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It was Saturday and a half holiday at It was Saturday and a half holiday at the Grammar School. Some of the boys were gone for a game of ball to the field beyond the Weir Brake, others linger-ed in the playgrounds back of the Guild buildings busy with prisoners' base, and still others were playing at tag across the open common of the town itself. There were divers ways of spending a half holiday, as many and dissimilar as

boys to play withal. net, however, had no mind to join Hamnet, however, had no mind to join in any of the sports, but sat instead on the door-step of his own home, his head sunk dejectedly on one hand. Susanna and Judith had just set joff for Shottery to meet their mother and to return thence in the early evening. He had watched them disappear in the distance with an almost indifferent glance; later he might follow them, though he would give no promise in answer to their cajo-

day was sultry, and a lowering The day was surery, and stay, with not a glimpse of blue to be seen anywhere, stretched above the parched earth; for twenty four hours the dense mass of copperish-coloured the dense mass of copper clouds had hung thus heavy, and still not a drop of rain tad fallen. But the oy, idly noting the low-darting swallows that the storm would not be de knew that the storm would not be de-layed overlong. There were other in-duvitable signs abroad which he could not fall to perceive. The soft smoke from the different chimneys fell dis-prirtedly, shrouding their sides as with a veil, the oxen in Neighbour Bridge's field hard by were smilling the air with field hard by were snuffing the air with impatient nostrils and looking vainly to the worth such local south with longing in their eyes; bees had gathered in swarms close the bees had gathered in swarms close to their hives, not venturing farther away, and some great blue bottle flies buzzed sluggishly within reach of Sil-ver's capacious jaws—Silver, who in his turn, would drowse awhile and then rise turn, would drowse awhile and then rise listlessly to scrape up the earth in the

All the morning Hamnet had seen the rooks go circling pass the school-room windows, now appearing and now disappearing, restless as were the other birds and beasts. Their harsh cries filling the air reminded him of the noise they had made that night in Sanctity Lane, and the borror of that dark moment pervaded his being again with a force that chilled the blood in his value. The night with its hideous de-All the morning Hamnet had seen the

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with the cold iron pushed against her. At the end of this road they delivered her eyes, and she could scarce believe them.

For she stood at the head of a deep green valley, carved from out the mountains in a perfect oval, with a fence of sheer rock standing round it, 80 feet or 100 feet high, from whose brink black wooded hills swept up to the sky-line. By her side a little river glided out from underground with a soft dark from underground wi

Here mother burst out crying again, not loudly, but turning quietly, because she knew that no one now would ever care to wipe the tears. And fifty or a hundred things, of weekly and daily happening, came across my mother, so that her spirit fell like slackening lime.

"This matter must be seen to; it shall be seen to at once," the old man answered, moved a little in spite of all his knowledge.

"Madam, if any wrong has been done, trust the honor of a Doone, I will redress it to my utmost. Come inside and rest yourself, while I ask about it. What was your good husband's name, and when and where fell this mishap?"

"Deary me," said mother, as he set "The Doones to talk of rapine ! Mother's head went round so that she courtesied to them both, scarcely know-

was a widow, and my children father- and vet she could not see the way to

I was a widow, and my children fatherless. My husband's name was 'John
Ridd,' sir, as everybody knows, and there
was not a finer or better man in Somerset or Devon. He was coming home
from Porlock market, and a new gown
for me on the crupper, and a shell to put
my hair up—oh, John, how good you
were to me!"

Of that she began to think again, and
not to believe her sorrow, except as a
dream from the evil one, because it was
too bad upon her, and perhaps she woul
awake in a minute, and her husband
would have the laugh of her. And so
she wiped her eyes and smiled, and
looked for something.

"Madam, this is a serious thing," Sir
Ensor Doone said, graciously, and show.

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not always given to those who live nearest us to see the most clearly that it was three which for the time being, had put a check upon his usually merry spirits.

"The trouble will mend with the day," Mistress Mary Shakespears to thought with the surface of the property of the s

most peaceful geutlemen went to the tittle market at Porlock with a lump of money. They bought some household stores and comforts at a very high price, and pricked upon the homeward road, away from vulgar revelers. When they drew bridle to rest their horses, in they drew bridle to rest their horses, in the shelter of a peat-rick, the night being dark and sudden, a robber of practice of the size and strength rode into the midst of them, thinking to kill or terrify. His arrogance and hardinood at the first amazed them, but they would not give up without a blow goods which were on trust with them. He had smitten three of them senseless, for the power of his arm was terrible; whereupon the last man tried to ward his blow with a pistol. Carver, sir, it was, our brave and noble Carver, who saved the lives of his brethren and his own; and glad enow they were to escape. Notwithstanding, we hoped it might be only a flesh-wound, and not to speed him in his sins."

As this atrocious tale of lies turned up joint by joint before her like a devil's couch-horse," (The cock-tailed beetle has earned this name in the West of England,) mother was too much and manazed to do any more than look at him, as if the earth must open. But the only thing that opened was the great brown eyes of the Counselor, which is rested on my mother's face with a dew yor manners without discourse to them, and all cried out to one another. most peaceful gentlemen went to the and cousinly to all who begged little market at Porlock with a lump of of him. But now all these provide

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curing, and when it was best to kill a pig, and how to treat the maidens. Not that I would ever wish — oh, John, it seems so strange to me, and last week you were everything!"

Here mother burst out crying again, not loudly, but turning quietly, because she knew that no one now would ever wish one that poor husband we do not charge your poor husband.

use his staff unjustly in this unchartered age of violence and rapine."

The Doones to talk of rapine! Mother's head went round so that she courte-sied to them both, scarcely knowing where she was, but calling to mind her manners. All the time she felt a warnth, as if the right was with her, and yet she could not see the wax to

beaver off, and mother tried to look at him, but he seemed not to descry her.

"Counselor," said Sir Ensor Doone, standing back in his height from him, "here is a lady of good repute—"

"Oh, no sir; only a woman."

"Allow me, madam, by your leave. Here is a lady, Counselor, of great repute in this part of the country, who adare the boones with having unjustly slain her husband—"

"Murdered him! murdered him!" or 'ried my mother; "If ever there was a murder. Oh, sir! oh, sir! you know it."

"The perfect rights and truth of the case is all I wish to know," said the old man, very loftily; "and justice shall be done, madam."

"Oh, I pray you—pray you, sir, make no matter of business of it. God from the even, look on me!"

"Put the case," said the Counselor.

"The case is this," replied Sir Ensor, holding one hand up to mother; "This lady's worthy husband was slain, it seems, upon his return from the market at Porlock, no longer ago than last Saturday night. Madam, amend me if I am wrong."

"No longer, indeed, indeed, sir. and a Porlock, no longer ago than last Saturday night. Madam, amend me if I am wrong."

No longer, indeed, indeed, sir. Sometimes it seems an twelvemonth, and sometimes it seems an twelvemonth, and sometimes it seems an hour."

"Cite his name," said the Counselor, with his eyes still rolling inward.

"Master John Ridd, as I understand.
Counselor, we have heard of him often; a worthy man and a peaceful one, who meddled not with our duties. Now, if any of our boys have been rough, they shall answer it dearly. And yet I can scarce believe it. For the folk about these parts art apt to misconceive of our sufferings, and to have no feeling for us. Counselor, you are our record, and very stern against us: tell us how this matter was."

"Oh, Counselor, you are our record, and very stern against us: tell us how the same.

"Sir Counselor, you will be fair, I see it in your countenance. Only tell me who it was, and set me face to face with him; and I will bless you, sir, and God shall bless you, and my children."

The square man with the long gray beard, quite unmoved by anything, drew back to the door and spoke, and his voice was like a fall of stones in the betom of a mine.

"Few words will be enow for this. Four or five of our best-behaved and most peaceful gentlemen went to the little market at Porlock with a lump of links for tunes. Of him. But now all these provided him.

more than look at nust open. But the ened was the great dought to work or pay other men for doing it, and many farmers were grown weary of manners without discourse to them, and all cried out to one another only thing that opened was the great brown eyes of the Counselor, which rested on my mother's face with a dew of sorrow as he spoke of sins.

She, unable to bear them, turned sudded y on Sir Eusor, and caught (as she fancied) a smite on his lips, and a sense of quiet enjoyment.

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Not that I think anything great of a standard the like of that; for if they had set me in that door-frame at the age of twenty, it is like enough that I should have walked away with it on my shoulders, though I was not come to my full strength then; only I am speaking now of the average size of our neighborhood, and the Doones were far beyond that. Moreover, they were taught to shoot with a heavy carbine so delicately and wisely, that even a boy could pass a ball through a rabbit's head at the distance of fourscore yards. Some people may think naught of this, being in practice with longer shots from the tongue than from the shoulder; nevertheless, to do as above is, to my ignorance, very good work, if you can be sure to do it. Not one word do I believe of Robin Hood splitting peeled wands at seven-score

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the Christmas of that year he was set-tled near the Collegio Romano in Rome with his nephew, afterwards well known with his nephew, afterwards well known as Father Anderson, S. J.,—a name that has escaped some of the fame that was its due. "I sometimes think that we Jesuits are warranted to strike only on our own box," was one of his own pleasantries at the end of his life. Be that antries at the end of his life. Be that as it may, there ought to be a very general memory and recognition of the conspicuous attainments, services and ersonality of a man who, in all these, was remarkable. Nobody, it is true more consistently avoided any such recognition. He has his own rewards. One of them, we like to think, was that first Catholic Christmas of his in Rome with Manning.—The Tablet. with Manning .- The Tablet.

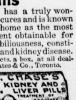






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The Catholic Record in the pioneer days of this country system. the old generation are too frequently tainted with the faults of the age. Even even twilight, much less daylight. Now veil for His infinite love. What delight a special charm; and we are at a loss ent tainted with the faults of the age. Even by an and old let us look at the figures. This report do its cover whether the Strophes of the steere absorption and transact all other they should be at Mass is obedience to Mc. Issues flower of the strophes of Mc. Issues flower of Mc. Issues flower of the strophes of Mc. Issues flower of Mc. do fulfil that law of the Church. That has the peculiarity of many others of the store Caravic Ricovas. Agent for Newand Mr. Imas Power of St. Iohn. Agent for Newand Mr. Imas Power of St. Iohn. Agent for Newand Mr. Imas Power of St. Iohn. Agent for Newand Mr. Imas Power of St. Iohn. Agent for Newand Mr. Imas Power of St. Iohn. Agent for Newand Mr. Imagen of their faith. The "Adeste"—the
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Milton's "Nativity and social activity Donarus, Archbishop of Ephesus,
Acoutolic Delegate vices. There is no authority command- Word of God to Roman Catholics." It flects its religious source and character, tones. Thomas Colley

Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your fasher one, the Carsons Recommend in the problems of the problems. If a set of Cathwise objects of the problems o Church upon the subject. Comparing baptized in the Mission rite. That is mas joys. We take the opportunity of principles and results we see with grate one a year for each laborer; 32 laborers wishing all our subscribers and friends ful clearness the solid basis upon which and 32 received. From an economical the fullness of these joys. It is the seaour Holy Church has placed the worship point of view that is most discouraging. son of home. May the "Peace of Christ of God and the crumbling foundations It will take the Grande-Ligne Mission and joy of Mary" fill our readers' hearts of other attempts. Dull services, world- a long time to pervert the province. with that gladness which surpasseth long waiting and much surmising the ly ministers are some of the reasons Either the pretended "light" is not understanding and their homes with glad tidings reached the diocese that a given why business men stay away. strong enough or the "darkness" is too earthly plenty and heavenly resignation. new Bishop had been appointed for The same old methods are followed and dense. Many other points are men-London. The priest upon whom falls the same old ways maintained: "There tioned in the report. Amongst them is CHRISTMASTIDE-THE "WORLD'S London. The priest upon whom lans is no chance to answer back, to discuss the city of Quebec. Here is a Baptist the bonor is the Rev. M. F. Fallon, the propositions the pulpit may make." chapel holding about 100 people. "In Provincial of the Oblates of Mary in That is private judgment. Supposing the winter months," says the report, What thoughts of faded joys and sorthe Province of Buffalo, N. Y. Father our Presbyterian friends would admit "a large number of Roman Catholics rows this hallowed time reawakens as Fallon is a Canadian by birth and edu- such a programme-what a charming attended the services, but later were we unlock the cabinets of memory and one of the most delightful amongst A voted to the work of education in the reasons alleged. One attribute charachalls of his Alma Mater. Here his zeal terizes all these arguments-private as a talented teacher of youth. His God is not taken into account at all—as is consolation to the troubled and which song of the steeple "proclaimed anew day. Even in later times (during the reputation soon spread. His love of if public worship was not a duty which fills the earth with a glory not its own, to youthful expectancy the advent of Restoration) some zealots persisted in who has now been honored would prove boys and his work in the advancement of every one should cheerfully render to Poverty rejoices at the sight of Bethle- Him Who bore education earned for him honor at home God. Where there is only reaching, hem's stable and the thought of its and abroad. His learning as a theoloand acroad. This learning as a theorogian and his eloquence as a preacher are
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worship loses its decreat significance. Obselvence is the little of the occasion, where the control of the occasion is a significance. Obselvence is the little of the occasion. here before him-pleasing heralds of his and lacks its highest offering. Without with which our Life now opens His editorial "We" poised in menacing as harvest-time. The toys made in lonely great capability in his more exalted any sacerdotal power the minister is no Sacred Heart's desire to do in all things mood, as his mightiness mutters hut, in the Black Forest or manusphere. He is soon coming to us-and greater than one of his hearers. With His heavenly Father's will. Love finds "fustian." sphere. He is soon coming to us—and sphere. He is soon coming to us—and none more welcome. The fact that he none more welcome. The fact that he is the appointee of the Holy See is his the appointer of the Holy See is his the appointer of the Holy See is his the appointe first and deepest welcome. All our faith human hearts and the weakness of roundings are the strength of every gentleman's love of savoury roasts and articles "just for presents," bear withhuman hearts and the weakness of the Supreme Court, repre-

and the reasons for their increasing fuses to bow to the dictate of priest, guiding star-praise and thanksgiving, cynosure of all artistic eyes. absence. The problem does not con- prelate or ecclesiastical system. Again: prayer and sorrow, love and sympathymen do attend Mass. That too many authority of the Head of the Church the world had been busy for the forty very subject. men do attend Mass. That too many exceptions may be found is sadly tone.

That the fear of our fathers about missThat the fear of our fathers about missThat the fear of our fathers about missThat is stuff—neither respectable gram—the Lord's way and making straight His would have been something.

The "Crib" as we see it to-day was the conception of the gentle St. Francis;

evidence. People whose grandfathers the Baptists have no ecclesiastical in the pioneer days of this country system. What they would do with any would walk many miles to be at attempt of the kind might be seen by Mass find it too hard to attend when the church is only a few here is only a few blocks away. Young men who seem to be less religious and less serious than to be less religious and less serious than the discussions of specific part of the church is only a few about the "darkness." One thing at their lip—as if the Creator had no basiness in His own world. His delight is not be among the so sof men. Another "Bambino." Christmas bymoology has between doubt not be doing on earth any way? Surely the Master can visit His Levrian Basilica (St. Mary Major's) on the afternoon of Christmas Day, or climb the steps of the Courch of the "Ara question with the same old sneer upon their lip—as if the Creator had no basiness in His own world. His delight is not be among the so sof men. Another "Bambino." Christmas bymoology has

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the community of the Oblate Fathers of Some may look for temporal advantages converted," was the year's harvest in though obscured by the ruthless hand

Mary Immaculate. After his ordina- in church attendance, although it is Quebec. These missions are a failure. of Father Time. We realize that hearts tion and until a couple of years ago seldom a paying investment. Stupid One thing they show us—the steadfast—that once throbbed in unison with ours ministers, an effete church, wilful care- ness of the people and the little use have ceased to beat, loved faces van-Father Fallon's priestly life was de- lessness upon the subject are the other they have for the Grande-Ligne Mission. ished, and the voices that cheered us place in social life notwithstanding the was exercised with tact and power which proved him to be a leader of men as well

They do not admit the right of their ministers to say; Thus shall we worship.

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great pendulum of time had swung its of Micawber and Little Dorrit, who so turn the wheels of trade; and from far from the moment he sets his foot THE ROYAL COMMISSION has made its beat. Prophecy had fulfilled its popularized human compassion, and Cathay to the Gate of the Golden West London but one mind and one THE GRANDE-LIGNE MISSION function. The heavens opened, the Un
"compassion's blessed day," we cannot money is poured out like water in the home, for he will have in abundance the treal. It reveals a most deplorable created Majesty stepped from His royal mistake the Dickensian aroma of lemons great vanity Fair which commercializes love, the esteem and the obedience of a condition of things amongst those in he comes amongst us he will find a flour- We have at hand the seventy-third Throne to the crib of earth, the splen- and good cheer for the "so great and the story of Bethlehem.

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cern the Catholic Church very much. "It is light over against darkness, all must be there at that new altar rounds even the humblest delineation of Dublin Review. The author is Rev. As a general thing—which general The word of God over against the upon which lies the Word made the Crib! Burne Jones masterpiece is Charles D. Plater, S. J., and there is a As a general ching which generally— authority of human tradition. The Fiesh. Strange coming for a king! If merely an artistic realization of this preface by the Bishop of Salford, which

ing Mass and their sacrifice in travel- mar nor sound logic. We do not ex- paths, it would have been something, and the first "Crib" was erected by the ing Mass and their sacrince in travelling long distances in order to share in
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This country in the latter from any sectarian mission, although we do look for the ceive Him not. They put him out of their
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from the blind poet's treasury:-

Tennyson, Longfellow, Mrs. Hemans, Eliza Cooke, Abraham J. Ryan-the too little known "Poet Priest of the South," and Aubrev de Vere, have hymned the story of Bethlehem in tones angelic

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calling "Yule-tide " fool-tide.

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AN INVALUABLE little work comes to is "Social Work in Germany," compris-What a wealth of significance sur- ing four articles reprinted from the we print herewith as it gives an intelliwork:

not but derive profit from by knowing and imitating.

It is especially to us Catholies that a more intimate acquaintance with German Catholiesm, must be of the greatest value. The sterling worth of this German Catholieism is well known all over the Church. Those of us who have seen it in its home have long been filled with that conviction. Tried in the fire of the Kulturkampf, German Catholicism

our social thinkers and workers—and not Catholic ones only—can enjoy, and for this reason I warmly commend this book to them, feeling convinced that it is likely to be productive of practical good quite out of proportion to the modest bulk of the values. lest bulk of the ve

LOUIS CHARLES,

NEW BISHOP.

at High Mass, the Rector, Rev. J. T. paper tells us that this is the first time Aylward, took occasion to refer to the appointment of Rev. Dr. Fallon to the that a president has attended services Bishopric of London. He said that for in a Catholic Church on a holiday which a length of time the position had been had been set apart by presidential provacant, and during that period the clamation. The civic and patriotic Almighty would send them one who was, we are told, " shown by the decorawould be worthy the sacred trust. Their tions of the pew occupied by President prayers had been answered to the Taft and each pew section reserved for fullest. In London's history there had the representatives of pan-American Holy Church, and whose administrations flags and shields of the representative's were blessed beyond measure. The one country. Encircling the tall marble a worthy successor. His reputation had nations hung side by side with the preceded him, and we will have in our Stars and Stripes, while large flags of priest after God's own heart; one en- across the gallery, were held in whose eloquence of speech will be bably the first time in the history of the devoted to the spread of God's kingdom Roman Catholic Church that decoration first and deepest welcome. All our faith human hearts and the weakness of roundings are the strength of every and truth human hearts and the weakness of roundings are the strength of every and truth human hearts and the weakness of roundings are the strength of every and truth human hearts and the weakness of human prayer. A church without a virtue. Mercy and truth have met to human prayer. A church without a virtue. Mercy and truth have met to human prayer. A church without a virtue. Mercy and truth have met to sentatives of all of the South American on this account. After the despatch of priesthood, without a victim, without gether; justice and peace have kissed deep potations, had obfuscated his human mind in making a great event that, in every corner of this large diocountries, and many other distinguished tributary to business, thus permitting cese, there awaited our new Bishop a friends. Much though we love the originator sentiment, affection (and even faith) to welcome sincere and enthusiastic, and amongst us he will be made to feel at report

In devotion to their Bishop. If our bishop brings, as we know he will bring, Bishop brings, as we know he will bring love to his new home and his children love to his new home and his in London, he will receive love in return. proselytize the whole Canadian Churca, light, the Sun of justice, Who came to obliterate this hallowed time from the teaches us the worth of the human soul; hoped that our fellow countrymen at that the grafter is a thief—simply a From one end of the Diocese to the Plenary Council and all. These officers illumine those sitting in the vale and social calendar by enacting that Christ- it spiritualizes our being; it has given home will treat this organization with common thief. A large sum of money other: from city, town and hamlet— form Boards and Advisory Boar s of shadow of death. He is the Emmanuel, mas Day should be kept as a day of life a diviner meaning as we interpret the most supreme contempt. Never in was recently stolen from the post office with full hearts we welcome our new different kinds — and are taken from the God with us—the Saviour of the prayer and fasting, it still remains the it in the light which centuries ago the history of Ireland has the Irish Parint the West and the guilty ones will, as with full hearts we welcome our new different kinds—and are taken from least and the prospect bless him with length of days, bless his been store of Glasgow. As for the introwork and his people and the sacred reduction, it begins away at some indefinite worship of Himself. Jesus is the name limitations of time and the almost inbeauty of home life by the example of last has never been so bright. That the the people of Montreal by the grafters, lations between him and us all. Christ- point of the Sinn Fein movement and we are told in the Annuncia- destructible barriers of race, and is to the home of Nazareth and Bethlehem: originators of the Sinn Fein movement and we are told in the report that each mas is made doubly joyous to London by by unknown curves to Grande-Ligne, tion and to be given Him on the octave all mankind the sweetest story ever and were men to read deeper the lessons are merely creatures of Dublin Castle of them will have to pay an equal share mas is made doubly joyous to London by reason that Rome has sent us a Bishop reason that Rome has sent us a that it will be enabled to make its strength felt. It is too late in the day WE REGRET to see our Canadian for the Sinn Feiners to attempt a trick papers advertising the business of a freak of this kind. The Irish people are now whose picture reminds us strongly of the too intelligent to be led astray by men anarchistic class and whose present abode who are ready to sell their country for is in England. This humbug appears gent description of the scope of the English gold. They are in that class to be a liberal sort of fellow. Of course which sold their parliament a century the acquisition of filthy lucre does not "We have heard much of late years about an entente, as it is called, between this country and one or the other foreign nations. Certainly in so far as such this great act of public worship are no longer witnessed is more and more in longer witnessed in longer witnessed in longer witnessed is more and more in longer witnessed in longer witnessed

tween depopulated our country," declared Mr. John Redmond at a meeting in Dublin Ireland can never be happy," he said, "or prosperous industriously, or even ontented or well affected, till she is free, and the greatest obstacle to the securing of Home Rule in the n But I have long felt that there is one future is the House of Lords. Mr. Asquith's declaration means the coming back of the whole Liberal party to the Gladstone standard of Home Rule."

Rev. J. G. BROWN, D. D., a Toronto

Baptist, preached in the church of that denomination in London last Sunday. Perhaps, we should not have said preached because the pulpits of some of our separated brethren are fast becom. ing merely platforms or rostrums. The subject of the discourse was, "The safety of the British Empire." The rev. gentleman told us that luxurious living is eating the heart out of England, that wealth is the greatest danger to any country. "In many cases," he continued, "with the increase of wealth a man loses his head, heart, religion and morality. The degeneracy which comes from excessive wealth has ruined most tical, progressive organization that we wealth leads to degeneracy." This all admire. find upon examining below the surface the author pilots us, from the first 'call to arms' to the final review of the 'German tactics,' seems to me one of the most stimulating experiences which our social thinkers and workers—and out Catholic come only—and enjoy and a fear and love of God which is rarely found in the so-called prosperous nations who have cast off their allegi-

THE PRESIDENT of the United States recently attended Mass in St. Patrick's Feast of St. Joachim, August 22, 1909. Church, Washington. The celebrant was Cardinal Gibbons and there were WORTHY TRIBUTE TO OUR present also Most Rev. Archbishop Falconio, Papal Delegate, and Right Rev. Thomas Shahan, Rector of the Catholic Last Sunday, in St. Peter's Cathedral, University of America. A Washington in the history of the United States priests and people had prayed that the significance attached to the ceremony been Bishops who were an honor to countries, which was designated by tiny columns the vari-colored flags of twenty midst as our Father and our guide, a the Red, White and Blue, suspended place dowed with a splendor of intellect, one by the Stars and Stripes. This is proon earth; one whose abounding charity, of this character has been permitted

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The comes amongst us he will find a flourishing diocese, varied races and a zealous clergy. They are Irish, French and of flock-priests and people-who are re- whose hands had been placed civic adother stock. Above all they are Catholic in devotion to their Bishop. If our stituted for the purpose of converting in devotion to their Bishop. If our stituted for the purpose of converting work by Who placed the blazing sun nature, for it binds together in common questionably Easter day) all other festhe Liberal Party. As that party has tentiary for five years. We would also committed itself to Home Rule, what like to see the Royal Commission ex-

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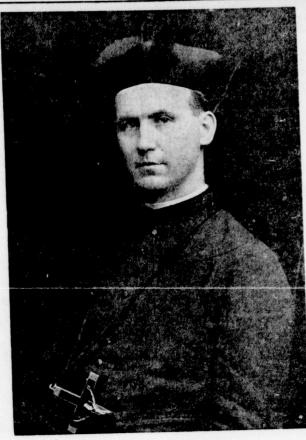
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stamps. He will give advice on busi ness, marriage, friends, enemies, changes speculations, love affairs, journeys and and all events of life; and he can do all this at a distance of three thousand miles without the aid of wireless telegraphy, aeroplanes, or any other such out of date nonsense. His advertisement bears the unmistakable trade mark of the fakir. He publishes a letter of commendation from an Evangelical Lutheran minister, but we may take it that this is like the testimonials given to that other humbug in Ohio who puts up a bottle consisting of bad whiskey and a few harmless drugs and claims that it will cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. People who will have anything to do with these charlatans are still in the baby class.

A CORRESPONDENT writes approvingly of an article we lately published dealing with that obstacle to Canada's true progress, the bar. We might add that all Canadians worthy the name should do their utmost to stem the tide of evil following in the wake of the liquor traffic. The conviction forces itself every day upon our minds more and more that a widespread temperance movement amongst all classes in the community would curtail in a very appreciable degree the degradation that meets our gaze at every turn as the result of the bar business. We are on the eve of a new year; no better resolution could be made that one to take the pledge and keep it because the drinker will then begin to realize his obligations to God and country. To those who run the bar-rooms we would say, "Give up the business." At the end

right to kick a football before us, kick the Pope before us, or kick anything else before us. Our dearly bought liberties must be preserved. No surrender.

T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P., lately had an interview with Speaker Cannon in Washington during which he declared



RIGHT REV. M. F. FALLON, D. D., BISHOP OF LONDON

Father Fallon is known as a genial, broad-minded and scholarly cleric, and was much beloved in Ottawa and Buffalo,

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Rome, Rev. M. F. Fallon, who has been pastor of the Holy Angels' Caurch in this city for the past eight years has been raised to the bishopric of London, Canada. The appointment follows the recommendation of his name to the consisterial congregation at the

THE READER'S CORNER

CONDUCTED BY " COLUMBA" This is the month, and this the happy morn Wheerin the Son of Heaven's Eternal King Of wedded Mand and Virgin Mother born of United The Mand and the Mand of the Mand Mand of the For Sot the holy sages once did sing That He our deadly forfer should release, and with His Father work as a perpetual pea

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his story.
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For months past authors and artists have been busy, and now the bookstalls groan beneath the pile of Christmas numbers and special editions. Yet on Christmas night, when the good things have been dispatched and the children are romping away to their heart's content, it is not the latest production of the printing press we take with us into the quiet study, but a well-thumbed copy of the immortal "Christmas Books." The name of Dickens is inseparably connected with the idea of Christmas, and his delightful "Christmas Books." would entitle him to a place in our inmosts hearts even though he had never given us Pickwick or Mr. Dombey or Little Nell. May we, like the repentant Scrooge.

Drop a tear from out thine eyes, "Twill with sweets emparadise All that I shall wander through. Tulips tall and violets blue, And the lovely celandine, Little fairy planets shine. And the air is warm and sweet Where their mingled odors meet. All is fair to ear and eye, Blind to all that's sweet and fair In the clust'ring garden there. And the jealous flowers lean down, Each to each her golden crown. Whisper: Is it right and meet, Staring on that loathsome street, That our Lady once so kind, Pass us by as stricken blind? ## REMIN Give up the business." At the end of next year you may not have as many dollars in your procket but you will be better regarded by your kind.

WE HERING give notice to the Royal Orange Association of British, North America that our civil and religions liberties are about to become like unto the leaning tower of Pisa undess they don tent regail and age out their fife and drum bands. The Jesuits are plotting again. The administrators of twelve of their colleges in the United States had a conference recently in Washington and came to the conclusion that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstreighed the edvant, which the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstreading and the colleges for the came of the principle of the was in America that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstreighted the edvant, as a many work that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstreighted the edvant, as a many work that was a many state of the third of the first out of the calcular beautiful to the colleges in the United States had a conference recently in Manington and came to the conclusion that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstreight that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready of speech that has given him far and the more of portions of the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready will be onlyed to discontinue the game will be onlyed to discontinue the game broken that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready will be onlyed to discontinue the game broken that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready will be onlyed to discontinue the game broken that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready will be onlyed to discontinue the game broken that the objections to the game of foot-bail so greatly unstready will be onlyed to discontinue the game will be onlyed to discontinue the game broken that the work of the principal contracting the proposal contracting the proposal cont

"Hello," he shouted, "what are you at now? Writing poetry?"

"Trying to scribble something for the RECORD," I replied.

"The very thing," he said, "here's a brand new story for your corner."

"So was that poem of Moore's you wanted to palm off on me last week," I answered.

Like the disembodied soul Of the merry matin-roll, when the laborers in a throng Passed to work with jest and song. Work and workers now, alas! Vanished as the shadows pass.

wanted to palm off on me last week," I answered.

"Honor bright this time," he pleaded.

"Well I'll tell you what I'll do," I said,
"I'll print it in the 'Corner" and we'll let the readers decide. It they convict you of plagiarism never come to me with any more of your forgeries."

"Agreed," said my friend. So here is his story.

"It was Christmas morning, and the "Neath the anniewoman's stall."

"It was Christmas morning, and the children were spreading out the toys dear old Santa Caus had brought them." Father" said Willie, "I wish I nad got a dictionary in my stocking along with the other things."

"Why, my son?"

"So that I could have found out the meaning of the words I heard Santa Claus say when he stepped on the tacks I spread on the earpet last night."

Dear reader, is it a chestnut, think you?

For months past authors and artists have been busy, and now the bookstalls "Tis a mean and abject sight, "Yet from dreary morn to night Lady Ida sits and dreams, And I wonder how it seems Pictured in the sad surmise Of her dreamy, velvet eyes.

There behind the stately hall Sings the murmurous waterfall, Sweeps beneath the nodding bells Of the fairy asphodels. Sings: Awake, my love, the rose, From thy noon-tide's sweet repose Drop a tear from out thine eyes, "Twill with sweets emparadise

There are many beautiful old legends connected with Christmas. The tradition that Judas is permitted to visit the earth on Christmas night doubtless inspired Kipling's lines:

"Then said the soul of Judas that betrayed Him, Lord, hast Thou forgotten Thy covenant with me? The cool me on the floc. There beneath her in the street, As the hours fly by so fleet,

Letter From a ...

THE BISHOP OF LONDON

Ottawa, Dec. 15, 1909.

Dear Senator, —This morning's Citizen announces the promotion of Father Fallon to the episcopate. The reverend gentieman does not know me—probably has never heard of me, but I have known and admired him for many a day. I was among those who were grieved when he was removed from Ottawa and expatriated. I am among those who rejoice that he is coming home to Canada with fresh honors. Please extend him my congratulations with Christmas greetings and best wishes for his future success, usefulness and prosperity.

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Once to see His gentle Face—Christ's, Whose feet I oft embrace, Once to hear His gentle voice, "Child and pilgrim, here rejoice!" "Nay," he said, "that's a far boon. Come, your guerdon, swift and soon, Let me ask your Lady's grace, to leave,

Christmas comes but once a year, but it should always be Christmas in the heart. We are at our best during this festive season. Then all too quickly the brief days glide by and we creep back into the shell for another year. Some people are said to wear their heart on their sleeve, most people, it seems to me, lock it up for fifty-one out of the fifty-two weeks, and then lose the key to the safe. And this is why the world is such a sad place.

The other night I was smoking a meditative pipe and doing my best to use a quart bottle of ink when my funny friend walked into my sanctum.

"Hello," he shouted, "what are you at now? Writing poetry?"

"Trying to scribble something for the Lady Ida, at the view Shuddering, swiftly backward drew: Then a thought, like flash of light, Smote upon her spirit's sight. As she crushed the unwilling flesh Neath the tyrain spirit migh,
Pale, she drew the pilgrim nigh,
Then, with just a smothered cry,
Raised her jewelled arms aloft,
Took the burden, limp and soft,
Gently, as the sweet bee sips,
Touched with hers the loathsome lips
Rade her servants to prepare. Bed, or cradle of repose, For the babe. "And I propose," For the babe. "And I propose, Gravely said she to the rest, "Here to find my long-sought guest, In this loathsome being to find Saive for soul, and peace for mind. For the babe that cometh not This shall be my child, God wot!"

Swiftly, like a thing of light, Passed the pilgrim out of sight.

In the western turret stood In the western turret stood Cradle cut from cedarn wood, Perfumed with subtle scent Fron the musky Orient. Carved with many a quaint device, Tower, and ship, and fortalice. Dainty were its trappings bright, Silvered silk and white samite; And there eleganed a silvern plate, Silvered silk and white samite; And there gleamed a silvern plate, Which anon should tell the state Of the lordly infant, whom Mother's heart had hoped would come. Silvern was the shield and right With the crested lineage bright, Lions rampant, and three sheaves Bursting into fruit and leaves. ugh all an urgent cross, And thr Symbol of the long-felt loss.

There in shimmering silk they laid Tenderly the little maid. There at noon, from day to day, Came my Lady oft to pray. Not that still she hoped, alas!

tht it. Tis Thy Love. Freedom weakly to demand.
And my Lady's eyes so sweet
Sought no more the sordid street,
But she often loved to pace,
With her slow and gentie grace,
Where the harebells lowly hung,
nd the woodbine's tendrils hung,
And the red, voluptuous rose
Leaned her head in soft repose,
And the murnurous stream rushed by
Chanting a sweet luilaby. And the murmurous stream rushed of Chanting a sweet hullaby, Till the regal flowers stooped down, Each to each its golden crown Whispered: 'Tis the dawn again, And the night hath passed amain. Summer, summer sure is here, Hark, our Lady's footsteps near!

And one day there came a cry, And from eternity,
And from out the great unknown
One tall wave had hither thrown
At her feet a little waif, At her feet a little waif,
Snatched from out the deep and safe
'Twas the dream of all her days,
Stricken into life's amaze;
'Twas the speck from out the vast,
Wafted to her feet at last.
And when Lady Ida kissed
Eyes as blue as amethyst,
Lips as vermcided as the rose,
Sunk in noontide's musked repose. Sunk in noontide's musked repose And her mother's heart was tired (As a poet heaven-inspired, Wasting all his wealth of love, Till his dying accents prove All he wrought of death ess song He hath lavished men among). "Take," she said, "mine own sweet child, Fresh from heaven and undefi!ed; Place it where the street-waif lies, Nay, the child of Paradise.
Let them share the self-same cot,
Let them share the self-same lot!"
Up the turret's winding-stair,
Witched with love and girt with eare,
Lady Ida's child was borne.
Lordly heir and child of scorn,
Classed together there should lie,
So hath said—Humility!
Let the godgen cradle ganged. Vay the child of Paradise. Lot the cedarn cradle gaped, Empty, as a bird escaped, Leaves his prison postem free. Dumb at such a mysterv. Stared the frightened maids aghast, Wond'ring, questioning, passed.

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Yet they laid the couch upon
Lady Ida's long-sought son.
When behold, the child above
Gleamed like rainbow-tinted dove,
When the gorgeous sonsetting
Hangs upon its pearly wing.
Angel's form as fair and bright
As the sylphs that thronged the sight
Of the sainted Florentine.
Dreamer of the dreams divine—
Forms as fair as those that hide
'Neath the drapery wafted wide
Of the wondrons Sistine Queen.
And their gentle hands between,
Changed, transformed e'en as they, Changed, transformed e'en as they, Changed, transformed een as they,
The pilgrim's little outcast lay.
'Grieve," she said, "and wonder not
At my sudden happy lot.
Know ye I was whilom sent
God's obedient instrument.
Lent at Christ's beloved behest
Lent lady lay's faith to test. Lady Ida's faith to test, Lady Ida's love hath proved All that wished her well-beloved. She hath seen beneath the guise Of a God-sent enterprise, Hidden under aspects vile, Truth to test, or secret guile

HER DEATH WAS HOURLY EXPECTED

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Where God's love hath it concealed. Where God's rove hath it conceased.
Lady Ida met the test
Proffered at her Lord's behest.
Lady Ida hath received
All her fondest dreams conceived.
So it has been, so shall be,
This my message unto ye!"

Round about the stately hall Round about the statety mu Shadows flutter, sunbeams fall; Merrily the matin-bell Tolls o'er lake, and stream, and dell. Yet not half so merrily As the love-taught melody As the love-taight meroon gluon by Laye doth teach the whole day long. Swiftly have the angels gone, Calm the infant heir sleeps on, Child of many smiles and tears, Child of many hopes and fears, Called from out eternity.

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Is it merely that it is by common con Is it merely that it is by common con-sent a great holiday: that it is a breath-ing-place in the bustle and hurry of life, a time for meeting our friends, for giving and receiving tokens of affection and re-gard, a time of feasting and making merry? This has something to do with it, but it is not all. For if this were all it would be possible to make by law a holi-day like this, which no one has ever succeeded in doing. The early settlers of this country, in a mistaken zeal against church festivals, endeavored to make a



of all our hope, is so high that we, sinners that we are, cannot fully make it our present joy.

anxiety for the preservation of the inner life of the country that so largely found expression in years back in the language and traditions of Ireland—they should throw themselves with earnestness into the temperance movement, and should be willing to make any sacrifice in its interest. If my contention be wrong, the sooner you prove your case the better, and husband for Ireland the energies that are being wasted in a mistaken cause. The resources of the country are the soil—the minerals, the timber, the water-power, etc.,—but far more the health, the energies and the intelligence of the people. These are the 'capital' of the country.

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The lecturer in concluding, dealt with The lecturer in concluding, dealt with the effect of drink in the home life, which he said was at the root of the national life, and, concluding, said that if intemperance was undermining the industrial, m ral, and home life of Ire-land, then it was the duty of Irish men and women who professed to be interested in the welfare of their country to selves with earnestness into

"ESCAPED NUN" STORY SPOILED

expended much labor and money in the making, has been spoiled. The story is interesting.

Some months ago one Miss Madge Moult, desiring to terminate her sojourn at St. Mary Abbey, East Bergholt, near Lond. n. instead of donning a suitable traveling costume and procuring from the abbess car fare to carry her to her destination, as she might have done, made "a brave dash for life and liberty" clad in her religious habit and her pockets empty. She was pursued, but her pursuers (carrying suitable clothing and money) were evaded, foiled!

Rescuers were at hand, and the "escape" was an accomplished fact. Then the Protestant Alliance stepped in. Miss Moult became a lecturer, then an author. Her book, "An Escaped Nun," has been published by the Messrs, Cassell. Now the sequel, which makes things look black for Protestant Alliance, the book and the publishers.

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black for Protestant Alliance, the book and the publishers.

Miss Moult's allegations against the convent at East Bergholt have been put to a very definite and thorough test, undertaken by three gentlemen of stand-ing Rev. E. A. Ley, the Anglican Vicar of Manningtree; the Lord of the Manor, and a Justice of the Peace, none of whom is a Catholic. These gentlemen visited and a Justice of the Peace, none of whom is a Catholic. These gentlemen visited the convent by invitation, at an hour arranged among themselves. By permission of the Bishop of Northampton, the rule of enclosure was relaxed, and the visitors explored the convent in every part, examined the arrangements, food, etc., and questioned the inmates freely. Nobody other than a purblind fanatic of the anti-convent school can fail to regard the report which has been failto regard the report which has been drawn up and signed by these three gentlemen as otherwise than conclusive. This report speaks of the convent and the community life at East Bergholt in high terms, and states in so many words that there is no institleation whatever

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for the statements and charges leveled by Miss Moult in her book. The verdict of the Rev. Mr. Lev is that Miss Moult "was not fitted for

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THE RELAPSED CONVERT

RESPONSIBILITY OF CATHOLICS WHOSE CONDUCT DISEDIFIES NEWCOMERS.

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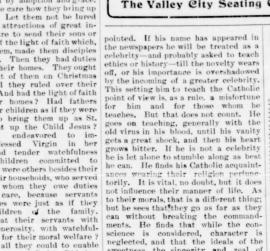
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Christmas has a special message for young men.

It calls on them to deny themselves.

The Lord relinquished the glory of heaven and entered the poverty of the stable of Bethlehem.

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you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your fiends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your

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There was a Star, whose light, There was a Star, whose light, Mystical and holy, Shone through the quiet night O'er a stable lowly. Sing praise to G d on high! And rejoice that He Thus should beatify Humble poverty.

A Merrie Christmas, Gentlefolk!
And may your wealth and pride
Be mindful of the humble ones
This blessed Christmastide.

There was a Little Child, There was a Little Child,
Innocent and holy,
Born of the Virgin mild
In that stable lowly,
Sing praise to God, Who gave
Unto you and me
Such Gift our souls to save!
O! the Charity!

A Merrie Christmas, Gentlefolk! And may your wealth and pride e mindful of the humble ones This blessed Christmastide.

" Under the Stars."

Under the stars, one holy night A little babe was born;

Over His head a star shone bright,
And glistened till the morn.
And wise men came from far away,
And shepherds wandered where He

ways until they have become accustomed to their new surroundings."

This view was incorporated into the constitution which was unanimously adopted by the charter members then presene, which further specified the methods to be followed by the league. Each member undertakes to offer prayers. Communious and good works for the intentions of the league and especially to recite and cause others to recite frequently the Lirany for the Conversion of America. Each member shall select one soul for whose conversion he small oray and labor with particular fervor. Personal example shall be considered a prime influence to encourage conversions by open profession.

The Pope and the Orphans, The Pope on the 16th of December courage conversions by open profession of the taith and fraternal assistance in all ways dictated by prudence. Particular stress is laid on dissemination of liferature through libraries and book racks at door, or abnormal



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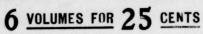
hall of the Apostotic Mission House on the evening of December 8. In his opening address Father Doyle said:

"The Catholic Church is attracting unto itself in these days many of the brightest and most intelligent minds. There were 28 709 converts received on profession of taith in the United States last year. They were spiritually minded people who came in spite of many difficulties and often in the face of almost unsurmountable obstacles and many heart-burnings and wrenching of old affections and associations. They weighed well the gains, however, and set them in the balance over against the losses. So numerous are converts becoming that it becomes necessary not only to organize for their welcome but to help to clear the approaches of the Church of some obstacles that encounter it. It becomes necessary to disseminate a wider and surer knowledge of things Catholic, to dispet many of the illusions and bizarre misrepresentations of the Church that prevail in some minds and extend to inquiring non Catholies every faculity for reception into the Church. For these reasons we are organizing the Catholic Convert's League here in Washington, It may be hoped that after the models set up here there will be organized similar leagues in other cities and these in tarm will form a national organization, These leagues will c-ansist not of converts loading the catholies the fraternity of welcome and slso assist them in many spiritual ways until they have become accustomed to their new surroundings."

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Riggo Di Calibria and Sielly, who were given reluge, mostly at his expense in his religious institutions and convents in Rome and its neighborhood. His Holiness walked along the line of chil-dren, giving his hand to them, patting them on their heads, asking their in-dividual names, and chatting with them. When he was scated on the those the When he was scated on the throne, the

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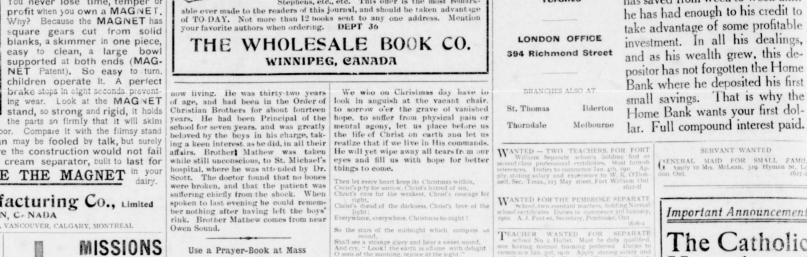
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