilated. The Centrists, who because of He explained that he had been to confession. "Well," replied the master, "I am going to make you their same consistency are never expected to register great gains, as do your penance," and he had him bound and lashed. The following they are never expected to suffer great losses, increased their seats in the Reichstag by two to a total of day the slave returned to the mis-In the Reichstag by two to a total of sixty-seven. The Ludendorff ex-treme party crashed down to only fourteen sents. fourteen seats. Aside from the individual defeat HAIL TO THE MAGIC LANTERN !

of Ludendorff and his party, the The magic lantern does wonders in the missionary field, for an ounce outstanding point in the election

SHANE LESLIE TO TOUR

EUROPE ON FOOT

Mr. Leslie, who belongs to a lead

the British Exchequer, is Mr. Shane

CRIME DUE TO LACK OF

RELIGION

Leslie's first cousin.

Right and Left wings, and the telling. It makes the instruction gains by the more moderate groups. of the pagans easy and attractive, and is sure to draw crowds of them and is sure to draw crowds of them The rout of the extreme national-ists was attended, on the other side, and pave the way for their converby the loss of seventeen seats by the Communists. The Socialists, with whom the Center maintains a fond of shows. When the days working agreement, made a gain work is over, without caring for the working agreement, made a gain of thirty-two seats, and the German Nationalists not only held their place, but increased their strength by six seats, chiefly by annexing defections from the Ludendorff faction of Christians and pagans and no one

of one's neighbor is second only to the love of God. Catholics know that the Church impresses these two obligations on her children real of the Bavarian People's Party, which ordinarily votes with the Center, although it two interview of the Bavarian real of Christians and pagans and no one will miss the sermon of instruction when there is a show. Such a lan-tern surely lives up to its name.

Thither the friars resorted from against the failure to impose capital very part of Ireland, the young to punishment against the youths, at further : and further : wise the consequences may be fatal. Was later beheaded. His successor caused the Saint to be beaten to death with clubs. Wednesday, Dec. 31 .- St. Sylves-A DIFFICULTY IN ECUADOR ter, Pope was born in Rome toward the close of the third century. He One of the Kivari, a fellow of

singularly meek and gentle char-acter, who would not hurt a fly, was the object of the special care of one under Diocletian. In 312 after the under Diocletian. In 312 after the triumph of Constantine. St. Sylvesof our former missionaries. After a long discussion on the polygamy ter was elected Pope and thus became the first Pontiff to rule the question, and on the punishment reserved by God for those who do flock of Christ in security and peace.

not conform to the Christian laws when known, Joseph was much moved, and broke forth into this exclamation: "Yes, Father, I see you are right, I will go immediately and kill off two of my three wives, and live with the other one !" and live with the other one !" and sit needed new arguments on the content of the security and peace. Thursday, Jan. 1.—The Circum-cision of Christ in security and peace. Thursday, Jan. 1.—The Circum-cision of Christ or New Year's Day. Under the Old Law circum-chesen People of God. The law Chisen People of God. The law continued in force until the death, of Christ and the Saviour was it needed new arguments on the part of the missionary to prevent him carrying out his idea forthwith circumcised in order that he might redeem those who were under the and to make him content with less drastic measures.

Friday, Jan. 2.—St. Fulgentius, Bishop, after holding office as the procurator of the Province of DOUBLING THE NATIVE PRIESTS The Bishops of China, aided by generous alms from the Catholic world, have staffed 50 preparatory seminaries and 48 higher seminaries. Austin's treatise on the Psalms to enter religion. He was elected Bishop in 508. His books and letters some of which are still The number of students in the former is 1,780 and in the latter extant, confounded the Pelagian and Arian heresiarchs. For his Allowing for loss of health. failure to persevere in vocation, etc., it is calculated that the num-

opposition to heresy he was cruelly scouraged by the Numidians. Finally he retired to an island monastery where he died in the ber of native priests should be about doubled in the next twenty years. THE FAITH IN UGANDA year 533

"I had another hour's journey Saturday, Jan. 3 -St Genevieve Virgin, was born at Nanterre near Paris. When seven years of age she made a vow of perpetual chasbefore me, when, meeting an old woman who was bent under the burden of years and the heat of tity. During the siege of Paris by Childeric, King of the Franks, Genevieve with a few followers went out and procured corn for the an ever-tropical sun, I saluted her and asked where she was going. " I am on my way to the little village where we are expecting the of the missionary," she "I have come from afar starving citizens. Childeric, al-though a pagan, respected her and to receive the Sacraments, and at her request spared the lives of strengthened with the Bread of many prisoners. She has become Life, I shall return home in a few the patron Saint of Paris.

days." "Truly," I said to myself, "it is fine to see the faith of our dear Blacks. All these were in the snares of Satan only half a century **REAPING THE** WHIRLWIND

ago. Now, they are ready to undergo great and heavy sacrifices for the precious gift of faith, which Editor of THE CATHOLIC RECORD : Kindly spare a little of your valuable space for the enclosed letter which the Globe did not publish. they rightly, appreciate as their greatest treasure on earth."

Thanking you but vance, I remain, &c. G. FORTUNATO. Thanking you sincerely in ad-Every parish has its own yearly

mission day, with sermons, collec-tion and procession. If the place To the Editor of the Globe: The news from France, in your issue of December 8, is no surprise to me, is of some importance it has its "misssion week" and it is to be doubted if there is a better way for the anti-Christian clique, now in power again, have been "Sowing the wind " of atheism, and are now evidently "reaping the whirlwind" to make the mission idea more For the moment Holland counts about 600 sections with many thou-

of revolution. Mr. Vance Thompson, Protestant sands of members, 111 benefactors ournalist, long resident in Paris, and 81 founders of scholarships. long-time lover and student and interpreter of France, wrote these Together they support at least 230 native students while some native words for Everybody's Magazine in seminaries such as Madras, Victoria-1907 : Nyanza, Kansou, are almost entirely erected and supported with Dutch money. However, we believe the

". . . By a vote of nearly solace three to one the representatives of there. the French nation turned out the light in heaven. It was a prodigadmirable mission spirit of the Dutch Catholics is due first to the constant influence of the many ious event. Two thousand years a star stood over Bethlehem. 'We We mission orders and congregations have put out that star for ever!' cried the orator. He was Viviani, a established in the free Dutch country. It seems incredible, but, it is a reality, the Dutch Catholics desperate lawyer, politician, journ-alist, a socialist who had fought his have in their midst about 40 semway to power with the ruthless courage of a medieval bravo. Havinaries and the same number of

preparatory seminaries, 27 congre-gations of missionary priests, 5 of gations of missionary priests, 5 of Brothers, 29 of Sisters who send their members to the foreign mis-sions. A Jesuit Father, some weeks ago, estimated that the Dutch Cath-olics spend one and a half to two millions of florins a year for the

MASSES chamber-the cohort of socialistic Greeds. . . . By 'We' Viviani meant all the Voices and Appetites round the swill-trough of the State. The only worship they have is that of the trough; immediately after banishing God from heaven (by a vote of three to one) they

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54 Years of Service

CHRISTMAS GIFTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

Christmas is coming—almost here. Shoppers are busy and worrled over the selection of gifts for their friends. Remember that Our Lord on your list, and do not leave Him until the last. Here are a few of the things He wants. Make your choice at once

1. MONEY FOR GENERAL EXTENSION WORK

Besides the designated gifts, which are applied as directed by the donors, funds are required to carry on the general work of the future be a beacon to ships at sea. Society. Petitions of all kinds come The spire is 200 feet high. The to us from the missions and often cross on top is 15 feet high by 6 feet lack of general funds renders the granting of them impossible. Send with electricity so that it can be a donation for General Extension Work—large, if you can. or small if that is all you can afford.

2. BUILD OR HELP TO BUILD A CHAPEL

are scattered all over Western Canada. The only possible safe-years. guard for their Faith is the estab-lishment of little chapels—centres lishment of little chapers control one of the handsomest in freining of Catholicity — in their midst. one of the handsomest in freining will upon an eminence overlooking built upon an eminence overlooking the town and the waves. The town and the waves. The hundred dollars will construct one. Build a chapel in memory of your dear departed, and they will receive solace from the Holy Masses offered the existing lighthouses on

3. MISSIONARY BISHOPS ARE IN URGENT NEED OF MONEY FOR THE

EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

God often chooses the sons of poor families to carry on His work. And a the work of the Saviour. may not have a boy to offer Him, of the Saviour. Alas, that there should still be but you can pay the amount re-quired to equip for the priesthood some one, without means, whom He wants. Three hundred dollars will educate a seminarian for a year. If you cannot spare the whole amount, all may help in the glorious Apostocourse.

Do not forget the souls of your friends in purgatory. Nothing can so greatly assist them as the Sacri-fice of the Mass. Have Masses said Divine Babe of Bethlehem, to a for them and to obtain from God land that knows not Christmas.

Irish coast. BURSES

SPREAD THE GLAD TIDINGS

During the month of December the whole Christian world is irradiated with joy because of the coming

any land to which He does not come! "Missionaries! Missionarcome ! "Missionaries : missionaries ! ies !" is the cry of Mother Church today. All may not respond, but send something for this worthy late of the conversion of pagan lands. Contribute a Christmas mite

used solely for the

towards our Burses. It will

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education

to the community." Dr. Kiley urged that Catholic welfare.

CROSS ON IRISH CHURCH IS MARINER'S BEACON

women see that they use the ballot properly, and that they take their laces as leaders in community Dublin, Ireland.—The cross on the spire of the Catholic Church at

> seen for miles out at sea. About 80 electric bulbs will be illuminated at each side of the cross, and in order

illuminated cross will be a more reliable guide to ships than any of

Clifden, Galway County, will in

to meet the difficulty of replacement a number of extra bulbs will Catholic families in small groups affixed. Replacement will then be Clifden is a town on the verge of



from the dawn of reason until their no longer has an alliance with that last hour of life.

700 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Franciscan Fathers of Merchants' Quay, Dublin, have been celebrating the seventh cen-Dublin, Dec. 10.-Mr. Shane Leslie has projected a tour on foot tenary of the coming of their Order to Ireland. It is a common tradito Constantinople. On the way he will call upon a number of the tion among the friars that their younger French writers and artists and Bohemians in various parts of earliest foundation was at Youhal, Cork County, in 1224. According to the same tradition it was St. Europe. He also intends to renew Francis himself who turned his eyes towards Ireland. The first his acquaintance with Bishops and Cardinals with whom he has come friar sent to Ireland was a Spaniard. Within one hundred years thirtyin contact through his life Cardinal Manning and his other biographies of Catholic persontwo friaries had been established and the Order had already given aliti bishops to ten different Irish sees. Numerous schools of learning were He means to spend some time in founded and the students, foremost Pope. The traveler hopes to have an interview with D'Annunzio whom he regards as the most distinguished of his international acquaintances since Tolstoy's death. among them, John Duns Scotus. were making Ireland's name famous at the Universities of Oxford and Paris.

During the next two centuries and up to the time of the monastic suppression the Order continued to ing Protestant family in Monaghan County, became a Catholic some grow and finally numbered some eighty friaries. The friars themyears ago. His mother was an American and a sister of Lady selves were between two and three Randolph Churchill. Mr. Winston Churchill, the present Chancellor of thousand.

Some of them frequented the schools of Cologne, Strasbourg and Bologna. When the storm of the Protestant movement broke against the Irish Church no community appeared better prepared to meet and withstand it than the followers of St. Francis. But ultimately the friaries were all suppressed and for nearly three hundred years the Order was subjected to spoliation, persecution, and death.

the priests managed to minister to the spiritual wants of the Irish people. They transferred their houses of training and study Continent. Florence Conry founded their house at Louvain; Luke Wadding established St. Isidore's at Rome; Patrick Fleming, afterwards to die a martyr, founded St. Ambrose's at Prague.

group, is a gain of three over the total in the May elections. WHAT NEXT FOR CHINA ?

We are accustomed to seeing the missionaries sail with housekeeping paraphernalia, but the Sisters who recently left for Mayknoll-in-South

China kept the passengers guessing as to whether the huge boxes they brought contained baby grand pianos or monster coal ranges. Only the initiated knew that two of the missionaries to China were experts with shuttle and loom, intimately acquainted with warp and woof, and that they were taking with them the implements of their trade. Watch for the boom

of industrial arts ! of THE LITTLE FLOWER OF CAMBODIA

A solemn tridium was recently celebrated in the Carmel of Xom-Bien in honor of Blessed Teresa of He means to spend some time in Florence and Venice before going to Rome. He will call again on the Were kept with wonderful devotion, music being rendered by the choir of the church of Xom-Bien, the

seminarians, and the choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart. This evidence of Catholicity in the coun-try of Cambodia gave great encouragement to the priests and sisters who are working among the three million pagans.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

During the twenty-five years the number of souls baptized in the Solomon Islands has amounted to 7,264. There are at present, 4,109 Catholics and 1,474 catechumens. difficulty attending the work of shrine and evangelization is very great, writes the Church.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12 — "The average age of the men charged with crimes of violence is twenty-How beautiful are with crimes of violence is twenty-two years. I believe the situation is due to lack of proper religious training." This was an analysis of the crime situation in Cook County by States Attorney Robert E. Crowe (Catholic) as outlined before the

millions of florins a year for the support of the different mission houses. (A florin is usually about 40 cents in our money.)

LITTLE HOLLAND SHOWS THE WAY

popular in town or region.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 28.-The Sunday, Dec. 28.—The Holy decided (by a nearly unanimous Innocents. When Herod found that the three Wise Men did not return with word of the Saviur whom the subscript of the necessary and the saviur whom the saving disposed of the necessary and the saving disposed of the necessary and the saving disposed of the necessary and the necessary and the saving disposed of the necessary and the Holy with word of the Saviour whom they had gone to seek, he became enraged and, thinking to make sure of the death of the new born sary preliminaries, the Chamber of Deputies went on about the business of passing laws for the confiscation of what property it had not yet taken from the Church." King, he issued orders that every male child under two years old in

Two years later. a series of Bethlehem and its vicinity should be slain. These innocent victims, articles on France and the Separa-tion Law appeared in the Boston the first martyrs for the cause of Christ triumphed over the world

Traveller, written by Mr. Alvan F. Sanborn, a Protestant in religion, a without having even known it or native of Massachusetts, who has devoted all his life to the study of experienced its dangers. Monday, Dec. 29.—St. Thomas of Canterbury, son of Gilbert Becket, was chosen Archbishop of Canter-

bury in 1160 upon the insistence of King Henry II. The Saint had previously been Lord High Chancel-lor of England. When the King offered him the See of Canterbury the French capital. Sanborn's fifth article opens with this paragraph : "The with-drawal of religious instruction from Thomas warned him that such an the Public schools, and the closing of the schools of the religious event would break up their friendship, and his apprehensions were

orders, have been followed by an appalling increase in crime, particujustified. In preserving the rights of the Church against the encroachlarly juvenile crime. The attempt to substitute the teaching of morals

ments of the royal power, Thomas quarrelled with the King and finally, in December 1170, the Arch-bishop was murdered in his Cathefor the teaching of religion is a failure. . . The chairman of the committee on judiciary reform 'recently reported'—this was in 1909 Catholics and 1,474 catecnumers. The conversions may seem small for a labor of twenty five years, but the under the King submitted to a public scourging at the Saint's shrine and restored full rights to -'an increase of 80% since 1901 in the total number of crimes in the country." He quotes this from Dr. Gustave Lebon, scientist and sociologist: "Criminality has aug-

Tuesday, Dec. 30.—St. Sabinus, Bishop and his companions, martyrs. St. Sabinus was Bishop of Assisium. During the persecutions under Diocletian and Maximin, he and several of his clergy were appre-hended. By order of Venustianus, governor of Etruria and Umbria, the Saint's hands were cut off and by States Attorney Robert E. Crowe (Catholic) as outlined before the Irish Fellowship Club in an address. Mr. Crowe, who prosecuted the Leob-Leopold case against the Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades, his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly these trades his is a costly mode of Darrow, and who protested openly th

favors which you may want. There are many priests labouring on the Missions who without the dollar they receive for their inten tion of Mass could scarcely exist. They depend upon Extension Society to keep them supplied. When we have not enough they suffer. Send us Mass Intentions. Let us have your offering in time

for Christmas, and be assured of this: no.gift will bring you greater joy and consolation, none will pro-cure for you more of God's blessing. Contributions through this office should be addressed

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CATHOLIC WOMEN TOLD TO SERVE

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 12.-Women are "growing fat mentally and physically," as a result of the im-provement of their condition in the last generation, the Very Rev. Dr. mented in proportions that are Philip Kiley declared in an address veritably terrifying; 30% for the here in which he urged Catholic vertably territying; 30% for the murders, while the sum for the criminality has doubled in five years." (Quoted by Bird S. Coler, Methodist ex-Controller of New York, in his book "Two and Two Make Four," Frank D. Beattys & Co., New York, N. Y.; pages 207-8 and 211-2.) "There is no institution in the The above quotations are rethon

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BY NEV. WILLIAM DEMOUY, D. D.

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

THE WAYS OF GOD

"At that time : Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were wondering at the things spoken concerning Him." (Luke ii, 33.)

concerning Him." (Luke ii, 33.) God's ways are simple. He acts 'quietly and calmly. Though to Him is due all honor and glory, He does not perform Hi works, as we might be inclined to imagine, with an open manifestation of His beauty, wisdom, and power. These qualities, it is true, can be seen in the works of His hands, but it is the works of His hands, but it is only after He has wrought them that they are seen more or less clearly by us. When He delivered the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, He revealed some of His wonders, but not all, and then only to the great Lawgiver. Practically all of His other relations with man have been of a less open nature. He has reserved it for us in heaven to see reserved it for us in heaven to see Him as He is, in His majesty and

power and beauty. Our Divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ Himself, acted similar-ly. His life from the cralle to the cross was quiet, reserved, and with-out ostentation. How often He enjoined men not even to speak of many miracles He wrought in their favor. It would seem, as we are wont to judge, that the best days of His life were spent in obscurity in the humble home at Nazareth. He was about thirty years old before He began His public career. And then He did not visit all the world.

The greatest seat of the mightiest empire never looked upon Him. His territory was very limited indeed, yet it was all He needed to traverse in order to fulfill His mission. Where He did not go Himmission. Where he did not go films self, He made provisions for others to go. His work was to be done slowly, quietly. There was not the rush and the nervousness of the

modern enthusiast about Him, but the calm and mature knowledge of the sage. *He knew what to accom-plish, and how to do it best.

plish, and how to do it best. There is one thing, especially, so little observed by men, for which Christ had great regard, and He gave to it a place that it should ever hold : it is the reasoning power of man. He respected it particu-larly in this sense, that He expected man to use it, and to treat it as it should be treated. He spoke, He persuaded, He urged, but He never made use of force in His work. He considered man rational enough to comprehend his mission and the end for which God created him, and how to attain it. He knew that man. upon realizing these truths, should set his will to carry out God's designs, and that God's grace would come to assist him. He even told man of the penalty awaiting him if he failed. Having done this, He left man, a rational being, to act as a man should act; but He never went so far as to interfere with man's reason, nor with his will, except by persuading him to do what was right. We may note clearly His attitude in this respect with regard to the Pharisees. As we are accustomed to say, He did not lose time with them. They were free to listen to Him, to learn the lessons He taught, and to gain the grace He would give His followers; but they refused, and

He left them, we may say, in their hardened condition. Who can blame Him? Salvation is a gift from God, but it must be given to a being who acts rationally ; it can not be forced upon one who fails to prepare himself for it. And there are too many well-disposed souls wait-ing for the opportunities that would be wasted upon the hard of heart. We must admire Christ for the value He put upon the free will of man, as well as for all His other wise acts. He appealed to reason and the heart, in His quiet but forceful and effective way, and, where there was no response, He knew men willed otherwise. Some may wonder how it is that many refused to follow Him, but we can say with all certainty that if He came upon earth today on a second mission similar to the first, there would be numberless people who would act as did the Pharisees And He would not force of old. them. When people are taught the truths they should know, and are given convincing reasons for their existence, if they refuse to accept them and adhere to them. God must treat them accordingly. Who will be God to overlook the free will of man? It is God alone who recognizes its dignity. "Joseph and Mary," the Gospel says, "were wondering at the things spoken concerning Jesus." When He was as a helpless babe they had seen Him act as any human child would. Yet He was acknowledged and known by so many people of God, and such wonderful things were said about Him. Perhaps the holy couple thought that Jesus soon would manifest His divinity in some very conspicuous manner; but, if they did, no doubt they soon if they did, no doubt they soon learned differently. For the most part His life was to be an obscure part its life was to be an obscure one. His principal message was not to be one to fill men's hearts with fear; He was not to drive by force, but He was to call gently, and set an example for man to follow. Ere long He would be gone, but He would leave after Him ose who would continue His work quietly but surely. They, too, would appeal to man, and give him the message they had for him. If

FIVE MINUTE SERMON man failed to hear them, he would be as the heathen and the publican : and in all probability they would shake the dust from their feet, and never enter his province again. If man will not listen to reason and be guided by it, he must expect the saddest consequences—rejection by God.

We only need consider our present generation to have an exemplifica-tion of this. There are abundant opportunities for people to know God's word and accept it. Yet how few, after all, are responding ! They are prospering, too, many of them, but they are reaping the reward only of the little material reward only of the little material good they have done, or at present doing. Some might say, why does not God do something wonderful to convice them? Even did He do something wonderful, He would not convince them. Besides, this is not His method, and, not being His method, it can not be a very efficamethod, it can not be a very enca-cious one. His way is a quiet way, a truthful way, a way that appeals not to the lower senses of man, but to his crowning gifts, his reason and his will. More God should not do, nor more will He do; and he who notes for more doubts God in His

asks for more doubts God in His power and His truthfulness. power and His truthuiness. Since God's ways are quiet and gentle in the salvation of man, so should ours be. We can set the example and then, combining earnest, fervent prayer with it, do the work of an apostle. Through our prayers for some sinner, some erring one, God will whisper to his heart and maybe a response will come that will make us in God's sight savers of souls.

EX ORE INFANTIUM

Little Jesus wast Thou shy Once, and just so small as I? And what did it seel like to be Out of Heaven, and just like me Didst Thou sometimes think of And ask where all the Angels were should think that I would cry

For my house all made of sky ; I would look about the air, And wonder where the Angels were: And at waking 'twould distress Not an Angel there to dress me

Hadst Thou ever any toys, Like us little girls and boys And didst Thou play in Heaven with at school

Play can you see me? through their wings?

Didst Thou kneel at night to pray, And didst Thou join Thy hands this way ? And did they tire sometimes, being

And make the prayer seem very

And dost Thou like it best that we Should join our hands to pray to

Thee? used to think, before I knew, The prayer not said unless we do. And did Thy Mother at the night

there,

all

Kiss Thee, and fold the clothes in right? And didst Thou feel quite good in

bed, Kissed, and sweet, and Thy prayers said ?

Thou canst not have forgotten all That it feels like to be small ; And Thou know'st I cannot pray To Thee in my father's way— When Thou wast so little say, Couldst Thou talk Thy Father's way ?-

So, a little child, come down

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

HANS HERZL'S STORY was not manly for a Jew to leave OF CONVERSION

By George Barnard London, Eng. Co. t. N. C. W. U.) The story of the groping toward Catholicism of Hans Herzl. son of the founder and leader of Zionism, is a religious romance. The statement by Mr. Herzl which

I am able to publish clears up a "news mystery." In the summer it was reported in America that Hans Herzl had joined the Catholic Church in Vienna. The statement was quoted in the English Catholic press, and months later—only a few days ago—he was formally received into the Church here. To clear up the mystery of this reported double reception I saw Mr. Herzl. He has now made it clear that in Vienna, in his desire to enter Church in Vienna, in his desire to enter that in Vienna, in his desire to enter that in Vienna, in his desire to enter that in Vienna, in his desire to enter To clear up the mystery of this reported double reception I saw Mr. Herzl. He has now made it clear that in Vienna, in his desire to enter Herzl. He has now made it clear that in Vienna, in his desire to enter Herzl. He has now made it clear that in Vienna, in his desire to enter Herzl. He has now made it clear that in Vienna, in his desire to enter Herzl. Her that in Vienna, in his desire to enter the Christian Church, he received baptism at the hands of a Baptist

minister. Zionism, which his father, Dr. Theodore Herzl, founded and guided during his lifetime, claims millions of adherents throughout the world. and the conversion of Hans Herzl will bring the claims of the Church

to the notice of a widespread public. Dr. Theodore Herzl died in 1904. Dr. Theodore Herzl died in 1904. In 1886 he began to propagate the idea of a return to Palestine of the Jewish people. A well-known London Jew, Baron Hirsch, is said to have put his entire fortune at Dr. Herzl's disposal to forward his ideal.

HERZL'S OWN STORY OF CONVERSION Hans Herzl's story of his religious

wanderings is so graphic that I present it without further comment: "I come from a home," he tells

me, "in which though it was not identified with any particular creed, religion was properly respected. If I can make such a distinction at all, there was upon my mother's side a leaning towards religion, while my father's mind conformed rather to the habits of Free Thought in vogue amongst the Jewish world writers and journalists in Vienpa. of

sisters and I were only taught two or three simple and short prayers (morning and night, as well as grace before dinner), which we said in German. We also

received thition in Hebrew, which was a compulsory subject for Jews. was a compulsory subject for Jews, Our resident governesses were

when I was thirteen) I remember

our mother telling me that when w were small children our father had at times considered having us bap-

tized into the Christian Church. That standpoint must date back

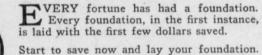
A glory 'round the head. So let the gate swing open, However poor the yard, baptism, in so far as Jews are con-cerned, in any of his published writings, whatever views he may have privately come to hold. Lest weary people visit you And find their passage barred. Unlatch the door at midnight, And let your lantern's glow

Shine out to guide the traveler's "Soon after his death the guardians to whose care we had been entrusted, brought me to England, the intention being that I should

conform to Jewish religious practice, follow an accepted course of study and embrace a recognized career. And helped her to alight; My family did not maigrate with me, He spread clean straw before her



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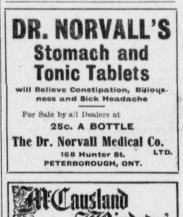
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to a period before the inception of the Zionist movement; but while I cannot remember ever having heard him express such views, there is a Our Lady and St. Joseph, passage at the beginning of his diaries which tends to support And Jesus Christ has given him my mother's statement. Certainly there is no explicit condemnation of

A FUTILE EXISTENCE

To you across the snow. There was a courteous hostler, (He is in heaven tonight,) He held Our Lady's bridle

feet.

brother. It was on the feast of the Archangel Raphael, in the same chapel, that I received my First all The Angels, that were not too tall, With stars for marbles? did the things Play can you see me? through their wings? Cur resident governesses were Christians—Protestants in all cases that I can remember. "Our father inculcated in us a sense of pride in being Jews; but after his death (which took place when I was thirteen) I remember

GATES AND DOORS

A BALLAD OF CHRISTMAS EVE There was a gentle hostler, (And blessed be his name !) He opened up the stable The night Our Lady came.

necessity of my becoming one. It

was he who put me into touch with

Father Day, S. J., and after that all was 'plain sailing.' To Father Day, and to her whom I regard as

my second mother, I owe more than

I can say. "In the Chapel of Our Lady of

Sion, Bayswater, London, I was received by the priest who had instructed me into the Church, a good number of prominent Jewish

And hear a child's tongue like Thine own; Take me by the hand and walk. And listen to my baby-talk. To Thy Father show my prayer (He will look, Thou art so fair,) And say, "O Father, I, Thy Son, Bring the prayer of a little one."

And He will smile, that children's tongue

Has not changed since Thou wast young. -FRANCIS THOMPSON

ADORE THE BABE

Drive every unkind thought away, That love alone your heart may sway, For Christ is born again today.

His little hand knocks at the door, Your love and shelter to implore; He asks your heart and nothing

> more. Would you deny so poor a thing, I began to grope my way back to human fellowship. The fever and madness of the War abated. I who had so long been apathetic in the To Him of heaven and earth the King? Then to His Crib your offering

bring.

matter of religion began to look about me for some definite creed. Adore the Babe, lest you forget, He came from heaven to pay your "In England, during the War, I had been vaguely attracted to the debt

His star of love will never set. -SUSAN W. CLUNE

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Wherever there is sickness, May Santa Claus bring health ; Wherever there is poverty, May Santa Claus bring wealth Wherever one is weeping, May tears to smile give way ; Wherever sadness hovers, May joy come Christmas day.

To every heart that's aching, May peace and comfort come, And may an outlook rosy Supplant each outlook glum ; May friends now separated Soon reunited be, And everyone finds gladness Upon this Christmas tree. -EDGAR GUEST

and I lost my mother soon after, Whereon she might lie down when I was seventeen. And Jesus Christ has given him My removal to England I hold An everlasting crown.

to have been unwise. It definitely Unlock the door this evening put an end to our home life, and 1 very much fear it broke my mother's And let your gate swing wide ; Let all who ask for shelter heart. For having disregarded her wishes 1 am much to blame, and I Come speedily inside. What if your yard be narrow was punished with great unhappi-ness. One half of my nature was What if your house be small ? There is a Guest whose coming ever harking back to the world of Will glorify it all. my childhood, the other half was trying to conform to the ways and

There was a joyous hostler, aspirations of my new environment. "For several years I outwardly Who knelt on Christmas morn Beside the radiant manger observed the principal Jewish customs, while I lost whatever Wherein his Lord was born. His heart was full of laughter,

inward religion I possessed. I do not wish to speak of my subsequent His soul was full of bliss, When Jesus on his Mother's lap, years, at an English Public school Gave him His hand to kiss. and University, up to the outbreak of the War. It was in the main a Unbar your heart this evening,

futile existence. VISITS TO PARK LECTURES

"The War completed my estrange-ment from my family. Then slowly

National Church. I now attended spiritualist meetings and theosophi-

cal lectures, and tried to take an interest in books embodying these

and similar tendencies, but without lasting effect. Then I began to

frequent the open-air meetings of the Catholic Evidence Guild in Hyde

Park, about three years ago I think

"Those meetings I soon attended

regularly, staying on sometimes for several hours on end. Here, at last, was food and drink. Only I

it was.

Take from your soul's great portal The barrier of doubt. To humble folk and weary Give hearty welcoming, Your breast shall be tomorrow

And keep no stranger out ;

HE IS COMING

With little feet so feeble, With tender little eyes, With baby lips that tremble, To utter baby cries. Unmindful of the angels That crowd the starry dome, He comes to bid you welcome, Thrice welcome to His home.

His home is dark and lowly, But love can make it fair : His home is such a poor one. But God Himself is there: And who would choose a palace, However great and bright, When God is in a stable This happy Christmas night?

did not yet connect all this with my own case. For one thing, 1 felt unworthy of being a Catholic. Further, there was the old principle There is no peace out of Christwhich the guardians appointed by my father and. I suppose, he him-self, during the last years of his life, had enjoined on me; that it there is no peace and safety here in this world, where Satan's darts are flying so thick, but under the wings



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CHATS WITH YOUNG

MEN

GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS He little knew the sorrow that was

in his vacant chair, He never guessed they'd miss him, or he'd surely have been

there. He couldn't see his mother or the lump that filled her throat.

Or the tears that started falling as she read his hasty note; he couldn't see his father, sit-

ting sorrowful and dumb e never would have written that he thought he couldn't Or he

come.

He little knew the gladness that his presence would have made,

And the joy it would have given, or he never would have stayed :

He didn't know how hungry had the

little mother grown Once again to see her baby and to claim him for her own.

He didn't guess the meaning of his visit Christmas Day Or he never would have written that he couldn't get away.

He couldn't see the fading of the

cheeks that once were pink, And the silver in the tresses; and

he didn't stop to think How the years are passing swiftly, and next Christmas it might

There would be no home to visit and no parents dear to see :

He didn't think about it-1'll not say

he didn't care, he didn't care, He was heedless and forgetful or he'd surely have been there.

Are you going home for Christmas? Have you written you'll be there?

Going home to kiss the mother and to show her that you care

Going home to greet the father in a way to make him glad?

If you're not I hope there'll never come a time you'll wish you

had. Just sit down and write a letter-

it will make their heartstrings hum With a tune of perfect gladness-if you'll tell them that you'll

THE MESSAGE OF STARS A wise and holy Bishop whose quaint and graceful writings have soothed and charmed the weary pulse of the world has given us a glowing pen picture of the grandeur and beauty of the heavens at night.

This description, he tells us, is but the faintest concept of the loveliness of a celestial Country toward which all men are journeying in the pale light of earth's waning day. "Consider," says the gentle Bishop of Geneva, "a fair and clear night, and reflect how delightful it is to behold the sky bespangled with that multitude and variety of

stars. The study of stars has in all ages absorbed men of scientific bent and urged them to devote no less than an entire lifetime to the intimate contemplation of these heavenly bodies which illumine the dark places of earth, lesser suns, faith-

ful, constant, fixed, enduring. Pilot. We cannot think of stars without recalling to mind the benign and gracious figure of Nicholas Coper-OUR BOYS AND GIRLS nicus, the Father of Astronomy HAPPY CHRISTMAS whose researches into the mysterie of the universe opened to a waiting Happy Christmas to you children ! Happy may your Christmas be world truth undreamed of and brought Heaven a little nearer to earth. During all his life, Coper-Found upon the Christmas tree. cus remained the simplest of men. But, oh, children, while you're For a long period of years, while faithfully performing his duties as Canon of the Cathedral of Frauen-burg, he continued to elevate his eyes, whenever the opportunity pre-sented itself, to the contemplation of the stars. This was for the holy man his Contemplatio Divinae Amoris, his Book of Rule wherein he clearly discerned the purposes of an Infinite Mind. Unlike many genuises, Copernicus, devoutly religious, knew the secret art of attaching all finite values to their Creator. So it is that one, standing by his grave, reads on the tombstone the prayer of his request: "I ask not the grace accorded to Paul, hor that given to Peter : give me only the favor Thou didst show to the thief on the Cross." At the Christmas season all men become for a little space astron-omers. They stand, like the shep-herds of old, in spirit on the green hillsides, waiting for the dawning of a great Light in the sky. There is a Star whose advent they await with eagerness, for it brings a mesing sage of peace and good will to hearts burdened with the multiple cares of earth. Old and young, grave and merry, sad and carefree alike are united in one strong bond at this sweet season of the year. In lives the most sordid, the most hopeless, there sometimes shines one ray of celestial light. It is the one ray of celestial light. Is is the memory of a Merry Christmas of early childhood when as yet the infant ears were able to heed the Divine accents of the angels' song. And, transcending all thought of the bounties dispensed so freely at this season by the good Saint Nich-olas, the friend of children, the well-stuffed stockings the illumin. who halt at door after door to ask well-stuffed stockings, the illumin-ated tree, the raptures of toys and admission. No picture books opening the trail to magic regions of delight—there is a more sacred joy that lingers in the still places of the heart. from within, inquiring who is there. The spokesman replies: "It is Mary, the Queen of Heaven, In the early morn, just at day-break, the villagers wend their way in haste to the humble church in order to present their homage to the little New-Born King. The sound of Christmas carols steals

manger or the rare perfume of enters, to be led to a side altar spices brought from far-off climes. prepared to represent a stable with prepared to represent a stable altar prepared to represent a stable with a manger, dimly lighted by a single lantern. Here all kneel and recite the last prayers of a prescribed litany; and as the final petition dies away, a little boy with wings fastened to his shoulders, and in his arms an image representing the Holy Night! Sacred Night! It is the one dear memory cherished until the shadows pass and the night comes to those who have tarried long beside the way. To the scoffer, the man who lives for self and pleasure, the poor

his arms an image representing the images of plaster representing the Mother and Child, the rudely im-Holy Child, rushes in, and lays his burden in the crib. The tapers are Mother and Child, the rudely im-provised Crib with its handful of straw, and the faithful lamp burn-ing before it, are but a travesty for which they have no taste. They are busily engaged in building up a complex puzzle of life, which, alas, heall prove the selected. th -n lighted, and carols of welcon to the world's Redeemer are sung. -Exchange.

LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

shall never be solved. Their thoughts dwell in the midst of ambitious cares for the goods of earth, its silver and gold. They One cold December night three little trees were shivering and sighing in the wind, a palm tree, an olive tree, and a fir tree. Presently know little and care less about the Little Town of Christmas, above the air grew balmy and fragment with the perfume of flowers. A radiance softer than moonlight spread itself over the earth, and whose deep and dreamless sleep, as long ago in Bethlehem, the silent stars go by. Life is a puzzle. Yet at Christthe birds sang in the trees. Every-body wondered at the marvel, and mas it becomes strangely simple once more. The love, the joy, the blessed enthusiasm of childhood the little trees, whispering in the breeze, questioned one another.

Said the palm tree : "This is the night that the Christ returns to the burdened souls of strong men. "Well," as says Lord Lytton, Child is to be born, and this wonder is in His honor.'

While he was yet speaking men came and said to the palm tree : "Come with us. You are the

"life is a quaint puzzle. Bits the most incongruous join in each other, and the scheme gradually becomes symmetrical and clear; when lo, as the infant claps his hands and cries emblem of royalty, and the Christ Child is King of Heaven and earth. 'See! See!' all the pieces are swept back into the box, the black box with the gilded nails." We would wave your branches over His cradle and strew your leaves before Him."

The puzzle becomes somewhat less complex at Christmas. Things look strangely simple in the light of So they took the palm tree away. Presently other men came and in like manner addressed the olive the Christmas Star. The Presence of the Holy Child brings newborn tree; for the olive tree is the emblem of peace, and Christ is the Prince of Peace. So the olive tree was taken to the Saviour's/birthpeace and hope among us as He lies so trustfully, bearing no wounds as

yet save those of Love. Surely it is not too much to say plac The fir tree was left alone, sigh-Surely it is not too much to say that the world would indeed prove sad and dreary were it not for Christmas and the glory that it brings. It is peculiarly the season of Love. "Love illuminates our darkness; it causes the desert itself to blossom as a carden weater

to blossom as a garden, weaves threads of gold into the dull texture of a cheerless life. It is sweet to answered: "They have taken my friends to serve the Christ Child, but I am of no use, so I am left alone. If I could but see the Christ Child, I would be quiet and good." The arged task the for task and be loved even by the dumb uncon-scious beast. The shepherd, tend-

ing his flock on the lonely mountain side, finds solace in the friendly whelping of his dog, and the Arab in his tent feels the arid desert less The angel took the fir tree and stood it before the manger in which the Saviour lay; so the fir tree was happy, cessed sighing and stood lonely and the night less drear when the familiar neighing of his tethered quietly before the Saviour. The Angel said :

steed breaks upon his ear." "Fir tree, you have been so good and quiet and modest that I shall High indeed and holy is man's association with man. Ships, hail-ing one another, as the poet has said, on life's ocean, pass the word of cheer along, and then, breaking make you of service to the Christ Child."

The angel reached up to the sky, plucked a bright star, and placed it on the tip of the fir tree. Then the away into the high foam and terrors of the sea, bear renewed courage in their hearts. High and holy is the intercourse of the soul with its Infant God at Christmastide. Strong and mighty the clasp of these the former analytic to the Saviour hung those tiny fingers enshrining the destinies of worlds. them upon the fir tree, and said :

Life is a puzzle. But thrice happy they who will suffer the touch of that Infant hand upon the refractory pieces. Each one slips back into place. The solution is at hand. The puzzle is done.—The Pilot

All nations celebrate the festive season of Christmas, but none con-versant with the methods of celebration in European countries will gainsay the fact that in Ireland, a land of sainted memories and living, throbbing faith, the feast has a

religious significance unequalled in any other land. And this is but natural, for in the darkest hour of their checkered.

On Christmas Eve all houses are

furnished with large candles lighted and placed in every window, signi-fying the light which the Magi saw

come and dwell in every branch and

ing with this pious and time-honored custom, they would deem themselves Catholics but in name. What piety and reverence did not these fervent worshippers evince gave to us.

as the venerable pastor invoked in fervent prayer heaven's choicest favor upon every member of his congregation ! On Christmas night the family and blessed by God will be the man who on this great day makes the heart of one little child happy. On Christmas night the family and friends gather round the fire-side, and the fife and fiddle attuned to the finest pitch, are brought into

requisition, at the sound of which the young and the old dance with/ Deeply conscious of the spiritual significance of Christmas, therefore, vim and energy, jigs, reels and horn-pipes until the clock tolls the we approach this joyful festival. Around the Crib let us gather in midnight hour, after which the friends and neighbors generally spirit. There let us kneel within the rude shelter of that cheerless stable, next to the peerless Lady of all creation, and that gentle gra-But before the festivities end, the

memory of some members of the family now resident in America or far off Australia is toasted in poetry and prose of a laudatory nature. His or her generosity to the old folk and the filial love as exemplified in substantial presents which the avid children of Ledend cious man who was her divinely chosen protector, and while angelic voices fill the air, with the glory of God and the peace that comes to men of good will, let us learn from the manger the lesson of life, that only near Him Who lies cradled on which the exiled children of Ireland have manifested since emigration became a chronic national necessity, that rough straw will cold hearts find warmth, sad hearts find happi-ness, and dead hearts find life.—The is also joyously portrayed in song Pilot. and story. The feast of the Epiphany or "Little

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM Christmas," is a holy day of obliga-tion in Ireland, and is observed with O cruel manger, how bleak, how

almost as much solemnity as is the bleak; For the limbs of the Babe, my God On St. Stephen's day, December Soft little limbs on the cold, cold 26, the boys and young men hunt and kill the "little wren," and carry it with measured steps and straw :

Weep, O eyes, for thy God.

Bitter ye winds in the frosty night soldierly mien from house to house, Upon the Babe, my God. Piercing the torn and broken thatch; from village to village. Generally the marchers are rewarded with a slight contribution, which is spent

Lament, O heart, for thy God. for social purposes on that evening. Several legends are extant, stating

'The shepherds have come from the hills to adore incurred in a particular manner the displeasure of the Irish people, but The Babe in the manger, my God; Mary and Joseph welcome them

space will not permit me to com-ment upon the authenticity or lack there Worship, O soul, thy God ! "But I alone may not come near Years have passed away : centur-

ies have come and centuries have gone since the glad tidings of the The Babe in the manger, my God. Weep for thy sins, O heart, and first Christmas morn was heralded plead to the world, yet today in Ireland, the same religious spirit which enveloped the manger of Bethlehem is as fresh and vivifying as ever. —The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacra-With Mary, the Mother of God !

'May I not come, oh, just to the

door. To see the Babe, my God ? There will I stop, and kneel and adore, And weep for my sins, O God !

OUR SAVIOUR'S BIRTH "But Mary smiles, and rising up, In her arms the Babe, my God ; She comes to the door and bends her Again we celebrate the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The wistful charm of the down, With the Babe in her arms, my

God Her sinless arms in my sinful Place the Babe, My God :

-CONDE B. PALLEN

nessage, the good tidings of great He has come to take thy sins away ; joy, and summoning all the faith-ful to come with hearts all joyful Break, O heart, for thy God ! to Jesus in Bethlehem.

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day-this is the reason of all the

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out of a deeper spiritual joy. But the real Christmas spirit

must be built upon something more lasting than a foundation of human

overpowering lesson of His infinite love for men. To show Him that we are not unmindful of His sacri-

fice, and not ungrateful for His

love, we turn to His crib of Christ-mas, and like Mary and Joseph and the humble shepherds, pour forth

the best offerings of our faith and

men are at

of it in this brief sketch.

ment.

SEVEN

but glorious history, the Irish people, instinctively religious, have happy,

Let your thoughts backwards flow ever been exceptionally loyal to the tenets and doctrines of that Church, To the very first Christmas Day In Bethlehem long ago. compared with which the oldest dynasties are but of yesterday. Tell the little Infant Jesus.

You will try to make your heart Such a royal palace for Him That He'll never more depart ! Virtue, patience, kindness, prayer, Each a priceless diadem—

Help to make your heart a worthy Crib of Bethlehem ! Ask Him on this day for grace

Tying the light which the Magi saw in their march to Bethlehem; and, in the south of Ireland this is the only light that the folks will allow during the twelve days of Christ-mas. These wax candles are about To keep your promise true. three feet in length and three inches in circumference, and are And never make Him weep Because He died for you burned nightly from December 25 to January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, as those twelve days are generally given over to the celebra-And when no longer children, You leave your parents dear, May heart and mind and conscience Be ever pure and clear.

tion of Christmas especially to the rural districts. All work save that Merry Christmas to you, children Merry may your Christmas be, Eating, drinking, laughing, playwhich is imperative is abandoned during this time.

Holly in abundance decks every available piece of furniture within the home, for the good old pious Having fun continually. Happy Christmas to you, children Happy will your Christmas be, mothers of a few generations ago told the children with full belief If you have Faith and Hope And Christ-like Charity ! in the statement, that at midnight on the feast of Christmas angels A. F. KLINKER

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

opening of the holly. For weeks previous to the festival. The wanderings of the Blessed the houses, especially in the country, are all renovated and white-washed, and the barns and Virgin and St. Joseph on Christmas Eve, before they found shelter in the stable where our Blessed Lord was born, are still commemorated stables are the objects of great overhauling. The cattle receive in Spain, where they have posada, or hostelry processions, marches on Christmas Eve from house to house. special attention, and are better fed and better housed during this time than at any other period throughout the year. Farmers show their generosity to their neighbors by donating butter, eggs, children carrying images of Mary and Joseph lead the way, followed by a mixed crowd all bearing tapers,

cream, milk, potatoes and every other farm product; and in perresponse is given to their forming this philanthropic act. feel, owing to the happiness of the recipients, that it is more blessed appeals until they come to the church where the first summons is immediately answered by a voice to give than to receive.

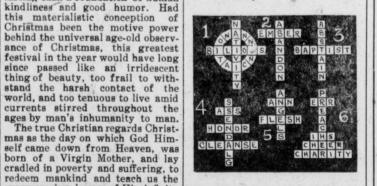
What an edifying sight to witness on Christmas the old and the young repairing to the lonely chapel, as they call it, in the gray dawn of the morning, some coming a distance of four miles on foot to approach like the fragrance of the hay in the | thrown open, and the procession | the altar rail, as, without comply-

Brighter than the meadow flowerets, That night opened up for the world a new area, fulfilled the ancient prophecies, and gave to mankind a Saviour long expected by nations. The tidings of great Or the stars in heaven that shine. Tender Jesus, let an arrow

Of that sweet and perfect love Fall upon my heart, to bring me joy announced by the angels to the shepherds that "this day is born Dreams of rapture from above. for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord in the city of David," are spiritual foundations upon which the first Christmas observances was -Catholic Transcript



Answers for last week: No. Celtic; No. 2, Roman; No. 3, Greek No. 4, Pa al; No. 5, Archbishop's No. 6, Calvary.



SEL ED IF ETS EDA This is not broken English, but loosened Latin! If you join the fragments correctly, and begin at the right place you will have the name of the most popular Christ-mas hymn. What is its English name? name

devotion. From the Crib to the Cross His Answers next week.

life was the voluntary doing with as little as possible in order to bestow on others as much as possi-ble. His life was the example of a poor man contented with His He utters this word Himself, that, however long men may neglect it, however long it may be that they see and hear, and yet believe Him poverty, but also of a rich man discontented with riches, and spend-cannot, and will not, and must not ing them not for self but for the cast them away .- Schleiermacher.



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EIGHT

AN UNIQUE CHAPEL

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden (Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

The prettiest little valley of the many tourist-haunted nooks of Southern Limburg, the Geul Valley, studded with castles and ruins that may boast of histories and legends traceable back a thousand and more years, offered to the Catholics of Holland, always on the alert to Holland, always on the alert to mount to the top-rung of culture and progress, a unique opportunity for practical cultural and apologetic work. They have fairly started to make use of it and wonder why they did not do so before.

In the miniature mountains that enclose the valley there are ages-old enclose the valley there are ages-old sand-stone and marl-stone quarries, forming a very maze of under-ground passages, broken and sub-divided into what may be called streets and lanes, winding about and crossing and recrossing one another, with here and there cham-bers and halls of various sizes and shapes are cathedral like in area shapes, some cathedral-like in area and height, others low - roofed recesses of a few feet square.

SERVED AS REFUGES OF CHRISTIANS

There were times when those subterranean labyrinths did for the people of Limburg what the Roman Catacombs did for the first Christians. They afforded refuges against persecution, provided them with churches and dwellings.

At other times again, exactly as the sand-pits surrounding the city of Rome, they became the haunts of thieving murderous gangs that terrorized the whole neighborhood, baffling pursuit and braving all law

and its upholders. The worst of these was an oathbound band of these silent marl-stone caves; a portrait gallery with rows of outlaws, who from the year 1781 to the year 1790 levied unlawful taxes the year 1790 levied unlawful taxes upon the thrifty dwellers of the country about. Popular fancy called them "Buckriders," because of the widespread belief that they had leagued themselves with the reproductions of masterpieces, or scenes connected with the history of devil, who, metamorphosed into a billy-goat, bore them about on their swift nocturnal raids. The notion was not novel; for in the Middle Ages the billy goat was the symbol of his satanic majesty.

For years the authorities were For years the authorities were accumulation of myriads of organic powerless against these cut throats beings, great and small, left in and marauders. Like the Doones of Bagworthy, they were so feared, etc. even by the justiciaries, that for a reasons to let them alone than to meddle with them." But when at last the exasperated victims set about rooting them out, they did so district 180 were hanged within the space of ten years.

CHURCH UNDERGROUND

The country had scarcely been swept clear of these brigands, when it became overrun by the warring French and Austrian armies, the scene of battles and skirmishes. In 1794, the victorious French Republic set up its nefaricus rule. The ractice of religion was inhibited, practice of religion was inhibited, Church property was confiscated, priests were tracked like wild beasts and prices set upon their heads. Some betook themselves to the quarries of the Geul Valley, where they were quite safe from the prowling soldiers of the Republic, loath to venture into these regions of darkness. The faithful flocked

thither under cover of night and attended the sacred rites they were not permitted to attend in the open. In one of the Valkenburg quarries

tain depths. A detail of forty men had been sent from Maastricht to Valkenburg to search for the out-lawed ministers of the God of Peace and for such of their flocks as were and for such of their nocks as were concealing with them to escape con-scription into the armies of Marianne. For protection and guidance the military ordered the quarry-men upon the premises to accompany them on their errand. Provided with torches, and arms and the workingmen in their midet and the workingmen in their midst, the soldiers penetrated into the gloomy city of refuge. They were far advanced into it and had wended their the soldiers in the the soldiers. "It cannot be denied that the an incredible lightness of touch, failure and insufficiency of existing and who never forgot that they Protestant national churches have produced in many people—particu-larly the educated—an inclination their steps now to the right, now to the left, without encountering a living soul, when one of the comlarly the educated—an inclination towards the Church of Rome, some-times open and avowed, at other times concealed and unacknowl-edged. Finally the conversions of prominent men and women — like the for not not the far high-times concealed and unacknowl-endged. Finally the conversions of prominent men and women — like the for not not the far high-times concealed and unacknowl-prominent men and women — like the for not not the far high-times concealed and unacknowl-prominent men and women — like the for not far from there was born, many pulsory guides turned to the leader of the gang saying: "Captain, if you are really minded to search the whole of this mountain, it will be

prominent men and women — like the former artist now the Benedic-tine Willibrord Vorkade, the philos-opher Max Scheler, the theologian Johannes Albani, the Deaconess of Neuendettelsau, Gertrude von Zezschwitz—are proofs that the Catholic Church today not only possesses great powers of attraction for the persons of high mental attainments but is also able to appease their mental capacities." advisable to put out half of our lights." The captain took the warning, gave up the quest, and with his men and escort returned to the light of day. The good stonecutter's ruse saved the priests and the young men and they remained un-molested thenceforth.

Near the chapel a small room bears the information : 'Office of the Rev. Max De la Croix.'' All the office furniture—table, couch, appease their mental capacities. Dr. Heiler is noted for his studies in the field of religion. His recent book on "Buddhism" attracted seats, etc.—is still there where he left it, and for cause : it is part of the mountain out of which it was widespread attention. FRENCH CATHOLICS FORM hewn. Another apartment, next to the first, showing the same peculiar-FEDERATION ity, served as dining-room for Father De la Croix and another

A National Federation of the Catholics of France has just been priest who shared his confinement. PORTRAIT GALLERY There are many more sights in

nal Logue threatened to forbid Communion to women wearing immodest dress. "The want of dress of women of the present day is a crying scandal," he said. ecclesiastical authorities. The organization is destined to unite, in portraits-drawn upon those walls built by nature-of men and women the defense of their religion, "all French people without distinction of political opinion who, baptized in renowned in profane and sacred history; a veritable museum of charcoal pictures, mostly enlarged the Church, and having respect and sympathy for the Church, are con-scious of the mortal peril threaten-Our Blessed Lady, a notable cere-mony took place in the chapel of the ing their most sacred interests." The Catholics will be grouped in the Valley; a concert hall, wherein, on festive occasions, entertainments Christian Brothers' Novitiate at Aurora. Before the Most Blessed parish unions, and the parish unions will be united in diocesan unions, Sacrament exposed on the altar, three Ukrainian novices knelt and

are given; a forty-feet long sculptured megalosaurus, which calls the visitor's attention to the geological formation of the hill—an and all together will make up the National Federation, which will be headed by a directing committee. General de Castelnau, temporary president, has promised to conse-crate his entire activity to the launching and development of the One other curiosity the guides

new organization. Societies already in existence, unions, associations and syndicates of all kinds will affiliate with the Federation. It is absolutely under-stood that it will not in any way constitute a political party. Each Catholic will naturally remain free to belong to any party he may see fit. But the Federation will watch water drip from the ceiling above, first into a basin held by a sculptured boy-like figure and thence into a hollow below. Whether the seasons were dry or wort these drose were never known attentively all political events which might affect the interests of religion Up to the present there have been wet, these drops were never known

many different Catholic works and committees in France, but no to fall either faster or slower, or to cease to dribble, three in rapid succession, and then a pause, and again three, and so on throughout national federation to unite them. The creation of such a body had been delayed through fears of the misunderstandings which it might Dutch Catholic enterprise has set apart a number of galleries for bring about with the political par-But since it has become evities. a reproduction of the most striking dent that the Catholics are going to

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FAILURE OF PROTESTANTISM INCLINES PEOPLE TOWARD OF CARDINAL LOGUE ROME Vienna. - The noted Protestant scholar, Dr. Frederick Hoiler, pro-fessor of Comparative History of Religion at the University of Marburg, has joined the ranks of those who pay homage to the intellectual vigor and strength of the Catholic Church. His opinions, expressed in his new book, "Catholicism," are all the more remarkable in view of the fact that Dr. Heiler is himself an apostate. He once studied Cath-olic theology at Munich but became his business and correspondence bimself. an adherent of the Lutheran faith in 1920, it is only by force of over-powering convictions that he, with other fallen away Catholics praises What would I do with a secretary ?" he asked recently. would be idle."

the days and months and years.

dency of General de Castelnau, with the approval of the highest

the room which served as a church has been preserved intact to this ay. The altar, the kneeling enches, all the ordinary church day. furniture, were cut out in the mountain itself and are still one with it. At the foot of the altar pious hands carved the inscription : "Twenty-one months the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was daily offered up in this chapel." To the right of the altar may be read, "Indeed the Lord was in this "Indeed the Lord was in this place;" to the left, "The place whereon thou standest is holy." In one of the corners hangs the novel baptismal register of those troubled times-a stone slab into which the names and dates are chiselled.

PICTURE TELLS OF RAID

At the entrance of the chapel a picture drawn upon the wall tells of the futile attempt of the sansculottes to ferret out the priests known to be hidden in these moun-



" OLD MICHAEL "

the Church. Excerpts from his new book read as follows : A few years ago he noticed an tendency toward Catholicism is making the tour of the world." him around. At the end of the These words spoken a hundred years ago by the Swedish poet and scholar,

said a well known Protestant eccles-iastical historian, using a modern figure of speech based on present day economics. 'We have changed the defensive to the offensive, a Franciscan Friar proudly pro-Franciscan Friar proudly pro-claimed to a number of Protestant theologians. And another Catholic made the bold statement that 'in ten years the whole of Germany will be made the bold statement that in teal years the whole of Germany will be Catholic.' GAINING NEW STRENGTH If And it is tene that Catholicism If And it is tene that Catholicism

"And it is true that Catholicism is gaining new strength and fresh ground on all sides. It must be understood, however, that this is not merely a question of external expansion but also an internal re-generation. In spite of the great losses Catholicism has suffered in many countries as for instance in Czecho-Slovakia; in spite of the

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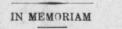
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