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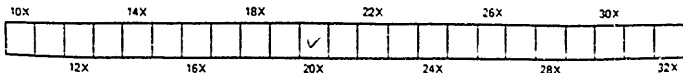
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THE MOTHERLAND.

Latest Mails from England, Ireland and Scotland.

Return of the Bishop of Down and Connor to Belfast--The Holy Father and Ireland--The Conversion of England to Christianity--The Irish National Cause in Scotland.

Antrim.

A telegram received at Carrickfergus confirms the news of the wrecking of the schooner Eva, off that port, on the Margate Sands. Captain Laramore, his son, and another seaman were washed overboard and drowned.

The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, presided at the 12 o'clock Mass in St. Patrick's church, on Dec. 15. He referred to his recent audience with His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. who took a deep interest in the affairs of the diocese, and dwelt with emphasis upon what his Lordship called the three principal characteristics of the Irish people--their faith, their constant loyalty to the Holy See, and their extraordinary generosity. His Lordship will be presented with an address of welcome by the members of the Central Catholic Club, Cork.

In the case of John Sullivan, a prisoner under sentence of death in Cork Male Prison, the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to commute the sentence to penal servitude for life.

The golden jubilee of the Right Rev. Monsignor McSwiney, P. P., V. G., Dean of Cork, was most fittingly made an occasion for public congratulations and rejoicing. At the Presbytery at Cork he was the recipient of an address and an exquisite set of vestments presented as a token of the affectionate regard of his parishioners.

Down.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Letterkenny District Lunatic Asylum, an important discussion took place in reference to the report of the Financial Relations Commission, with the result that a resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board claiming that the surcharges of the past should in some way be returned. The resolution was moved by Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe.

Beltra.

Three Christian Brothers have started for India to join their brethren who are laboring so successfully in the cause of Christian education in that distant land. The missionary spirit still animates the Celtic race of day as it did in the days of Columbdille and Columbanus.

Kerry.

Three young men, named James Reidy, Robert Reilly and Thade Moriarty, were charged at Trales with the murder of Michael Doyle, near Killorglin. Moriarty was discharged and the others were committed for trial.

Tipperary.

Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Thomas Condon, M. P.; Mr. John Daly, and Mr. Michael Lambert, president of the Amnesty Association attended the great Amnesty meeting in Nenagh. They arrived at half past nine o'clock and were received by Mr. P. J. O'Brien, M. P., and an enormous assemblage of the people. A torchlight procession, headed by the local bands, was formed, and the visitors received a most enthusiastic greeting.

Tyrawley.

The police in Omagh brought under the notice of the magistrates the great annoyance of hand-playing through the streets, particularly after nightfall. It has been resolved to prohibit hand-playing within the town boundary for six months.

Westmeath.

Scenes of great excitement were witnessed on Dec. 18th, writes an Athlone correspondent, during the service of summonses at the suit of the Athlone District Fishery Conservators, on the fishermen of the islands of Ineburk, Inebmore, and Inebhoffin, who are charged with assault and obstruction of the board's bailiffs. A strong force of police and a number of bailiffs in charge of an ex-police sergeant proceeded up the river in boats. A very stubborn resistance was given to the bailiffs landing. The nine summonses were eventually served.

Mr. Chas. O'Donoghue, J. P., Ballinahon Court, and Chairman of the Athlone Poor Law Board, has, un solicited, given to his tenants very liberal reductions in consequence of the exceptional dry harvest. He is the largest landowner in the county Westmeath, his tenantry numbering over 400.

The death has occurred of Mr. Marcus F. Beresford, J. P. Surlon Abbey, Arklow. Deceased was the husband of the Countess of Wicklow, whom he married about two years ago, and prior to that he had been agent to the Wicklow estates and resided at Ballyharbour.

The death has occurred of Very Rev. Father Donovan, P. P., V. F., Dunavlin, Co. Wicklow.

ENGLAND.

The Poet's Daughter.

Mrs. Gertrude Patmore, the youngest surviving daughter of the late Coventry Patmore, is not the least talented member of a remarkably

talented family. She is enthusiastically devoted to Art, and is gifted with great skill and delicacy as a floral painter, and her pictures have on several occasions been publicly exhibited.

The Pope and King Ethelbert

The Pope has signified his intention to contribute to a national fund which is being raised in England for the purpose of erecting a memorial church at Slough, Bucks, in commemoration of the conversion of King Ethelbert of England and of England to Christianity. Next year will be celebrated the thirteenth century of this event in the history of England, and in a letter to the Catholic Bishop of Northampton the Sovereign Pontiff writes--"The conversion of King Ethelbert was an event that thoroughly deserves the grateful memory of those that come after it, as it was the beginning of a Church that once was most flourishing."

Death of Mr. Talbot.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Monsignor Talbot who was Rector of the Church of the Assumption, Warwick Street, Regent street, one of the oldest Catholic churches in London. The deceased prelate was a member of the Shrewsbury and Talbot family. He was honorary chaplain of the London Irish Rifles, and was one of the recipients of the Volunteer Long Service medal.

SCOTLAND.

On Dec. 14th Mr. John Dillon, M. P., addressed a crowded meeting of Irish Nationalists in the City Hall, Glasgow. The meeting was not only a large but a most enthusiastic one, and the reception accorded to Mr. Dillon as Chairman of the Irish Party, when he made his appearance on the platform, was of the most wholehearted character. Before the demonstration commenced a private meeting of a very significant character took place in the reception room. The leading Nationalists of the city gathered to inaugurate the collection for the Irish National Fund, under the presidency of Mr. John Ferguson, and in the course of a few minutes over £100 in subscriptions, varying from £25, given by Mr. T. O. Nelson, J. P., to a guinea, were realised. This is only the opening of the fund, and a committee was appointed to collect subscriptions from the Nationalists of the city generally.

DR. CONATY ON LITERATURE.

An Address Delivered at Montreal on December 21st.

The Montreal Star reports a lecture on "The Celtic Influence in English Literature," delivered by Rev. Dr. Conaty, the new rector of the Catholic University of America. The Monument National was fairly well filled when Father Quinlan took the chair, and introduced the speaker of the evening as an old and valued friend, whose honors were a source of joy among his many Montreal friends. He then tendered Dr. Conaty the congratulations of the clergy and laity of the city, and wished him the heartiest God-speed in the new sphere of work which had been opened to him.

Mr. Justice Curran then stepped forward and read the following address: "Rev. Dr. Conaty, Rector of the Catholic University of America."

REVEREND AND DEAR DOCTOR,--Irisch happy are the participants of the six Irish Catholic parishes of Montreal in being permitted to order your affectionate address. When the information reached us that it had pleased His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. to confer the illustrious head of the Church, to confer upon you the exalted and honored position of Rector of the Catholic University of America it thrilled us with joy, and so many had been your tokens of kindness to us that we felt at that moment an honor had been conferred upon ourselves.

Montreal is one of the first places to receive a mark of your regard. This proves that while you cast the patriotic Rector of the greatest Catholic seat of learning in the United States, where the Catholic people have always manifested the warmest devotion to the land that gives them freedom and prosperity, the spirit that animates you is so truly Catholic that you do not overlook the faithful on this side of the boundary line, who are just as true and devoted to the institutions of their happy Canadian home.

With pardonable pride we may not point to the fact that, through you, our oldest educational establishment, the Montreal College and Grand Seminary of St. Sulpice, are about to take so prominent a part in the work of the Catholic University.

That His Holiness, upon the advice of the Episcopacy of the United States, should have selected you to guide the destinies of the Catholic University at this critical juncture, when the enemies of the Faith are everywhere making such desperate efforts to neutralise Christianity and Catholic teaching, driving it from the school-rooms of the young, and endeavoring to crush it out of all higher courtes, is a proof of the confidence of the head of the Church in your ability and prudence.

"No interests thus confided to you are great beyond expression; but in everything you accomplish, if you enjoy but a title of the success and happiness we pray God to grant, your record in the Catholic University will, indeed, be a glorious one, and

Montreal: will have reason to feel still more proud of one to whose early education she had the honor of contributing.

J. J. CURRAN, Chairman.

Montreal, 21st December, 1896.

Dr. Conaty was visibly affected when he rose to reply. He appreciated the warmth of the welcome, he said, but, after all, he had come to Montreal as a child would come to his father's house. Montreal had always had a large place in his affections, because he owed to it his early and his last education. He had come to the scene of so many early pleasures to obtain inspiration before entering upon his new and important duties. He realized the responsibility of the charge which he was about to undertake, but as a follower of St. Sulpice, he would accept the task in all humility, and as a good soldier of Christ. As the Providence of God had called him to the work, so he felt sure that the same Providence would watch over him and direct his actions in the future.

He had not been aware when he set out for Montreal that he would be expected to deliver a lecture, but, as something of the kind was required, he would make use of some notes on "The Celtic Influence in English Literature."

It was a strange thing to say that the Celt had any influence whatever in English literature, for, as they had been taught, the Celt had had little influence for good, especially in later days. They had been taught to regard the Celt, especially the Celt in Ireland, as simply a man oppressed, degraded and ignorant; and when there was one bold enough to stand up in the face of the people and say that the Celt not only had an influence, as a part of a race, but that he had an influence even in the moulding of the great language which was now thrilling the world, and which was the language of his oppressors, the statement was made that he had a right to liberty and to the full enjoyment of all political rights.

What did the Celt bring to this great world language--English? To the Saxon, he brought religion and civilization, for in these days Celtic Ireland was the school of Europe. In these days we sometimes heard people speak of the "ignorant Irish." I create truly they have been in recent ages, but ignorant they never were. Law made them illiterate, yet law could never succeed in driving out God and religion and the cross of Christ, and with Christ, there might be lack of letters, but there could not possibly be ignorance. From the sixth to the ninth century had been the age of gold in Celtic literature. The Celt had his age of civilization before Anglo Saxon, and prior to the civilization of Greece and Rome. The ancient Celtic is now known in the Manuscripts, which are more numerous than those which remain of Greece and Rome combined.

These manuscripts form a story of the people, which is purged with the blood of the people. There were now over 2,000 of these manuscripts remaining, and these were only the remnants of what the Danes had left. They contained stories of personal adventure, tributes of pride in the courage of their heroes and kings. The Irish were and always had been a nation of heroes.

Among the first, if not the very first, of the English to attempt to do some justice to the influence of the Celt in English literature was Matthew Arnold, who published an article on this subject in the Cornhill Magazine. Later, Henry Morley--the bearer of a name endeared to all Irishmen, by another champion of fair-play--also bore testimony to the debt owing to the Celt. Speaking of Irish writers from the time of Burke to the present time, he paid a tribute to the work done for the young by Mrs. Sadler. He hoped that when the day came the people of this country who had been benefited by the stories of that noble woman would find it their duty to display that esteem they possessed for her in a substantial testimonial; that then, indeed, they might realize something, at least, of the gratitude which she all owed to that good woman for her good work in English literature.

"What shall we do?" concluded the lecturer. "We in Washington have thought it wise to found a professorial chair with the sum of \$50,000, which has been donated by the son of a Gael. My friends, remember that you have a country that is worth fighting for, and possessing, and a literature that is worth knowing and appreciating."

A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. J. F. Quinn, Q. C., M. P., to which Dr. Conaty responded, asking his audience to unite in prayers for his guidance in the future.

ADDRESS AT LAVAL.

Rev. Dr. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University of America, was tendered a dinner on the 22nd at the Theological Faculty of Laval, St. Jerome street, the Rev. Abbe Colin occupying the chair. The members of the Faculty and two hundred students were present together, with representatives of other Faculties, as well as Principal Peterson, of McGill; Judge Curran and Rev. Father Quintivan.

The Rev. Abbe Colin, in his address, said he was pleased to honor a former student, and to do honor to the Washington University, this noble institution of the higher Catholic education, and he bore testimony to the splendid results already attained. He wished success and prosperity to the new rector, who might feel assured of the constant watchfulness and earnest prayers of his early college and seminary home, now honored in a high degree by his appointment. He also announced that Laval University at Quebec had honored in store for Dr. Conaty.

Dr. Conaty was much touched by the cordiality of his reception, and in returning thanks on his own behalf and for the Catholic University, he thanked the representatives of the Universities for their presence, making a special allusion to the presence of Principal Peterson.

In speaking of the work of the University, he said that the need of a highly educated clergy and laity was never more keenly felt than in our time. The Church has always bridged itself upon an educated priesthood, but it looks now for men who will equip themselves for the intellectual warfare that is before us. The Church, always the fostering mother of science, bids her children enter into the domain of science and plant there a homestead and contest the whole field. She fears nothing from science, for she knows that as nature is from God, and there are no secrets to be learned which can in any measure detract from revealed truth. What spreads the range of knowledge is always endorsed by her, young men have now opportunities for improvement in all fields of mental and social endeavors which were unknown to the older men. Improve the opportunities, fit yourselves well for the contest, be well equipped for the leadership of the people. Learn the whole truth, have ambition to be able to defend it against all enemies. Remember the truth demands your best service, the Church and its people call for your best efforts. The University opens its doors for all, and presents the results of ripe scholarship, which will make all proud of their Church and proud of the great truths of revelation.

At Dr. Conaty's request a holiday was granted. He also held a reception. At four o'clock he proceeded to the University on St. Denis street, where he spent an hour with the professors in visiting the various departments exchanging compliments. Dr. Conaty went to Quebec in the evening with Rev. Abbe Colin.

Chas. K. A. L. Pills Cure Dyspepsia. For the last eight years I have been a sufferer from constipation and dyspepsia--I tried dozens of different medicines--but nothing gave me relief until I used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills which cured me. JAMES H. WOODVILLE, Ont.

Ecclesiastical Students of Ottawa University.

OTTAWA Dec. 19.--The Basilica was the scene of a very impressive ceremony at 6:30 this morning, when several students of the seminary at Ottawa University were raised to the degree of deacon. His Grace the Archbishop officiated, assisted by Rev. Canon Campeau and Rev. Father Laforest, O.M.I., of the University seminary. The new deacons are Messrs. Newman, Cavanagh, Raymond and Bezinet. Several brothers from the schola-cantate at Archville received the tonsure. Rev. Father Valence, O.M.I., was present with the Oblat students of the schola-cantate. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of people.

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Catholic Order of Foresters.

St. Mary's Court, No. 164 Montreal at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief Ranger, Thos. J. Cummins; Vice J. R. P. Frawley; treasurer, Thos. O'Rourke; physician, Dr. E. J. Kennedy; fin. sec'y, W. F. Coughlin; rec. sec'y, J. Tomlity; trustees, Wm. Kavanagh, Edward Cox, P. Donohue.

C. O. F.

At a regular meeting of St. Leo Court, No. 581, Toronto, Ont., held December 18th, 1896, the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst the dear wife of Alfred Demill, a zealous member of St. Leo Court, No. 581, Catholic Order of Foresters, therefore be it resolved--That we, the officers and members of St. Leo Court, deeply deplore her death, and that we extend to our fellow-member, Alfred Demill, our heartfelt sympathy in his sad affliction, and pray that God may give him strength to bear his loss with Christian fortitude. Be it further resolved--That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Brother, and that copies be sent to THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and The Catholic Record for publication.

J. T. LORRUS, Recording Secretary of St. Leo Court.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old, well-tried remedy, Mrs. Wenzel's SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle. It is the best of all.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

In the personal affairs of men there is nothing more common about the beginning of each recurring year, than a review of our actions during the preceding twelve months. And who among us can say conscientiously that he is pleased with the retrospect, or with the record of his own deeds or misdeeds as the case may be?

The very fact of our making the scrutiny proves that there is a conviction in our mind that in the year elapsed we have not done, acted or spoken, in all cases just as we ought or as we would like to have the exhibit made on the great accounting day. This is what every man and woman will say of themselves, who are engaged in the world's combats, hence the salutary New Year's resolutions which aim at an amendment of life in the future. But is the year '97 going to be for us an improvement on that of '96? We can make it so if our sorrow for the delinquencies of the past be sincere and our desire of amendment in the future be made and kept with religious fidelity. Among all the classes of human strugglers and stumble, there are none so prone to regret the past, and promise better things for the time to come than is the weak inebrate who perceives that his physical strength is declining, that his moral fibre is growing lax and that his purse is getting empty, and that, perchance, his wife and children are poorly clothed and miserably fed.

When he reflects upon the result of his own misdoings--provided he be granted lucid moments to think at all--and the equator it has created around him, it is enough to drive him to distraction, and probably would do so were it not for "sweet hope which springs eternal in the human breast." As he surveys the wreck and ruin of his family and his own impending disaster, who could doubt that he has real feelings of contrition and sorrow for what he has done, or who would be uncharitable enough to mistrust the good faith of his New Year's resolutions of amendment? But alas! who would be sanguine enough to hope that he could of his own unaided strength, be able to respect the compact or fulfill the well meant resolutions?

Should the weak individual we are picturing have the happiness to belong to the Catholic Church--although an unworthy member--he may retrieve himself by joining a total abstinence society, for therein he will have the powerful example and support of strong, practical Christian men who were never stained by the foul, debasing use of alcoholic drink, or if he talks with those who did pass through the fiery furnace of dissipation, they will strengthen him by proofs of their own victory over the degrading vice. Surrounded by uplifting influence of this sort the very weakest may yet hope for recovery, but if they attempt to falter or compromise with the destroying demon their last error will be worse than the first, as he who fully puts himself in the way of danger will suffer for his hardihood.

I am personally acquainted with many Catholic weaklings who by reason of the Gold Cure remedies have obtained temporary revivals from the curse of intemperance, but who, on meeting with their companions in vice or in passing the saloon door, felt the forbidden appetite rekindle into active life and assert itself with such overwhelming force that it had to be gratified even under the full knowledge of the disastrous consequences.

In cases of that sort more human resolutions, which are based only upon man's natural will, go down under ungovernable passion and are as soot-like chaff before the wind. To make safe and permanent conquest of an evil habit the rescued victim must never have recourse to the saving and purifying sacraments of the true Church, and in so doing he must be humble and contrite because the moment he puts those to defiance and begins to boast of his own powers of self-government, his spiritual props will be withdrawn and he will surely fall back again into his old habits. Besides those above mentioned there are many other classes of men and women who offend against the moral Christian code of well ordered life and social amenity. And those persons also honestly strive to make amends for their shortcomings as they get into the festive mood of the great Christian festival of Christmas and the festive days of the opening year. Perhaps it is well to make a laudable effort no matter how slight lived may be its good fruits. But those again who resolve well and yet neglect the proper moral and religious safeguards will be doomed to inevitable disappointment, for nothing that has relation to man's moral guidance can be good or enduring unless it has the sanction of prayerful and fruitful virtue within itself. The secular resolutions good meaning people are wont to make may certainly last for a time, but they have not the

quality of stern stability which refuses to break an honorable compact at the bidding of an unscrupulous friend or for the sake of a financial gain or commercial advantage. If we again look closely in another direction at the assortment of the race we will discover a large class of self reliant and over-confident persons who never make any new resolutions at all for betterment of conduct, simply because they think none are necessary. There may be error and self-deceit in this assumption, and the proof may come too late to save unpleasant consequences, but this class must be left to learn wisdom and humility by sad experience if not by bitter tears.

Then we again turn with sorrow to another contingent of the great human family--those who are deeply, perhaps hopelessly, involved in the sinful pursuits of this world, and who have sunk darkened understandings as not to be able to determine between right and wrong. There can't be much hope for those, as they have encroached upon the downward path and are determined to pursue it. Of course I speak of them in bulk and in general terms. Some men of the most abandoned creature often meet with sudden shocks which bring them to their senses--the Gospel narrative furnishes some striking examples--and these once thoroughly converted rarely make a backward plunge into the putrid Gulf again.

Did it not seem irreverent to couple humorous or jocular things with the serious tone of the foregoing, we might here introduce some New Year's resolutions once adopted by a famous American humorist:

Firstly--That if anybody should ask him for the loan of a ten dollar bill for one single day, he should strive to reduce the risk by substituting a one dollar bill for ten days.

Secondly--That he would not argue with a woman, for women and echoes are always sure to have the last word.

Thirdly--That he would not be over-exuberant in joy, as he had known cases in which people were ringing their joy bells to day wringing their hands on the morrow.

Fourthly--That if an enemy threatened to pour out his vials of wrath upon him, he should strive to convince him that empty bottles were poor assets.

Fifthly--Although somewhat in contradiction to resolution number one, he resolved that he would neither borrow nor lend; especially lend.

Sixthly--That if any man smoke him on one cheek, he'd size up the other fellow before he would retaliate in kind.

Seventhly--That if the State should wish to test his loyalty, he would willingly guarantee to sacrifice the whole of his wife's relatives for the greater good of the commonwealth.

Eighthly--If he heard two angry men call each other a fool and a rogue he would pacify them by submitting that both might be right in their contention, as they differ only in opinion.

Ninthly--That if anybody should insultingly ask him if he had ever been drunk, he would meekly refer them to the banquet at which his health was drunk.

Tenthly--That if his friends should tell him that he would "shorten his days" by his fast mode of living, he would assure them that by the same rule he would "lengthen his nights."

Although conceived in a lighter vein the reader may see a point in each of the above. So may it be. WM. ELLISOR. Knights of St. John.

St. Patrick's Commandery, No. 212, of the Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John brought to a close their work for the year 1896 by a social meeting at which were members of the Provincial Commandery and representatives from the following subordinate Commanderies; Leo, No. 2; St. Paul's, No. 122; St. Mary's, No. 216; and Columbus, No. 219. The principal feature was a sumptuous feast under the direction of Sir Knight James Nolan and speeches and songs by prominent members of the Banner Auxiliary of the Union as the members had shown a zeal which nothing could stop. He said that he was pleased to see such a large meeting and wished the Knights a prosperous and happy New Year. Brother Wm. Byron gave a couple of songs, after which Alderman Wm. Burns spoke in the highest terms of the Knights of St. John and wished them every success. It remained for Brother James Burns of Commandery No. 219 to capture the meeting with a stump speech. Brother James is an over ready man and is always in demand. Speeches by Organizer Hogan and Provincial Secretary Moylan and a song by Col. Koltz brought the proceedings to a close. The President, Vm. J. O'Reilly, closed a most enjoyable meeting and thanked the members who had contributed so ably towards making the meeting a success. And after expressing the wish that we would meet again wished all present a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

The Domain of Woman.

TALKS BY "TERESA."

THE HONOURABLE T. BROWN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

The joy which of Christmas festivities is nearly over, and the sober celebrations of the birth of a New Year are now proceeding.

According to the more advanced school of metaphysics, past, present and future have no existence. They are merely the states and feelings of the individual.

The newly fledged clerk sees himself a partner in the concern, with, possibly, the principal partner's daughter to share his success.

The dream of the poor scribbler—but no—that last flight of imaginative fancy is altogether too glorious ever to be realized on earth.

Of course this is all very foolish, and very wrong, no doubt, in a certain sense, but then to quote of those good resolutions which were probably dug out of the grave of some Egyptian mummy.

But it is quite certain, that imagination is a considerable factor in ultimate success: if we could not anticipate or imagine anything better than what we possess, we should cease to desire it, and consequently cease to strive for it.

Never mind, whatever the future has in store let us still fix our eyes on the bright star of Hope, which "springs eternal in the human breast," and whose halo is the imagination.

The man or woman who has no ambition may possibly jog along in an extremely satisfactory way, but they can never rise above the commonplace simply because they have no desire to do so.

I am preaching worldly doctrines this week, protests somebody. Well, my dear reader, we are living in the world, not in some ethereal land, far from the meddling crowd.

We must adapt ourselves to circumstances and to changed ideas; the world has changed, it is no use to sit down and bewail the fact, we must rise up and seize everything good and high minded, hold on to it, and meet the world on its own ground, and with it in a new position.

But whatever the future may have in store for us, one and all, "Teresa" sincerely wishes everybody a truly happy and prosperous New Year.

I commend the following extract from The Mail and Empire's musical department to those whom it may concern:

"The very large assemblage which gathered in St. Michael's cathedral on Thursday night to hear the 'Stabat Mater' sung by the Philharmonic chorus and a quartette of solo voices suggests the enquiry whether the time would be opportune to return to the old plan which obtained some years ago in the Roman Catholic churches, of giving performances of the masses and cantatas of the great masters with orchestral accompaniment.

"The death is reported of Madame Eliza Shanks, religious of the Sacred Heart, who died at the St. Alexander street convent, Montreal, on Dec. 19, of consumption. Madame Shanks was a native of Halifax, N.S., and was a professed nun of upwards of 40 years' standing. Some years since she was attached to the teaching staff of the old Sacred Heart academy on St. Catherine street and was highly esteemed by pupils and parents.

casual Sunday engagements of this nature, even though the remuneration might be trifling. The Roman Catholic Church has such a magnificent repertory of fine music that no one cannot but regret that it is not made more familiar to the people in the form in which originally written, viz. for orchestra, chorus and solo voices.

A PEDLAR'S EXPERIENCE.

ILLNESS BROUGHT HIM ALMOST TO THE VERGE OF THE GRAVE.

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Death of a Religious.

The death is reported of Madame Eliza Shanks, religious of the Sacred Heart, who died at the St. Alexander street convent, Montreal, on Dec. 19, of consumption.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Calendar for the Week.

- Dec. 31—St. Sylvester, P.
Jan. 1—Circumcision of our Lord.
2—Octave of St. Stephen.
3—Octave of St. John.
4—Octave Holy Innocents.
5—St. Telesphorus, P.M.
6—The Epiphany of our Lord.

Last week we published a letter from Senator Power without comment. This was in deference to the Christmas spirit; but we cannot allow the Senator's criticism to pass altogether without notice.

The critics of the secular papers without an exception have been so pleased with the "Stabat Mater" as rendered in St. Michael's Cathedral by the Philharmonic Society that they ask why the citizens of Toronto are deprived of the frequent blessing of such music.

In its issue of Dec. 29, The Kingston Freeman, one of the listed organs of the Ottawa government, went into a great rage over as commonplace a statement of fact as ever appeared in this paper.

Kingston himself, for the fact that the Kingston Freeman is not a Catholic paper. We are morally certain that The Orange Sentinel and The Toronto Star are not Catholic papers.

One of our Anglican contemporaries in Toronto a little while ago published a complaint against London Punch. It was declared that the famous London humorist had turned Catholic under a Catholic editor.

A notorious Quebec paper called L'Electeur, an organ of the provincial and Federal Liberals, has been officially denounced by the Archbishop and Bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec as a publication dangerous to faith and to the interests of Catholic education.

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electors, told them that he was there to say that he was a man and a pauper. And he said it all by way of attack upon the sitting mayor, who informed the electors of the ingratitude of his assailant.

Do the citizens of Toronto ever ask themselves how the administration of their affairs have come to such a pass? There is not a business man in the city, nor is there a rate-payer outside what is called the "machine" who do not annually bemoan the sad state of municipal government.

The evil influence in Toronto municipal politics began long ago with the baptism of the city in Orangism. The first care was to exclude Catholics from representation in the Council or employment by the Corporation.

A Modern Instance. We have in Toronto two societies, or rather two branches of the same society, intended to protect the path of children whose natural protectors have become their worst enemies, and whom we can fancy Longfellow apostrophized in the lines:

O little feet! that such long years Must wander on through hopes and fears, Must ache and bleed beneath your load, I, nearer to the wayside inn Where toil shall cease and rest begin, Am weary thinking of your road.

In the blessed work of protecting God's beloved little ones one can hardly imagine the demon of bigotry interfering. But we have seen such a thing in Toronto only last week.

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matters except an occasional pair of boots and a dress or two. The police report in The Evening News says: Recently Mr. Thompson and his wife, Mrs. O'penshaw, as she is now known, met in Mrs. Keeler's and had a glorious row.

The police magistrate informed Mr. Hynes that the endeavor to rescue the child from the atmosphere into which the mother had drawn her was a perfectly proper case to be brought into court; but the child was willing, and "the mother was a good woman but for her bigamous marriage with O'penshaw," which a lawyer had told her "was not punishable."

O little souls! as pure and white And crystalline as rays of light, how long shall it be before you become lurid ere you have reached "the wayside inn, where toil shall cease and rest begin?"

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Leader in the House of Commons, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are desirous of retracing the conclusions of the financial commission, and will ask the House to appoint a special committee to take further evidence.

It is alleged that Ireland is to day an almost completely Anglicized country, and the union of all forces for obtaining lessened taxation may be cited as one of the arguments favorable to this view.

The Protestant Bishop, the Catholic Bishop, the landlord and the tenant, the Unionist and the Nationalist, all stood upon the same platform. The Earl of Bandon presided, and the Catholic Bishop of Olyne was the first speaker.

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It was a Conservative Government ordered the commission; and a Con-

servative Government cannot shrink its findings. The plea is also put forward that Ireland at this stage of its history cannot make a claim against the United Kingdom as a separate nation could.

Apart from the views of the Government of the day, it is important to observe that Sir Edward Hamilton in his evidence (No. 10438) assented to the proposition submitted to him that "Ireland has been since the Act of Union, is now, and will be as long as the Act of Union remains in force, a separate entity to the extent that her circumstances have to be considered when a claim or case arises under this proviso."

Hon. Edward Blake's important connection with the Commission on Financial Relations will serve to increase the interest of his Canadian friends in the new departure which Irish agitation has taken; but it is only fair to say that the services rendered on the Commission by Mr. Sexton were excelled by no other member of the Committee.

Cornwall and Stormont.

The victory of the government in the by-election in Cornwall and Stormont has been accepted by the entire political press of Ontario as an emphatic declaration that the Manitoba school question must be considered dead, that the country is heartily sick of it and that the Laurier-Greenway "settlement," or any settlement, is preferable to keeping the dispute open.

It was a momentous question they had met there that day to go into, and he would ask them to remember that they might be met by stubbornness and by official obstinacy. He hoped that no statesman would try and stop this movement.

Death of a Catholic Novelist. WASHINGTON, December 28.—Mrs. Anna Hanson Dorsey, the pioneer of Catholic literature in this country, who had been lying dangerously ill at her home in this city for the past two months, died on Friday.

BOOK REVIEW.

MANUAL OF THE LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. By R. E. Kingsford, M.A., LL.B., Barrister, Toronto. The Carwell Company, Toronto, 1896.

The law of landlord and tenant should be fairly well understood by the public generally, and it ought not to be necessary for intelligent persons outside the legal profession to have to consult a lawyer about every point of doubt that may arise in this connection. Perhaps the principal points of the law of landlord and tenant are sufficient for the average man to know, as there will always arise in every law special causes of dispute that must be referred to professional experts. Mr. Kingsford has prepared this manual as a guide to the non-professional public, and at the same time he has made it a most useful and practical reference for professional men. The whole work is thorough and up-to-date, including as it does the legislation of the last session of the Ontario House of Assembly. The general scope of the work includes a plain description of those persons who in Ontario may become landlords or tenants; of tenants, leases, lodgers; a statement of the law relating to rent, taxes, distress, etc.; explanations concerning fixtures and emblements; a full declaration of the several remedies open to tenants on account of distress, and miscellaneous legal directions of interest. One of the most valuable plans of index that we have ever seen is given at the front in the form of an analysis of the various chapters into which the work is divided. By way of appendix aro some thirty pages of forms used in every species of contract coming under the law of landlord and tenant. On the whole if the book were designed with no other cat than a popular and ready manual the work could not have been more successfully performed. Mr. Kingsford is to be congratulated.

PASSING SHADOWS. A Novel. By Anthony Yorke. New York: Benziger Bros.

This is the latest of Messrs. Benziger Bros. series of Catholic novels. The story is an interesting one, and grows more readable as we advance. A young man in New York, a letter carrier, on account of the jealous malice of a rival is sent to penitentiary for four years, on a false charge of robbing the mails. He does his time in full, and when he comes out of gaol shrinks from the company of the young woman who loves him. One night he encounters the street a priest who has been called to the death bed of the man who had ruined this unhappy lover. A confession and the reunion of the lovers is the result. There is an agreeable diffusion of light and shade in the work of Anthony Yorke. It is rather an unusual idea of a young girl to ask a priest whether it is permissible to pray that a man whom she loves may love her in return. The plot is well worked out in the main, but many of the details are weak an unable to hang together. But the author has no amount of labor is too great in order to make the most of his art he will write a novel that will be hard to criticize.

Mostly Boys. By Rev. Father Finn S.J., New York. Benziger Bros. We handed Father Finn's collection of short stories to an average young person who read it and delivered the following opinion: It is all religion, criticism, and doubt if any young person who is 'mostly boy' is capable of taking his religion in such large sugar-coated doses. The book has from the point of view of the young person more fault than this. The opening story should not have been given the place of honor. It hardly rings true to hear two lads at school talking in the language of poker players, with this distinction that their bets are prayers (beads) and that their young hearts are thrilling with the glory of God rather than the greed of gain. Father Finn is a genuine boy himself, because he has written stories which any natural boy would delight to read. But when he heaps his boys so full of religion and stuffs it up that they become slugs, and the sugar coating flows in something that remotely resembles reverence, he gives his religious boy too big a load to carry. Some of these stories are in the old easy natural vein; but the impression one receives from the reading of the initial over-true tale does not favorably incline a critic to praise the whole entitled "After the larger portion."

BOOKS FOR MASSES FOR THE SOULS OF DEPARTED PERSONS. By William Dillon L.L.D. Chicago 1896. Catholic priests, Catholic lawyers, and many Catholic laymen will welcome this very useful examination of the present condition of the law regarding the validity of bequests for masses for the dead. Mr. Dillon, who we believe is a brother of the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, is a member of the Irish bar, also of the bar of the states of Illinois and Colorado. He is not only a sound lawyer, but he is a great gatherer and compiler. He has written here a lucid examination of the law affecting bequests for all charitable uses, and he has brought together notes of all the relevant notable decisions in British and American courts. The notes are ample, and for the first time the dangers incident to the making of devices for charitable objects are adequately pointed out. Such a book was wanted and in our opinion Mr. Dillon has filled the need. The work is dedicated to Lord Russell of Killowen, the first Catholic Chief Justice of England.

MAGAZINES.

The Catholic World. The situation in Ireland is thoughtfully summed up in the January number of The Catholic World magazine in the course of an article entitled "After the Convention of the Irish Race." The Century Magazine. The Century still continues to give a great deal of attention to American poetry. Among the contributions to The Century for January is an interesting study of the Canadian woods by the well-known poet, Charles G. D. Roberts, entitled "The Solitary Woodman." Capt. A. T. Mahan, who has just retired from the navy and whose volume on "The Influence of Sea-Power on History"

won for him the honors of the English universities, contributes a graphic paper on "Nelson in the Battle of the Nile." Illustrated with maps, and diagrams, and portraits of Nelson.

Rest of Reviews. Some reputation in the Oracle of 1896 is the subject treated in a brief article by William T. Stead in the January Review of Reviews. Mr. Stead deals with Hiram, Gladstone, Cecil Rhodes, Li Hung Chang, Joseph Chamberlain, and other characters of international repute. After praising the wonderful genius and charity of Pope Leo in connection with the decision regarding Anglican Orders, Mr. Stead adds: "His intervention on behalf of the Italian prisoners in Abyssinia showed his desire to play the part of general mediator and intercessor, even on behalf of those whom he believes have usurped his patronage and jurisdiction of the office of the Church. And his utterances on behalf of international arbitration have shown once more how keenly alive he is to the movements which tend towards the realization of the Christian ideal."

Ars Longa Vita Brevis. (WRITER FOR THE HOUSE.)

Hapt before the canvas stands
Ho the painter who hath wrought
Wondrous things of genius bought,
With the brush in slender hands.
Caught from Nature's palette there,
Colour gems of wealth untold,
Glint and gleam of sunset gold,
Hazel brown of maiden's hair.
Shadows that o'er meadows fly,
And the tender pearly gray,
From the cloud that heralds day;
Blue of Summer sea and sky.
A Madonna and a Child
With the soft and dove-like eyes
Raised in loving mute surmise,
To the Mother's features mild.
Cherub heads with outstretched wings,
Circling round a musing saint;
All the beauties art can paint,
Breathing thoughts of heavenly things.
Treasures that must all be caught,
While the working day shall last,
Rest must come when light is past;
"Art is long and life is short."

TRINITY.
A Golden Jubilee.

Worcester, Mass., December 28.—St. John's Catholic Church closed the year of its golden jubilee yesterday on the anniversary of the feast of its patron saint, with most the elaborate services ever given in a Worcester church. Archbishop Martinelli, apostolic delegate to the United States, was the special guest of the parish, and officiated at the solemn Mass, which was celebrated at 10 30 o'clock. As a compliment to the Papal delegate every man wore on his breast a badge of yellow and white, the Papal colors. At the altar were Archbishop Martinelli, Very Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, Very Rev. Philip J. Gannigan, D. D., vice rector of the same University; Right Rev. Thomas B. Haven, Bishop of the diocese of Springfield; Rev. John Leahy, B. J., president of Holy Cross College; Rev. John Conway, B. J., of Georgetown University, and others. The Archbishop left Worcester for Springfield at 4.45 p. m. He will be the guest of Rev. J. J. McCoy, at Chicopees, to day.

Church of the Sacred Heart.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart the services of "Le Jour de Noel" were rendered with all the solemnity and completeness in rubrical detail, as is usual with French-Canadian congregations. A beautiful harmonized mass was sung in admirable style. The mass commenced with the chanting of the Introit: "Puer natus est nobis." A Child is born to us etc. The "Gradual," "Offertorium" and "Communio" were also chanted in their entirety. In the evening solemn vespers were sung and all the psalms with their accompanying antiphons, proper of the feast, together with commemoration of St. Stephen, the first martyr followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The choir at the Church of the Sacred Heart is a model one in its fidelity to the rubric directions for rendering the chanted portion of the public offices of Holy Church.

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The British American Business and Shortland College, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, is probably the best known institution of its kind in Canada. It is owned by a number of the leading business men of this city, among them are Stapleton Caldwell and Frederick Wild, wholesale drygoods merchants; S. F. McKinnon, wholesale milliner; E. R. C. Clarkson, chartered accountant; Edward Trout, President of the Money Times Co.; Wm. McCabo, Manager of the North American Life Assurance Co.; and D. E. Thomson, Q.C. The various courses are thus guaranteed to be the most practical that can be devised for the purpose of properly training young people for business offices. Every department of the work is in charge of expert instructors, and the very best facilities are afforded for acquiring a shorthand or commercial education in the shortest possible time. The College re-opens on Monday, January 4th, 1897.

C. Y. L. L. A.

The officers and members of the Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association held a very successful and pleasant "At Home" on Tuesday evening at their rooms, St. Patrick's Hall, McCaul St.

The Blue and the Gray. Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray there's no need to resort to hair dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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Restrictive Landslide in Kerry. DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—The danger from the landslide near Rathmore, county Kerry, is by no means over, but is rather on the increase. That part of the disturbed earth comprising the bog is still sliding towards the lakes of Killarney, its movement being accompanied by a sudden noise that is heard for miles in all directions. No further loss of life than was reported yesterday—that of the Donnelly family of nine persons who were engulfed in the mass of earth—is known to have occurred, but there are still fears that other persons may be taken caught in the slide.

Mr. David Takes It Back. L. O. David of Montreal has withdrawn from sale his political pamphlet attacking the bishops of Quebec. This is in consequence of the condemnation of the brochure at Rome.

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WARD NO. 2. YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR Ex-Alderman P. H. DRAYTON AS ALDERMAN. Election Takes Place Monday, Jan. 4th, 1897.

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DOMESTIC READING.

The man who does not work with his heart will not accomplish much with his hands. A soul that has learned how to choose God and separate herself from herself, knows everything. Let friendship creep gently to a height: if it rush to it, it will soon run itself out of breath.

FARM AND GARDEN.

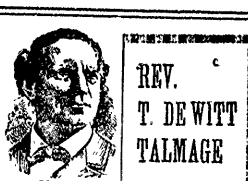
Farm News, of Springfield, Ohio, observes that farming is not practical in the West. Theory may do as a working model, but as it cannot take into consideration all the elements nor all the unforeseen circumstances and exceptions, it is often of little value because it cannot be applied. Under such circumstances a good application of common sense will prove of more value to the farmer than an application of the best barnyard manure, or of the more expensive use of the best fertilizers in the market.

Chats With the Children.

ANIMAL DEFECTORS. In one of the Bristol churches are preserved the horns of a cow. Many years ago there was a water famine in the city, but notwithstanding the lack of water and suitable pasture, the cow gave forth an abundance of milk, which is said to have kept alive all the babies in the city. The inhabitants showed their gratitude by subscribing enough money to ensure the cow's comfort to the end of its days. At its death its memory was thus preserved.

A LEGEND OF THE CHRIST CHILD.

In Brabant there was a holy old monk named Nicholas. This man had a great devotion to the Child Jesus. One day, as he was taking his journey in the winter time on horseback, he saw by the roadside a beautiful little boy crying most bitterly. He thought, perhaps, the child had lost his mother, and asked what was the cause of his tears.



REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE. In one of his wonderful sermons very truthfully said, "My brother, your trouble is not with the heart; it is a gastric disorder, or a rebellious liver. It is not sin that blots out your hope of heaven, but bile that not only yellows your eyeballs and furs your tongue and makes your head ache but swoops upon your soul in dejection and foreboding sighs."

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Catholic Union.

At the meeting of the Society on Dec. 29th the members had the pleasure of listening to Toronto's esteemed citizen, Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, in a thoroughly appreciative address on the question with which he has been so long and closely identified, viz.: the Labor Problem.

declared vacant. Mr. Dolorme was elected by acclamation, who is an energetic man, and one who will be of good assistance to the Society. Prof. E. J. O'Brien the phonologist then addressed the members on the honorarium derived from being a member of a temperance society, which was received with great applause.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. There will be a grand sacred concert in Michael's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, January 10th, at 8 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Bonner. Some of the best singers in the city will take part, and a leading orchestra will render selections.

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League of the Sacred Heart.

At the last monthly meeting of the Promoters of the Men's League of the Sacred Heart, held in St. John's Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul, on Monday evening, December 29th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Christmas Day in Guelph.

Christmas Day in the church of Our Lady, Guelph, was duly solemnized with four services in the morning, 6, 7, 30, 9, and High Mass at 10.30, and Mass in the evening.

LATEST MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 30, 1896. The market has not yet picked up after the holiday relaxation, and there is really nothing new to report.

Home, State and Church.

The following letter appears in The Christian Guardian:—Our editorial in the Guardian of December 2nd, under the above heading, as it converged into the subject of religious teaching in day schools, deals with what is one of the most important questions for the consideration of the church authorities at the present time.

League of the Cross St. Paul's Branch.

League of the Cross St. Paul's Branch, held their regular meeting Sunday last, held being about forty members present.