





A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.
Mary Mother, be good to him;
Be kind to him that day;

Sure, you will know him by his eyes,
That are so sweet and blue,
And deep and clear and very wise—

Oh, Mary Mother, you can see
'Twas me that loved him so.
And surely, surely you will see

Chocolate Layer Cake—Beat one-half
cup of butter to a cream, add
gradually one and a half cups of sugar,

Fruit Cake.—Beat one pound of butter
to a cream, add one pound of sugar,
gradually stirring in the white,

Lady Cake.—One-quarter of a pound
of bitter almonds, three-quarters of a
pound of butter, one pound of powdered

Orange Cake.—Beat a quarter of a
pound of butter and a half pound of
powdered sugar together, stir in a gill

Punch Cakes.—Eight ounces of flour,
half a pound of sugar, a quarter of a
pound of butter, one glass of Jamaica

SELECTING NEW YEAR GIFTS.
In selecting New Year gifts look to
the circumstances of the one to receive

Buttermilk as a remedial agent can
not be praised too highly. The lactic acid,
the sour of the buttermilk, attacks

girl who serves you in the store where
you buy. Maybe she is pert or cross.
You are only one of hundreds she

MR. STAYBOLT AS SANTA CLAUS
"Do you know the Christmas presents
I'd like to make if I could?" said

HOW TO KNOW A MAD DOG.
Hydrophobia is in reality so rare
and so terrifying that its symptoms

HELP IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS.
Burns and Scalds.—Cover with cooking
soda and lay wet cloths over it.
Whites of eggs and olive oil.

The Rusty Catholic
"When the rust of inaction comes
over a Catholic," says the Philippine
Catholic, "he usually goes from bad

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Church Education

There is an alarming tendency, says
Rt. Rev. Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, in an
article among Catholics who have attained

In Memoriam

Lines suggested by the death, on
the 6th of November last, of Mrs.
McGillicuddy, relict of the late John

Hail Mary Immaculate

(Bishop Colton.)
Is it in the spotless snow,
Or in the waters bright,
Is it in the sunbeams' tints,

The Rusty Catholic

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over a Catholic," says the Philippine
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O, Holy, Holy, Happy Morn!

O, Holy, Holy, happy morn!
When Christ our Lord, our King,
Was born,

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of friends started a paper which created an immense sensation, but was unfortunate enough to incur the condemnation of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

From Notre Dame your correspondent and his companions made their way to the famous cemetery of Pere La Chaise. On entering, one is made aware of the strength of the Jewish colony in Paris, for he finds himself amongst an array of tombs, all bearing Hebrew inscriptions and occupying a considerable portion of the cemetery.

The morning of the last day of your correspondent's sojourn in Paris was devoted to a visit to the Louvre, the world-renowned art gallery of France's capital.

the originals of many pictures of which he had read in illustrated articles or of which he had seen copies. Of these perhaps the Immaculate Conception of Murillo was the most welcome, not that it was the greatest picture by any means, but there was not one in that vast collection which did not take up Lacordaire's idea of a militant Catholic press.

It would take days, nay weeks, to give anything like the attention they deserve to the treasures of the Louvre. Your correspondent came away after a couple of hours, literally dazed by the abundance and magnificence of the masterpieces on which he had gazed.

As the noon hour was approaching your correspondent had to regretfully bid adieu to the Louvre after having seen just enough to make him eager to spend days there. Along the magnificent Rue de Rivoli and the noble avenue which leads to the most artistic opera house in the world, he hastened to join his companions, who were engaged in other pursuits whilst he was at the Louvre, for the moment was approaching when from the Lyons station his party were to leave Paris for Lourdes.

L. MINEHAN.

A Methodist's Tribute to Father Tabb.

Messrs. Editors:

Permit me as a loyal Methodist to pay the following tribute to Rev. John B. Tabb of St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md. Father Tabb as a poet and Roman Catholic priest has long been beloved by many within and without his own Church.

Back to the primal gloom Where life began, As to my mother's womb Must I, a man, Return.

Not to be born again, But to remain; And in the School of Darkness learn What mean "The things unseen."

It is the prayer of all who have been stirred by Father Tabb's kindly music that he may—

In the School of Darkness learn What mean "The things unseen."

—Exchange.

Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, died at Bordeaux on Sunday from hemorrhage of the brain while returning from a visit to Rome. Cardinal Lecot was the leader of the movement among a group of French ecclesiastics to find a basis of settlement in the difference which has arisen between the government and the church.

Doctors and lawyers have at least one good trait in common. They never give advice before it is asked for.

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LONDON'S CATHOLICITY

London, Dec. 10th, 1908.

The Education Bill has died the death! It was a crowded House that witnessed the infant's last struggles on Friday afternoon, an earlier consultation of Cabinet specialists having given it up. It is quite safe to say that as Mr. Asquith made the announcement which was equivalent to an invitation to the funeral on Monday, there was not a wet eye in the long tiers of benches.

A distressing event occurred on Sunday morning last, which robs us of another of our English Catholic nobles. Lord Petre, the head of one of the most illustrious and ancient Catholic families of the kingdom, who succeeded to the title on the death of his elder brother, last June, was found dead in his lodgings, in a quiet suburb of London, where he had been living alone for the past 18 months.

By another death, that of the late Mrs. Fitzherbert Brockles, several northern Catholic charities benefit considerably. The deceased lady, who was a great benefactress during her lifetime, left £1,000 to the Bishop of Menavia; £400 to the Catholic Church at Scorton, Lancs; £300 to St. Joseph's Orphanage, Preston; and £200 to St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Church, Thirham.

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full effect, and Sir Edward was manifestly satisfied. He is, moreover, where music is concerned, not the most patient of men, and one recalls a story of a choir master who said to the Dr. how much he wished his choir would burn or lose Brahms' scores, which he detested for their difficulty, etc., to which Dr. Elgar promptly replied "Better burn your choir." Now, in the heyday of his triumph, we as Catholics can well appreciate the remark made by Sir Arthur Sullivan, many years ago when Elgar's feet were only just set upon the ladder of fame.

A very interesting meeting held at the house of the aged Lady Herbert of Lea, was that of the St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society. Particular interest was given to the occasion, by the presence of one who could testify to the work of the Missionaries, when they had set forth, and entered the further regions of that world which they desired to conquer under the standard of the Cross.

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been, personages of too exalted a position to be asked to stand god-parents to an illegitimate child. More over, on the death of his mother, in 1871, two years after the birth, the Earl of Sackville, his father, requested his friends to attend several Requiem Masses for the repose of his wife's soul. Curious to relate, however, despite the education given the young man, his father refused to recognize his claim, and so the matter is wrapped in mystery, and the leaves of some old register in some obscure parish church.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Oscott College, Birmingham, commenced the celebration in honor of the centenary of its foundation, by pious Bishop Milner, one of those noble pioneers in the restoration of the faith in this land, whose names are apt to be overlooked in these, our days of prosperity. The College was founded to supply two distinct needs, a place of training for priests, since the seminaries abroad had been closed by the Revolution; and a school for the sons of Catholic nobles and gentry whose religion debarred them from the universities and colleges of their peers.

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Noted Jesuit Comes to Guelph. In connection with the account of a farewell reception given to Rev. Lewis Drummond, S.J., at the Catholic Club, Winnipeg, the Central Catholic of the 12th inst., says: Father Drummond will probably leave for Ontario on Tuesday, Dec. 22, to take up his labors at the Jesuit church at Guelph, Ont. Born at Montreal in 1848, the son of the late Hon. L. T. Drummond, formerly judge of the Court of the Queen's Bench, Province of Quebec, Lewis Henry Drummond was graduated from St. Mary's College, Montreal, at the head of his class, and after three years spent in the study of surveying, entered the Jesuit Order. Two years of teaching broke his health and he recuperated in France, later continuing his studies in Maryland and teaching in New York city at Fordham College. He spent several years in England, was ordained priest in 1887 and first came to Manitoba in 1885. He has taught nearly all of that time since at St. Boniface College, with the exception of two years spent in Montreal, 1890-92, when he was rector of St. Mary's College and Gesu church, which posts he was obliged to resign because of ill-health. Since 1892 Father Drummond has been one of the leading members of the board and council of the University of Manitoba. He is celebrated as a lecturer and journalist, his work on the Northwest Review during recent years attracting widespread notice from the religious press. His principal literary works are "The Catholic Element in the Canadian Northwest," "True and False Ideals in Education," "The Jesuits."

PILRIM.

Napoleon and the Pope

(From the Sacred Heart Review.) It is reported that Napoleon once made these remarkable admissions: To see me, people would come a league; to see the Pope, they would come thirty. One should treat with the Pope as though he had two hundred thousand bayonets at his disposal. The Pope keeps for himself minds and hearts; he leaves us the bodies, that is, the corpses. The Pope should not be either at Vienna or at Madrid or at Paris; he should be in Rome, free and independent of all sovereigns. God and the ages have given the Pope his temporal power, and they have done well. Evidently these words, if ever spoken by Napoleon, were spoken by him after he had tried his own hand at coercing and imprisoning the Pope and had found how worse than useless his endeavors and his seeming successes had been. A modern writer, however, Mr. Henry D. Sedgwick, in the "Atlantic Monthly," has said: "Those lovers of Italy, however, who are most in sympathy with the national sentiment which most affected the unity of Italy, must remember that to the world the Roman Catholic Church is far more important than the Italian kingdom, and that if there were a doubt whether the Church or the kingdom would derive the greater advantage from the possession of Rome, that doubt should be resolved in favor of the Church. . . . All things may come to the Church that waits."



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WHAT THE MISSION DID FOR ARTHUR

(Written for the Catholic Register by Peter J. Doherty.)

Arthur Collins was a clever, Irish lad, with a heart so large that his friends were wont to say that it was too large for his body. Arthur, however, had one fault, a very grave fault it was, but a fault which is, alas, peculiar to many more of our clever, handsome Irish boys. To use a vulgar expression, he was too fond of his "booze." And, when a boy of eighteen gets into the habit of saloon hunting and drinking, he is to be pitied rather than despised. Arthur was not altogether to blame for contracting this fault, for he had been the constant companion of drinkers from his earliest childhood. His father and his three uncles were all fond of their "bowl," and were continually coming home, if not fully drunk, at least "three sheets in the wind." What wonder, then, that Arthur Collins was on the road to becoming a regular "drink fighter?"

The lad was fortunate, however, in having one great blessing bestowed upon him by God. He had a kind, pious mother, who, in the midst of trials and sufferings, did her utmost to keep the little home as clean and as pleasant as possible. She watched over her boy with the tenderest care, and she lost no opportunity of teaching him a useful lesson. His drinking was a source of great unhappiness to her, and caused her many sleepless nights and frequent tears. Yet, as the boy was very punctual in his religious duties, and as he was a very good living youth in all other respects, she did not despair of his conversion from the drink habit. She prayed much for him and received Holy Communion often in his intention. While she sometimes pleaded with her son, she never bored him with long, "preachy" exhortations, and in reply to her neighbors' many questions, she would invariably say, "Oh, well, God, Who does all in His own way, will bring my boy to his senses some day."

One morning, as Mrs. Collins was busily engaged in getting the mid-day meal ready, Arthur came in. The mother was surprised to see the lad return so early from work. She was about to speak, but by the unsteady gait of her son, she knew he was under the influence of liquor. Her heart beat violently with pity for the boy, still, knowing that Arthur was inclined to be cross while in this state, she refrained from speaking and continued to do her work.

"I'm drunk, mother," said the lad, after he had been in the house some time.

"That is quite manifest, my son," said his mother, speaking very quietly. "Where were you this morning? Were you not at work?"

"At work, mother!" exclaimed Arthur with a loud laugh. "Guess not, mother. This was a big morning for us, for me and the other fellows. We had a high old time. Work—at work! Sure, mother, it is only a horse that works nowadays. I'm drunk," he roared up, as his head fell to one side and his hat went rolling over the floor.

Mrs. Collins, fearing her son would fall off his chair, coaxed him to go to his room, and lie down. The poor woman's whole frame shook and the hot tears sprang to her eyes, as she led her boy by the arm to his room. Intoxicated as Arthur was, he noticed his mother's agitation.

"You are fretting, mother," he said. "You hate to see me like this. Well, I don't blame you for fretting, when I'm so bad as I am—but wait. I'll lie down and sleep now. Don't fret, don't weep, mother." He threw himself upon the bed and ere long he was sound asleep. After sleeping for about two hours he awoke and, taking his dinner without saying a word to his mother, he left the house to go to work. On the way he met one of his chums, a youth about a year older than himself. "Give me a smoke, George," he said to his companion. "I hated to ask my mother for the price of a package after spending all my money this morning."

"How did you spend it?" asked George, as he handed Arthur a cigarette.

"How do you think?" said Arthur with a slight blush.

"On drink," exclaimed Arthur. "Why did you not go to work this morning?"

"No, but I'm going now."

"Well," said George, "you are a bird, Arthur. You ought to be well ashamed of yourself."

true American fashion, with his chair back and his two legs stretched out upon his desk. He was reading the "market column" of the evening paper, the only column, alas, pursued by the vast majority of our commercial men. "Business first, pleasure after" is the motto of some people, but Mr. Fairbank's motto ran differently. His was "Business always, pleasure never." Still Mr. Fairbank was decidedly happy; he had a luxurious home, a faithful wife and two loving children, a boy and a girl. What more did a man desire? So he read on, his face sometimes showing pleasure, sometimes displeasure, as the market items and prices appealed to his feelings. At last, being wearied of his reading, Mr. Fairbank threw the paper aside and lit a cigar to enjoy a smoke, before being called to dinner. As he smoked the door of the library opened and a sweet, pretty girl of sixteen or thereabouts, entered the room. She came tripping lightly across the floor toward her father. At the sight of his beloved one, Mr. Fairbank laid his lighted cigar on the edge of the ash pan, for he would not continue to smoke in the presence of such an angelic girl as Lena.

"Father," said the girl, in her usual soft tone, "I am sorry to disturb you, but as I have a request to ask of you, I came where I could speak to you alone. Will you grant me a favor, dearest father?"

The man smiled goodnaturedly as he looked into the serious face of his loving child. "How serious you look, Lena!" he said. "It must indeed be a great favor you demand, when it causes you to look so solemn. What, my sweetest girl, can I do for you?"

"You can, if you wish, father, do me a great favor. I do not ask it for myself, but for another," the girl said, as she lowered her eyes.

"My child," said her father, kindly, "I never care to make a rash promise nor one for which I may afterwards repent, therefore I would like to know what your request is and for whom you ask it. If, after I have heard all, I can please you, my girl, you may be assured I will do so."

The girl moved closer to her father, and throwing her arm round his neck, she said almost in a whisper:

"You are going to dismiss Arthur Collins from his work."

"Who told you that?" asked her father, in surprise.

"I was speaking to Frank just now," the girl quietly replied, "and he told me you were about to dismiss Arthur."

"Did Frank tell you why I am sending Collins away?"

"He did not," said the girl. "Frank had no need to tell me. I know the reason."

"What is the reason, then?" her father asked her, as he smiled.

"Because he drinks," the girl replied.

"Well, then, my girl, have I not good reason to dismiss Collins?"

For a moment the girl kept silence, then taking her arm from her father's neck, she stood up before him.

"No, father," she said, "you have not, by any means, good reason for sending Arthur away. If he were a robber or anything of that kind," she went on, speaking very excitedly, "you would have ample reason for casting him off. Arthur has only that one fault, and if taken in the right way, he can be cured of it. He is a brave, a noble and a good boy in every other way."

"But, my sweetest girl," protested her father, "of what use is he when he drinks? Lately he is drunk most of the time, even in the shops, and he cannot do his work. But Lena, why do you take such an interest in young Collins?"

The girl blushed. She did not expect this question from her father, however she muttered:

"Because he is the only one his mother has to depend on. Drink, as he does, see how good he is to her. Keep him at work, dearest father, for another month, and you will find him cured of drink by that time."

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"You knock hard, Lena," said the boy, quietly.

"I don't knock half hard enough," exclaimed the girl, with flashing eyes.

"Now, listen, Arthur," she said, getting cooler, "I asked you here tonight to tell you that unless you stop drinking father will dismiss you in a month from now. He was about to send you away immediately, but I pleaded with him in your behalf, and he was good enough to promise to give you another month's trial, as I requested."

"You were very kind, Lena," said Arthur, to trouble yourself about me."

"Yes," said Lena, pretending to be sarcastic, "I was kind, but bear in mind, Arthur Collins, that I did not trouble myself about you, but about your poor mother. If you lose your work, what will she do? Your father is useless. He seldom works, and when he does earn a few dollars at some job or another, he drinks all before he goes home. Now, I know, though you drink, you take good care of your mother, and that you give her most of your pay every week. I cannot stay much longer with you," she said, looking at her watch, "for mother gave me only ten minutes, so before we part, I want to exact a promise from you."

"What is it, Lena?" the lad ventured to ask.

"I want you to promise that you will try your best to stop drinking. Do you promise, Arthur?"

"Yes, I promise," said the lad. Lena looked pleased.

"That is good," she said. Then she added in a very low tone, "I know you, Arthur, well enough to know your word is sufficient. I must now leave you; mother will wonder what is keeping me. Come Tuesday night again to see me."

"I will be pleased to come," said the lad, as he rose to go.

"Be good," Lena said as she showed the boy out, "and keep your promise."

When Arthur left Lena he went straight home, and to the great joy of his mother, he went in sober for the first night in many weeks.

"Mother," he said, as he was about to retire to his room for the night, "I am going to make the Mission, which begins next Sunday for single men in St. Dunstan's, and, as I promised Lena Fairbank to-night, I now also promise you that I will try my best to stop drinking."

"God bless you, my boy!" was all the overjoyed mother could say, as she burst into tears.

the city. The reason of this location you all know without my explaining it to-night. Let us enter this wretched abode and see for ourselves its desolation and want. On entering, what do we behold? We see, lying in one corner on a little, dirty straw or a few dirty rags, the wasted form of a young wife and mother, while at the farther end of the dingy room we see, to our horror, two or three dirty-faced children catching hold of each other's tattered rags through fear at the sight of strangers. The floor is beastly dirty, the walls are black and the ceiling, we notice, stands much in need of a white-wash brush. The chairs—the few that escaped the pawn shop—are broken, the table is minus a cloth, and for want of a leg, stands supported by the wall, while a little polisher would give a better appearance to the poor, old stove, which stands without fire in the middle of the room. Throw a morsel of bread to the little ones, and in a moment it is gone, eaten by the children who are by inches dying of starvation.

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"Where is the food that should feed you and your children?" is our next question.

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The young priest then explained the way in which the boy begins to drink. (Continued on page 7.)

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Since the joy "over a sinner doing penance" is general in heaven, we can well imagine what it must be to the heart of our Lord in particular. In the month of June we celebrate the glories of His Sacred Heart, which holy Church loves to specially commemorate each year.

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THE SCHOLAR CROWDS THE JAIL

In an article to his paper, the Picayune, of New Orleans, a correspondent writes as follows on this very important subject: "Never before in the history of the Penitentiary were so many young men, some from the best families, all of them young men of intelligence and education, being received at the prison."

"Young men have been coming in at an alarming rate at the Penitentiary, and they have about filled all of the clerical positions that the board has to offer."

"Just why there have been so many men of education and breeding received at this time the authorities of the Penitentiary are at a loss to know, but the prison records clearly show that there has been a marked increase within the past year."

"The young men do not come from any one section of the State, though of course the great majority are from New Orleans."

This brief, but sad, chronicle from the State prison is the simple announcement that Louisiana is falling in line with other sections of the country where "crimes of education" that require intellectual training to commit are assuming new phases and are increasing."

The fact noticed is a distressing one. Viewed as one of "the signs of the times," it is ominous, and wisdom suggests an inquiry into the cause or causes which produce this increase of crime, with a view of finding, if possible, the proper remedy for the evil.

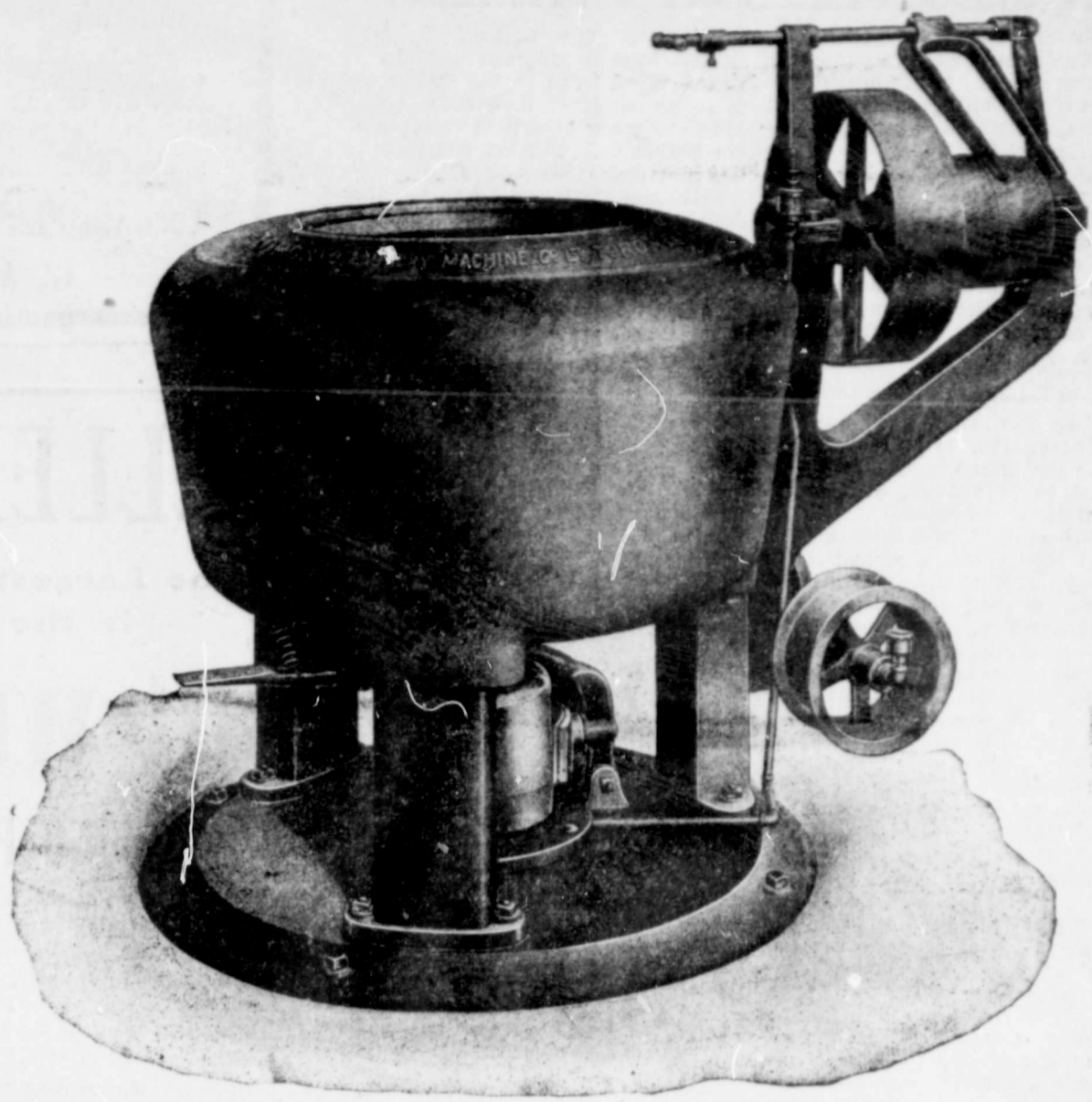
Let us address ourselves to this dual task, first tracing the evil to its cause, and then, seeking its remedy."

The Picayune's correspondent gives us a clue when he informs us that "financial difficulties got all these young men into trouble. Fast living, a desire for display and show that called for a great deal more than the earning of the young men lies at the bottom of their defalcations, forgeries and embezzlements, for which they are now wearing the felon's stripes and doing time in the State prison."

The fact admitted, let us seek the cause. The alarming frequency of these "crimes of education" furnishes proof evident that there is a marked disturbance in the moral life of the country. It evinces a relaxation in the moral and religious tone of the people, taken as a whole.

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WHAT THE MISSION DID FOR ARTHUR

(Continued from page 6.)

bad companions, and how for the sake of being considered brave by them, he goes in and takes his first drink, which, in many cases, makes a drunkard of him, and drags him deeper and deeper into degradation as the years go by.

Mrs. Collins' heart was filled with a great joy as she said: "Well done, my boy. I know since you were man enough to keep the promise you made to Lena and myself, that you will now keep the promise which you made to God tonight."

"I went to confession to-night, mother," the lad said, "and I will go to Holy Communion in the morning."

Years have rolled by since Arthur Collins took the pledge. The card, which he received from the young Redeemptorist Father that night, is still encased in a pretty little frame, and still hangs on the wall of his bedroom. He is now a partner of the Fairbank Company, and Lena, who joined the Church some years ago, is a very pious Catholic.

MANY CONVERTS.

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loosening and lowering its moral tone. Their votaries and propagandists are everywhere, in the public places, in the schools, on the platform, in the secular press, everywhere they advance insidiously their nefarious doctrines. They make the sciences, the arts and literature their vehicle, so that the intellectual atmosphere is strongly charged with their subtle poison.

check these sources of evil, you must train man's heart, develop his moral nature, teach him to control his will and to know and regard his relations with his Creator and his fellowman. By devoting itself to the intellectual training and to the physical development of the child, and ignoring the moral or religious training, it creates the impression in the receptive mind of the child that religion is a thing apart from man's every day life, and intellectual culture of more importance than moral and religious training.

It is logical then, to find the defects of the system admitted, even by its friends: "Crimes of education" are increasing at an alarming rate, not because education per se is promotive of crime, but because a false system of education sharpens the wits of men and increases their power for wrong doing, but utterly fails to teach them how to live, to regulate their hearts, to develop their moral faculties, to control their will, to subdue their passions and overcome their evil inclinations, to respect the rights of others, to observe the golden rule, to know, love and serve their God.

These are the conditions which confront the average educated young man as he steps forth to take his place as a worker in the ranks upon the stage of life. Whether he will float down the stream or manfully strive to stem the current to attain a nobler goal than mere material success, depends almost entirely upon the moral and religious training he has received in the preparation given him for the battle of life.

The great majority of our young men receive their training for life in the public school system. In the first instance, inquire into our system of public education, to determine whether it tends to train and prepare the child to meet and combat the evils of materialism with which the world is beset.

A little reflection serves to convince that the system, instead of combating the evil, lends itself to it, whether consciously or unconsciously, we will not say. The system tends to train and develop the intellect of the child but neglects the spiritual side, or moral nature of the child. It forgets that "intellectual cultivation has no effect in arresting the sources of evil in the human heart."

