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## Bible Reading.

Rev. Father Drummond

REPLIES

To Ven. Archdeacon Fortin's Remarks on his First Sermon ON HOLY SCRIPTURE.

Continued from last week.

FORTIN: If the word of God is obscure, how is it a light and a lamp? St. Peter says that the word of God is a light that shineth in a

DRUMMOND: If electricity, when used in a certain way and properly connected with good lamps, gives light, how is it that the incandescent lamps in this building all went out this evening a quarter of an hour before the service? Because there was something wrong in the machinery. So is it with the word of God: even the most difficult passages "in the entire canon" are light-giving in themselves, but many do not see that light, because they are either unlearnend o unstable, that is, because they have not been taught to keep up the traditional connection with that divine light.

FORTIN: The Bible is so plain that the Saviour in a burst of joyous enthusiasm exclaims: "I thank thee O Father, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent and reveated them unto babes" (Matt.

DRUMMOND: This text is quoted by the Archdeacon as a proof that the Bible is very plain. Therefore, according to his view, the words "these things" must be the Scriptures. Let us see if that is the case, in other words, let us again look at the context. The words occur near the end of the eleventh chapter of St. Matthew just after Our Lord has been upbraiding Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum for their unrepentance in spite of the miracles worked there. The parallel pas mage in the tenth chapter of St. Luke (v.21 occurs also directly after he has admonished the seventy-two disciples to be humble and to rejoice not that they work miracles by casting out devils, but that their names are written in heaven. "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit"-I continue to quote from the Authorized Version, the Catholic Bible here reads "rejoice I in the Holy Ghost"—"and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Once more, what are these things of which the Saviour speaks? Certainly not the Scriptures; there is not a single word about Bible reading in the whole chapter. No; it is clear that what Our Lord refers to is the gospel he is preaching and espe eially the way his hearers can ensure their having their names written in heaven. "These things" means all the truths necessary for salvation; but the words have not the remotest reference to the plainness or obscurity of the Bible. All the traths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ have always been taught especially by word of mouth by truly Christian preachers. And they have been revealed more particularly"unto the babes" of the Catholic Church, that is, unto simple folk who do not pretend to understand the most difficult books "in the entire canon."

FORTIN; Clearly those here meant are the wise and prudent in the things of this world those who lean on their own understandings and apply secular methods to the study of divine things. Human wisdom is little accounted of in this realm.

DRUMMOND: Yet it seems that the Archdeacon, towards the end of his sermon, contradicts the statement just made "that human wisdom is little accounted the Bible "makes statesmen, philosophers, critics; it is the best business book in the worll, it is the corner stone of the empire." Just think of it! Critics, business men, statesmen, philosephers! Surely, all such persons, especially the critics, make much account of human wisdom.

The fact is, human wisdom is one of God's best natural gifts, and should therefore be reverently applied to the study of divine things. I hold with St. Ignatius that in all supernatural pursiuts, such as undoubtedly ought to be the study of the Bible, we should use all natural helps as if the issue depended the Bible is unknown. In this he is practical texts, so that the reader's preupon them, and at the same time rely upon divine grace with the full persuasion that success will come therefrom. This is merely an expanding of the well known proverb, "Help thyself and God will help thee."

FORTIN: Sometimes men say it is a crime to place the Scripture in the hands of fools

DRUMMOND: What I did say was that the Church has too much reverence for the Bible to make a jest of it by flinging the interpretation of it to the curiosity and impertinence of any and every fool

FORTIN: It is to be observed that God's estimate of a fool is different from that of man We read "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (I Cor III. 19) and that "by wisdom the world knew not God" (1 Cor. I. 2i). Men may be learned in worldly things and yet be very ignorant of God's lore, and on the other hand a simple man in the eyes of the world, being instructed by the spirit may be mighty in the scriptures. Voltaire was, and many another intellectual giant has been a foot in the things of God; and when Peter sail that the ignorant and unstable wrest the scriptures to their own perdition, depend upon it he was speaking or the spiritually ignorant and unstable.

Drummond: Precisely so, and similar ly, when I spoke of fools I meant, as any simpleton could see, the fools of the world, the spiritually foolish, and not that sublime folly of the cross of which St. Paul is speaking throughout the two chapters from which the Ven. Archdeacon's texts are taken. A man endued with that wisdom of the Holy Ghost which is foolishness to the natural man can be trusted to read even the most obscure passages of Holy Writ with great profit to his soul.

But, although the Archdeacon has proved-what Catholic preachers say all over the world-that "the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God," he has not attempted to prove that the foolishness of the world is wisdom with God, and until he does so, his remarks bear no relevancy to my remark about flinging the Bible to men who are naturally fools. 'A simple man in the eyes of the world" may be a person of sound but uncultivated mind and such a one is certainly in no sense a fool.

FORTIN: It was a mistake to imagine that the common people cannot profitably study the scriptures. In this regard experience was the best guide and to point to lands of the open Bible was to show lands of progress and development, lands where there was a general upward movement both in materia and spiritual things. In a bible land conscience finds its wings, it is no longer in another man's keeping. On the other hand, to see stagnation, ignorance, vice and general moral decrepitude, look to those countries where the Bible is unknown, such as Mexico, South America, Spain, Italy, Austria.

DRUMMOND: As no Catholic ever expressed the opinion that the common people cannot profitably study the scrip tures, this mistaken notion cannot be fathered on us. At the beginning of many editions of the Douay Bible there appears | tain, not only that the Bible is not una letter from Pope Pius the Sixth, to the known among Catholics, but that, as a Archbishop of Florence, who had translated the Holy Bible into Italian. In acquainted with the Bible than Protesthis letter, written almost one hundred tants are. After all, though every word and twenty years ago, His Holiness says: "The Holy Scriptures are the most abundant sources which ought to be left open books in this that there are in it a compato every one, to draw from them parity of morals and of doctrine, and to eradicate the errors which are so widely dis- precisely these cardinal Biblical truths seminated in these corrupt times." Evidently the Pope not only thinks that the common people can profitably study the scriptures, but actually exhorts them to

"In a Bible land conscience finds its wings, it is no longer in another man's keeping." Clearly, this is intended to Romans over the head body of Caesar imply that in Catholic countries the conscience of the laity is in the keeping that passage than the mere omnivorous of the priests. If this means that the critic can ever have, so the Catholic who after that he saith to the disciple: Behold conscience of the lairy is continually kept enlightened by those who the Mount has a deeper, wider, truer watch and must give account for their souls (Heb. XIII. 27), the assertion of in this realm;" for he maintains that is true; but if it means that in Catholic countries conscience has no wings with which to fly to God, it is manifestly false, since there are no more conscientions and God-fearing people in the world than pious Catholics. On the other hand, in the secular newspapers, it is a notewhat the Ven. Archdeacon calls Bible lands conscience often has wings to fly school selections are so made as to deto the destruction of the owner of those

> But, really, there is no Christian land the Archdeacon's contrast between Bi-Catholic countries, where he imagines will presently prove that the Bible is far better known in all Catholic countries than in any Protestant country.

Of course lay Protestants far surpass

externals of the Holy Book. They often- of the Bible is systematic. All its teacher read it from cover to cover. Frequentings are grouped about the central truth information about it. I remember a minthat Zerniah is the name of Joab's faththis being the only instance in which a man is known in Scripture by his mother's name. I confess that I never ascertained and do not know to this day if this information be or be not correct. do with really knowing the Holy Book?

What, then, is the standard by which we are wont to measure a person's knowledge of a book or an author? I should knows and is deeply penetrated with his leading thoughts, with the finest passpassages are few even in the case of the most prolific writers. To have read them over and over again is a much surer way of grasping the author's mind than to read every single line that he has

Take Shakespeare, for instance. Some bookworms are wonderfully well versed in the technicalities of that immortal poet. They can explain offhand all his archaic expressions, they know all the different readings of uncertain texts, they have read every line that bears Shakespeare's name; but they have never fathomed his great thoughts. Such men cannot be said to really know Shakespeare. All they know is the outside, the adjuncts of a genius; his mind they have never grasped.

On the contrary; let an intelligent man listen to a few of Shakespeare's greatest plays as interpreted by first-rate actors like Sir Henry Irving, let him drink in all the world-wide sympathy, all the practical philosophy, all the startling apothegms, all the wondrons music and imagery of the matchless thinker and poet. Such a hearer may truly be said to know Shakespeare very well, although he may never have opened a volume of his works, although the very names of "Timon of Athens" and "Titus Androni-

cus" may be unknown to him. This is the principle on which I maingeneral rule, Catholics, are far better of the Holy Scripture may conduce to edification, yet the Bible resembles other ratively small number of cardinal truths upon which all the rest hinge; and it is which Catholies lay hold of much more firmly than Protestants do.

To refer once more to the comparison with Shakespearean masterpieces, just as he who thoroughly appreciates the marvellous perfection of one single passage such as Mark Antony's address to the has a deeper knowledge of the author of is filled with the spirit of the Sermon on knowledge of the Bible than the average Protestant Bible reader who diligently peruses the sacred volume but without any real grasp of its fundamental prin-

In the specimens of Bible readings which we read periodically in some of worthy circumstance that the Sanday liberately avoid those classic texts which contain the Messianic prophecies or the dogmatic teachings of the New Testament. where the Bible is unknown, and thus Nor can it be otherwise. As these selections are meant for the general Protestant ble lands and lands without the Bible is public, among whom destrinal divergenbaseless. He is alluding, as is plain, to | see are so common, it becomes a matter of policy to dwell on comparatively unstrangely mistaken. I maintain and conceived notions may be left undisturbed. Thus the public is treated to the mere surface ornaments of Holy Writ, while its vital essence is carefully es-

chewed.

ly they can give you pieces of recondite of the Incarnation of the Son of Gol. Sunday after Sunday they hear their ister of the New York Datch Reformed pastors developing with the Scriptural Church, with whom I once travelled, proofs the Gospel sayings and doings of catching me with this rid lie: "If Solomon the Saviour of the world or the doctrinal was the son of David and Joab was the and moral lessons of the Epistles. Thus son of Zerniah, what relation was Zer- the most important and really fundniah to Joah?" I naturally answered amental texts of the Old and New Testament become part and parcel of their er, and I was told I was wrong, because religious life. They are thoroughly Zeruiah is the name of Joab's mother, familiar not only with the letter but above all with the spirit and full practical import of such texts as the following: "I will put enmittes between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed; she shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie What in the world have such triffes to in wait for her heel" (Gen. III. 15); "the sceptre shall not be taken away from Juda, nor a ruler from his thigh, till he come that is to be sent, and he shall be the expectation of nations" (Gen. XLIX answer briefly that he may be said [10]:"the Lord hath sworn, and he will not thoroughly to know a great writer who repent: Thou art a priest for ever accord ing to the order of Melchisedech' (Ps. cix or cx. 4); "behold a virgin shall conceive ages in his greatest masterpieces. These and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel"(Isa.vii 14);"for a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God, the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of peace" (Isa. XI. 6); "and after sixty-two weeks Christ shall be slain" (D ta, IX, 26); "and thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Juda; out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel" (Micheas, v. 2); behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (Luke I 48); "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary tny wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost; and she shall bring forth a son an i thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins" (Mass. L. 20) 21); "and she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Like II. 7); "not in bread alone do h man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the moush of God? Matt. IV. 4); "if thou wilt be perfect, go, sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Matt. XIX. 21); l'Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, shall be oosed also in heaven, (Mitt. XVIII.18); "and I say to thee that thon art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my stagnation, ignorance, vice and general church, and the gates of hell shall not moral de repitule, which he attributes to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, just shown that they are far from ignorand whatsoever thou shalt bind upon ant of the Bible, his entire contention earth, it shall be bound also in heaven, drops out of sight and, strictly speaking. and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, I might pass over in silence his slanders XVI 18,19); "the Lord said, Simon, simon, ever, for the sake of leaving none of his behold Satan hath desired to have you affirmations disproved, to say a word that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not; and thou, being once converted. confirm thy brethren' Luke, XXII, 31 32); "feed my lambs .... feed my sheep" (John, XXI. 15, 17); "when Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing, whom he loved, he saith to Britain and the United States. In making thy mother" (John XIX. 26, 27); "This is my body which shall be delivered for you; this is my blood of the New Tes- spiritually, in which a large portion of ament which stall be shal for many unto remission of sins" (1 Cor. XI. 24; Matt. XXVI. 23); "whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained' (John, XX. 23); "so faith also,

> The foregoing are a few of the classical texts that Catholics are, so to speak, fed upon from week to week. To realize their obvious meaning is to realize the whole scheme of Redemption and at the same time the scriptural basis of the Catholic Church.

> if it have not works, is dead in itself"

(James, II. 17).

I trust I may be allowed here to instance my own experience, which is not being one of the most virtuous and prosby any means an exceptional one among perous countries in the world; but for Catholics. As far as I can ascertain, I am not aware that any of my ancestors on the paternal or maternal side were nothing to envy the latter in the line of Protestants; hence my Scripture train- stagnation, ignorance, vice and moral lay Catholics in their knowledge of the Not so with Catholics. Their knowledge ing is not due to Protestant influence.

Brought up at my grandmother's knee. I remember how she always had within easy reach her folio edition in two voumes of the Rheims and Douay Bible which she had brought with her from Coleraine in the north of Ireland, and how she used to read it every day and many times a day, regaling us children with the beautiful stories and teachings of Holy Writ, and inspiring us with the greatest reverence and love for the world of God, and for the Catholic Cnurch as the only safe expounder of that written word. Later on, when I went to college, I was advised by my Catholic professors to make a practice of reading the New Testament, and as much as ten years before I became a priest, my director. who was an Italian, urged me to read the Bible first from beginning to end so as to have personal knowledge of its contents, and afterwards to read each book with the help of a good commentary. This was my experience as a lay-

Then, if we go onto consider the regularity and completeness with which every Catholic priest is obliged to read the Holy Scriptures daily, we shall see that Bible reading is more systematically practised among Catholics than among Protestants. For even among the latter, does it not often happen that the leader of a Bible class is the only one in that class who reads the Scriptures with some attempt at method and regularity? Well, each Catholic priest is far more at homewith the Scriptures than any Protestant Bible reader: for each priest is obliged under pain of mortal sin to read his breviary during about one bour every day. Now the breviary is chiefly made up of selections from the Bible, and these selections are so arranged that the whole of the Bible is read in one year. Just at this time, for example, all Catholic priests are reading the prophet Isaiah. Hence it is that priests have the classical texts of the Bible ever on their tongues and hand them on in sermon and familiar talk to those of the faithful who have not the time to make a special study of Scripture.

Consequently it is not true, as the Ven. Archdeacon says, that the Bible is unknown in Mexico, South America, Spain, Italy, Austria. The facts are exactly the other way. The true spirit and essence, nay even the very words of the most important texts of the Bible, are better known in each and all of the countries mentioned than in any Protestanf community.

The Ven. Archdeacon asserts that the above- named countries are th prevail against it; and I will give to their ignorance of the Bible. As I have it shall be loosed also in heaven" (Matt. against these countries. I prefer, howanent these Catholic countries.

And first of all let me register a pointblank negative. Mexico, South America. Spain, Italy and Austria are not more stagnant, ignorant, vicious and morally decrepit than Bible-boasting lands, such as, to quote striking instances, Great his mother: Woman, hehold thy son; this counter-assertion I am speaking of all these countries taken as a whole. No country can be said to be moving upward even materially, and still less the population are sunk in extreme want of the necessities of body and soul. Now this extreme want for soul and body is, to say the least, as great among the poorer classes of Great Britain and the United States as among the same classes in Mexico, South America, Spain and Austria. Italy I omit from this comparison, because its present deplorable financial status is due to anti-Catholic nfluences, and can in no way be attributed to the religion of its people. I might go further and affirm that there is far more contentment among the masses in the Catholic countries mentioned than in the Protestant ones, the intensely Catholic Tyrol, for instance, the purpose of our present argument it is enough to say that the former have

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#### Review. Morthwest

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#### CURRENT COMMENT.

The anniversary Requiem in Montreal to-day for the repose of the late Archbishop Fabre's devoutly Catholic soul recalls that great churchman's practically Catholic views on funerals He always discouraged the use of flow ers as both a waste of money and out of keeping with the purgatorial trials through which almost all departed souls have to pass. During life he always preached simplicity in funeral ornaments, so that more money could be set aside for Requiem Masses, and before his death he insisted that there should be no flowers on his coffin. His faithful people carried out the second part of his injunctions by presenting large collective offerings for the Masses he craved as the most practical proof of their sympathy and sorrow.

We feel sure we are voicing the feelings of all Catholics when we express our delight at seeing our beloved Archbishop begin the New Year with renewed strength and vigor. Notwithstanding the unavoidable fatigue of his recent trip to St. Paul and meeting with four other Archbishops, Mgr. Martinelli (the Delegate Apostolic). Archbishops Ireland, Hennessy and Katzer His Grace Mgr. Langevin, the day after his return, that is, on New Year's morning, preached a most eloquent sermon of retrospect and prospect, which his hearers found all too short, though their watches told them it had lasted three quarters of an hour.

At the New Year's Day reception held in the archiepiscopal residence, which was the most largely attended for many years past, His Grace appeared in excellent health and spirits. Evidently the news, that the Encyclical is already in the hands of the Archbishops of Quebec and Montreal and will soon be in his own has added new zest to the life of the Apostle of Catholic Schools.

#### The Epiphany.

Lord's Manifestation to the Wise Men of the East occurs the day after to-morrow. It is a feast of obligation. At St. Boniface Cathedral the services will be Martin, Bright & Johnston, Paulin & Co. exactly as on Sunday. At St. Mary's Church the low masses will be at 6.30 and 8.30, the High Mass at 10.30, Vespers at Robinson, H. Beliveau, G. Couture, E. 7.15. At the Immaculate Conception the Masses will be at 7 and 10.30, Vespers at 7.30 P.M.

#### The Holy Father's Encyclical.

We have been privately informed that the Papal Encyclical on the Manitoba School Question was signed by the Holy Father on the 8th of December, the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, and published on Christmas Eve. Official copies of this admirable document are now on their way to us, and, although we cannot yet enter into details, we are happy to state success. The Hall was beautifully dethat its contents are extremely gratifying to the Catholic Episcopate of paper, a veritable Elen bower. The sum Canada. It is a glorious New Year's realized was five hundred dollars. Great after Christmas holidays. The this province.

The Church. Rev. Father La Rue at the Immaculate Conception Church,

Free Press. Jan. 3.

Rev. Fr. La Rue, S.J., was the preacher last evening at the church of the Immaculate Conception, continuing the series of had proved the existence of a duty of all men to hear and obey. to the method by which enquirers might satisfy themselves as to which is the true church amongst all the different religions presented for man's acceptance. From Holy Scripture he showed that the true church must possess and exhibit four characteristics, namely, unity, sanctity, catholicity and apostolicity. These he claimed could only be found in the Roman Catholic Church and in this instruction he particularly dealt with the first point, unity, showing how the Catholic Church possesses this essential in faith, in doctrine and in authority. He dealt at length with the position of those who claim there are fundamental, truths pointing out how this was directly contrary to the teaching of our Lord, who commanded the apostles to teach "all things whatsoever Hehad taught them," and the people to accept everything taught by the apostles and their successors. The sermon was a very able one and Mand. and Piano Acc. was listened to with the greatest attention by a large congregation.

#### St. Boniface Orphanage.

#### The little Inmates Kindly Remembered on New Year's Day.

The Sisters and children of St. Boniface orphanage were remembered in a kindly and generous way on New Year's day. In the afternoon a well laden Christmas tree and a large quantity of fruit, clothing, etc., were taken over to the orphanage by Winnipeg friends and the eighty-eight ilttle inmates were given a festival that they will long remember.

The visitors were entertained with greetings songs in French and English and with dialogues. Afterwards the gifts were distributed and each one of the children was made glad by a present of candies and toys.

The Sisters then conducted the visitors through the orphanage now occuping the old convent, which affords more room, and better equipment than the former building. The good work being carried homeless children is yearly expanding. Few people have any idea of the extent of this work and a visit to the orphanage gives one a pleasurable surprise. The institution is well conducted and is maintained in every respect at the high Sisters are noted and is certainly worthy of the consideration of charitable people.

The Sisters desire to thank those who arranged the festival and also the following who contributed gifts: McPherson Fruit Co., Jobin & Marrin, J. J. Tomlinson, E. L. Thomas, Burke Bros., J. R. Wynne, Scott Furniture Co., W. J. Guest, Thomas Hazelwood, Richard Murphy, The Ames, Holden Co.. John W. Peck & Co., The Kilgour, Rimer Co., N. R. Preston & Co., Donald Fraser. Hoover & Co., Geo. Ryan, Capel & Paul. A. R. Christie' Wm. Welband, Thos. Fahey, the Lake The great festival of Our of the Woods Milling Co., C. H. Wilson & Bro., Davis & Co., M. Healey, T. D. Deegan, Geo. H. Rodgers, Kobold & Co., Gallagher & Sons, R Rocan & Co., Brownrigg & Co., J. Scarfe, E. Burdett, Mrs. Harrington, Sutherland & Campbell, Joe Thompson, Codville & Co., Rublee Fruit Co., Ogilvie Milling Co., Royal Works. G. F. & J. Galt, Dyson & Gibson, Mr. Chamberland, D. Houle, E. Giulbeault, P. Gosselin, T. Peltier, Perry, J Giosson E. Peltier, J. Dubees.

The promoters of t'e festival were Messrs. Tomlinson, Marrin, Murphy Jobin Rocan, Burke, Golden, Healey & Deegan.—Free Press.

#### Bazaar at Medicine Hat.

Medicine Hat, N.W.T.

Dec. 26th 1897. The Catholic bazaar which was held last Tuesday and Wednesday was both artistically and financially a grand corated with flags, bunting and crepe gift to the long suffering minority of credit is due the ladies who worked REVIEW coudoles with Mr. and Mrs.

bazaar. We extend our warmest thanks to the following ladies who assisted.

The fancy stall was in charge of Mesdames Miliar, Barreau and Spencer. The refreshment tables were dainty and very tempting, judging by the numbers constantly seared at them. They were ably presided over by Madame Leonard assisted by Mesdames D.Smith; Nicholson discourses he is giving on "The and J. H. Campbell. The doll table was Church." In previous lectures he in the happy charge of Mrs. Chamberlain and resembled fairyland. The Apron visible church which it is the table was managed by Mrs. M. Donall and Mrs. McKinnon assisted by the Last night he addressed himself Misses Porter. One of the principal features of attraction was the Jubilee Lottery table and Caboose Quilt in charge of Mrs. Nelson and Mr. E. Millar. Last but not least the candy stall, where the choicest sweets and most tempting fruits were to be purchased, was presided over by Miss Lilian Millar assisted by Miss J. Evans. The fish pond in care of Miss Mannahan and Mr. McIntyre was an inexhaustible source of amusement. The first day's sale closed with a grand concert, one of the best given by local talent. We sincerely thank the citizens banwho so kindly opened the concert with the following selections.

King Cotton March-Sousa Waltz-Hatton Galop — Gloss — March, Manhaltan Beach-Sonsa.

Piano Miss L. Millar, Mr. J Duet, Leonard Song Mrs. Niblock Song Mr. McIntyre Selection, Crescent. Mand. and Guitar Club. Messrs. Coores J.McLellan and B. McIntyre Piano Solo Miss. H. Smith Song, Comic Mr. McHwraith Cornet Solo Mr. Leonard Song Mrs. McKinnon Mr.Cootes Mr. Finlay Guitar Solo Mr.McClellan Recitation Miss Birchall Duet, Piano Misses Southworth and

Leon The programme of the second day closed with an impromptu dance. We also wish to thank Mr. McKinnon and Mr.McClellan for their kind assistance in arrangement of hall.

The bride doll was won by baby Mc Kinnon of Canmore, the point lace handkerchief by Mrs.J.L.Gallagher of Winnipeg, the chair by Mr. Cook, the hanging lamp won by Mr. Kane was kindly donated to the church.

Mrs. Nelson, Pres. Ladies Aid Millar, Vice-Pres. Leonard. Miss L.Millar,

#### Oak Lake-Edith Manbey

On Xmas Eve Edith Mary Downe Harper Manbey, eldest daughter on by the Sisters in caring for the The cause of death was scarlet fea special journey for the purpose, day. standard of excellence for which the She was confirmed at Ventuor, Isle of Wight, by the Bishop of Ports. mouth.

Owing to the infectious nature of the disease the funeral took place the day following, i.e., on Christmas Day. About 30 teams and a large number of persons on foot followed the corpse to the Catholic Church and thence to the cemetery. The flowers placed upon the coffin were the gift of the  ${
m An}$ glican clergyman and the Methodist Minister. The bell of the Anglican Church was tolled as a mark of sympathy from the time the procession left the home until it reached the Catholic Church when the Catholic bell began to ring and continued until the procession nearly reached the cemetery. At the Church the coffin rested on a platform outside the door. From the gate of the cemetery to the grave, which is situated on the high hill upon which stands the great Cross, the coffin was carried by Ambrose Dieudonné Lépine and other metis was under the superintendance of £1,000 a year. of Mr. R. H. Hockin (uncle of the deceased) and of Mr. J.J.Arsenault. late Homestead Inspector. The mourners were the father and Wilfrid and Muriel Manbey, brother and sister of the deceased. The bereaved parents desire to express their gratitude to the families of assistance rendered to them in

their trouble. The Requiem will be celebrated so energetically for the success of the Manbey in their great sorrow.

#### OBITUARY. Mrs. Hinds.

Mary Maguire Hinds, wife of Richard Hinds, died last Wednesday, and was buried on New Year's morning at nine o'clock, a large congregation attending the High Requiem Mass. Some appropriate remarks were made by Father Cherrier, who spoke of her as a model wife and mother. Of her own accord she sent for her parish priest as soon as she felt herself seriously ill, and it is one of the greatest consolations of her bereaved husband to remember that he immediately complied with her request.

She leaves six children. One of the boys being asked why he did not cry for his departed mother, replied, "Why should we cry? Mother is gone to heaven."—R.I.P.

#### The Pope and the Press.

Some time ago we chronicled a unique incident in connection with the appointment of Archbishop Bruchesi to the See of Montreal. When it became known that he had been promoted to the charge of the archdiocese the pressmen of the city of different creeds and of every shade of politics resolved to present him with a hearty address of congratulation. The presentation was made as his Grace was about to leave for his visit to the Eternal City. Amongst the warmest good wishes of which he was the object were those tendered by the Montreal journalists, who through him sent their respectful homage to Leo XIII. The Pope has earnest words of praise for the pressmen, and he reminds the Archbishop that their goodwill assures him powerful aid in inspiring the people with sound sentiments and in realising what is desirable for the public peace and advantage. These words only repeat a lesson which Leo XIII has again and again impressed on those to whom he has spoken or written on the subject. He recognises that the Press, wisely directed, is a valuable means of promoting the public welfare, and he desires that men in authority should encourage and utilize it.—CATHOLIC TIMES.

#### A Cardinal's Story.

Simply, touchingly as he had received it from Cardinal Vaughan a few days before Cardinal Perraud told the story of William John Manbey, passed of the little girl, daughter of an English away after an illness of 4 or 5 days. Protestant clergyman, who, by her infantine remarks, was to become unconver. The deceased was born at sciously in the hands of others an apostle Minnedosa on 17th August 1881, in preaching the doctrine of the Real was baptised there by Rev. Father Presence. The relation of the anecdote McCarthy, O.M.I., who at the re- was one of Cardinal Perraud's means of quest of the late Archbishop made preaching at Paray-le Monial the other

The little girl in question was taken one day by her still Protestant father to The affirmative was ably supported by a Catholic church in London. She was Miss Erly and R. Crossland, and the inbut five years old. Noticing the lamp terests of the negative were strongly of the sanctuary she said:

replied:

"It is to show that Jesus is there, behind that little gold door."

shut, and, besides, Jesus is hidden by a overing.

continued.

After that they went into a Protestant church, where there was neither lamp nor tabernacle.

"Father, why is there no lamp?" she asked.

"Because Jesus is not there," was the reply.

but the Catholic Church, persisting in saying she "would go where Jesus was." To complete the story, so told by Cardinal Vaughan, Cardinal Perraud showed how the child's parents embraced the Catholic religion, and with it poverty, friends of the deceased The funeral the father losing at once an income of

#### Paragraphs from the Western Watchman.

Two statements have been going the rounds of the press for a month; one is, Marion, Genthon and Edmond for spend the holidays with the Archbishop Church in Europe and America. copyist that has got into the text.

> The New York "Herald" has upheld the Cuban insurgents through thick and discovered that the style of the Watch. ful children.

eyes, and it now sees in them only barbarians and pirates. The murdering of the peace commissioner has robbed those lazy negroes of whatever sympathy the jingo newspapers ever had for

A Catholic editor down East has just man's paragraphs is the easiest of all acquired. Now that the secret is out we expect to see our scintillations flashing from the myriad facets of the Catholic press East and West. Thirty-two years is a long time for a simple thing like the Watehman's secret to remain undiscov-

The "Child Mortara," about whom such a storm raged over two continents years ago, is now a priest in New York, saving been sent over to labor among the Italians of that city. The story of his baptism and subsequent Catholic education, as told by himself, strips that invented by the Freemasons and accepted by all Protestants of all of its seusational features. The child learned that he had been baptised and yielded to his boyish des re to be brought up a Christian, his parents finally acquiescing.

The Presbyterian Board of Missions have closed their college, their seminary for girls, their high schools, their hospital and their printing office in Urmi, having discovered after fifty years of labor, and the expenditure of millions of money that Calvinism is not a popular belief among the Nestorians. By an article of their constitution the Board is not permitted to offer support to a for eign mission longer than fifty years. There will be other missions to be given up soon.

The wife of Dreyfus may be a Jew, but few Christian women could have penned a more beautiful prayer than the following recently addressed by her to the Sovereign Pontiff:

"Lucie Eugenie Dreyfus, at the feet of your Holiness, humbly supplicates the compassion of the Father of the Catholic Church. She declares that her husband is innocent and the victim of a judicial error. He being solated from his fellow men, this appear 14 signed by his grief-stricken wife, who, through her tears, gazes at the Vicar of Christ as the daughters of Jerusalem looked upon Christ Himselfon His way to Calvary.'

We have heard so much of dreibunds and zweibunds that there is relief in the report that the bund now sought after by the great powers is a-bund with the Pope. The embassadors of the Czar, the Kaiser and the French President are nightly singing love-ditties under the windows of the Vatican. Leo is a sound sleeper.

#### St. Mary's Literary Society.

The meetings of the above society have proved so interesting and instructive that the puclic have shown their approval by attending in largely increased numbers. The debates are novel and are much appreciated by everyone.

At the meeting on Friday evening last the following committees were appointed: -Literary, Miss Beardsley, Miss Stritch, J.J.Kelly. Musical, Miss Cavanagh, Miss Ryan, T.F.O'Meara.

The debate was - Resolved, "that the hope of reward is a greater incentive to exertion than is the fear of punishment. looked after by Miss M. Skahl and A.W. "What is that lamp for?" The father Nicholson. Dean Egan, the critic, after a few remarks, decided in favor of the affirmative. Songs by Mrs. McAvoy, Miss Ollie Blain and Jno. Clayton, were much "I should like to see Jesus," she said. enjoyed, especially the one by Miss "My child, you cannot. The door is Blain, after which the question box was dealt with and some amusing questions were put before the meeting to answer. "Oh, I should like to see Jesus, she This brought to a close a very profitable evening.—The Barrie Examiner.

#### His Best Beloved. Pope Lee to the Irish Pilgrims

My children, I welcome you from my heart. I am the father After this the child spoke of nothing of the faithful and you are the best beloved of my children. You come to me from the most Catholic country in the world - a country that has suffered fearlessly, cheerfully, persecution, imprisonment and death for the faith's sake. Yours is a peculiar faith. The faith that was planted in your country by the blessed Apostle St. Patrick it is impossible to eradicate. Not only has Ireland retained, but she has spread the faith over the Old that Delegate Martinelli is going to visit World and the New; she has Ireland; the other, that he is going to given priests and prelates to the of St. Paul. This is evidently a note of the Therefore is Ireland much beloved of the Holy See. Therefore, from the bottom of my heart and with all the power that God has thin; but the scales have fallen from its given me, I bless you, my faith-

#### BIBLE READING.

Continued from page 1.

decrepitude. Only the other day leading English Protestant newspaper exclaimed: "In this England of ours, at the end of this century, there are millions upon millions as utterly unsaved as the wildest savage roaming the forests of Africa."

The Ven. Archdeacon was careful not to mention France or Belguim, though from his point of view, being Catholic countries, they are supposed not to know the Bible. They are too obviously thrifty they have for the most part no and progressive to suit his special plead-

I congratulate him also on having said nothing about his own native province of Quebec, of which he was wont to speak in bygone days as "the frozen foot of the Dominion." Such a metaphor would hardly square with its actual preponderance in the politics of Canada. But I venture to make up for this omission by stating one remarkable contrast. The Province of Ontario is commonly considered by men of the Archdeacon's school as vastly superior in solvency and thrift to the Province of Quebec. The is present to his mind no serious admirers of the former point to the suc- doubt which shakes his conficess of its Government finances as a result of its Bible-rerding, while they attribute the financial indebtedness of the Quebec Government to a supposed lack of Scripture knowledge. I admit that Ontario does make a very good publie show, but statistics prove that private indebte lness is far greater there than in the Province of Quebec, there are two or three times more mortgages on preperty in the former than in the latter. Like the Pharisees of old, the people of Ontario "make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter," whereas the people of Quebec, though undoubtedly less careful of outward show, are, in their private lives, far less "full of extortion and excess." Which of the two methods, I ask you, is more conformable to the sincerity of the Gospel?

Having thus disposed of every single allegation brought by the Ven Archdeaon against my sermon, I would, in conelusion, earnestly exhort you always to onsider the Holy Scriptures, in the words of his text, "as a lamp unto your cessary conditions of good faith feet and a light to your path.'

#### A Game of Base-Ball.

This is a bona fide description written by a French resident of Manitoba who is learn ing English.

The base-ball is an athletic exercise played in a field. The place for play the game is marked by a losange. At one corner of this figure stand the bat's man and this place is called "Homebase"; the corner on the right is called the first base, the one on the left is called third base, and the opposite corner is called second-base. Between the second and Home base is the pitcher's room. Behind the bat's man he may have no sort of attraction stand the catcher man. Playing men are divised in two camps. When one camp is to the field, the other is to the bat. The bat's man have all the other camp's men in front: the pitcher send to him the ball and the bat's man must with the bat send it away. Then he run at the first, afterwards at the second, at the third, and he come again to the Home base. But if somebody of the opposite camp catch the ball the bat's man is out, and if three of the same camp are setted out by the same manner, this camp must go to the field and the fielder-men come for strike the ball.

This game is very entertaining and for the players and for the People who consider it.

When a Protestant Is In Good Faith.

Possibility of Salvation For Those Outside The Body of the Church.

In the sects which accept the divinity of Christ there not only is a possibility of salvation, but there are hundreds and thousands of their members who live united to Christ by faith, hope and charity, and die in the grace and love of God. These belong to what is called the soul of the Church, though not to its body; they are under sad disadvantages Diseases of the Chest and Lungs as compared with Catholics, and

ber from the sects who save their souls is comparatively small, it is chiefly for two reasons—either because they have committed mortal sins and do not know how to get rid of them, or it is because they are directly in bad taith. They have yet tribupal of taith. They have no tribunal of penance, none of the unlimited stream of graces that flow into the soul of a Catholic through the Sacraments, the Sacramentals, Holy Mass and the other means of grace, and, above all, idea of the way to make an act of contrition or of its efficacy in restoring the soul to the favor of God and to its inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven. Beside this, there is an ever-increasing number who are not in good

A man is said to be in good faith with regard to the religion that he professes when in his heart he firmly believes it to be the true religion and when there dence in it. He is in bad faith when he does not believe it to be the true religion, or when he is inclined to think that there is some other religion which is some other religion which is and send money with order, a handsome equally in the possession of the chain goes with either, and express charges are truth, or still more so. But this paid by us for the prices named above. is not all. What I have laid down are the conditions of good faith in the present. In order to constitute the good faith required for the virtue of divine faith it is also necessary that he should never, in the course of his whole life, have had such a serious doubt about his own religion, or such a strong conviction that some other religion was true as to lay upon him the obligation at least of further inquiry, and this under pain of serious

With this definition before us we can easily lay down the neamong those outside the Church. He who has never once doubted the truth of Protestantism is in good faith; he who has once seriously doubted about its truth or has entertained a strong suspi-cion that the Catholic Church, and it alone, is the true Church of Jesus Christ, and has put his doubts aside and not followed them up, cannot be said to be in good faith. It is not necessary to bad faith that he should at the present moment be conscious of the falsity of the religion he professes or that he should be in a state of He may be perfectly satisfied at the present time of its orthodoxy, to the Catholic Church, he may even hate and condemn her, yet the mere fact that at some privious period of his life he suspected the existence of a religion nobler, truer, holier than his own, and that through indifference or self-interest or pride or human respect, or some other tie binding him down to earth, he put that suspicion aside, deprives him of the plea of good faith and makes him responsible before God for the heresy from which at one time he might have escaped, but through his own fault did not. The initial grace was given him, that was intended by Almighty God to lead on to other graces, which, if accepted, would have culminated in the grace of conversion. But that initial grace was lost to him through his own fault. The seed was sown, but the birds of the air devoured it.—Rev. R. F. Clarke, S. J., in the Ave Maria.

Died.—At Oak Lake, Man., on Xmas Eve, 1897, Edith Mary Downe Harper Manbey, eldest daughter of Mr. John | • Manbey, and grand daughter of George Manbey, late of Drummondville, Quebec. J.P., and great grand daughter of the late Rear Admiral John Harper, C.B., Knight of Leopold of Austria, of Halifax, N.S. aged 16 years and 4 months.—R.I.P.

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#### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK 1898.

#### JANUARY.

9,-Sunday within the octave of Epiphany.

- Monday .- Fourth day of the oc-
- Tuesday .- Fifth day of the oc tave.
- Wednesday. Sixth day of the octave.
- Thursday. Octave of the Epiphany.
- Friday .- St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor.
- Saturday. St. Paul, the first hermit.

#### BRIEFLETS.

We understand that Viscount Encombe, the eldest son of Lord Eldon, has been received into the Catholic Church.

Fathers Ring, Nicol, Brady, O'Reilly, Stanley, and O'Brien, Irish Oblates, have been giving very successful missions in the United States.

Archdeacon Kavanagh, whose name became well known from its association with the Catholic Church of Knock, died at his residence on Thursday morning, Dec. 15th last.

The three best examinations passed in December at St. Boniface Callege were those of Elzear Beaupre, Louis Pealapra and Frank Mellugh, whose marks averaged over 70 per cent.

On Sunday at High Mass in St. Mary's Church, Rev. Fr. Guillet, O.M.I., spoke very strongly against gambling, a vice which he regretted to say was not un known to some of his flock.

According to the report of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith just published the receipts for the year 1896 amounted to 6,332,687 francs, and the expenditure to 6,440,028.

It is said that the object which M. Brunetiere had in view on his late visit to Rome, was to secure materials for a book on the Eternal City. His work is to be a refutation of Zola's "Rome."

It is estimated that about 30,000 persons are annually received into the Catholic Church in the U.S. The num- cavity to contain guncotten, and ber of conversions in the Archdiocese of Baltimore during the past year was 1,

The Right Rev. and Hon. Mgr. Stanley has been raised by the Holy Father to the dignity of Protonotary Apostolic. Mgr. Stanley is a brother of Lord Stanley of Alderley and of Mr. Lyulph Stanley.

Lady Auckland who, has been received into the Church, is the daughter of a Lincolnshire notable, Col. George Hutton, of Gate Burton, and she married Lord Auckland soon after his ac cession to the title.

Literary Guild which will be held at St. Happy is the man who can meet Mary's Schoolroom on Thursday evening his friend after many years, the 6th January, a paper will be read by whether letters have been few the President, Mr. J. A. McInnis, on "A or many, and feel that the flame part of our debt to the so-called Dark Ages."

Many happy sayings are attributed to that unrecognizable voice which occasionally bursts in unexpectedly at public meetings. One of the best we have heard of for a long time was at a recent genereverend, feared, and respected?" cried an orator, "Oireland," was the habpy reply on the spot from a wag in the gallery. - Universe.

A vacancy having occured in the Council of State of the Netherlands, the Queen-Regent has filled it by the appointment of M. Borret, formerly member of the Second Chamber, M. Borret is President-General of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Holland.

Miss May Russell, one of the daughters of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Russell of Killowen, has joined the novitiate of one of the London convents, thus making still another addition to the number of the Russell family who have given themselves to religion.

#### Letellier & St. Pie.

A numerous congregation received Holy Communion at Midnight Mass.

We have now a handsome picture of St. Plus V., the patron of the parish, placed, on Christmas Eve, above the altar. This beautiful painting by Abbe Maillard is a decided improvement to the Church.

On Christmas afternoon quite a number of people attended benediction at the Chapel for the Indians, on the Roseau Reserve. These poor people were favored by Rev. Father Joseph Magnan O.M.I, fluent in their tongue, with a sermon. They also had the pleasure of having Midnight Mass for the first time.

The chapel which was built this summer is a neat construction and nicely, although not richly arranged.

Mr. le Cure has invited all the children to Mass on New Year's Day, after which they will assemble in the Sacristy, where he will bestow New Year's gifts on them.

Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Saurette have gone east to visit their old home and many friends and relatives in Province of Quebec, after an absence of seventeen years. Mr. and Mrs. Hercule Barnabe left on the same errand by the same train.

#### Liquefied Air Gum.

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