



THE CONCORDAT OF 1901

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OBITUARY.

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# HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

Our city has been in the throes of the worst storm of the season. There is snow in abundance on all sides, the removal of which from our thoroughfares will provide work for the scores of men who depend on this every winter as a means of their subsistence. Then, too, there are the pleasures which follow in the train of a snowstorm of any proportion. What more ideal than a jolly party of friends—be-tuqued, be-sashed, be-snowshoed—starting out for a tramp over our grand old Mount Royal, its rugged sides and verdant slopes hidden beneath its winter robe of white. These merry tramps seek not the beaten paths, but strike out for themselves, their noiseless feet gliding along to the accompaniment of their happy voices ringing clear on the frosty air. From the mountain summit one can look down on the city with its innumerable lights, its church spires outlined against the evening sky, its sentinel-like smoke-stacks bespeaking the industry and commerce at our doors. A little further can be seen the St. Lawrence, or, rather, the ghost of our majestic river, for presently it is in the visible grip of a mighty power—the Ice King. Then, nestling close to its farther bank, the twinkling lights like so many fire-flies, are the settlements of a frugal, industrious people on whose abundant products we of the city have to depend. After a few minutes' such contemplation of an almost fairy-like scene, the tramps take the road for home, the invigorating air giving a brilliant color to the cheek, brightness to the eye and general exuberance of spirits, thus proving that our Canadian winter and our Canadian sports stand unrivalled.

## FASHIONS.

A pale gray chiffon broadcloth gown worn by a young woman at a recent reception was indeed a perfect frock. The bodice, while slightly draped, was close fitting. The skirt was of the same length all around, just escaping the floor. At the top it was plaited into the figure the plaits being stitched down for a distance of fully eighteen inches and were cut out underneath in order not to add to the size of the well developed hips. The plaits were an inch wide at the top and an inch and a half where the stitching stopped and opened out in not full circles. Six inches from the skirt's hem diamond shaped insertions of heavy grey medallions ten inches long and eight wide, the points joining, of embroidery in various shades of gray, and with tiny quillings of gray velvet here and there formed a handsome trimming.

The bodice had a deep girde of gray satin laid in folds that came down fully five inches below the waist line in the front by three below in the back, and this closed at the back under a double row of cut steel cabochons, three in each row. The top of the bodice was rounded out and filled with a shirred stock of gray chiffon cloth, embroidered in tiny sprays and vines in shaded grays, and finished at the top by a fine ruching of gray chiffon. Around the base of this stock was a fold of gray satin, and from this in the centre dropped a ten inch flounce jabot of gray chiffon, embroidered to match the stock, and having a deep border of pointed embroidery.

Broadcloth trimmed with velvet is one of the features of the season and is eminently attractive and desirable. A very handsome costume may be made up in reseda green with the waistcoat and cuff in cream white and worn over a lace waist, the combination being a singularly effective one. The Eton to be worn with this is one of the best liked of the season, and is made with belt at back and sides, which is passed under the vest beneath the revers and closed invisibly. The skirt is a circular one.

White kid tops with patent leather vamps, heretofore left to the children, have now invaded the domain of the grownups, though they have not yet been taken up enthusiastically, even by the faddist in footwear; and the same may be said for the shoes with patent leather vamps and elaborately embroidered quarters, although the latter are liked by some women for house wear.

Pull waists are much in vogue for young girls and are exceedingly charming both with plain skirts and with the suspender dresses that are so much worn. A very simple idea

may be followed out in embroidered chalice with collar and cuffs of lace.

Neglige slippers and shoes deserve here more than anywhere else the increasing luxury and extravagance of footwear is emphasized. Heavy silks and old brocades stiff with gold and silver are used for mules and bou-doire slippers, ruched round with ribbon or gauze—often with narrow ribbon of gold or silver gauze.

Rosettes of chiffon, lace gauze or tulle, with little jewelled buckles or buttons in their centres, adorn some of the evening slippers, and there are fuller rosettes or choux without the central ornament, but sewn with tiny gleaming beads of crystal, pearl, steel or iridescent paillettes.

Evening coats made of white cloth trimmed with heavy lace are eminently smart and are very generally becoming. An uncommonly attractive one seen recently was finished with little lace ruches of silk at the edges of the heavy lace and with heavy cord and tassels, by means of which it can be closed. The model was one of the most desirable and it can be slipped on without the slightest injury to the gown, yet means perfect warmth and protection. All reasonable materials are appropriate and the finish can be as simple or elaborate as one may like.

What little girls shall wear to school or for hard play is a simple matter for any mother to decide, but when it comes to what she calls "nice" dresses it requires ingenuity and some thought to have the right thing. However rapidly she may be growing, every child must have at least several dainty little frocks for those times she goes to parties, to church or to dancing school. Just what these shall cost depends much upon what one wishes to pay, says an exchange.

But if economy is to be considered, a woman should never forget that a frock which may cost more at the beginning may be cheaper in the end, from the fact that its materials are better. For instance, a light silk will be more expensive in the original outlay than a muslin, but the silk will outwear the other by many months.

## THE DEBUTANTE'S GOWN.

It must be becoming. It must be youthful. It is best not too elaborate. Chiffon is soft and becoming, but perishable. Brussels net is more durable and as attractive. Net needs a quantity of lace trimming.

Creme de chine is unequalled for real serviceableness. It cleans very well and can be dyed for another year.

Satin finished crepe is as soft and pretty as the new crepes and less expensive.

White liberty satin is extremely effective and a youthful-looking fabric.

Liberty silk is pretty, but a poor investment where economy is a factor.

Peau de sole in white may be worn but the colored silk is too old.

A white cloth costume will be useful for many occasions later, and may be draped softly, so as not to appear stiff.

## RECIPES.

**Cabbage Salad.**—Cut a head of cabbage very fine, sprinkle the cabbage with salt, pepper, ginger and sugar. Take one pint of sweet cream, one cup of cider vinegar, three eggs well beaten. Mix vinegar, cream and eggs, let it get very hot but do not let it boil or it will curdle, pour it over the cabbage and let it cool, when it is ready for use.

**Oysters in Blankets.**—Season large oysters and cut very thin slices of bacon, wrap the oysters in the bacon and fasten with toothpicks, cook a nice brown; serve with the pickles in them.

**French Chicken.**—Cut chicken into small pieces, put a lump of butter into an iron pot, when butter is brown put in the chicken and brown in the butter, turning it often to keep it from burning. Add enough hot water to cover the chicken, season with pepper and salt; cover the pot and allow it to cook until tender; lift up the chicken, place it where it will keep hot, thicken the gravy with a little woodcock flour and pour over the chicken.

**Corn Pancakes.**—One cupful of creamed corn, one egg, one teaspoonful spoonful of flour, a little pepper and

salt, fry as pancakes in clarified butter or nice lard.

**Iroquois Puff.**—Two cupful of mashed potato, put the potato into a saucepan with the beaten yolk of one egg, two table-spoonful of cream, small table-spoonful of butter, salt and pepper to taste, stir the mixture constantly over the fire until the potato is very light and hot; take from the fire and add the well beaten white of the egg, pile the mixture into a butter tin and bake a delicate brown.

**Apple Custard Pie.**—Grate two large apples, mix the yolks of two eggs with the apples; add half a cup of milk, small half cup of sugar; flavor with lemon, bake in under crust. Beat the whites to a froth, add two table-spoonful of sugar, and spread over pie; return to oven and brown.

**Chocolate Bavarian Cream.**—Scald one pint of milk, pour slowly over four beaten yolks, half cup of sugar, a pinch of salt; cook until it thickens; remove and add one ounce of gelatine dissolved in half a cup of water, one table-spoon vanilla, two ounces chocolate, melted; set in ice-water; when it congeals fold in one pint of whipped cream, pour into mold trimmed with blanched almonds and chill; unmold, garnish with whipped cream and a few blanched almonds.

**French Salad Dressing.**—One quarter teaspoon of salt, one quarter teaspoon white pepper, three table-spoons olive oil, ten drops onion juice, one table-spoon vinegar, half table-spoon lemon juice, mix salt, pepper, onion juice and one table-spoonful of oil, then add alternately the remaining oil, vinegar and lemon juice.

## YOUNG GIRLS ON THE STREETS.

Young girls with trim little tailored suits and natty hats, with snooded hair and fresh round faces, girls who ought to be home with mother and father, are to be seen upon the streets without escort or in groups of twos or threes at hours long past curfew time on any night of the week. There is something in the round faces that grips a little at the heart, however, and there's too often a swagger to the lightfooted walk that seems out of harmony with sweet girlhood.

There's a quick retort and a flip-pant jest from lips that should be repeating the multiplication table at home, and a bold glance or brazen stare from eyes that should be veiled in maiden modesty. Poor little girls, not to know how much more precious than all the things born there are, when they properly estimate their own worth and prize themselves at it! Victor Hugo once said that he was one of those who "fall speechless in the presence of young girls and flowers," deeming them holy. And still they come to be unrecognized by themselves, neglected by their proper protectors, and taken at their own estimate by the world. And it isn't their fault. Most of them have mothers and fathers who can tell them of the pitfalls that lie in the path of vanity and disobedience. Most of them have homes that should be their shelter after the sun goes down, and most of them would listen to advice properly given—and in time. The mother and father who think their duty done in sending the young daughter out to school dressed as well as the neighbor's little girl will have a lot to answer for some day.—Detroit News-Tribune.

## WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

"Aren't men funny?" said the little bride who was learning how to cook. "Here is a whole panful of soup stocks that has got to be thrown out just because of a form of mental indigestion that has attacked John since he saw it."

"Why, we lived for weeks and weeks on this very stock or some just like it. You know, one of the things I learned at cooking school was how to make soup stock. So the very day we came back from the honeymoon I made up a quantity of it and put it in the refrigerator. John likes soup, so we commenced dinner with it every day. It was awfully easy just to take a few spoonful of the stock and season it one day with tomatoes, the next day with peas, the next day with celery, and so on. John ate it as though he were famished and complimented me so much that I finally took out my bowl of stock and showed him how I made it."

"What," he said, "I've been eating

the very same soup every day and thought I was getting infinite variety? I suppose," he flung at me, "you fancy a soup by any other name would seem as tasty. I thought there was an awful resemblance between those daily portions of liquid refreshments. Why, it's just like those cheap perfumes that they make all in one big boiler and pour into different shaped bottles and label with different names."

"And from that day to this," finished the disappointed bride, "he has looked upon my soups with suspicion and my cooking with contempt."

"My dear," said the experienced housekeeper, "some day you will learn that what a man doesn't know won't hurt him and that it is only when the domestic wheels revolve in the dark and he can't see them go round that he appreciates your housekeeping. Telling a man how you do things is just as disillusioning as giving him a peep behind the scenes at the comic opera."

## HOTEL LACKING IN FELICITIES.

Half the profound truths one hears are spoken entirely by mistake. Up in the Virginia Hills is a small hotel or large boarding house, whichever you like to call it, where the air and scenery are supposed to make up for the lack of modern conveniences. A pitiful foot tub and a pint of water greet you every morning, and you pine for your home tub as Moses' followers hankered for the fleshpots. A Washington woman, who is own sister to Mrs. Partington, is staying up there. She sat on the gallery one day last week, and this is what she said:

"It's a lovely place, but it has one drawback—there are no felicities for bathing here."—Washington Post.

## THE BEAM IN HER OWN EYE.

Mrs. Collins took off her hat with a weary air, and speared it by its two pins to the head of the lounge. "Do take off your things and stay to dinner, Jane," she said, languidly, to the cousin who had come home from church with her.

"I'm tired out with looking at the people in front of me who hadn't taken the time to finish dressing properly. I don't consider warm weather or a long distance a sufficient excuse for such carelessness. It shows a want of respect, according to my ideas. You were farther back, Jane, so I suppose you didn't notice, and at any rate, you are not so much disturbed by such things as I am. It nearly destroyed the pleasure of the service for me."

"Oh, I saw something of the sort," said the cousin, evasively.

"Well, I don't believe you noticed that Mrs. Thompson hadn't hooked her plaquet, and Mary had hooked hers wrong," said Mrs. Collins, plaintively. "It was distressing to look at them when they stood. And Milly Rogers had twisted the seams of her waist all out of place, and her cousin Margaret had put her stock pins in as crooked as a ram's horn. And when I looked away from them, there was Dorothy Cole on the other aisle with five hairpins just ready to drop out of her hair and her hat on one-sided. What did you think of her?"

"Why, I didn't really see her at all," said Cousin Jane, easily, "because, to tell the truth Mary, when my mind wandered from the service it was occupied with one question—whether you intended to start a fashion of going without belts or had simply mislaid yours, or possibly—"

Mrs. Collins' look of horrified protest as her fingers sought her waist told the truth. It was with a profane that the third, unstated, surmise was the correct one.

## CHEERFULNESS THE FASHION.

Fashion is not always to be despised as frivolous. Sometimes, for want of a novelty, fashion hunts around and selects a virtue to mark with her attention. Just now it is the fashion to be cheerful. You know the girl who goes about telling of the dreadful things that happen and are going to happen in her family. She lives on sympathy, and I guess the present "cheerful" fashion will go hard with her. Of course, all these tragedies are told for just one reason—that girl lingers and Christis for pitying words and tender looks, so takes this way to get them.

But now it is the fashion to be merry and cheerful, and she must change her views or be behind the times.

The best way to make yourself popular nowadays is to see the funny side of things instead of the tragic, to make people laugh rather than to make them say, "You poor thing!"

Beware, always, of the fussy or nagging woman. You will know her among a thousand by her look of utter dejection, corners of the mouth drawn down, and eyes that look upon every living thing as dishonest, disloyal and untrustworthy. Woe and misery are ever at her heels, be she mistress or servant. If the latter, her work will always be lagging, her pastry will be heavy, and her cooking as uncertain as her disposition. She will make constant trouble with the other servants, and keep the entire household in turmoil until she is gotten rid of. If it is the mistress of the house who is inclined toward this unfortunate habit, affairs of the home will indeed be pitiable. She will whine at everything, and prove herself to be one of the most tiresome creatures on earth.

The fussy woman is generally idle and lazy, and one of the best cures in the world for fustiness is work. Let her be made to do for herself what others do so unsatisfactorily for her. This will in all probability effect a cure.

## THE MYSTERIOUS PANEL.

In 1815 my mother died and my brother and I were left destitute, for my brother was much younger than I, and my mother would never allow us to work, for she said my ancestors were not common people. My father had died four years since, and we had lived as best we could with the small fortune that he left us. My mother was always very careful, and while in a delirium near the time of her death would exclaim: "Oh, if I had the letter, or enough money to go to England." And sometimes during the night she would cry out, "Give up your secret, desk!" So I took it for granted that something was lost.

She never told me anything at all concerning the desk, and after her death I went to work cleaning up everything in order to find out the secret, as I believed, of her life. As I searched the drawers of the desk I thought surely I should find a clue there, but nothing could be found, so I looked through every possible place of concealment in the house, but as I found nothing, I decided to go back to the desk again. As I put my hand back into a pigeon hole, it seemed as if I touched a spring, for my hand sunk down into a hole. At once I knew that this meant something, so I put my hand in and brought out a sheet of fine linen paper, yellow with age. I took it to the window and found it to be a letter from one of my ancestors, dated April 13, 1689. It read:

"This letter is written on board the 'Viking,' perhaps it will never reach you, but I want you to watch and take care of my son Thomas. I leave to my son John, your faithful husband, all my fortune. On account of wars in England I have hid in the M.P. Tell John to find it. I told him about it in his youth. We are now out in the wild ocean, but I shall give this to a home-going vessel as soon as I reach port. I am not in the best of health and fear that I shall never reach home. From your father-in-law,

JOHN GOWER.

Imagine how surprised I was when I found this letter. I knew that my mother must have had some idea that this letter existed, but had been unable to find it. I looked at the letter again and found a postscript, nearly faded, which read: "Look in our old Bible." It might be that it contained papers which would throw some light upon this subject, so my next act was to plan how I could get this Bible. I knew that a castle in England belonged to my ancestors known as Stonehurst, which was sold in 1745, but I did not know if it even existed now and how was I to go to England?

I determined to go, economizing as much as I could, and at the same time I went to a firm in New York and asked them to loan me enough to take me to England and establish myself there. I showed them my letter. They were rather disinclined at first to grant my favor, but after considering it awhile they consented. In 1817 I set sail for England and a month later arrived at Stonehurst, which I found in an excellent condition. The owner, Mr. Howell, gave me an interview, and told me I could live at his house and he would help me as far as he could. He also said that the library and whole house was as it was in 1619, as far as he knew.

I received the news joyfully, and after resting awhile, I started my real work. The old Bible was found on the top shelf of the library. In the back of the book a little pocket was made by means of a sheet of paper, being glued on the inside of the back, which opened toward the side toward the leaves. If I had not looked intently through the book I should not have noticed it.

There were several letters in it, nearly all of which were dated in 1689 and usually from some foreign port. I concluded that my ancestor was a sea captain, and John, his married son, and that Thomas was his youngest son, a lad about seventeen years of age.

These letters were not what I wanted, so I looked in again and took out a notebook personally of the daughter-in-law. One note in it ran: "I received a strange letter the other day from my father-in-law. All hope for me is gone. In the letter he spoke of the M.P. which John knew of, and I know nothing of, John and Thomas have both disappeared. About a fortnight ago I was awakened by a crash in the north tower, but as I was tired I went to sleep instantly. The next morning after I had my breakfast one of the servants told me that John and Thomas were missing, and I looked everywhere I could, no trace was found of them. Last night it seemed as if I beheld a vision, or, as I fear, the ghosts of John and Thomas, for about 12 o'clock I awoke and saw two men who resembled them. About fifteen minutes afterwards I heard the crash that awoke me the night of their disappearance.

"I fear that they have been murdered. May God have mercy on them!"

There was nothing else, but I had two clues now, the north tower and the M.P., whatever that was, and Mr. Howells helped me. After an hour's thinking one evening I said: "The P. might stand for panel." "That is so," said he, "and M. for mysterious. Now I think we have it; the letters M. P. stand for a 'mysterious panel' in the north tower, and I believe that your two ancestors met their death; perhaps they were hiding some money or looking for the treasure."

The next day we went to the north tower and there we looked for the mysterious panel. At last we found it. I was feeling around the wall, which was formed of panel-work, and soon I found one that was loose. I pushed it in and found a dark, bad-smelling hole. Mr. Howells lit a lantern, which was in the tower, and brought it to the hole. Here we found the cause of their death. At the top, about four steps were seen; below this were none. Any one might be easily mistaken and go on and then drop at least forty steps before they reached the bottom.

The next thing we did was to get a ladder. This accomplished, we descended to the bottom of the hole. Here we found two skeletons, one the size of a full-grown man and the other a lad. On top of one and on the side of the other were two chests filled with money and the jewels of my ancestors. At last, after a long lapse of years, the mystery was explained.

The jewels we kept, and the money I sold to different parties, for on account of its age it was valuable.

Looking around we found several bayonets and suits of armor, which told us that this castle had been built before the sixteenth century.

After having settled with Mr. Howells and the New York firm, I returned home.

I keep the jewels in a vault, but the desk occupies the most important position in my library, while there also rests the Bible. These are precious relics, as they led to the finding of many things, which otherwise would have forever remained unknown to me.—Agatha Kuellenstein, in the New World.

## DE BERGERAC'S TOMB.

When the Dominican Sisters leave their convent in the Rue de Charonne, Paris, an effort will be made to find the tomb and skeleton of Cyrano de Bergerac, or to give him his full name, Savinien de Cyrano de Bergerac, who was buried there in 1635. Records preserved in the convent, by the way, contradict the legend that the poet was a Gascon and that he had an abnormally long arm. In fact, a portrait which is regarded as authentic shows him to have been rather a good looking fellow.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Dear Boys and Girls: We are quite a little and school work in full swing. I am sure there is no end. This is glorious stuff after the crisis, after the jollification, you will look back on the societies of your lives there must be a lot to

Dear Old Aunt Becky: I have read so many letters. I am going to you, that I am going to also. I live in a quiet village, where you can hear no pigs grunting, and cattle have great fun skating nearly every day. We have a horse that I can drive, and love to go driving with mamma lets me. I have three and three sisters. I am going to school. I am eleven years old. My birthday is the 2nd of January. My horses and a lot of cows, my letter will be in the paper next week, so I can't appear. A very happy and prosperous New Year.

Washington, Kouchibouguac.

Dear Aunt Becky: I am a girl seven years, think it would be very nice you a letter for the boys' corner. I go to school and like it very well. We have vacations to-morrow, a nice doll and lots of sweet Santa Claus. I will send with my cousin, for I want mamma to see it only in for this time. Wishing you a New Year.

Sherrington, Que.

Dear Aunt Becky: As long threatening comes I have made up my mind you a letter for the boys' corner in the True Witness enjoyed the Christmas holidays much that I cannot tell you fun we have had, and the received. Father gave me piano and my sister got watch and Willie a watch also. I am taking music and can play very well. My pieces are Irish Washerwoman, Rustic Dance, Feuilles de Peche, and a duet which I play with sister Katie. I will bring to a close, hoping to see print, and wishing you a Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## AN HOUR WITH A BAK.

Uncle Will, the good-natured son of the family, was left of the baby one day while else was out, and out of curiosity made a list of what the baby in one hour. Here it is: 1. Yelled fifteen minutes taking breath. (Uncle Will solemnly that this is a truism.) 2. Pulled out enough hair from uncle's head and whiskers to sola pillow.

- 3. Blacked the wall paper as he could reach with the brush.
- 4. Broke a stereoscope looking down on it.
- 5. Swallowed six buttons good part of a spoon of the contents of their work basket.
- 6. Emptying the contents of their work basket.
- 7. Tried to squeeze the baby into a tin cup, and was ed badly in the attempt.
- 8. Knocked the head off a doll belonging to his elder trying to drive a tack into wagon with it.
- 9. Fell off the edge of the bed and brought down with costly vases, which were run glass with a cane which his him have.
- 11. Fell into a coal scuttle spoiled his new white dress.
- 12. Set fire to the carpet.
- 13. Went out of the room using something to amuse himself.
- 14. Crawled under the bed to see if he could get any of the things that were there to come out unless you give him the trundle jar.
- 15. Got twisted into the chair, which had to be to get him out.
- 16. Poured a pitcher of water on his mother's best shoes.
- 17. Finally, when he

# OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

BY AUNT BECKY.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are quite a little way advanced in the new year, holidays are over and school work in full swing. How does all the snow suit the little folks? I am sure there has been sliding, tobogganing, snowshoeing to no end. This is glorious weather for it. I know the class room seems very stuffy after the crisp outdoor air, and the lessons very tedious after the jollification, but, dear little ones, there will come a day when you will look back on the school-room and classmates as the happiest associations of your lives. I will expect some very interesting letters as there must be a lot to tell.

Your loving friend,

AUNT BECKY.

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WASHINGTON R.

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## AN HOUR WITH A BABY.

Uncle Will, the good-natured bachelor of the family, was left in charge of the baby one day while everyone else was out, and out of curiosity he made a list of what the baby did in one hour. Here it is:

1. Yelled fifteen minutes without taking breath. (Uncle Will declares solemnly that this is a true statement.)
2. Pulled out enough hair from his uncle's head and whiskers to stuff a sofa pillow.
3. Blacked the wall paper as high as he could reach with the poker.
4. Broke a stereoscope by sitting down on it.
5. Swallowed six buttons and a good part of a spool of thread.
6. Emptied the contents of his mother's work basket.
7. Tried to squeeze the head of the cat into a tin cup, and was scratched badly in the attempt.
8. Knocked the head off a fine wax doll belonging to his elder sister by trying to drive a tack into a toy wagon with it.
9. Fell off the edge of the whatnot and brought down with him two costly vases, which were ruined.
10. Broke two panes of window glass with a cane which his uncle let him have.
11. Fell into a coal scuttle and spoiled his new white dress.
12. Set fire to the carpet while his uncle was out of the room hunting up something to amuse him.
13. Crawled under the bed and refused to come out unless uncle would give him the tangle jar.
14. Got twisted into the rungs of a chair, which had to be broken to get him out.
15. Poured a pitcher of water in his mother's best shoes.
16. Finally, when he saw his...

their coming, he ran out to the porch and tumbled off the steps, making his nose bleed and tearing a hole a foot square in his coat.

And yet Uncle Will thinks that boy will make something yet!

## SHELVED.

A very youthful but very animated little lady was enjoying her first visit to church. It was in an Episcopal church, and the choir boys and the form of service interested her greatly. But after the sermon began her attention was diverted from the pulpit to other parts of the house, and in the course of her inspection of things she suddenly discovered the gallery filled with people in the rear of the church.

"Mother," she whispered, excitedly, "are those the wicked back there on the shelf?"—Harper's Weekly.

## THE CHILD'S REPLY.

"Does any one know whence the dimples come?"

I asked a beautiful child one day, a child in whose wide-open, earnest blue eyes lay the tranquil calm of the sunny skies, the sweetness brought from a heavenly home.

You shuddered to think that the world would bring Trouble and sorrow to dim those eyes;

That care would furrow that peaceful brow

Marked alone by purity now,

As if sealed against sin by the heavenly ring.

A puzzled look was my only reply

For a moment while she was thinking hard,

And the golden head on my shoulder pressed,

With eyelids closed as if sunk to rest,

Scarcely moved while she questioned "Why?"

Suddenly over her serious face

Broke the light of a captive thought,

And she cried, "Oh, yes, I think I know,

Two angels kissed me a long time ago,

And this is the way you can tell the place."

Oh, pretty conceit of the baby brain!

Oh, beautiful faith of the childish heart!

Not dimples alone those angels gave,

But the gentle firmness that mortals crave,

And the peace that the worldly seek in vain.

## SENATOR HOAR'S ADVICE.

The late Senator George F. Hoar gave to young man this advice:

"First—do not hurry. For those that want to work well there is time. The wise disregard hustle and bustle and place thoroughness above speed."

"Second—Remember that there is something more to live for than money. Turn from the race after the world's goods, the mad fight for greed, to the love of the higher things. You may devote yourself to the practical arts, but remember that there is something nobler in human life."

"Third—I advise you to read some author every day. Read him so well, soak yourself so thoroughly with him, bathe in his wisdom so often that you will emerge from him as from a sparkling fountain of purity."

"Amen," said the ring master.

The dog jumped away like a flash and looked around for the next command.

Directed by the Judge, Bannon made a circle of his arms and asked Spot to jump through. The dog showed his teeth and growled.

"That's enough," said the Judge. "Take your dog, Mr. Woodford. I will hold the prisoner for sixty days in the county jail."

## BUY FLOWERS FOR MOTHER.

Some young men were selling flowers in one of Pittsburg's streets the other day. They called in a forward and impudent way to the men who passed: "Buy a bouquet of flowers for your sweetheart."

A little ragged and dirty urchin at some distance from the older boys, and half in imitation of them, called to the prosperous looking man who passed: "Buy the pretty flowers for your mother."

A man fully 65 years of age passed, and the ragged urchin ran before him and held up a bunch of tousled flowers and said: "Buy the pretty flowers for your mother."

The man brushed the boy aside and hurried on, but the urchin ran before him again, saying eagerly, "Buy the pretty flowers for your mother."

The man said, "Get out of the way, boy; I haven't any mother." The boy regarded him for an instant with evident sympathy, and then said, "Hain't you got no mother, boss? Well, nuther hev I—I'll give you the pretty flowers."

A suspicious moisture gathered in the man's eyes, which he quickly brushed away, and dropping a dollar into the boy's hand, hurried on.

Did you ever try mothering your mother? If not, do it at once. There is magic in it. "Buy the pretty flowers for your mother."

## BIRTH DOES NOT COUNT.

Do not despise your lowly origin or treat lightly the day of small things. Out of such things as these dynasties and destinies have been builded.

Jesus of Nazareth began life in a manger. The foxes had holes and the birds of the air had nests, but He had not where to lay His head.

From the Bethlehem manger to the throne of God was a tremendous leap. Who knows where or what our place shall be when the hidden things are revealed. The most lowly here may share the greatest glory there. "I said ye are sons."

"Beloved, now are we the children of God." Birth does not count; station does not enter in; relationship to God is everything. If children, we are heirs of God, and what child could hope or dream of more than will come to us with our Father's legacy.

## GENEROUS BEN.

Five bright silver dollars! How they glittered in the sun! Bennis counted them over and over, and then put two into one pocket and three into the other.

He felt very proud and happy as he walked along the shady avenue. It was a beautiful summer morning, and the first day of his vacation.

Those five silver dollars in his pocket had just been obtained at the corner grocery, where he had given in exchange a purse filled with nickels, dimes and quarters. He had been saving his money ever since Christmas.

Part of it had been given to his mother, part of it he had earned, and now he was going to spend it just as he pleased.

Bennis was on his way to visit some of his playmates, and in imagination he saw their envious looks as he displayed his wealth. He was walking along, with his hands thrust into his pockets, and whistling a merry tune, when suddenly a faint sound, as of subdued sobs, reached his ear. Bennis turned around and looked up and down the street, but saw nothing. However, when he reached the corner a forlorn sight met his astonished gaze. There on the pavement, with the hot sun streaming down upon her, lay a little girl in a brown dress and blue gingham apron, sobbing as if her heart would break, and beside her was a large broken pitcher from which a

quantity of milk was leaking, whitening the pavement around her.

Bennis gazed at this little heap of misery for a moment and then walked over to the little girl. He was only eight years old, but he was a gentleman, even though he was little, and the moment he saw her he felt sorry for the unfortunate little maid. Besides, he called himself a man, and wanted to show how strong he was and what he could do.

"What is the matter?" he asked, looking pityingly at the little girl. She shed aside her tangled golden curls in order to see who was speaking to her.

"I—I've broken my pitcher, and—I don't know what to do," she sobbed. "I stumbled and fell, and I'm afraid to go home," she added, when Bennis asked her how she had broken it.

"Haven't you any more pitchers at home?" questioned Bennis.

"None as big as that," she answered.

Bennis thought for a moment of all his mother's pretty pitchers at home and wondered if she would be willing to give one.

"What's your name?" he asked.

"Nellie," she said, sitting up and looking at him.

"Do you know how much it cost?" asked Bennis.

"I'm not sure, but I think it cost a dollar," answered Nellie, trying to dry her tears with her apron.

"Did that cost a whole dollar?" exclaimed Bennis. Then he became thoughtful. He thrust his hands into his pocket, softly whistled a tune and gazed at the pavement, while Nellie wondered why he did not say something.

Bennis was fighting a little battle all by himself, but Nellie did not know it. Something, he knew not what, said to him, "Yes, do it," and something else said, "No, don't do it." He thought of the five dollars which he had so carefully saved. Should he give one of them to this little girl and let her buy another pitcher? If he did he would only have four left, and he wanted to show his playmates that he had five to spend just as he pleased. "I didn't break the pitcher, and I'm not the one to get her a new one," he thought. But then something seemed to say to him: "Of course, you haven't done it, but she's a poor little girl and has no money, and you have, and you ought to help her."

Suddenly Bennis raised his eyes and saw that Nellie was watching him closely.

"I like your face," she said. "It is nice, even if it is freckled."

"All right, Nellie," said Bennis, "don't cry any more. You must come with me, I know where there's a store they sell pitchers and I'll give you a dollar to get one."

Nellie's face beamed. "Do you really mean it?" she asked in surprise.

"Yes; come on," said Bennis, as he led the way.

Hope shone again in Nellie's blue eyes, and she regarded her little benefactor as a kind angel who had come to her in her distress.

When they reached the store Bennis told her to select the prettiest pitcher she saw, and when it was handed to her, Nellie held it close.

Bennis was about to leave her then, but he happened to think of something else.

"How much milk did you have in your pitcher?" he asked.

"A quart," said Nellie.

"All right. We'll go and buy another quart."

When they were leaving the store, Bennis asked how far it was to her home.

"Five blocks," said Nellie.

"That's too far for you to carry this milk by yourself," said Bennis. "I'll take it for you."

Nellie showed him the way, and at the gate he gave her the pitcher.

"Oh, I do think you are the very most kindest boy that ever lived," she said, with a look of pleasure and gratitude. "Won't you come in and let me tell mamma what you've done for me?"

"No," said Bennis; "I have to go. Now don't you go in until I'm out of sight."

"They'd make a baby of me if I were to go in," he said to himself as he started on a run down the street.

About half an hour later, when Bennis was displaying his four remaining dollars to the admiring gaze of his playmates, the grateful look that Nellie had given him seemed to make up for the missing dollar he had so nobly sacrificed.

The greatest test of character is to be found in the way we meet the common duties of life. He who is faithful to the harder tasks will not be unfaithful in the easier great things.

## Newfoundland Correspondence.

The people of Fermeuse had the great happiness of having Mass for the first time in their new church on Christmas morning. Their priest, who works so hard for the spiritual, educational and temporal interests of all confided to his care, did not let them lag until the neat church which adorns Riverhead was an accomplished fact, and although silver and gold are scarce articles in this locality, yet with Father Walshe leading what man could refuse to be at his post and so to-day, by a united effort, they have a church free of debt. The severity of the weather and roughness of the path did not deter their priest from keeping his promise to be with them on Christmas morning. After first Mass in Fermeuse, Father Walshe drove to Fermeuse, a distance of four miles, for second Mass, then going three miles more to Admiral's Cove for the third. As it was the first time that Mass was celebrated at Riverhead, Father Walshe, notwithstanding the severe duties of the morning, spoke some words of encouragement and consolation as became the eventual and solemn occasion. Christmas day, 1904 will never be forgotten at Riverhead.

As an example of charity, good will and a good spirit between Catholics and Protestants, the following may be taken:

The sincerest thanks of the Rev. Mother Superior of the Belvedere Orphanage are tendered to the Rev. Mr. Robertson and through him to the children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for their acceptable gifts to the children of the Belvedere Orphanage Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Robertson and A. Robertson, Esq., drove to the orphanage and brought quite a number of Xmas gifts, sweets, cakes, toys, dolls, etc., and a pretty Chinese curio; all acceptable to dear children's hearts. Such kindly philanthropic acts are fully appreciated by the Belvedere committee, who wish their many friends the choicest gifts of this festive season.

A few days ago there passed away at the ripe age of 89 years, an old and highly respected resident of St. John's, in the person of Capt. John Ryan. Capt. Ryan had been ill for several months past, and his death, which had been expected, did not come as a surprise to his friends. He for years prosecuted the seal fishery as a most successful master in the old time sailing vessels, and also engaged and with success in the codfishery. His son, Patrick, preceded him by several months, and Mr. Jas. Ryan is the sole surviving son.

The quarterly magazine, the Adelpian, of St. Bonaventure's College, came out a few days ago, and contains many interesting articles written by past and present pupils of old St. Bonaventure's.

The New Year's day parade of the St. John's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society was an immense one. The Cadets and juveniles also marched, bringing the number up to one thousand members. The body called on His Excellency the Governor, and were heartily received. A call was also made at the Palace, where Arch-deacon O'Neil and several of the clergy received the society. After leaving the palace, a parade through the principal streets was held.

The Star of the Sea Association added fourteen new members to their roll lately, and the society now is in a flourishing condition.

## BABY'S OWN TABLETS.

This medicine comes as a message of hope to all worried mothers. It is the best thing in the world for stomach, bowel and teething troubles which make little ones weak, sickly and peevish. It will make your baby well, and keep it well, and you have a positive guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drug. Mrs. James Hopkins, Tobermory, Ont., says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets and would not be without them. Mothers who have sickly, cross and fretful children will find these Tablets a blessing." These are strong, hopeful words from a mother who has proved the value of Baby's Own Tablets. This medicine is sold by all druggists or sent by mail at 25 cents a box, by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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## ARCHBISHOP IRELAND TELLS A JOKE ON HIMSELF.

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he met a good-natured woman in the car who, after some general conversation, asked him: "You're a priest, Father, aren't you?" In a bantering mood, the Archbishop thought he'd try a quibble to put her at her ease, so he answered: "No, my good woman, I'm no longer a priest." The woman gave him a pitying glance. Then she said, soothingly: "Oh, the Lord help us, Father! It wasn't the drink, I hope?"

That reminds me.

A travelling man who drove across the country to a little town in western Kansas the other day met a farmer hauling a wagonload of water.

"Where do you get the water?" he asked.

"Up the road about seven miles," the farmer replied.

"And you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?"

"Yep."

"Why in the name of sense don't you dig a well?" asked the traveler.

"Because it is just as far one way as the other, stranger."

The man up for larceny admitted his guilt when apprehended, but at the trial, the Green Bag says, his youthful counsel defended him with great obstinacy and unnecessary brilliancy.

"Gentlemen," said the judge, regarding the jury with a benevolent smile, "the prisoner says he is guilty. His counsel says he is not. You must decide between them."

Then, after an effective pause, the judge added, "There is one thing to remember, gentlemen. The prisoner was there and his counsel wasn't."

It was toward nightfall on the third day after Mr. Hogan's departure for Boston that he returned to his family in Chetwick, with a bandage round his head which covered his eye, and with his arm in a sling. Mrs. Hogan looked at him in silence for some moments.

"Well," she said at last, in a tone of great chilliness, "you're a fine looking man to be coming home from a visit to your uncle that was a priest!"

"It was the great crowd did it," said Mr. Hogan, meekly. "We were all striving to get into the building at the same time, and there was one man fell against me when I was holding my arm out to make room for uncle, he being undersized, and that broke a bone, or at any rate sprang it out of place."

"And two minutes after, when uncle was trying to get me out of it, there was a man pushed us both flat, and then he and another one walked on me head."

"And what was all this great crowd?" asked Mrs. Hogan, suspiciously.

"It was the P'ace Congress," said Mr. Hogan, calmly.

NOT QUICK TO JUDGE.

Cholly—it was the first time I'd met Crabbe, mind you, and he actually called me a fool. Hadn't been talking to him ten minutes, don't you know. What sort of a fellow is he, anyway?"

Miss Peppery—"Well, he's awfully slow, for one thing."

STILL BITTER.

"She says she was dying to speak to you yesterday when she saw you," remarked the peace-maker.

"Well," replied the belligerent girl, "why doesn't she, then?"

"You mean you'd be glad to have her speak to you?"

"No; die."

WHEN GIVING ADVICE.

Giving advice is praiseworthy, but the adviser should always practice that which he advises. A rich man extolling the virtue of poverty will be considered a humbug, the bibulous man will never convert by his tongue his friend to abstinence. Advice should be given in the gentlest manner. If there are few who have the humility to receive advice as they ought, it is because there are few who have the discretion to convey it in a proper manner, and to qualify the harshness and bitterness of reproval against which nature is apt to revolt, by an artful mixture of sweetening and softest reasons of address.

The kinder the advice, the deeper it sinks into the mind—Fittsburg Catholics.

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CANADIAN SYMPATHY WITH CATHOLIC FRANCE.

Too little attention has been permitted to be given in this country to the magnificent expression of sympathy recently made by the hierarchy of Canada for Catholic France.

THE AMERICAN EXAMPLE.

A few years ago it was the fashion in conservative Europe and Britain to wonder what fate would eventually overtake religion in the United States.

ans to increase the importance of the Catholic Church in America. M. La Chesnais says that nowadays the Catholic group is the most numerous of all those forming the American Republic.

THE SULPICIAN.

The election of the new Superior-General of Saint Sulpice, in succession to M. Lebas, resulted in the appointment of M. Henri Garriguet, Rector of the Seminary in Paris.

RUSSIA NOT INTOLERANT TO CATHOLICS.

It appears to be part and parcel of the pro-Japanese fad of the hour to impress upon Catholics the idea that Russia is the most intolerant nation on earth.

THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

Though the cable despatches in the Canadian press have for weeks omitted all reference to the scenes of distress growing daily more common in the West of Ireland, we have Mr. William Redmond, alluding to the evidence of his own eyes, after a visit to the famine threatened district, as "the most miserable sight in the world."

ANTI-CATHOLIC AGITATION IN ONTARIO.

A certain class of persons whose only visible influence appears to be in their connection with the newspapers and the secret societies, can be depended upon to let no opportunity pass when an anti-Catholic cry may be raised.

These gentlemen voted upon the occasion of electing a chairman, and one of them, being the largest property owner on the Board, was called upon to give a casting vote to break the tie.

CATHOLIC GROWTH IN BRITAIN.

The number of priests in Great Britain this Christmas is 3794, as compared with 3711 last year, the increase being chiefly amongst the regulars.

THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR AN IMMENSE ICE CROP THIS YEAR.

The Hon. Raoul Dandurand has been appointed Speaker of the Senate, succeeding the Hon. Lawrence Power.

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ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

At the early masses the pastor urged the people to attend the High Mass each Sunday in order to hear the sermon.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

The Young Men's Society are preparing for another debate, which will be held in a few days, and promises to be of unusual interest.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

At the High Mass the pastor read the financial report for the past year, which was highly satisfactory.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

St. Michael's Church presented a grand and consoling sight last Sunday at High Mass, which was sung by Rev. Father R. E. Callahan.

ST. ANNE'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Anne's T. A. & B. Society took place on Sunday afternoon.

have a flourishing society like that of the St. John's body. The photograph was accepted in the name of the Society by acting chairman Ald. M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., and a committee named to draft suitable resolutions to be sent to St. John's in acknowledgment of the gift.

ELECTION OF A. O. H. OFFICERS

The following elected officers of the various Divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were installed in office by County President P. Keane.

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Moral Principles of the Jesuits

A Learned Priest's Reply to an Old Accusation.

Rev. Ernest R. Hull, S.J., the editor of the Bombay Catholic Examiner...

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A Protestant Favors the Catholic University for Ireland.

Mr. E. B. Peyton, speaking at a recent meeting of the Edenderry (Ire.) Board of Guardians...

enabled to establish a University, which would enable the youth of Ireland to gain the advantages of higher education...

Jesuit Exhibits Win High Honors.

St. Mary's College Awarded Grand Prize for Excellence.

Work in the educational field carried on by the Jesuit order in this country and in the Philippine Islands is attracting much attention through the announcement yesterday that twenty-six prizes were awarded the Jesuit exhibits at the Louisiana purchase exposition in St. Louis...

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT GETS AWARDS.

In historical exhibits the grand prize for excellence was awarded to the exhibit of the St. Mary's College archives of Montreal, Canada...

Three silver medals were awarded, one for collection of mounted pathological specimens, one for cabinet of chemical crystallography and one for books of original odes in Greek, Latin and English commemorative of the Louisiana purchase...

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A very sad accident occurred on Dec. 19th, which caused the death by drowning of Richard Norris, a well known resident and planter of Salmonier, St. Joseph's. Deceased left his home with his two boys to procure wood some few miles distant up the river...

STRIKE CASUALTIES.

Table showing strike casualties for the three months of July, August and September of this year. Columns include Killed, Injured, Arrested, Nonunion men, Union strikers, and Officers.

Table showing strike casualties for the years 1902, 1903, and 1904. Columns include Killed, Injured, Arrested, Nonunion men, Union strikers, and Officers.

CATHOLIC ADVERTISING.

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ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for the week ending Saturday, 7th January, 1905. The following people had a night's lodging and breakfast: Irish 236; French 161; English 35; other nationalities, 22. Total, 454.

REMARKABLE TRIBUTE TO AN ACTOR.

A scene probably without its parallel in theatrical annals occurred at the Grand Theatre, Swansea, England, at the conclusion of Sir Henry Irving's farewell performance. After the curtain had fallen on "The Bells," the veteran actor was called before the curtain, and was greeted with great cheering...

A FUNNY STORY?

What do you think is a funny story? A St. Paul girl laughed so hard she dislocated her jaw, and this is the story that made her laugh: A man was shaving and cut off the end of his nose. He dropped the razor, and cut off the end of his big toe. Grabbing them up, he ran to a doctor, who accidentally transposed them. Now the man has to trim a toe nail at the end of his nose, and take off his shoe to sneeze. Would you dislocate your jaw laughing at that?—Athens Globe.

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Society Directory.

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Priests and Parsons in Ireland—A

Proportionally the Number of Ministers is Five Times as Large as that of Catholic Clergy

"Priest-ridden Ireland" Har expression. Comment on a writer in the D. gives some figures presenting interesting contrast between number of priests and Protestants, in proportion to the total and Protestant population.

"As I am dealing with I may as well, once for all, of a pharisaical scandal, critics take from what the awful army of priests. There are 3542 priests for 3,801,661 Catholics; that is, for every 994. And if members of religious orders priests engaged in teaching remain 2714; that is, one 1206."

That is the Catholic side contrast. Then comes the "Considering the cry about the army of priests, siding, moreover, that priest's duty is every day, hour of the day or night, son (Protestant clergyman) used usually only for an hour on Sunday, one would be think that there are only a few parsons to be found in the country. But what do I find in the Irish (Protestant) Church Directory, there were parsons in Ireland in 1904—689 Protestants, that is, every 331. Hence, setting all consideration as to her professions and various other of the Catholic Church who proportionately many more than parsons, if the priest had were proportionate to actual number of parsons, that be about 10,000 in all, a parsons were in proportion actual number of priests to be only about 600 in all.

are 1724; and if we suppose 1000 of them are married, each has a family of about five in all about 6000 in the Protestant Episcopal and of the glebe houses of there are 800 Presbyterians for 443,276 Presbyterians; one for every 554; there Methodist ministers for 600,000; that is, one for 600. Let us set down 250 more for other Protestant sects we count in the families of ordained ministers and add them of the other Bishops and parsons arrive at a grand total of 1,000 of the tribe of Levi 1,068,371 Protestants of a 'the country.'

Catholic Schools in M. The North-West Review remarks of His Grace A. Langevin, of Winnipeg, at the opening of the new St. Mary's Nov. 6, when an address sent by the people. Mr. Langevin assures his hearers that day right will prevail in school rights will be restored. He counseled them never to do to look forward to the day common sense and justice of the sacredness of the territorial confederation would and when in the words of the Privy Council, right was done for their schools as it for all the rest. Speaking of the question of educational rights Grace declared that by and explicit teaching of the Catholic parents are bound to send their children to Catholic schools when such a school exists in the neighborhood, as in the city of Winnipeg, understand that the priest's duty to refuse absolution to them who fail to follow the teaching of the Church. The present alternative in this matter wished all Catholics to understand this point. They should not be two classes or those obeying the laws of the and the others not, and the refused must expect to pay. There is now no reason why Catholics who their children to non-Catholic schools. The Catholic schools are respect the equal and is respects—especially in the case of the teachers—employers in the schools; and he who one in take a class in the



# THE CANONIZATIONS AT ST. PETER'S.

The recent grandiose ceremonies of canonization, which took place in the Basilica of St. Peter's, have been amply described in the usual cables. There is, however, a notable error in the account of the recent canonizations. There it is said: "From 1870, on the fall of Temporal Power, until 1897, there were no canonizations at all." This is not so. The late Pontiff, Leo XIII., in December of 1881, canonized four Saints. St. Clare of Montefalco, and St. Joseph Benedict Labre among them. These canonizations were made in the hall above the vestibule of St. Peter's, which was prepared and arranged afterwards for the several Beatifications which were made between that time and May, 1897, when Leo XIII. determined to have the canonizations in St. Peter's.

It was half past eight, when the Pope entered the Church, the procession having come from the Sistine Chapel down the Scala Regia preceding Pius X. In his left hand he carried a wax candle, blessing the people with his right as he entered seated on the Sedia Gestatoria.

The Saints canonized on this occasion were Alessandro Sauli and Gerardo Masella. The former was born in Milan, 15th February, 1584, of noble parents—his father being the Marquis Domenico Sauli, of Genoa, who had removed to Milan, where he was President of the two Supreme Magistrates of the Duchy, and his mother was the Marchioness Tommasina Spinola, likewise of a Genoese noble family. After his school course he was made page to the Emperor Charles V., but he was devoted to the religious life, and soon became a member of the Congregation of Barnabites—then recently established—and in 1551 he was vested in that congregation. In 1556 he was ordained priest; in 1567, when he was 33 years old, he was elected General of the Congregation of Barnabites. Three years later he was appointed Bishop of Aleria in Corsica, where for 21 years he was so noted for his humility and charity that he merited the title of the Apostle and Tutelary Angel of the whole island.

He was spiritual director to St. Charles Borromeo, and a great friend of St. Philip Neri and of Pope Gregory XIV., who transferred him to the Diocese of Pavia. During the eleven months that he governed this diocese he was regarded as a saint. He died while visiting the castle of Calosio, 11th October, 1592, and his remains were brought to Pavia and buried in the Cathedral of that city, where they are still venerated.

Pope Benedict XIV. beatified him 23rd April, 1741, and now in consequence of other miracles wrought through his intercession—one occurring 19th March, 1899, in the case of Maria Canessa of Pieve di Cervione in Corsica—which miracle has now been approved in the process of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and the Blessed Alessandro Sauli has now been solemnly canonized by the reigning Pontiff, Pius X.

St. Gerardo Masella was born at Muro Lucano in 1726. He was the child of poor parents. His childhood and youth were distinguished for the piety that possessed him. He had been a shop-boy, and when he was 23 years of age he entered the congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer as a lay brother. The humble tasks of a lay brother do not lend themselves to popular description, but when they are performed in the proper spirit they become means of grace and sanctification. In Masella's case, in fulfilling these in the most devoted spirit, sanctity was achieved; and two years after he pronounced the religious vows he died of pulmonary consumption in his 29th year. In 1893 he was elevated to the honor of the altar with the title of Blessed by Leo XIII.; and now Pius X. has raised him to the honor of the saints.

## CHAMPION OF DOWNTRODDEN

Rev. A. P. Doyle, rector of the Apostolic Mission House at the Catholic University of America, in closing a mission at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, preached an eloquent sermon on missionary work in the Church.

Speaking of the Catholic Church as the champion of the downtrodden, Rev. Father Doyle said:

"Where the grind of daily life is a contention against poverty, vice, and degradation, some angel visitant from the other world must come to comfort and console. America has had among its striking traits the eager grasping for wealth, and the attainment of this end as the

huge through rushes on, many are crushed, still others are cast by the wayside, and others are brought into life for whom existence is but a damning fate.

"Thinking men say that there are tremendous problems for us to solve if we would preserve ourselves a great nation, and not the least of these are the problems created by the grasping avarice of wealth. The Catholic Church has been pre-eminently the church of the plain people of the land. In the teeming cities it has placed its strongholds, and its cooing, restraining, uplifting and spiritualizing power over the masses of our population is a marvelous civilizing force.

"Every Catholic pulpit is a battery belching forth hot shot against anarchy, insubordination and lawlessness. Every Catholic Church is a most powerful agency inculcating reverence for authority and obedience for law.

"No one who has seen the manner in which the Catholic Church has identified itself with the cause of struggling humanity can doubt that it has been and ever will be a saving factor in our American life.

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## Father Tom Burke And the Orphans.

I had been removed from Ireland and was living in London, and Father Burke had been invited to preach both in the morning and the evening. There were hundreds of Dominican Fathers present from all parts of the world, and the clergy, regular and secular, were also present in great numbers. When I saw Father Tom entering the pulpit I hardly recognized him. His voice was at first so weak that it was scarcely audible, but after a while he revived and continued until the end in somewhat of his old style of eloquence. When the Mass was over we were all requested to go into the yard outside to be photographed. The Dominicans were arranged on one side, and all the other clergy were facing them. The photographer being some time in arranging his machine I crossed the space between the two bodies of the clergy to speak to my old friend. It was for the last time. First of all he said to me, "To think that we should meet here in this great Babylon." I then asked him how he was, and he replied that he was just dying on his feet and he begged me to pray for him. I was not present at his evening discourse, but I was told that his voice seemed a little stronger than it had been at the high Mass in the forenoon. On the following day he returned to Dublin and went straight out to Tallaght, the novitiate of the Dominicans. He retired to his bed and was very ill, suffering intensely from cancer of the stomach. Two days later while he was still in bed a deputation came out from Dublin to see him. A popular preacher had promised to plead the cause of some orphans, but from one cause or another had failed to keep his word. Whom else should they ask but Father Burke? To whom else should they appeal but to him who had so often and so eloquently pleaded for the widow and the orphan? They found him in bed, it is true, but they were not aware how ill he really was. He could not refuse them, so he got up, dressed himself, and returned to Dublin with them. After that he went back to Tallaght and to his bed there. Within a few hours his Master came to call him.—Rev. L. C. P. Fox, O.M.I., in Donahoe's.

St. Edward Parish has presented a petition to the License Commissioners asking them to grant no license in that parish.

It is the living deeds of men and not the flowing words of finished discourse that tell the true patriots. It is not our green fields that make us love so tenderly our native land; it is the noble lives of our citizens, the glorious achievements of our forefathers, and a thousand other living things, around which cling our fondest memories and hopes, and make us love the land we call our home.—Father Corrigan.

# FLORENTINE VANDALISM AND ROMAN DEVOTION.

Of all the cities of Italy, Florence is the one which wins most by the beauty of its works of art and by the kindly good-nature of its people. The devotion of the Florentines to their religion is proverbial. Yet Florence has achieved the saddest notoriety that it is possible for a religiously minded people to have; that of being the one city in the world where the festival in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God was brutally disturbed and interrupted by a horde of anti-religious Socialists and Anarchists.

"Why has such a brutal exception fallen to our city?" asks a Florentine; "do we love the Madonna less?" No, indeed. Whosoever wanders through the streets of Florence will see for himself that it is a city sacred to the Mother of God. The churches dedicated under the invocation are most numerous; the street corners are adorned with innumerable shrines of the rarest beauty and the highest art, all in honor of the Blessed Virgin. "The noble city," says a writer, "which elected Jesus Christ as its King, would have no other Queen than the Queen of Angels and Saints."

The demonstrations of the Socialists and the Anarchists were directed against the celebration of this feast of the Immaculate Conception. Florence contains within its walls a party to which nothing is sacred—neither the rights of others, nor civilization, nor education, nor the respect due to art, to history, or to tradition. These Socialists and Anarchists began their campaign early in the day, and continued their destructive career during the whole day and into the evening. Many of the shrines on the corners of houses and in the streets were smashed by them. Many of the guardians of such shrines managed to remove the candles and the draperies that adorned those shrines before the destroyers arrived. In the Church of San Remigio all the colored lights were broken by blows of sticks. The sacristan was threatened with like treatment, and in his fear he ran away.

At San Frediano the Socialists began to stone the convent; they smashed many "tabernacles" or shrines. A revolver fired here wounded a boy in the neck. Near San Frediano, where a number of people had illuminated their windows, the Socialist demonstrators began to stonem them, and soon there was not a sound pane of glass left. The public force was, says the Tribuna, which cannot be suspected of leaning towards anything Catholic, impotent to prevent these demonstrations, for the movements of the Socialists have been simultaneous in very many parts of the city. No one foresaw these acts of vandalism, and hence the troops were not consigned to barracks where they might be called upon.

At the cathedral a good number of agents of public security were on guard, and in consequence no mischief was wrought there. Among the episodes, says the Tribuna, was that of a priest who failed to fly so as to save himself from being beaten. An "under-factor" of the Mayor, who had just arrived from Carmignano, found himself present at a scene of vandalism. He reproved one of the most violent of the Socialists, and as the latter continued to shout "Down with the King!" and "Hurrah for the Revolution!" the "under-factor" dealt him a blow that sent him rolling to the ground. The carabinieri arrived in the meanwhile, and the shouting Socialist was consigned to their keeping. Various other arrests were made.

Amongst other shouts that were uttered during the day were: "Down with the priests!" "Viva the Social Revolution!" and in many places the Hymn of the Laborers was sung. Many choice artistic shrines were broken. The silver ex-votos that hung within the glass that enclosed the pictures of the Madonna were stolen—Socialists have no objection to these religious objects. Candles were also stolen, and the silken cloths and curtains that were met with in the decorated shrines. Seminary students were pursued in the streets and struck until some of them had their faces quite livid with blows.

From this brutal scene at Florence the eyes of people in Italy have turned to other cities where the festival of the Immaculate Conception was observed with universal devotion. Reports from every important city are unanimous in speaking of this day. In Rome, in spite of the disaffected that congregated there, there was nothing to disturb the religious solemnity of the day.

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### Table Cloths

Pure Linen Damask Tablecloths, handsome patterns.

Size 2 x 2 yds. Regular \$1.10. Sale, 75c.	Size 2 x 2 yds. Reg. \$1.80. Sale, \$1.30.	Size 2 x 2 1/2 yds. Reg. \$1.75. Sale, \$1.25.	Size 2 x 2 1/2 yds. Reg. \$2.15. Sale, \$1.45.	Size 2 x 3 yds. Reg. \$3.10. Sale \$2.10	Size 2 x 3 yds. Reg. Sale, \$3.70.
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### Sheeting

Unbleached Twill Sheetting, 2 yds. wide, round threads, Reg. 22c.  
Sale Price ..... 17c

Horrocks's English Sheetting, 2 yds. wide, extra strong. Regular price 35c yard.  
Sale price, per yard ..... 27c

### Linen Towels

Pure Linen Towels, all new perfect goods.

Heavy Crash Towels, fringed ends, red and blue borders, size 20 x 40, Regular, 16c. Sale price ..... 12 1/2c	Rough all Linen Oatmeal Towels, red border, fringed ends, size 20 x 40, Regular, 16c. Sale price ..... 13c	Heavy All Line Huck Towels, red borders and fringed ends, Size, 20 x 40, Regular 17c. Sale Price ..... 13-1-20
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### Linen Napkins

Regular. Sale	Size 1—Price, per dozen, \$1.90 \$1.45	Size 1—Price, per dozen, 2.10 1.50	Size 1—Price, per dozen, 2.50 2.00	Size 1—Price, per dozen, 2.95 2.15	Size 1—Price, per dozen, 3.90 2.90
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### NOTICE.

The undersigned, owners of immovables in the Counties of Berthier, Joliette, Montcalm, L'Assomption and Terrebonne, call, by these presents, a meeting of owners of immovables of the said Counties, to be held the 30th JANUARY, 1905, at 7.30 in the evening, in the Society of the Parish of St. Barthelme, Berthier County, to consider if it is opportune to establish in the said Counties a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, after the principles of Mutual Assurance.

Hon. J. E. Duhamel, M.P.P. for L'Assomption; L. Assomption county; Hon. J. Lafontaine, M.P.P. for St. Barthelme, Berthier county; J. E. Marlon, notary, St. Jacques, Montcalm county; L. M. Forget, Mayor of Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; S. A. Chamoux, wholesale grocer, Joliette, Joliette county; De N. Drainville, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; J. S. Rivet, notary and Mayor of L'Assomption, L'Assomption county; P. A. Seguin, notary, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; F. E. Bouleau, notary, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; D. Laliberte, farmer, St. Jacques, Montcalm county; J. B. Hamelin, director of industries, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; A. A. Boucher, merchant, Joliette, Joliette county; Dr. J. E. Lafontaine, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; Henri Boucher, trader, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; A. Thouis, hotelkeeper, L'Assomption, L'Assomption county; cepherin L'heureux, farmer, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; J. E. Dugas, gentleman, St. Jacques, Montcalm county; Chs. Berrette, merchant, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; Dr. J. Lesire, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; Gedeon Pelletier, director of industries, St. Elie, Berthier county; Ernest Lacroix, hotelkeeper, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; Gaspard Coiteau, farmer, St. Barthelme, Berthier county; L. E. Deschamps, general merchant, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; Irene Renault, notary, St. Elie, Berthier county; J. S. Rivet, notary, St. Jacques, Montcalm county; J. A. Renault, gentleman, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; J. A. Renault, gentleman, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; J. A. Renault, gentleman, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county; J. A. Renault, gentleman, Terrebonne, Terrebonne county.

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