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IRELAND SEEN THROUGH IRISH EYES

Copyright 1921 by Seumas MacManus THE PRESENT GREAT CRISIS

The present great crisis is a time eloquent voluntary testimony, with which leading Protestants, bishops of doubt, hesitation, confusion and conflict amongst Irish people, abroad as well as at home. Owing to the momentousness of the issue, it could hardly be otherwise. But, profiting by many bitter experiences of the past, everyone of us should make effort to insure that the conflict be open, frank, and unembittered. Every one of us should realize that brother Irishman who differs with him in conclusions loves Ire land just as much as he-and that he is just as sincere in the conclusions he has come to. We can show the world how a people engaged in fierce political turmoil can still con-tend as loving brethren of one loving mother, and each one of us can realize that both our brother accepts the Treaty and our brother who opposes it, are really striving for the same goal. Both of them are determined to work out Ireland's ultimate independence— but while one of them believes that to pause in the fight is fatal, the other just as surely believes that Mother Erin is too exhausted to toil onward along the bloody path with-out taking the opportunity now afforded to rest and gather the strength needed for winning her goal. We are really all one in mind; and, consequently, there is no reason why we should not settle the matter sensibly and sanely. By way of setting an example, I, hold-ing a very strong and decided opinion on the subject, refrain from thrusting it upon my readers. Let brotherly love and God's wisdom

Meantime, there is comfort and joy to be got from the fact that the Anglo-Irish minority throughout Southern and Western Ireland—that part which, being of British descent, rapidity projecting itself into real Irish nationalism. This is one of the biggest and most remarkable things in Irish life today—and the abilities fit us for, without suffer-one that is most reassuring for the ing any disability, either because of solidarity and the growth of a new

at my hard is an account of a recep-tion given by the Irish Guild of the Protestant Church to President De Valera, whereat De Valera was received and lauded with the great-est enthusiasm and fealty pledged to him. If anything were needed to increase an Irishman's pleasure at this news, it is supplied by the fact that this Protestant Church Guild has taken a Gaelic name—and Irish are, thank God, coming to realize that Ireland, not Britain, is their nation. The Chairman welcomed De Valera in a Gaelic speech. President of the Guild, Canon Willis, (a neighbor and schoolfellow of my own, from among my own hills of Donegal), joined in the welcome and outlined the objects of the Guild, namely, the promotion of Irish national ideals in the life and action of the Protestant Church.

Having spoken in Irish, President De Valera expressed in English his delight at the invitation enabling would him to meet again so many old friends, and to make the acquaintance of new ones. He was sure that, whilst the work of the Guild was fairly well known in Ireland, there would be quite a number abroad who would be surprised when they heard of the existence of such a body of Protestant opinion as this Guild of the Church of Ireideals. To foreigners it was made ences had their origin in religious antagonisms. All those present knew that that was untrue, but it was difficult to convince the stranger of its untruth.

He came there to demonstrate his own appreciation, and the appreciation of his colleagues, of the his colleagues, of the rk of the Guild.

He could not express more concisely what their ideals were than to say that they were the ideals of Thomas Davis — a Protestant, as they knew. If they wanted to realize the emotions and the hopes of those charged with guiding the present National movement in Ireland, they had only to read the writings of Davis. Their ideals were also, as they knew, the ideals of the Gaelic League from its foundation, and he was glad to see one of the founders of the Gaelic League and its former President, Dr. Douglas Hyde-also a Protestant-with them there.

MORE PROTESTANT TESTIMONY

A couple of week ago I gave in this column much testimony from Irish Protestant sources of the tolerant and brotherly spirit with which the Irish majority in four-

readiness of the Anglo-Irish Pro-testant minority to become national and join loving hands with the Irish Nationalists in working for an Irish nation—I give some further

and otherwise, have come out.

The Right Rev. Dr. Day, Protestant patriots ant Bishop of Ossory, speaking at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod in Kilkenny, said, on October 25th, 1921: "The members of our Church in the South of Ireland are but a minority of the repulsion."

The Frish Protestant are the canonised saints of Irish nationality. "Dr. Gregg has also, one may feel sure, noted with pleasure that in the Ministry of Dail Eireann (though but a small body in but a minority of the population. In some parts they are very few and scattered. But they are real Irishmen, with just as strong and patriotic love for their country as any other portion of the community. They have a big stake in the country, and a real contribution to make to its welfare; and they want some kind of assurance that they will be allowed to live in peace and quietness where their forefathers have lived for centuries before them. That is all they ask. They ask no favor and no preferential treatment. They only ask to be given a fair chance, as they have been given it in the past, and to be allowed to use their brains and their energies, for their own livelihood and for the good of the

country in general."
The Right Rev. Dr. Dowse, Protestant Bishop, speaking on October 26th, 1921, at a meeting of the Synod of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, said: "We thankfully recognize that throughout our diocese so many Churchmen and Roman Catholics live side by side on terms of friendship and goodwill. As we look out into the future we have grounds for hope. We have never desired a change of rulers. But if change does come, then, whatever be the form of government established in the future, and under which we must live, we believe, without any conceit or pride, that the contribution we can bring will be necessary if our

country is to reach its highest level . . . We want to know that we shall be able to attain whatever position in the State our talents and our religion or of our politics. We are glad to hear so many assurances The Irish papers are full of evidences of this new trend of the Anglo-Irish toward Irishism. Here Anglo-Irish toward Irishism. Here political life of the country will be None of us want conducted. . . None of us want partition. We are too small for it.

Our hope lies in unity.

The Right Rev. Dr. Sterling
Berry, Protestant Bishop, speaking
at the Clonfert and Kilmacduagh Synod at Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, on October 25th, 1921, said: "To attempt to solve national problems by a resort to force is as irrational that its leading members are cultivating the Gaelic language. They evidently want no half-way house—but, after centuries, these Anglo-like are thank God coming to the coercion can never win the hearts of the goerced new it only converged. of the coerced-nay, it only serves to deepen animosity and accentuate bad feeling.

> taking place. Confidently, we anticpate the coming future of a settlement that will bind Great Britain and Ireland into a union which no Act of Parliament could ever bring about. "And if the settlement comes

> what is our attitude to be to the new order of government in this land. . . Most earnestly I would plead for loyal support of the new order of government that would follow a settlement, and for hearty co-operation to the utmost of our power. . . I do not share," His Lordship added, "the views of those who are already forecasting for us troublous times

in this part of the country."
Mr. Henry J. Walker, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, writing under date October 21st, 1921, to the Irish Times, says: "Always excepting some inhabitants of a limited area some inhabitants of a limited area." in North-East Ulster, few Irish men will quarrel with Dr. Gregg's Protestant Archbishop of Dublin exposition of the rights of minorities. . . Dr. Gregg has, no doubt, in mind the practical proof of sympathy given by Mr. De Valera whose hearty support of proportional representation evidenced a devotion to principle not common amongst politicians-Sinn Fein, as the majority, not standing to benefit by the change, but quite otherwise. And he, doubtless, contrasts this disinterested action with the very different course pursued on that occasion by the Belfast

political guides. "The Archbishop also recollects that, during the long history of the national movement in Ireland, the leaders whom the people most delighted to honor living, and whose memories are held in most tender affection, belonged to the religion of the minority. He knows that the favorite political teacher of Irish Nationalists is the Protest-

"And the Archbishop reflects with well-founded certitude that the religion of Emmet, of Mitchell, and of Parnell will not suffer persecu-tion in Ireland. As an eminent Irish priest and patriot, the late Monsignor Kelly, said on a memor-able occasion: "The Irish Protest-

"Dr. Gregg has also, one may feel sure, noted with pleasure that in the Ministry of Dail Eireann (though but a small body in number) there are two of his own religion, and that among the repre sentatives of our people at the present Conference there is a distinguished Irish Protestant, while both the secretaries to the Irish Delegation are of that faith."

SEUMAS MACMANUS Of Donegal.

COLLINS' GRASP OF REALITIES

IRELAND AS THE PIVOT OF A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By Michael Collins in Manchester Guardian For centuries England strove to reduce Ireland to the position of an English province. Irish civilisation association which will be satisfacture to be associated together by the only association which will be satisfacture to be associated together by the only association which will be satisfacture to be associated together by the original toget was to be blotted out, the Gael was to go, Irish lands were to be given to aliens, Irish industries were to be destroyed, Irish development was to prevented, Ireland was to utilized according to the colonial policy to feed and enrich England. A paper in the Record Office, dated

All advantageous projects for commercial gain in any colony, which are truly prejudicial to and inconsistent with the interests of the mother country, must understood to be illegal, and practice of them unwarrantable, because they contradict the end for which the colonies had a being.

This policy was first applied to all

the colonies, including the American Colonies, but it broke down over the American Colonies. Though they were founded by English colonists and peopled largely by their descendants the colonists were not willing to exist solely for the purpose of feeding and enriching a mother country, and they fought for and won their independence. nineteenth century the idea of freedom grew up.

The other colonies by peaceful growth have developed into practical independence, and are now only willing to be associated with Great Britain in a free and equal partner-ship. "We have received a posi-tion of absolute equality and freedom, not only among the other dom, not only among the other states of the Empire but among the other nations of the world" [General Smuts, September, 1919.] "The indomitable spirit of Canada made her incapable of accepting at the Peace Conference, in the League of inferior to nations less advanced in "Anxiously, but trustfully, we await the outcome of what is now dowed in wealth sources and poputheir development, less amply enlation, no more complete in their sovereignty." Sir R. Borden, overeignty.

Ireland has never been a British colony. She has been a separate nation kept subject by a more powerful neighbour for that neighbour's own advantage, but she has never ceased to fight for her freedom, and now, after centuries of political struggle and armed conflict, she has won independence. The British people hardly realise the change which has come and the nature of the new era which is dawning, not only for the two islands, but for the whole world. All former phases of the Anglo-Irish struggle - the independence of Grattan's Parliament, extorted under pressure of the Irish Volunteers during England's period of danger from Europe and America, the Act of Union revoking Engagement dominate Ireland and to control lrish destinies in England's interests. England has now in substance renounced that claim, and the business of the Irish Conference is to with the people of America, and they would both share in a common internationality with the people of America, and they would both share in a common internationality with the people of America.

a sort of provincial autonomy for Ireland such as was contemplated in the Home Rule Bills, but to agree on mothed by which the line and would render unnecessary those safeguards which England wishes to impose upon Ireland and which by on a method by which the interna-tional concerns of the two countries—foreign affairs, defence, trade, and communications—may be dealt with for their mutual security and advancement. Home Rule Bill may have been "practical politics before the recognition of the independence of the Colonies. With

fifths of Ireland regarded the Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. We head not class nor creed nor clan, was invited to found a monastery in the Archbishop reflects with readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. We head not class nor creed nor class nor creed nor death of the pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. We head not class nor creed nor class nor creed nor death of the pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of our subject this week—the new readiness of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority is a second minority of the Anglo-Irish Protestant minority. In pursuance of the Anglo-Ir solution is almost as urgent in the interests of British security and world-peace. The history of Treland as an ancient independent nation, which is now at last receiving recognition, is utterly different from that of the Colonies, who have gradually outgrown the tutelage of their mother country, but though their relation to England differs so widely Ireland and her Dominion present now to England an immediate problem containing the same elements in essence. The Colonies, as full-grown children, are restive under any appearance of parental restraint, though willing to co-operate with the parent on an equal footing in regard to all family affairs. Ireland as a separate nation would be also restive under any control from the neighbouring nation but equally willing to cooperate in free associations on all urgency a matters which would be naturally questions.

the common concern of two nations living so closely together.

The problem on both sides can only be solved by recognising without limitation the complete independence of the several countries and dence of the several countries, and only on that basis can they all be and to the Dominions for Ireland to enter will be one based not on the present technical legal status of the Dominions, but on the real position which they claim and have in fact secured. In the interest of all the associated States, in the interest, above all, of England herself, it is essential that the present de facto position should be recognised de jure, and that all its implications as regards sovereignty, allegiance, constitutional independence of the Governments should be acknow-

An association on the foregoing conditions would be a novelty in the world. But the world is looking for such a development, and it is necessary if the old world of internecine conflict is to emerge into the new world of co-operative harmony. For such an association would be the pattern for national co-operation on a wider scale, and might form the nucleus of a real League of Nations of the world. Great Britain has now popportunity to lay the foundations of such a new world-order in the relations to be established between the nations of British Commonwealth. In such a real League of Nations there would be no inequality of status. Oaths of allegiance from one nation to another would become meaningless and would be quite unnecessary where there would be real allegi-ance of all to the common interests. The creation of such a League is the best, indeed the only possible way for England to obtain the permanent security which she needs. The only bond by which the British Commonwealth of Nations elsewhere, a status can be kept together is that there should be no bond inconsistent with the freedom and equality of any of the nations included in the group. General Smuts has given warning any association which League of Free Nations. The colonies can only be kept if they are themselves on a free and equal footing and if such a footing is also conceded to Ireland, as a free partner in the group. If Ireland were free all the component nations of the group would be bound firmly

America be willing to enter? doing so America would be on way to secure the world ideal of free, equal, and friendly nations or which her aspirations are so firmly fixed. Ireland's inclusion as a free member of this League would have a powerful influence in consolidating the whole body, for Ireland is herself a mother country with world-wide influences, and it is Home scarcely to be doubted that were land's plighted promises, Home Rule Bills representing merely the exigencies of British party politics all these are now seen to have been surely wish America to be assobut incidents in the English claim to ciated in such a combination. In nounced that claim, and the business of the Irish Conference is to shape the form of the partnership or alliance in which two peoples of equal nationhood may be associated for the benefit of both.

The problem is not now to define the common internationality with the people of America, and the other free nations of the League. Through the link of Ireland a cooperation and understanding would arise between England and America, preserving an element of restraint might render less satisfactory the new relations between the two

countries. If America were able to ente such a League a further move would be made towards world-peace "I am

Dominions to Independent Statehood has matured and the progress which small group now en rake this great work.

the British Commonwealth can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations makes it necessary to consider how far the members of the group have attained to independent nationality and what further steps should be taken to declare and secure such a standard of independ-The possibility that America might be willing to join such a League of Nations gives further urgency and importance to these

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"IT WAS NOTHING"

AS MODEST AS HE IS BRAVE, IS JERRY DRISCOLL

Jerry Driscoll of 122 Henderson Avenue, New Brighton, fires an engine on the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad between St. George and Arlington. At the end of his run last evening he hastened home to his wife and three children, refusing to talk about a little incident in the day's work that he described as "nothing." This is the "nothing" he did:

Poising himself an instant be-

tween swaying locomotive and tender of his speeding train, without so much as a word to his com-panion in the cab, he dived into Bodine Creek, ten feet deep, rescued a drowning boy who had been tossed, injured aud helpless, into the icy water, went back to his engine cold and sopping and finited his run.

ished his run. The boy was William Alexander, a high school student, fourteen years old, of 20 Trinity Place, West New Brighton. He was taking a short cut to his home over the railroad trestle when the train came along behind him. The lad became ingutened and confused as the engineer sent blast after blast to warn him. Instead of stepping to warn nim. Instead of stepping to the opposite track he remained directly in the path of the train. It was going a good clip when the pilot struck him a glancing blow and sent him sailing through the

air into the creek.

The tide was running in from Staten Island Sound, the water was swift and high and the boy landed almost unconscious with an injured head and both arms hurt.

Even while the engineer with his emergency brake set was trying to stop the train, Driscoll saw the boy go down and knew that he would be drowned if he waited until the train had halted some distance away. There was no one else in sight to try the rescue, so Driscoll jumped without stopping to reckon resign because of his unbelief.

A few strokes brought him to William's side as the boy came up after his first immersion. Jerry swam with him to the bank as passengers from the rear coaches of the t-ain which had stopped a little way ahead came hurrying back to way ahead came hurrying back to shake his dripping hand.
William was speeded to St. Vincent's Hospital in an ambulance.

He died soon afterward from his Before the boy reached the hospital Driscoll, eager to escape the plaudits of those on the train, had hurried back to his cab, mentioned the advisability of "letting her go"

PASSIONIST PRIESTS ON WAY TO CHINA

to the engineer, and was busy with

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Five young Passionist priests and a lay brother of the same order, passed through Chicago Monday on their way to Hunan province, in Central China, as pioneers of the Passionist Missioners in China. These young men left behind forever their families and boyhood friends, because under the vows they have made they will never return from their missions

The missionaries were met at the train bringing them from the east

Father Eugene, provincial di-rector of the Western Province accompanied the missionaries to

The possibility of such a League and the need for it would be more clear-tion was extended to the head of the ly understood if it were more fully order in Rome, but he was unable to recognized how far the claim of the accept. It has been left to the small group now en route to under-

has been made in finding ways in which independent nations may act in concert.

Mr. Lloyd George's invitation to the Irish representatives to consist of the ways segrigation with the parties of the presentative ways of the presentative ways. the Irish representatives to consider Brother Lambert Rudde. All of how association with the nations of the priests have been ordained within the last five years.

COLLEGES TEACHING ATHEISM

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Rationalistic and atheistic teaching by pro-fessors in American secular colleges for men and women is robbing hundreds of students in these in-stitutions of their Christian faith, Rev. B. F. Daugherty, a Presbyterian minister, declared in an address to members of the Ministerial Union of Philadelphia here this week. Rev. Mr. Daugherty is pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian church,

Dr. Daugherty cited by name two leading colleges for women in which, he said, he had heard of cases of college professors deliberately working to destroy the faith of their pupils. In one of these institutions, he said, a professor teaches his unbelief to the students, and then has the class vote on the question, "Is there a God?" This professor is happy, Dr. Daugherty said, when a majority of the class

The speaker told of a mother who, after making great sacrifices, was able to send her daughter to one of these women's colleges. she discovered that, owing to the doubt and unbelief of certain professors, the girl lost her faith in Christianity, she ended her daughter's college career at the end of the first year.

"Rationalistic criticism of the Bible is being taught by teachers and professors in schools, High schools, colleges and universities throughout the country," Dr. Daugherty said, and added that it is undermining or destroying the religion which students acquire m their training at home church during their early years.
This rationalistic criticism had its

origin in certain European teaching which has been absorbed, he said by many American clergymen and educators. As an example of the rationalistic views which he im-Daugherty repeated what he declared was one scholar's definition of the devil. This student wrote, "The devil is a vacuum." The ministers laughed heartily at this.

An assertion that rationalism had

crept into confessional schools was made by Rev. Dr. James M. S. Isenberg, pastor of Trinity Reformed church. He said that a touche, Kent County, has been deprofessor at a well known Pennsylvania college conducted under Protestant auspices was forced to at \$2,000,000. It was the largest and one of the most magnificently

TWO NOTED PAULISTS

New York, Dec. 6.-Two of the this week. They are the Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, superior-general of the Paulist Order and the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, whose "Question Box" has attained a circulation of 2,500,000 copies.

Both priests are of the same age. They were born in New York City, studied together at St. Thomas' Paulist College in Washington, were ordained together and studied for two years at the Catholic University ity, where both received the degree of S. T. D. and S. T. L.

Father Burke was elected sixth superior general of the Paulist Community in 1919. Previous to that time, in 1913, he had been chosen to establish the Paulist foundation at Toronto, Canada, and after his appointment as superior he visited Rome and obtained permission from the Holy Father to crect a Paulist house in the Eternal City. Father Conway has been doing

issionary work continuously for twenty-three years, the largest continuous space of time devoted to this work by any Paulist missionary. train bringing them from the east by Father Alphonse, vice rector of the Passionist Monastery at Norwood Park, a Chicago suburb, and wood Park, a Chicago suburb, and wisited the monastery during visited the monastery during He is noted particularly for the eleven State and nine hundr success of his missions and lectures sixty are local organizations. verts into the Church, and has are, as a rule, not very enthusiastic preached and lectured in more than 300 cities of the United States. He is also a prolific contributor to the Catholic World and in 1917 founded called from the Anglican vicar of a the Catholic Unity League, which already begun by the agreement to be arrived at in the Washington Conference in regard to the seranbe arrived at in the Washington be arrived at in the Washington that recognition they are now out of date. While Anglo-Irish relations have taken on this aspect with an apparent suddenness which is almost bewildering to the ordinary British mind, it happens that at the

CATHOLIC NOTES

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Two girls, arrested for shoplifting, were sentenced to "twenty-four hours of meditation and prayer" by Police Court Justice Shove yesterday. "Spend twenty-four hours in medi-tation and prayer," said the Judge.

London, Dec. 9. - Catholics in England have been increasing for some years past at the rate of one per cent. of the total population in every nine years, according to A. H. Nankivell who writes on "The Prospects of Catholicism in Eng-land" in a recent is ue of The

New York, Dec. 2.—A shell-torn Bible, taken from the pulpit of the Protestant church at Rheims, which was ruined in the German advance of 1914, was presented by Marshal Foch to a delegation of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, when it called on him at the home of DeLancey Kountze, where he stayed while in this city.

Paris, Dec. 2.—French Catholics will probably soon create an athletic association for young girls on the order of the very flourishing one which now exists for boys. This is the outcome of one of the principal resolutions passed by the general congress of Athletic and Sporting Federation of the Patronages of

Cologne, Germany, Dec. 5.—As a result of the protest from Catholic organizations, the Belgian Government has withdrawn the order that German priests who had been appointed to parishes in the district of Eupen-Malmedy since 1914, and who had failed to become Belgian citizens, should quit the district. The order was to have been effective

Montevideo, Dec. 11.-The Archbishop of Montevideo recently issued a letter urging Catholics to withdraw from the Y. M. C. A., and as a result some twenty young men of social prominence left the organization and started a movement for a club of their own. The Catholic Club of the city, in response to a petition signed by 300 prominent Catholics, has decided to undertake the direction of a gymnasium and clubhouse for the Cath-

The activity of the National Catholic Welfare Council (U. S. A.) in favor of the establishment of community centers and places of recreation for the growing boy, as well as the formation and development of Boy Scout troops will be pushed with renewed energy. New fields into which the Council will enter include the formation of dramatic and musical gilds and aiding the Catholic Actors' Guild in its nation-wide program.

Moneton New Brunswick, Dec. 23. -The Catholic Church at Bucstroyed by fire, with a loss estimated furnished churches in Kent County, shippers. The fire is supposed to have originated from a furnace in the basement. It started at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and when discovered had made such headway that the flames could not be

The French Government recognized the power of the Catho-lic Federation of Boys Patron-ages by calling one of its directors to act as a member of the National Athletic Committee which advises the Minister of War on questions of physical training. The Government has also decreed that societies forming part of the Federation have the same rights enjoyed by the official societies in giving to young men the athletic training and military preparation imposed by the law.

Washington, D. C.—The National Council of Catholic Men enrolled its 1,000th Catholic society last week when the Knights of Columbus, No. 608, of Tiffin, Ohio, was enlisted in the ranks of the militant body that is carrying out its programme of religious and civic activities in practically every part of the United States. Of these 1,000 organizations, eleven are national societies, twenty are dioce eleven State and nine hundred and

London, Dec. 9. - Anglican vicars are, as a rule, not very enthusiastic ton Gonference seems to have called from the Anglican vicar of a church in Camberwell, a London suburb, a suggestion that the Pope should be called into council to see what can be done to further world peace. The vicar's idea is that the heads of the Christian Churches should get together and discuss what is to be the general point of agreement for promoting the peace of the world.

THE WILD BIRDS OF KILLEEVY

BY ROSA MULHOLLAND (LADY GILBERT)

CHAPTER I-CONTINUED

But the courage of the little maid was equal to the occasion, and she gave back trill for trill and shake for shake. Kevin lurked behind the tree and listened, and Fanchea's

strife with the thrush. of her godfathers, never fear, and of ner godiatners, never fear, and it's himself that came to give her a lesson. It will be the blackbird's turn next, I'm thinking. I must teach her some verses to sing to their music."

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Fanchea's mother was very proud of the child, and loved to keep her curly locks bright and trim, and to arrange her little scarlet coats so as to enhance the white and the softness of her great, dark eyes. There was a fantastic daring about the mite in her out-door sports, and a sweet, sympathetic expression in her dealings with other creatures, which made her the pet and playmate of everything that lived. When the mountain children held their play in the grass going round and round, with children held their play in the grass, going round and round, with grass beside them.

"Oh, it's only out of her head," linked hands, in a living chain, it was little Fan who sang the tune to sir; about everything she sees. which they moved; and when the little leader was in a carolling mood, there were endless varieties introduced into the music and the game. As she grew older, she acquired a habit of singing almost acquired a habit of singing almost acquired a habit of singing almost acquired as head to savi and indicated. I learn books, sir, I can't learn books, sir, I can't which they moved; and when the everything she had to say; and when a story was told to her, she was sure to make a song about it. She soon came to be known among the cottagers as the little singer; and Sibbie, her grandaunt, long famous for her shrill ballads and weird laments, pointed with half-melancholy pride to the melodious little creature, explaining that this beautiful and promising voice could only reach perfection through the

extinction of her own.

The tiny girl was likely to be spoilt with praise and kindness, and the pious young mother con-sulted the priest as to the difficulty of rearing such a fascinating child. 'If she were pretty without the

voice," said the fond mother, toss ing back her darling's curls with one hand, and smoothing them down with the other, "or if she had the voice without being so

"Should you like her better?" asked the old man gravely, studying the child's innocent face with a benign and serious eye.
"Well, no, Father," said poor
Maury, "I cannot say that I would."

Maury, "I cannot say that I would "Neither would God, who made "Neither would Free Who her," said the priest. "He who made bird and flower, color and song, does not bestow any of his gifts at random. Do your part with his help, and leave the rest to

That same day, Father Ulick spoke from the altar of the Savi-our's love for little children; and every evening after this he gathered the little ones into the church in an interval of their sport and heard them sing their simple hymns. The voice of the old shep-herd was weak and unski led, but it quavered forth bravely and led the little choir. Above the shrill sound always one full, clear note, with a free, liquid warble that filled the of the other childish voices heart with joy. The priest heard it with wonder and emotion.

"It is the voice of the bird," he said, "untrammelled and untamed. May she always be content with the mountain nest, the audience of Nature, the arena of heaven. God take care of thee, little wild bird of Killeevy!" And a blessing was directed

specially on one curly pate, as he made the mystical sign of redemption above the heads of the young flock.

CHAPTER II

THE TWO FRIENDS

Father Ulick lived in a cabin no better than Shawn Rua's where a large crucifix, a small bed, a pot of "Be mignonette, a table covered with books and papers, were nearly all that the sun discovered in his chamber besides himself. His old soutane was rusty and threadbare, and his biretta had been many and his biretta had been many times mended and re-covered by unskillful hands. A heavy cloak, hanging in the corner, with a riding-whip above it, told of distant sick-calls upon stormy nights; the ink splashes on the table-cover hinted of communion with the far world beyond the barriers of sea and mountain; the marks in his books betrayed intimacy with another world, companionship in lonely hours, and tranquil enjoyment when labor was done. Various notes and papers at his hand could have borne witness to active interest in the welfare of his parishion-ers; and above all this the smokestained crucifix on the wall suggested the mainspring of the old man's unruffled patience and of his deep contentment with his life.

Contentment with his life.

Into this little chamber walked Connor Mor on a Sunday after Mass, and sitting on the edge of a chair, twirling his hat, complained to the priest about his foolish son.

"He's no better then a fool "He's no better than a fool, Father," said Connor; "I'm altogether disappointed in him."

see, he can't hardly as much as babe read his Prayer Baok."

knowing a letter."

"He isn't a saint nor a hero,"
said the father, disconsolately. "I
wanted him to be a clerk and a
book-learned man like Shawn Kua. His mother and myself were set on it; but he's that stupid that the the tree and listened, and results that the voice sank deep into his heart.

"I told you the birds would be looking after her," said Shawn looking after her," said Shawn Rua, when Kevin told him of her strife with the thrush. "He's one strife with the thrush." "He's one strife with applications with anybody but that quare strife with the thrush. "He's one in the said of the s neighbors remark it, and laught about him. He makes no companions with anybody but that quare little singing girl of Maury Oge's. It's not natural for such a big lout

to enhance the whiteness of her skin and the softness of her great, dark young pair, the baby and the big

"Are you not tired of listening to er? Wouldn't it be better for you

'I can't learn books, sir, I can't leed. I want to hear things. indeed. Fan teaches me a deal, sir.' Teaches you?

"Yes, sir; she puts beautiful things in my head."
Father Uf k looked at the kin dling face of the boy, generally so heavy and absent in expression. A new soul looked out of the face—new to the priest who marked the strange light and ardor with

She puts beautiful things in your head? Then listen to her, my boy," and Father Ulick put his hand on the same curious head, blessed the pair of friends and passed on.

"What do I put in your head?" round the big boy's neck, and rub-bing her little cheek against his. Oh, I don't know how to tell

you," said Kevin; "I would if I could. I see things while you are singing - such splendid, things!"
"Where are they?" asked Fan,

peering about curiously.
"Oh, up in the clouds there, and floating over the sea. Sometimes they go away the moment you stop singing; sometimes they stay for ever so long after; sometimes they come back again when I am dream-

ing at night."
Fan, being only five years old, found no mystery in anything, and accepted Kevin's "beautiful things" as only a natural part of this beautiful world.

'Do you like them to come back?'

"I bo you like them to come back she asked contentedly.
"Of course I do," said Kevin.
"Then I will sing, sing all the time." said Fan, beginning to warble her conversation. "Shawn says I belong to the birds. Why have I not wings? I want to fly have I not wings? I want to fly went the sea and the mountains."
"What "The child will never be good for the with draughts of buttermilk."

would become of me "But I could take you on my ngs," carolled Fan, gaily.
'I am too heavy; I should break wings,' down your wings; and both of us would be drowned in the sea."

"There are great big birds that come from far away—you told me about them once. One of them about them once. One of them ought to come and carry us both across the sea. Where would they take us to, I wonder. Is there any more world over there?"

"There is a great deal more forld besides this mountain, I now. Shawn Rua told me of parts of it. It is all written about in

Why don't you learn your "Because I am stupid; everybody

tells me so."
"What is stupid?" about the things I want to know.
If I could read Shawn's books now! But I can't get on so far. I get tired of trying, and I would rather

What is thinking ?" "Having things in your mind a long time, and going over them."

And is thinking not clever "Oh, no; anybody can do that."
"I hope I am stupid," warbled little Fan; "for I would like to be

the same as you.' Maury Oge was fond of Kevin because of his devotion to her little girl; and it was rather a help to her that Fan was so much in the safe company of such a steady big

"Come into my mother's, Kevin," cried little Fan, running to meet him on his way home from work: "she has got such a beautiful Indian cake baking on the fire for you." And Kevin left his spade outside the door and went in and sat at the fire, with Fanchea on his knee, turning the cake for Maury who was busy with other things. In the corner sat Sibbie, the grandaunt, rocking the cradle and croongether disappointed in him."
What is wrong with the boy,
Connor Mor?"
What is wrong with the boy,
The corner sat Sibbie, the grand-

"I wanted him to be a clerk, and ee, he can't hardly as much as ead his Prayer Baok."

"Take the bellows and blow, "Take the bellows and blow, "Well, can't he pray?" asked Kevin," said Fan, "and I'll sing you read his Prayer Baok."

"Well, can't he pray?" asked the priest; "and can't he also dig? If he will not learn to read, you cannot make him; and saints and heroes have lived and died without knowing a letter."

"Take the bellows and blow, Kevin," said Fan, "and I'll sing you a song about the sparks flying up the chimney! Only I must whisper singing, because Aunt Sibbie is telling baby about the angels."

She laid her cheek against his and

She laid her check against his and coued a little fantastic song. Now, do you see anything in the fire

ing upon one another and falling on every side. Now they are all conquered but a few horsemen, who are riding away with a banner; but as the root of them, and shrivelled and scorent them to the root. Then came the fever, creeping like a hideous ghound the mountain side, and sitting them to the root. The mountain side, and sitting them to the root. The mountain side, and shrivelled and scorent them to the root. The came the fever, creeping like a hideous ghound the mountain side, and shrivelled and scorent them to the root. The came the fever came the feve they are moving up a hill they are changed into the walls of a palace, with a flag flying from it. A great crowd rises up in front, and I see a noble bishop and a king with a crown. It is St. Patrick preaching them.

What is he doing that for ?" "To make the people love God. Just the way Father Ulick preaches

to us, you know,"
"And what do you see next?" "Now I see the palace walls open, and there is a great wide hall, all across the fire, and a long table, and the king is at a feast with his nobles round him. In front of him sits an old bard—" to the raiters and sank amid sobbing and muttering—a sad substitute for and muttering—a sad substitute for an amid sobbing and muttering—a sad substitute for an amid substitut

Shawn saw one and heard it played; journey to see a big town. He showed me a little picture of a blind harper playing on a harp; it was on

in, in the shop where he bought it."
"Was the blind harper a bard?" Shawn. Long ago the bards wandered about the country with their not go, only I leave her to you.

a bit of paper torn out of a book

"The bard is singing and touching his harp. He sings of great things that have been done. The king puts down his gold cup and listens. His beautiful daughter is sitting beside him. Her long hair is sitting beside him. Her long hair is down to the ground. Her name is

"What a queer name!"
"It is one of Shawn's stories.
Princesses don't have common names, you know."
"Well?"

they are all changed into golden clouds, moving, moving; and I see the Blessed Virgin rising up into heaven, with all the glory round

her—
"Just the way she is in my
hymn!" cried Fanchia. "Is she
there still? I'll sing it for her."
And she began to warble softly an
ancient Gaelic hymn to the Virgin
Triumphant which had been sung in Triumphant, which had been sung in the mountains since the days of St.

The child will never be good anything but singing," said Maury Oge, as she and her husband and Sibbie sat at the table over their sibbie sat at the table over their sibbie sat at the table over their satisfications. supper of potatoes. "Never so ong as that boy is such a fool about

"Don't deny them the pleasures of God," said Sibbie, nodding her yellow - turbaned head solemnly. A song is a blessing, I can tell you. Many a heart I have lightened in my time with a twist of a tune. There's different kinds of songs, and they come in their turn; there's sleepy song that brings rest, and the merry song that puts care out of the door and brings in laugh-ing and dancing; there's the deathkeen that opens the sore heart and lets out the tears (long may it be before she sings it;) and there's the story-song that is like news of old times, and makes the spinning-wheel go quick and the time by fast. So,

Shemus and Maury, you mustn't be ungrateful."
"We're not, indeed," said

Shemus.

"And when she's singing to ease your hearts for you some day, remember whose voice is on the tip of her tongue. If the poor old aunt never did much for you else, she did that much at least. Every song she sings is taking the breath out of my body and calling me away to the other world. And I'll be glad to go home to my glory, my dears, I'll be glad to home to my glory. There I'll have my voice again, and plenty to do with it. The singing there is grander than anything you could hear on the mountain. I hear could hear on the mountain. I hear it at night sometimes, and I'd like to be helping with it. But it's time for the child to be in her bed."

for the child to be in her bed."
Fan said her night prayers at Kevin's kuee, uttering the words in a sort of low chant, and sometimes finishing her petition or thanksgiving with a little curl of melody that fell on Kevin's heart with an indescribable sweetness. Then, as Sibbie loosened the strings of her pinafore, Kevin folded back the cover of her little bed which stood in a corner of the kitchen, and

solemnity, and bidding them all good-night, took his spade from beside the door and went home.

> CHAPTER III. CHANGES

what do you see? I can't see anything but red, red cinders, and lumps of turf, and blazes!"

"I see a great plain, and a battle going on that Shawn read about last night. The warriors are rush them to the root. Then came the fever, creeping like a hideous ghoul sitting

On a hot autumn day, Maury Oge and her young husband, Shemus, lay dead, side by side, in their cabin, with a fair-haired boy laid by their feet, and a year-old babe between

In a corner of the room two or three old women were keening dismally, with their elbows set on their knees and their heads between their hands. The weird music rang up to the rafters and sank amid sobbing

"What is that?"

"A bard is a man who sings stories and plays on a harp—a thing that makes beautiful music—far finer than the Boccagh's fiddle. Shawn saw one and heard it played: little face white and fixed with grief. little face white and fixed with grief Shawn saw one and heard it played; that was once when he went a long journey to see a big town. He showed me a little picture of a blind showed me a little picture of a blind

sign of waking and recognition.

A step sounded outside the door, and Kevin came in. He had been that his tobacco was wrapped up busy all the morning doing last services to Maury and Shemus; and "I am not sure; I don't know all the time Maury's last words to "I am not sure; I don't know all the time Maury's last words to him had been beating about his that he sang anything but I will ask that he sang anything but I will ask him had been beating about his that he sang anything but I will heart—"I could not die, I could have to you. My all the time Maury's last words to harps, and they were great people, and kings were glad to see them."

"Go on, Kevin, and see more."

"The bear of the state of the stat

good; but the priest was old, and little Fan was of finer clay than the people around her. To quiet youth, who was called stupid, her dying heart turned in its last

"Dar Thula gets up and presents a cup of wine to the old bard. He drinks it and kisses her hand. Now they are all changed into golden they are all changed in the golden they are all changed in the golden they are all changed in the bring her there.

Speaking in the intensity of feeling, he had uttered, with simplicity, nore of the truth than he often ventured to express. To the dying ears that caught them the words did not seem exaggerated, and no ther ears were by to hear. When Kevin came in, Fan got up

and stole to meet him clinging to him and laying her soft cheek against his strong side. They will not speak," she whisted; "and they are all so cold.

Why are they so cold when the sun is shining?"
Kevin sat down upon the stool, and gathering her up on his knees hid her face on his shoulder.

"They see the angels; they are looking at God," he whispered; why they cannot look at that is Fanchea's tears began to

'Will God never let them look at us again?" she asked, sobbing. Kevin only answered by kissing her dark head again and again, stroking her soft hair with his great hand, and soothing her like a baby till she fell asleep in his arm. Then he carried her, creeping, lest she should wake, into a neighbour's cabin, where he laid her on a bed covered with a mended checker

All was over, the grave was filled and smoothed, the prayers were said, the priest had spoken his simple sermon, and the bitter lamentation of the keen had broken forth again. The crowd was about to disperse when a small flying to disperse, when a small, flying figure was seen on the road above

for the consecrated spot.

'It is the child. 'Tis little Fan may the Lord look to her!" passed

young mother, whose own eyes were

onee, onee, onee!"
Fanchea darted like a swallow in at the gate, her long hair floating, her eyes strained, her face white.
She looked wildly round a crowdy on

and then her eyes fell eagerly on the ground, searching among the 'Where have you put them?" she cried, with a frantic sob.

You have aug a hole; you have put them in the ground; you have

covered up their faces with the horrible clay!" TO BE CONTINUED

WOMEN ARE QUEER | band would be to hear about the

It is strange what an influence the veriest trifle may have on the fate of an individual. If Mrs. Wise's shoe string had not come untied, and she had not stopped on the Hewitt's front porch to adjust it, she would not have caught the bit of conversation which floated out to she would not have caught the bit of conversation which floated out to her through the open door.

"I had no idea matters were that serious with the Wises." The

serious with the Wises. The listener recognized Mrs. Gobey's sharp little voice.
"Neither had I," was the reply from Mrs. Hewitt. "He told Wildfrom Mrs. Hewitt. liam himself — said he couldn't stand it much longer. He loathes style, and visiting, and parties; and

ized that the voices were approach-ing. What on earth would she do? She couldn't get away now without betray her. . She stepped back, twisted viciously. She gave a gasp of pain and leaning against the wall pushed the bell. The two women two almost with door and take her mind off this pain would take her mind

"Why, Mrs. Wise!" Mrs. Hewitt had one ghastly moment while she thought Mrs. Wise had overheard, wildered, anguish thought. Phil

almost fainted as the low shoe was emoved showing an insistent swel-

ling at the ankle.
"Oh, I hope it isn't broken!"

"It isn't broken." The injured woman tried to smile but her lips were unsteady. "I turned on my ankle at the corner—" she did not argument about it—not one that argument about it—not one that argument about it—not one that want them to think there was any possibility of her having heard that snatch of conversation—"and I tried my best to get here. It's a good thing it happened so near. I'd hate awfully," she did achieve the own disappointment in him. That the could steep to disappointment in him. That strange doorstep. You're awfully brave-"

"It must have hurt you dreadfully—" The two women fussed fully—" The two women fussed around her remorsefully until the arrival of the doctor, who pronounced the injury to be nothing There may be a small bone

snapped, but I doubt it," he said.
"I can tell better when the swelling goes down. Meanwhile we won't bother bandaging until we get you home. Did any one call Phil?" He happened to be a friend of her

husband.
"Oh, no," Mrs. Wise replied hastily. "He has an important meeting this afternoon and this is

neeting this alternoon and this is so trifling. . He said he'd be home early anyhow."
"Righto," the doctor agreed cheerfully. "You'll be all right in a day or so."
With mixed feelings Mrs. Hawitt With mixed feelings Mrs. Hewitt more,

and Mrs. Gobey watched the doctor's car disappear. "I'm afraid it's a more serious injury than he thinks," Mrs. Gobey

Mrs. Hewitt voiced a troubled hought. 'You don't think she thought. could have heard-what we were

she did, wouldn't it?"
"Unspeakable! She mightn't understand, you know—she might think it was worse than it was." 'She'd understand that her own

husband had been talking about her," Mrs. Gobey broke in sharply, 'and goodness knows that's bad enough:
Mrs. Hewitt's discomfort visibly
increased. "Well, William didn't
say he said anything about her,
you know. He only said—he said

She grew confused under Mrs. Gobey's wondering look. 'I gathered that they were unhappy—that he was tired of it all. You said—"

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I said Mr. Wise was tired of taid with the was tired of the waster when the waster was the said with the waster was the waster waster waster was a waster waster

the 'society racket' as he calls it,'
Mrs. Hewitt stated desperately, her
face very red. "He told Mr. the graveyard, darting over all face very red. "He told Mr. obstacles as if on wings, and making Hewitt that, but he didn't say anything against his wife, you understand. He said she loved that sort of thing, but that it bored him.
That's all."
"Oh," Mrs. Gobey's sharp little

from lip to lip.

"Oh, then, faix, it's her Angel might have kept his two hands on her eyes a bit longer!" grumbled a her eyes a bit longer whose own eyes were young mother, whose own eyes were to match the significance of the sore with weeping for poor Maury's exclamation. "I'm glad to have my

fate.
"Whist, whist, woman. Och, onee, onee, onee!"

Oh, yes! I wouldn't want to 'Oh, yes! I wouldn't w give you a wrong impression," Mrs. Hewitt hastened to say. "Must you go? Come again soon, won't

"Thanks! Come and see me!" with a conventional smile. "But I hope you never will!" the departing caller said to herself. "And you won't see me if you do—not would have believed she was such a mischief maker? Actually distorting the facts about the Wises, and as well as I know them I didn't have sense enough to realize that it wasn't so! I suppose," she realized the decret away from the thought of it dered away from the thought of a constant and the same of the constant are all the same of the constant are all as a constant are all as a constant and the same of the constant are all as a cons

He was a great admirer By Helen Moristry in St. Anthony Messenger of Phil. Wise—always said he was such a level-headed fellow, and he liked Mrs. Wise, too. Wise people, the Wises," he used to chuckle at his volatile little wife, whose continual chatter served to brighten his life, even if he did sometimes tell her she talked too much. She wondered now shamefacedly if there had not been just the tiniest little hint of enjoyment in the pros pect of being able to tell him that his paragons, the Wises, did not get on very well together. Heavens How glad she was that she had been saved from carrying a false tale! She would never have heard the last of it from John A., for trust him, he wouldn't believe it and he would soon ferret out the

truth. And more than all she joiced in the depths of her kind

heart that it was not so, for really liked Grace and Paul Wise. being seen, and yet she couldn't face them without showing that she had heard—her countenance would have been seen, and yet she couldn't and the pain soothed, the sharp agony in Mrs. Wise's heart began to make itself more keeply fall. make itself more keenly felt. She almost wished that she had broken

thought Mrs. Wise had overheard,
—then she was reassured.
—'My ankle! I've twisted it!'
gasped Mrs. Wise. Oh!'' She
was pallid with anguish as they
helped her into the living room and
laid her on the couch, and she
almest fainted as the low shoe was

"Matters were serious"

"He loathed style and parties. Alas, how true she knew that was but she didn't know that he loathed they murmured apprehensively.

"We must get a doctor to make"

He had always been dear and nice. "Of course, Grace, if you want to go. . " He had not ever objected

argument about it—not one that she could remember. No, it wasn't than. It must be something else. ghost of a smile, "to faint on a he could stoop to discuss her, to family affairs, was worse, infinitely worse, than any disagreement that

more serious than the straining of a came home . . She would have face the horrors of the long night?
When he came home Phil Wise was concerned to hear of his wife's accident and he ran upstairs two

steps at a time.
"Why, Grace, how did it happen?" he wanted to know. happen?" he wanted to know "Twisted the poor little ankle, eh

Oh, well, if it's only a tendon.

Does it hurt much?"

"Not so much," she answered quietly. "It's better." Doctor say you'd be all right

tomorrow : He said I'd have to keep off my foot for a couple of days or maybe more," wearily. How, she was more," wearily. How, she was thinking, would she ever stand inaction feeling like this, when her chief desire was to be up and away, flying like the wind from herself .

from everything?
"Well, you'll get a little rest anyhow," Phil said incautiously.
"I suppose you think that's what

that was it, of course. And the

prospect of being laid up when she did so like to be on the go.

"Poor old girl," he said tenderly.
"It's too bad she has to be laid up! Tell you what I'll do, Graceiekin I'll take a day off tomorrow and do nothing but entertain the invalid—''
He pulled himself back with an absolute gasp as his wife turned on

him stormily. "I don't want you to stay home -I don't want you to stay with me. Why should you?-"And then aghast at his hurt surprise and her own anger, she burst into a perfect passion of tears. It was very comforting to be soothed and petted forting to be soothed and petted just as always, by a penitent husband who told her he was a bungling chap, and he hurt her feelings? He hadn't meant to.

"It was the pain," she said chokingly was departed.

ingly, vexed and miserable. Could he be tender like that and still be he be tender like that and suff of horrid and deceitful, telling people he was tired—of everything. "Oh!" She jerked her head away from his stroking hand. They said so — she heard it distinctly.

"Nervous!" Phil thought to himself. "I'll bet that ankle is worse

than the doctor thought. 'Does it pain very badly, dear? he asked aloud.

he asked aloud.

"Yes," was the answer as the tears overflowed again; for, Oh, how it did hurt her, this dreadful pain at her heart! Why couldn't she ask him—why couldn't she, and make an end of it? But she shuddered away from the thought of it. dered away from the thought of it



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callously. "Grace is probably worth out anyhow—running around too much. She'll be all right in the morning, Phil. All she needs is a good night's rest and to stay off that foot."

But he was called in the morning to come over early. His patient had not slept all night and he was surprised to find her feverish and exhausted. He examined the injured member again very carefully. Nothing but a strained tenjured member again very carefully. Nothing but a strain at the strain a wrote a prescription, and went away, after assuring the uneasy husband that he would be back in Chrismas the morning when he expected to find Grace very much better.

still weak, feverish and unrespon-sive. She was quite well, she told the doctor. She didn't need any medicine. Couldn't they all let her so happy—but—when I heard medicine. Couldn't they an iet her alone? Phil pale and aged in the last two days, watched her piteously with haggard eyes.

There's something on mind," deduced the physician shrewdly. But what? He knew them both well, knew their devotion to each other. If Phil were there he would put a few pointed questions. . . . He left determining to slip in later when Phil had gone down town. At the curb he was halted by Mrs. Gobey, just alighting from her electric.

"How is Mrs. Wise?" she de-anded. "I'm just going in to see her. Is it true that she is so in:
"She's a little nervous," evasively. "Shock of the twisted ankle,
"He caught Mrs. Is it true that she is so ill? He caught Mrs. you know.

Gobey's incredulous look.

"Nervous from being kept in the house more likely. I'm going in and cheer her up," she told him firmly.
"Sorry, Mrs. Gobey,' said the

doctor with his curt smile, "the most you can do today is to inquire.

fessional caution. "That slight injury," Mrs Gobey began rather haltingly, "it couldn't make her so ill as that. Could it, Doctor? I'm not asking out of idle curiosity," she added hastily. There—there's a reason— make her so ill? Not a mere

twisted ankle. After a moment's pause the doctor answered deliberately: "Her illness, I admit, is altogether out of

sensitive Grace.
"Now, listen," he commanded.

of her. But she must do it—it was her duty. She felt still more afraid as she sat by Mrs. Wise's bed and noted the havoc which the last few days had wrought,—the wasted cheeks, the heavy eyes, the dull. uninterested gaze. The sick woman rallied to the unwelcome task of being agreeable to a visitor. Why did they let her in? The doctor said she was to be guiet.

A grance at ner watch showed her that eight minutes were gone. Only two minutes more. She had a swift impulse to go away and forget her quixotic intention, but the misery she thought she could see in Grace's face stiffened her resolution. After all, if people's happiness was at stake. She happiness was at stake. She limited at the state of the that eight minutes were gone. Only two minutes more. She had a swift impulse to go away and forget her quixotic intention, but the tide which their ancestors solution. After all, if people's happiness was at stake. She heart of most of the plays and an unwholesome atmosphere of salaciousness pervades every scene. The costumes bespeak a disregard and supreme contempt for decency that cannot have been surpa sed in the days of paganism.

In view of these indisputable facts, the severe strictures that have happiness was at stake. She heart of most of the future of Russia, we must not forget the encouraging views expressed by Pope Benedict XV.

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that. Curious—cu-ri-ous! Doctors much. My goodness, all men are are sometimes puzzled just like like that nearly! I know John A. other people. He visited awhile, is. He gave his his dress suit away last year. But" she smiled de-murely—"I gave him a new one for Grace found herself responding

find Grace very much better.

His expectations were doomed to disappointment, for Mrs. Wise was gone from her heart! Thank you for telling me," she

said shyly. "I know I shouldn't have believed it—we've always been "I know I shouldn't all

"He'd be hurt dreadfully!" in a pained tone. Oh, poor Phil how she had treated him the last few days! But she'd make it up to days! But she'd make it up to him! What did she care for parties, for society, for anything, compared to her husband!

Grace was walking around the room when Phil, heart and feet

Phil blinked and stared. He had person."

left her in bed, inert, dull-eyed, inleft her in bed, inert, dull-eyed, inThus one by one the fetiches of different, and he found her magically well, radiant, smiling

she saw his face brighten slowly. "Why, you are better, aren't ou!" He spoke carefully, remem-

most you can do today is to inquire. She can't see any visitors."

"What? She isn't that ill."
And Mrs. Gobey looked at him strangely.

"She's a sick woman," was the answer. "She was probably run down before. . She'll be all right after a few days," with professional caution.

"Bester? I'm well!" joyously.

"And I'm tired of being such a nuisance, so, I thought I'd get up. Listen, Phil," as she nestled under his encircling arm. "I'm hungry, too—starved. I couldn't eat any breakfast—what about something to breakfast-what about something to

> Phil's spirits lifted. "I'm hungry too," he stated happily. "We'll have it here. Just wait—" and he hurried down stairs his heart singing. She was all right again-perfectly all right. Got over it all in just a jiffy. He couldn't understand it . but then— "Women are queer!" he de-

understand it . . but the "Women are queer!" cided, shaking his head.

THE OLD WISDOM

The earliest record we have of man's activity shows him engaged illness, I admit, is altogether out of proportion to the extent of the injury. If you know of any reason —" He stopped and bent his brows at her.

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"I do," was the eager reply.
"I words of the serpent, he stretched words of the serpent, he stretched forth his hand to eat of the forthink I do! It was something she overheard. . . Oh, Doctor, if I could see her and talk to her a little while, I feel sure I could clear that which God had set for him. "Women's gossip, I suppose!" And fallen man has ever since been doing the same thing. Old Testanent history is little more than the "Women's gossip, I suppose!" doing the same thing. Old Testament history is little more than the record of one such episode after another, and as we read of Israel's returned spiritedly. "Let me try, Doctor?" she begged. "Really, I think you might trust my discretion." Two of the most surprising facts of the European, particularly the figures relating to Germany and of the European, particularly the french, stage. It has been invaded by the problem play with its prurient dialogue and its risque situations. The harmless play that can be viewed without surrender of and after her frightful casualty."

Two of the most surprising facts that this study has brought out are the figures relating to Germany and originality are shown better by the problem play with its prurient dialogue and its risque situations. The harmless play that can be viewed without surrender of and after her frightful casualty. Dr. Bruce's lips twitched. Discretion and quick-tempered little Mrs. Gobey! It was to laugh. But at that he could trust her wonderfully kind heart. He decided on the instant. Some silly gossip probably that was worrying highstrung

cycles, and at certain periods everything seems to work together to make them possible. One of the most notable of such occasions was "Don't stay over ten minutes if you find you're not helping. . . And tell Phil I want him to drive down town with me for the tablets I spoke of. You want him out of the way, I take it," grinning a large portion of Europe was led to renounce the Faith. It began with little. the way, I take it, grinning a little.

Mrs. Gobey nodded with a forced smile. She was beginning to feel horribly afraid of the task ahead of her. But she must do it—it was her duty. She falt still more little by the relief of the rejection of the resistance of the relief of the rejection of the relief of the rejection of the r

"But—she seems so awfully nervous. Surely such a little injury wouldn't—wouldn't upset her so crying and every." I just thought—if you were nalian clergyran in Washington "I just thought—if you were worried about it—women are so queer—they worry about recently made an address in which he pleaded for "the old-fashioned home"—one in which there are children, and where the children were taught their Christian duties. "It is the duty of every parent,

teacher and clergyman," he declared, "to meet the issue of moral chaos in the American homes squarely, and work to bring back into our national life the sweet, sane influence of the old-fashioned American home, and thus save the children from the ruin which conchildren from the ruin which con-fronts them." Former Vice-Presi-dent Marshall is reported to have said that if he had his way every child would be compelled to attend Church and Sunday School, as the only means of making him a useful citizen. The irreligious school and the attempts of modern materialism to discredit revelation come in for their share of condemnation by Mr William Jennings Bryan, declared that there is a concerted effort on the part of "advanced science" to discredit the Bible and all religion. "If," said he, all religion. "If," said he, "schools and colleges follow up these teachings, God-fearing men so nappy—but—when I heard—"
"I don't see what else you could do," judicially consoling. And Grace felt she loved her from that moment. "But I don't believe I'd tell him about it," she added lightly. "Men are such unreasonable creatures—" dimpling mischievous-ly. "he might—"

these teachings, God-fearing men and women must see to it that their children are not sent to such schools, thus leaving the disbelievers to preach and teach to those who were dismembering the Bible to suit their new ideas. It is time for the men and women of the country to look into the countr for the men and women of the coun-try to look into the matter of who teaches their children and to see to it that the faith and belief of the fathers is not ridiculed and displaced by atheists."

And a man so far from Catholic of disease, gives as his opinion that "one of the best remedies for many suffering people is confession. That is to say, the frank and full telling both leaden, come back.

"Look, Phil," she cried gaily, "I is to say, the frank and full telling can walk as well as ever!"

Phil blinked and stared. He had Phil blinked and stared. He had Phil blinked and stared. The had been sympathetic desires to some sympathetic use great discretion, lest he make "Consciously or uncon".

desires to some sympathetic person."

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nation from peril of destruction.
Thus little by little is man's
vaunted wisdom being exploded and
the foolishness of God—the Old
Wisdom—is proven to shine forth
eternally true.—The Missionary.

STAGE AND SCREEN OF TODAY

A sweeping condemnation of the modern stage and a general denun-ciation of all the theatrical performances, with which it aims to delight a pleasure-seeking public, would be as unjust and unfair as an unqualified and unreserved approval of the kind of entertainment that is ordinarily offered in our play-houses would be uncritical and misleading. Yet, a cautious attitude of chary distrust in regard of the modern stage is but too strongly justified by sad experiences of the past.

Too often, especially in the last decade, has the stage outraged decency and flouted the law of God to an extent that we can put only little trust in its bland promises and genial invitations. Unfortu, nately, the American stage, once clean and inoffensive in its offerings, population with a total of 447,000,has broken with its honorable trabe viewed without surrender of and after her frightful casualty dignity and heartily enjoyed without self-reproach has become the exception. The theatre-goer of today, if he wishes to avoid embarrassment and an unpleasant shock according to this year's census of to his sense of modesty, must exercise careful discrimination in the selection of the performance he intends to patronize. Indiscrimination of the theatre in attempts of the performance he intends to patronize. Indiscrimination of the theatre in a frequentiation of the theatre in the frequentiation of the theatre in the frequentiation of the theatre in the frequentiation of the fre ate frequentation of the theatre in our days will inevitably lead to a blunting of the moral sense and a dulling of the perception of the proper and the improper. In this respect the modern stage has exerted a most pernicious influence, and here let it be said that the same is true of motion pictures to a very let the same of motion pictures to a very let the same of motion pictures to a very let the same of motion pictures to a very let the same of motion pictures to a very let the same the same of motion pictures to a very let the same the same of motion pictures to a very let the same the same of motion pictures to a very let the same the same that the same the same that the s is true of motion pictures to a very by the government to parents with

The stage has fallen on evil days. eral resurgence of faith is notice It has sunk to exceedingly low levels, both artistically and morally. It is no longer filled with great actors who possess the divine gesture and the heroic stature; it is crowded with a host of second-rate condend with a host of second-rate was the eldest daughter of the performers who disguise the utter church. lack of histrionic ability by their France in? The doctor said she was to be quiet.

Mrs. Gobey exerted herself to chat in her usual bright, inconsequent manner, tempered by a gentle sympathy for the invalid, her alert mind seeking an opening for the subject which every moment grew harder and harder to contemplate. Her clasped hands grew cold in her lap.

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Mrs. Gobey exerted herself to chat in her usual bright, inconsequent manner, tempered by a gentle bound to worship God or to keep His commandments; they have with rown open the Bible" and collected to a manufacture of the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, characterize the modern stage production. The sex motive is too much in evidence and the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, characterize the modern stage production. The sex motive is too much in evidence and the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, characterize the modern stage production. The sex motive is too much in evidence and the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, fame. Only lighter things are attempted to destinate the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted to destinate the powerful and stirring dramas of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted to destin impudence and their daring shame-lessness. Few venture to present ceived a sublimer title from the lips of imperishable fame. Only lighter things are attempted, the frothy creations of today that will not outlive their authors. Levity and frivolousness, if not outright light to the from the perils that surround her from with-

popular acclaim and especially to achieve a commercial success, it will go to great lengths in the way of defying the laws of God and deriding things sacred. If it reflects life and mirrors the customs of the age, it is that section of life which ought to remain veiled, and these ought to remain veiled, and these lengths are bright enough to turn Mr. customs are branded by all who have a spark of decency left in their Belloc's sombre warning that "Europe will return to the Faith or she will perish" into a prophecy The modern stage emphathat Europe will return to the Faith, and that she will not perish. sizes the evil phases of human nature and thus gives a distorted view of reality. Around vice and sin it throws a glamor that will de-ceive the unwary and render wicked-

A CONSOLATION

"The one cheerful item in a uni-Those, whose arduous task it is to safeguard the innocence of the young and to watch over public morality, view with alarm the dangerous practice of indiscriminate theatre-going which cannot but to us with a sense of unust accusal. theatre-going which cannot but to us with a sense of unjust accusaresult in a lowering of moral standards and in the undoing of much gossips with imagination sometimes that has been built up laboriously in home, school and church. They are derfully made: gossips with malinot opposed to legitimate recreation and wholesome forms of mental relaxation; but they cannot approve of a type of amusement that leaves a taint on the soul and makes light of the reset selement the soul and makes light of the reset selement this reset selement this reset as lemment the reset as lemment that leaves a tail the reset as lemment the reset as lemment that leaves a tail the reset as lemment the reset as lemm as Mr. Arthur Brisbane, discussing the most solemn things in life. It the evil. Despite the wish or will the value of psychology in the cure is their imperative duty to warn of those bent upon stirring up s their imperative duty to warn of those bent upon stirring up the inexperienced against the instrife, despite the prejudice or dissidious dangers that lurk in the favor of others, each individual may modern theatre and the baneful influences that emanate from the stage and the screen, too. In purmany persons may be maligned they

> speak good or evil of others, but in fact if not in words proof is demanded of every charge man makes against his neighbor. By instinctive law of nature sympathy is always with the person arraigned until proof of a charge is adduced Even then public sympathy rather A European observer in an interesting study of comparative populations, has drawn attention to the effect which the War has had on the effect which the war has had on guarded.

There is no more thankless and Russia in Europe and Asia had a unprofitable task than that assumed population before the War of by those who delight in showing up oproximately 200,000,000. In spite the faults and failings of others. of her frightful casualties and the loss of territory to Poland and the border States, Russia today totals If there be faults they become manifested without the aid of the disin terested. If there be failures they 150,000,000 of people. The Soviet Government therefore represents are only too soon apparent, whereas if there be neither faults nor failings the uncharitable find themthe largest white population in the world governed from a single selves ranged among the false prophets whose words return upon them void and full of bitterness.— 000 comes next. The British Empire, with a white population of

THE SOLUTION OF LIFE'S PROBLEMS

he smilingly requested some child to ask him a question. "Please, sir." said a bright little girl, "why did God make you?" The old examiner was nonplussed. He coughed and colored, and then cleverly evaded the question by asking another. the question by asking another. "Perhaps," he parried, you can tell me. "Yes, sir," innocently replied the little raid, "to know Him, to the masses by Robt. Fairfax. the little rand, "to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next life." "And is that what you are all trying to do?" inquired the examine. "Yes, sir," came the chorus of boys and girls. There was a lump in the old girls. There was a functional to the masses by Root. Fairrax.

Originally it stood on a great lectern in the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was proposed to the stood of saint Alban's Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was great lectern in the choir of Saint Alban's Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was great lectern in the choir of Saint Alban's Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was great lectern in the choir of Saint Alban's Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was great lectern in the choir of Saint Alban's Abbey, and the cantors grouped themselves about it on the days was great grouped themselves about it on the days was great grouped themselves about it on the days was grouped themselves spectacles, as he murmured to the teacher on his way out, "Your Catholic children are wonderful."

The world hangs upon the answer to the cardinal question. Men seek for the answers to multitudinous questions that are puzzling the universe. Earth, air and sky, have been searched by scientists for material to solve the questions that nature and man's own curiosity suggest. Man has done wonders in wresting from nature her secrets. He has harnessed her power to do his bidding, to whirl him rapidly over land and sea, to carry his messages throughout the boundless ether, to contribute to his comfort and his prosperity in this life, to make it better and easier for him to live. He has found an answer to the most abstruse problems over which the best minds of history have pondered in vain. Yet how many men, like the old gentleman in the story, cannot answer the first question that

Russia presents a more complex problem. Her vast hordes under the Soviet regime are striving desperately to find themselves. In considering the future of Russia, they should ask themselves?

It is a truism that a child who

been passed on the modern stage do not seem exaggerated. They are well merited. Far from being a school of morals, the theatre in our days cannot even be said to cultivate good taste. It has generally renounced these higher functions and merely caters to the disire for pleasure, taking pleasure in its lowest form. It furnishes entertainment, amusement, exhilaration, for is it particularly scrupulous about the means it employs in the pursuit of this aim. To win popular acclaim and especially to a great people who were very near to the bosom to the bosom to the true Church, and set forth the series of the sorrow and trials which they are now enduring Russia might be soon brought back to the true fold of Christ.

This is a hope founded on the assurance of the Vicar of Christ, and a hope therefore which we cherish in our hearts and for which we must pray. The Reunion of knowing, it is a matter of doing. To do well one must have fixed principles. These are the iron frames and girders of the spiritual edifice, without which the building to the old faith, with Russia showedifice, without which the building will collapse from structural weakness. If masters and men, if legislators and citizens, if parents and children have these iron girders or oak beams within their souls, they have what St. Ignatius calls in his Spiritual Exercises, the foundation of the spiritual life. Why is the world today called an

age of loose thinking? Because men have forgotten the answer to the question that a little girl can Why has the world been tossed about by every wind of theory, and by every noxious doc-trine. Because men have lost the knowledge that the Catechism holds. and rebellion? Because materialism has usurped the place of religion, and has substituted for fixed principles variable standards of selfishness and expediency. Why does the Church insist with all the vigor at her command that the world be reconstructed only along the lines of justice and charity, by the infiltration of Christian ideals into daily life? Because men in the search for knowledge, in the strife for power, in the scramble for luxury and ease have forgotten the answer to the question, "Why did God make you?"—The Pilot.

PROTESTANTS HONOR CATHOLIC MUSICIAN

(Protestant) Cathedral has just observed the 400th anniversary of the death of Robert Fairfax, a famous English musical composer of church music. It isonly in comparatively recent times that this glorious building has been dignified with the name of "cathedral." Built nearly a thousand years ago, it was for many centuries the abbey church of the Benedictine monks of Saint Alban's and it stands on the traditional site on which the first British Martyr, a Roman soldier named Alban, suffered for the Faith when Britain was a Roman province.

Fairfax died in 1521. He held the position of organist or master of the choir at Saint Alban's Abbey when that great institution was in all its glory and its Abbot one of the Spiritual Peers of England with a seat in the House of Lords. But not only was he held in high honor at the Abbey but he was in favor at Court, for in the year 1502, he was still at Saint Alban's he was charged by the King to compose an anthem in honor of Our Lady and Saint Elizabeth, for which he received a fee of twenty shillings from the Royal Exchequer.

He occupied the position of a Some time ago a non-Catholic examiner was questioning a class of little Catholic children. They answered splendidly and he was well pleased. He had a theory, however, that intelligence and at the coronation of Henry VIII. at the coronation of Henry VIII When Cardinal Wolsey, Archbishop of York and Lord Charcellor of

There is still in existence a massive volume, known as the Fairfax man's throat and he wiped his Archbishops of Canterbury in Lam-

> Few can utter words of wisdom but opportunity to speak kind words is offered to everyone, and they are more helpful.-Spaulding.

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THE WAY

"The Parliament of man, the phetic vision of the seer.

Whether by a League of Nations or an association of nations or by longer bars the way. some other means evolved from these tentative efforts to solve nature that the memory of inurgent and obvious world problems famous tyranny will immediately the poet's vision is nearing realiza- fade from the minds or its effects tion. The internationalism, or rather from the hearts of all Irishmen the supernationalism, of the Catholic either at home or abroad. But the Church should secure from Catho- very sources of distrust and enmity lics a ready and sympathetic con- will soon dry up. sideration for such efforts; and yet As the Manchester Guardian, which is responsible for the break- centuries of injustice and ill-usage, up of the unity of Christendom as says; are Protestants whose disruptive

a law unto himself. the accession of Ireland to the British no force could ever have wrung. Commonwealth of self-governing It holds, more precious still, the Kingston adheres to his assertion nations makes this very real and promise of oblivion for wrong and actual, if limited, solution of the of a lasting friendship. The Irish problem of national independence are a generous people. They will and interdependence an achievement accept reparation when it is frankly either section should be enacted compelling the study of the world's offered." statesmen, an example for the world to follow.

old Irish question that seemed for Ireland's wounds heal, the Guar- undertaking or understanding ages to be insoluble? The destruc- dian's prediction will be fulfilled. existed; that a resolution to adopt tion of the British Empire seemed Heaped up, pressed down, and such an undertaking or understandthe only hope of Ireland; the per- running over will be the measure of ing was, after a protracted delate, petual subjugation of Ireland the Ireland's forgiveness and friend- defeated by a vote of two to one in only security for the British Empire. ship, if heeding Lord Morley's 1858; that John A. Macdonald, This conviction, inbred in English- warning England remembers that George Brown, Dorion and Mowatt men, and seared into the minds of the work of reconciliation is but expressly disclaimed the principle, Irishmen, made solution impossible. begun; if the Irish Free State is in and voted against this resolution. And yet the impossible has been fact treated with as rerupulous It will be remembered that

That great exponent of true Liberalism and consistent friend of Ireland, The Manchester Guardian,

'Her [Ireland's] position in re- answer: the whole the most advanced con- would be impossible." ception of Dominion status, and in any case supplies a definite and an it is unanswerable. unmistakable stanuard."

And again it says:

above all, be free relations. With With common political ideals, or misconception of facts persisted her, as with the Dominions, trust with the immeasurable influence of in by the protagonist of those and friendship and the sense of a common language and literature opposed to fair and equal treatment common interests are the sole guar- such cooperation would have been of Separate schools. antees. With them everything is at any time easy and natural but possible. Without them treaties Ireland barred the way. are not worth the paper on which they are written."

in thus forecasting the future.

eye to eye with the British liberal to the nations of the world:

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Michael Collins which we reprint in the continue and they commit him for trial; Pierluigi (or, as he was better when to organize a suppose Mr. Hocken will continue and they call the jury. And who to use it.

That Collins' article was not from which they were excluded, but it no less certainly provoked but i

Great Britain and to the Dominions appreciation which, apart from its antagonism to one of which they claim and have in fact secured. intercourse:

nucleus of a real League of Nations of the world.

"Into such a League might not America be willing to enter?

dream. With such cooperation war would become impossible."

Whether as members of a League IRELAND NO LONGER BARS or an Association, or as the outcome, in the first place at least, of mutual and sympathetic underfederation of the world"—no standing, is not such cooperation be-

It is possible now, for Ireland no

It is not to be expected of human

there are Catholics as much infected which frankly acknowledges Britwith the spirit of that nationalism ain's "heavy debt of reparation for

"It [The Anglo-Irish Treaty] fundamental principle makes each is a guarantee of union with this country and cooperation with us in Last week we pointed out that all the affairs of the world, such as

We have not a doubt in the world only of the whole House but of the that the Treaty between the two representatives of that section Is there any international ques- nations will be faithfully observed affected. Our readers know that tion so difficult as the centuries- and loyally carried out. Then, as we showed conclusively no such

Is it desirable?

it is expressly provided, to be the cooperation between Britain and these conditions, George Brown led same as that of the Dominion of America world peace is an idle

That is the whole argument; and by John Sandfield Macdonald was

the possible could be more desir- shibboleth is interesting and

America is not "Anglo-Saxon" as stupid and futile propagandists vinces and from this we quote the It was to be expected that this have before now discovered. following account of the matter in note: Europe. And in that fact lies the hope and trust that she may become hope and trust that she may become hope and trust that she may become great organ of convinced British The motherland of America is issue: Liberalism should be true to itself | Europe. And in that fact lies the

be satisfactory to Ireland and to The Manchester Guardian has this and Upper Canada a feeling of it amount to?

conditions would be a novelty in the yesterday must not, of course, be should possess a double majority— of Confederation. taken as necessarily typical, a majority, that is to say, in each This, the real crux of the quesfor such a development, and it is because obviously Mr. Michael half of the country. When, under tion, Mr. Hocken evades. necessary if the old world of inter- Collins is an exceptional man. He Lord Metcalfe, after the resignanecine conflict is to emerge into the is a great fighter but he is a bad tion of Baldwin and La Fontaine, hater, and he has, what the profes- the French had little or no voice in For such an association would be the sional soldier rarely has, the steady the government, the necessity for a a wider scale, and might form the article was not written after the Lower Canada. When the tables settlement; it was written in the were turned and the majority of The Observer: very thick of the debate, when the the French representatives, but a whole issue was uncertain. Yet his minority of the English, supported are over perhaps some information beyond the conflict of the moment the conservative administration and later regarding the Recall as adopted beyond the conflict of the moment, the conservative administration, cooperation between Britain and and the more terrible conflict which the demand came from the English America world peace is an idle might yet follow it, to a vision of side of the house. world peace, in which Ireland and "Yet it cannot be said that the Britain and the British—and Irish— double majority was ever accepted daughter States and the United either as a principle or a conven-States itself, where Ireland counts | tion of the constitution. for so much, should form a new "Partyleaders would have been only confederation of friendly States, too glad to secure it, and in opposimaking a solid foundation for a yet tion they were sometimes ready to longer does it seem to be the 'nne and America possible and desir- frenzy" of the poet, but the prolarger unity. It is a fine vision, insist upon it, but they were not on her inheritance, and showing what gifts for others she may bring in her hand. It is significant, too, of the page attention and significant, too, of the page attention and significant, too, of the page attention and significant and given an opportunity to explain or defend his actions. If the Executive is satisfied, the matter ends there. But if his explanation healing of this old sore. It will not administration, he did not by this make for peace between this country admit or sanction in any way the and Ireland only; it will make itself felt far more widely. It will be felt in Washington, and there is not one of our Dominions where it will not bring a sense of relief. On a doctrine at once irrational and our own policy also it must surely unconstitutional and if carried out react. The problem of Egypt, the might involve the consequence of a problem of India, cannot look quite the same in the light of the Irish although the party by whom they example, and it has its lessons also were defeated did not and could not have had a widely different for our whole policy in Europe,"

> THE "DOUBLE MAJORITY" We note that Mr. Hocken in that there was in the old Province of Canada an undertaking or understanding that no law affecting unless it received a majority not

accomplished by the application of regard for her national independ- Canada East (Quebec) and Canada that fundamental principle which ence as is the Dominion of Canada. West (Ontario) in the old Province has made the British Commonwealth Already has been made possible had equal representation, though a real league of nations that points that cooperation between Great at the time of the legislative union the way to the world's salvation. Britain and the United States of Canada East had the larger populawhich Michael Collins speaks. tion. For this reason the English minority of Canada West insisted Let this Irishman, who risked his on equality of equality of reprelife daily, hourly, for Ireland, sentation with the French majority of Canada East. But when English-"Without real and permanent speaking immigration reversed Canada, which perhaps presents on dream. With such cooperation war population. The compromise solution adopted by the mixed party led

the "double majority" principle. Nothing in the whole range of The history of this party instructive in view of the distortion

> The late Professor Edward Kylie wrote the history of this period (1840-1867) for Canada and its Pro- are ours.

n thus forecasting the ruture.

But when that military genius the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the period tried to ride the two in the French Canadians without the mediator of the civilized the two contributions. horses we are not concerned, except yielding to unreasonable demands him. A small group of men can (about \$2,000,) was contributed who with infinite resourcefulness so recently directed the activities of Michael Collins, we are delighted recently directed the activities of Michael Collins, we are delighted in so far as they illustrate the or admitting the principle constitution. recently directed the activities of the Irish Republican army, that to note, agrees that the successful working of the constitution. It tended for by Mr. La Fontaine, the half of the Republican army, that to note, agrees that the successful working of the constitution. It the Irish Republican army, that working of the British Commonchief of the "murder-gang" whom working of the British Commonimmediately became obvious that governing o the united province half a dozen men in a county of British statesmen now delight to honor, when Michael Collins sees to ave with the British liberal to the nations of the world:

AT THE same time the Pope addressed a Pontifical Letter to his addre a the separation between the two is well known that Baldwin was regarded by the Constitution and he took occasion to remind his flock enlightened British statesman, one League and the need for it would parts of the country would be overgasps a bit, rubs one's eyes, and pe more clearly understood if it come. The parties attempted, majority.

This building is entitled in their ranks one's eyes, and pe more clearly understood if it come. The parties attempted, majority.

So in the light of history Mr. Mr. Jones, Mr. Robinson and Mr. reform of church music, far from take for their fellows. The Manchester Guardian Weekly The Claim of the Dominions to Indeof Dec. 9th, which has just reached pendent Statehood has matured and It proved difficult, however, to snow in the April sun. It has its that nominated him. us, together with the issue of Dec. the progress which has been made equipped for its new purpose. In finding ways in which independent of the continue of the us, together with the issue of Dec. the progress which has been made retain the party divisions, especially appeal only for those to whom

A LETTER ON THE RECALL BY THE OBSERVER The Observer has received the

following letter: Strathroy, Dec. 12, 1921.

Dear Sir .- Now that the elections some interest to you. In this constituency the plan is as follows. The candidate signed a resignation from the House of Commons, which is held by the Executive of the United Farmers for the riding, to be used under the following conditions. If in the opinion of the Executive the member is not carrying out the made before the election, if he fails to advocate or support the principles or measures he was elected to advocate and support, he same manner as the members of the convention that chose him candidate. If he fails to satisfy this doctrine of double or sectional majority as necessary to a government in Canada. On the contrary, warded to the speaker of the House. You will therefore see that only a majority of those who supported he stated unhesitatingly that it was

him at the election can recall

understand it.

his opponents can have absolutely

nothing to do with it. That is the

Recall as we farmers know and

the RECORD of a couple of weeks Very truly yours, Wm. Gallagher.

You surely

The Recall I spoke of in my by him to disavow the practice of a double majority. The idea lingered, article was that which is established in Oklahoma and a few other however, and to those who could not accept representation by popu- States. In those places, it is part ation seemed to offer the only of the State Constitution; that is, escape from what they regarded as it has been adopted by a majority a fundamental change in the whole of the whole people of the State constitution. The ministry of John when they adopted the Constitu-Sandfield Macdonald, for example, tion,

though formed in part of advocates In those States, all the electors of representation by population, de- have a chance to vote a man into cided to oppose any revision of the the Legislature; and, bad as the representation in the sense of Recall is, in principle, at least making population its basis.' But Oklahoma and such other States it was stated, in order in some can say that all the electors have a measure to meet the views of Upper | chance to vote on the Recall before Canadians, that the Government on the man is put out of the Legis-

questions of a local character lature. should secure not merely an That is bad enough; but the case tives of that section of the prov- relates to me an arrangement by ince to which the measure under which, though all the electors have debate especially applied. The a vote to put a man into the House, governor-general, however, 'felt at only a certain portion of them have the time that this arrangement was any say as to how long he is to stay

vicious in principle and impractic- there. Administration, he did not think it head, not by the whole people, but Convention to be held annually at age talk of being tired of life, may advisable to carry his opposition to by one political party. He asks to Ottawa. it so far as to prevent the formation | be elected by the whole people of a work as a member in the hands of Those who take a living interest asks: "What will be our happipart of them; and repudiates in sacred music will be interested ness there? Let us look at it in a responsibility to the others.

been made in the general policy of the Administration beyond the abandonment of the double majority practice and making the question of

"General Cathcart, writing to him a vote next time. the 2,010. He is really M. P. for predecessor, Pius X., looking to the

legal status of the Dominions, but on the real position which they "The remarkable article by Mr. down. This situation gave rise to Ontario's representatives as a Gallagher know that? We Cana-science which he adorned. Michael Collins which we published the demand that the Administration necessary condition of the compact dians vote by secret ballot. A party Convention is a well-known thing in Canada. It comes together in de Ruvigny and Raineval, removed

good way of recalling an M. P.

Brownville, to finish the career of King James II. John Brown, M. P., or to continue it. When the doors of Green River ANOTHER CONTRAST in the ante-

Brown ?" Parliament has, and ought to exer- value at this time. cise, the power to expel him.

Why? Because John Brown, M. P., if he is an M. P., is governed by the Constitution of Canada. An M. P. can resign when he likes; but he cannot, legally or constitutionally, give other people the power to resign in his name; to vacate his seat for him; to send his resignation to the speaker.

And when Mr. John Brown goes to the table of the House to be for appraisal as to the value and sworn in as M. P. for Brownsville; meaning of earthly existence. To not for the U. F. O. of Brownsville; the young life is all roseate with if he announces that he is not going promise; to those who have to act as M. P. for Brownsville, but also a majority of the representation a thousand times worse. He only for the U. F.O. of Brownsville, sworn in.

duties which are assigned to him by the Constitution of Canada; or he "Sermon Notes" which may not has no right to be there at all.

assumed the form of an understand- before he is elected. And that delegate; and our Constitution pro- ing. But it contains a thought resignation is a club held over his vides for a Parliament; not for a which men, who in their old

NOTES AND COMMENTS

to know that to one of its greatest common-sense way. What is to Suppose that John Brown is exponents, Pierluigi, a monument constitute our happiness? What is elected for Brownville by a major- has just been erected at his birth- to occupy us in eternity? Why, place, the Italian city of Palestrina. even of this world men get tired! his opponent gets 1,000. Now, the This recognition of the genius of You hear of old people who are 1,000 have no more to do with John the great composer of the sixteenth ready to die, not because they like Brown, M. P. They have no M. P. century may be tardy, but it has death but because they are tired. They may watch John Brown's none the less elicited the enthusi- Now if many men are tired of The italics in the above quotation career; and they may feel very astic acclamations of those who eighty years, supposing they were well satisfied with him; they may have the best right to rejoice in his to live on till two hundred, would Professor Kylie appends this foot- say, "We did not know he was such fame—the inhabitants of the city not they be tired then? The world, an able man; perhaps we'll give that gave him birth. The Church, too, would get more and more too, officially participated in the strange to them-solitary. Much But John Brown is not their M.P. ceremonies of dedication, for the more eternity, unless life has been

> affected to suppose, are still in gatherings and all manner of edu-Well, John Brown is tried by Mr. force, and must ultimately come ities.

"The only association which will makes it the more remarkable among the British both of Lower tortion of historic facts, what does country, is M. P. for all the people Renaissance, gave a tone and a jury? They are delegates to a never lost its influence through succeeding generations. It is therefore for Ireland to enter will be one intrinsic interest, industrates the later of training that the dedication of his based not on the present technical new spirit which we may hope will ernment of Canada could scarcely be proved from Angle Light role. The training that the dedication of his provented from Angle Light role. based not on the present technical legal status of the Dominions, but legal status of the Dominions, but

> THE RECENT death of the Marquis some such way as this: "The Exec- one of the most interesting and utive" send out notices to the local picturesque figures of this generaexecutives; and they put up notices tion, all the more so since in his in post offices and in shop windows principles and aspirations he ran calling the faithful to meet at a directly counter to the prevailing time and place to elect delegates to thought of the age. On the several the Convention. That may do very occasions within the past twentywell for a nominating Convention. five or thirty years when the little But a nominating Convention can band of Jacobites in England gave only recommend a man to the vent to their unaltered loyalty to people for their votes. Would Mr. the memory of the Royal House of Gallagher say that a few handbills Stuart, and met only with torrents and posters, a lot of local meetings, of jeers and insults for their pains, and a Convention would be a good it was the Marquis de Ruvigny who method for actually electing an was the moving spirit behind these Jacobite demonstrations, and the But he thinks it is a perfectly outspoken champion of the "Cause." And yet, curiously enough, as we Now, suppose the machinery is are reminded, the Marquis came started. The party faithful are from anything but Jacobite aninvited to meet in Green River cestors, one of them, the Marquis of Temperance Hall, to select dele- Galway, having commanded the gates to a party Convention at troops of William of Orange against

was elected? Who knows? How exiled by the Revocation of the are the sheep to be separated from Edict of Nantes, he became, in 1902, candidate. If he fails to satisfy this convention of the justice of his actions then his resignation is formay be sure to make a goat of John from that on espoused the cause of Brown? Will the Chairman swear the Church with all the loyalty and them? Will he put an oath: "You enthusiasm of his nature. He was swear that you voted for John especially skilled in the science of genealogy, and as a Catholic That is the absurd side of the rendered great service in unravelmatter! There is a serious, a very ling the tangled family records of serious side to it. If John Brown penal times. A large proportion has delivered such a resignation, indeed of his literary work in the ception of it when you wrote the has delivered such a resignation, indeed of his literary work in the article on the Recall published in his whole election is illegal; his last twenty years was done for the position in the House is wholly un- Catholic Record Society, and at constitutional; and if it were re- the time of his death he was vealed, on a proper Parliamentary engaged in similar work for Scotinquiry, John Brown would not have land. His death then robs the to wait for "The Executive" to hit | Catholics of the two Kingdoms of him with the resignation club; services that were of peculiar

> THE DAWNING of a New Year is usually regarded as a time for rejoicing and renewing of hopes for the future. And it is fitting that it should be so, since it opens to all prospects of something better in the future than, perhaps, has been one's lot in the past. But it is also a time meet for serious reflection as to both the past and the future and reached man's estate and have tasted some of its bitterness, its fleeting character is not without its consolations. In this connection He must accept the place and the we are reminded of a striking inappropriately be reproduced here He is not an M. P.; he is a U. F.O. little as we are given to sermonizdeath as but the entrance to a "strange country," the Cardinal

> > CZECH CATHOLICS ESTABLISH CENTER

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Dec. 10. the city have purchased a large building in Vinohrady, a suburb, as the headquarters of the social and religious works they are to under-

This building is suitable for large cational, social, and athletic activ-The building is

BOY LIFE

THE GANG AND THE PATROL In a real sense the patrol is the gang. Patrol life at best will partake of the best in gang life. The strength of a gang lies in its unity. Adventure, combativeness, enterprise, daring, and all those qualities commonly revealed in the life of the street-corner bunch, knit its members together and make possible the development of a common purpose. Gradually, almost imperceptibly, by reason of their common interest, which often is hostile to those of the community at large, the individual members are welded together, each acquiring the characteristics dominant in the group. PROTESTANTS JOIN CATHOLICS Like public calamity, these boy gangs are mighty levellers. The

in the life of a natural gang, so called, that cannot, under adequate leadership, be improved upon or better developed in any heterogeneous group of normal boys near the same age. The much-talked about "gang instinct" is nothing more than the social instinct at work among boys, thrown together | the south coast, which bears a rela by chance circumstances of environment. This fact is substantiated by abundant instances, where boys who have been arbitrarily removed platform with Bishop Gore, a from gangs wherein certain interests former Bishop of Oxford, and local from gangs wherein certain interests and practices were common, have immediately, without any apparent inconvenience, adapted themselves to wholly new conditions and opposite expression in their gangs. Boys upon moving into other neighborhoods may become prominent members of groups toward whom, have been desperate enemies. Conspicuous culprits in bad gangs, have been known to become reliable, and have exhibited fine qualities, not evidenced among old associates. When boys of good repute have been thrown in with bad gangs, the converse has been demonstrated.

In the ordinary street gang, leadership is determined chiefly by well known advanced church in the physical force. Membership is determined by chance. Acknowledged staff. About seventy years ago there were very few Catholics in leaders in them hold their positions only so long as they are able by force to compel recognition. In the Scout gang - to call the Scout patrol by its other name - a higher basis of estimation must be held. Membership is retained by qualities of good-fellowship.

These boy leaders must be selected according to character, ability, and capacity for wholesome influence. Their fitness for membership must be determined by thrift, mutual interest, ability, or their opposites. The Scout gang must cultivate a spirit, based on prestige, of effort and achievement, such as directs the strongest and best of street gangs by the Catholic Church in England.

understand that the boy who has a Catholic priests ordained for service desire for "group" life is the boy for whom Scouting is intended. Indeed, the supreme virtue of Scouting lies is the direct and developed the supreme virtue of scouting lies in England and Wales.

The number of confirmations in the Church of England has fallen the Church of England has fallen off from an average of 298,000 a sentinels change, but still the watch in its ability to direct and develop this group spirit, providing through its utilization a liberal amount of fun, and cultivating by means of it the best side of 'a boy's nature. Just as in playing ball the boy is taught that all members of the team must work together in order to secure the benefits of combined strength, so the Boy Scout in the set is a solution of the set is and 'in the set is and 'in the life of a religious order is without doubt a very delicate process. The lack of adaptation to new conditions through fear of departing from tradition is liable to break its contact with the very world it is called to save. By concentrating its energies on the protection of the past it may forget the future. When that future comes, in its ability to direct and develop year between 1898 and 1907 to goes on. strength, so the Boy Scout in the patrol, a much more inclusive form of organization, must be taught in preparation for citizenship to yield his will to the will of the group whenever he realizes that it is for the benefit of the group, and in this way add his support to the success for exprised of common integers.

In the patrol, a much more inclusive form mortality was much higher, still the survivors at the age of fifteen must have been considerably more strength, so the Boy Scout in the of a project of common interest.

Scouting was never meant for, and has never appealed particularly to, the mollycoddle or the dandy. It claims its support from the active, responsive boy who is brim-

him the springs of creative pleasures. The Scoutmaster, with a keen perception and a national interest in the welfare of the boy, should teach him to enjoy, appreciate, and use his life so that he may in reality become a Scout.

steer him, Can reject what cannot clear him, Cling to what can truly cheer him; Who each day more surely learns That an impulse from the distance Of his deepest, best existence, To the words, Hope, Light, Persist-

Strongly sets and truly burns."

IN ENGLAND

FOR SOCIAL ACTION

London, Dec. 15.-The movement tragedy of the poor gang is, howin favor of co-operation among the various Christian churches in England for social action is spreading, downward.

But the nature of gangs is greatly misunderstood. There is no virtue a real effort for united Christian is the life of a return large of a section.

Induction:

The Petit Parisien, proclaims the Senate's approval as the result "of a desire to have an Ambassador in the pontifical court which is one of a section. ever, that the levelling process is

The movement began in London, when Jesuits and Dominicans united with Anglicans and members of the Free Churches to put Christian principles in the first place in social, political, and industrial action.

The latest phase of this move-ment has unfolded itself at Brighton, an important seaside resort on tion to London something like that of Atlantic City to New York.

Father Bernard Vaughan, London Jesuit, met on the public Anglican and Protestant Dissenting eaders, to form a Christian Social

Council for the town.

The chairman of the meeting, ho was the Brighton, said that the meeting showed that the Christian people of the town desired to act together in visible fellowship. The aim of the Council, he said, would be to look under old conditions, they would for solutions of moral and social questions that could best be solved by the united action of all Christian

> Brighton itself has had a rather remarkable religious history. It national concord in France tomor was at one and the same time a row." of extreme Protestant Evangelicalism and of extreme High Anglicanism. A few years ago the whole Church of England was startled by the conversion to the Catholic Church of the vicar of a the town, and only one Catholic Now there Church. churches, an extraordinarily large number of Catholic schools and academies and several convents.

ORDINATIONS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 16 .-- Ordinations to the Anglican ministry have fallen off until they no longer far outnum-ber those of the Catholic Church, according to a contributor to The Month, who comments on the article recently written for The Tablet, in which A. H. Nankivell commented

mortality was much higher, still

"In the year 1919, 692,438 children were born in England and Wales, and in the same year the number of Catholic baptisms, as we learn from the Catholic directory statistics, way 58,092. This implies that very nearly one-twelfth of the It claims its support from the active, responsive boy who is brimful of life, able and willing to meet emergencies, in which he can be of service, and who as a man will dare to stand squarely by what he knows to be the right.

Remembering this, men of sound reason say: "Take the boy who dare to stand squarely by what he knows to be the right.

Remembering this, men of sound reason say: "Take the boy who has life enough to get into mischief and direct his energies into paths where they will become productive. Good effect is sure to result."

The adolescent boy of this type is sensitive to the best. He is plastic, impressionable, buoyant, and eager to forge ahead, desiring to explore the untried and the new. Imagination, hope, and ambition open for

"Now, in the year 1920 there was upon life, to readjust policies, this a sudden and quite unprecedented rise in the birth-rate of England become a Scout.

"Who through all he meets can for Catholic baptisms maintained for Catholic baptis the same high proportion of 8% when the general birth-rate suddenly leaped up by two-fifths. If this is the case we shall be inclined to agree that our Catholic population cannot now fall very far of an aggregate of three millions.

FRANCE AND ROME

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Proof of the favor with which the press of Paris has received the vote of the French Senate approving the Gov-ernment's re-establishment of Embassy at the Vatican is given in a special copyrighted cable dispatch received by the Public Ledger of Philadelphia.

the great centers of European diplomacy and one of the best political observatories of the world, a desire to efface by this mark of striking deference toward the Holy See the harm our unjustified reputation of anti-religious sectarianism does us in all Catholic countries which are so easy to exploit against France; a desire to profit by our presence at the seat of all Catholic sions to care for French interests in our colonies and foreign propagandists of our language and our

erests.

Besides, many lay Republicans shed to show a mark of sympathy for their Catholic compatriots who, for sentimental reasons, were so anxious for this mark of respect toward their religious head. They gave it hoping French Catholics and e papacy would, in return, accept loyally the 1905 Separation Law, with its regime of associations which the Republic never wished to make a fighting machine against religious beliefs. If all the freethinkers and all the Catholics of France will now she little good will there will be a little less reciprocal intolerance and more

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

OLD AND NEW REV. G. DALY, C. SS. R.

1. The adaptability of the Church to the necessities of the times and exigencies of the various countries in her eternal pursuit of souls is in her eternal pursuit of souls in her eternal pursuit of souls is in her eternal pursuit of souls in her eternal pursuit of thought-provoking sights of history. This particular feature reveals the

wers of her ever renascent vital-Is not life after all but an adjustment to environment? biological truism proves true also in the corporate life of the Church and of her various religious institutions. The principles remain the same, but their application necessarily varies with the circumstances of time and country.

This fact is most remarkable in and which, by supplying different motives, develops only virility, intelligence, and manhood.

Scoutmasters are encouraged to by the Catholic Church in England. The average number of Anglican ordinations for each year between 1881 and 1891 was 701, it is pointed out, while in 920 there were only 158 ordinations as compared to 110 civilization. As centuries go by the development and creation of Western monasticism witnesses the

> future. When that future comes, when necessary changes should take grasp the pressing needs of the hour
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> —Institutionalism has narrowed the
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> countries have received and many of them have become and many of them have become citizens through the class conducted

trospective.

A healthy evolution alone will save an order from what we would term "self-consumption." Evolution in the same and the same and the same are same as the same are same are same are same as the same are same are same are same as the same are same

rise in the birth-rate of England which showed that to a large extent the practice of birth-limitation had been for a time suspended after the conclusion of the war. It will be glamour of the past throws upon interesting to observe whether them, is hard to find. It requires a clear head, a strong arm, a courageous heart, and above saintly soul. As these leaders are scarce, what is generally seen is not an evolution of an existing order, but the creation of a new one to meet the exigencies of the present. We have a beautiful illustration of this in the History of the Church in Australia. We refer to the Congre,

> by Mary McKillop. Donations may be addressed to: Rev. T. O'DONNELL, President Catholic Church Extension Society 67 Bond St., Toronto. Contributions through this office should be addressed:

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There are four hundred million pagans in China. If they were to pass in review at the rate of a thousand a minute, it would take nine months for them all to go by. Thirty-three thhousand of them die daily unbaptized! Missionaries are urgently needed to go to their

China Mission College, Almonte Ontario, Canada, is for the educa-tion of priests for China. It has already twenty-two students, and many more are applying for admittance. Unfortunately funds are lacking to accept them all. China is crying out for missionaries. They are ready to go. Will you send them. The salvation of milling the salvation of milling and the salvation of millin lions of souls depends on your answer to this urgent appeal. His Holiness the Pope blesses benefac-tors, and the students pray for them daily. A Burse of \$5,000 will support a

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SPLENDID WORK AMONG THE FOREIGN BORN

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—More than one thousand men and women who have come here from foreign countries have received/instruction here for the past four years in the Salesian School under the auspices of the Catholic Professional Women's Club, of which Miss Eleanor Tierney is president. These include about 700 men and 300

Four evening classes and two afternoon classes are now being maintained by the club, it was disclosed during the annual celebration of Citizenship Week, with an attendance of two hundred in the evening. The night classes, at first restricted to men, have now been

THE HEROES OF TODAY

While other soldiers serve their king

No glittering gold nor paltry thing Your country's prayer your one SOCIAL STIGMA FOR ATTENDING

Your tent the starry sky,-No Spartan chief nor Roman guard Could teach you how to die.

When Freedom for defenders cried, You pledged your life in faith, Though well you knew the plight implied Toil, misery, or death : And you have proved in many a for a successful conclusion of this fight movement.

Against oppression's hosts Nor Spanish Don, nor Norman knight A nobler courage boasts.

The martial sons of Greece and Rome Were glorified as gods, Yet ne'er did they defend their

Against such awful odds No fabled knights half-deified Surpass the gallant Gael, And friends of freedom hail with 3 00 You sons of Innis Fail.

The Persian's might the Greek de-

fied At famed Thermopylae, And bards have sung of those who For right and liberty. sing of flags nailed to the

mast In many a by-gone fray; But ancient heroes ne'er surpassed You heroes of today.

-SER COLLINS, Moose Jaw, Sask.

U. S. SCHOOL MISSION TO PERU

Lima, Peru, Dec. 9.—Recent essions of the Peruvian Parliament have devoted considerable attention to the American Educational Mis sion which has been working for the past year to effect a reform in the educational system of the Republic The criticism has been freely offered that in some sections of the Republic this Mission has taken on an anti-Catholic character. There has been no disposition to criticize Dr. Harry Bard, Director of the Mission, as responsible for these isolated incidents of interference, but it is felt that close surveillance over the Mission is required if the interests of the Church are to be com-

The need for reform in the educational system is denied by no one, but there is universal feeling that this reform should be brought about with the fullest co-operation of the Church authorities. The Arch-bishop of Lima is universally recognized as a progressive ecclesiastic who has at heart the interests of both Church and education, and it is believed that with the introduc tion of more Catholic elements into agreement with the Archbishop, the reform can be brought about

bishop made recent efforts to secure congregations of American religious for the establishment of Catholic schools in Peru on the plan developed so well in the United

Montevideo, Dec. 11.—The appointment by the International Union of Catholic Women of Mrs. Maria Garcialagos de Hughes, ex-President of the League of Catholic Women of Uruguay, as a member of the committee for the censure of dramas and films, give strong hope

Mrs. Hughes originated this movement in Montevideo in 1905 and the local success of theatrical censure has been remarkable. A catalog of 6,500 plays was prepared under her direction, and it was understood that social stigma would affect all persons attending any plays classified as undesirable by this catalog.

THE POPE'S BLESSING

Dublin, Dec. 15.—A remarkably striking description of an audience of the Pope written by a Protestant appears in the "Irish Independent."

Lieutepant Commender W. H. Lieutenant-Commander Bytham, the writer, not being a Catholic, did not think at first that he would be accorded the privition he was filled with excited He goes on to describe the occasion were received at the Vatican. He gives the following personal sketch of the Pone: personal sketch of the Pope :-

"A short slender figure, with black hair, wearing glasses perched on the bridge of the nose through which he looks in a paternal, if perhaps, a trifle quizzical manner, dressed in a cream-colored robe dressed in a cream-colored robe with a cape, a round cream cap, the social standing of the American scarlet shoes with a simple design is passed upon by the University of scarlet shoes with a simple design worked on them in gold cord and round his waist a broad creamism made as welcome in Chilean ends having a gold cross worked on town.

It is well known that the Archishop made recent efforts to secure was the Holy Father."

His estimate of the Pope was that most powerful influence in the he was the man "who can exert the

Next he describes how the Pope went round the room to each visitor and then in a voice remarkable for its strength and clarity said what pleasure it had given him to receive them. Finally, he imparted his blessing. Lieutenant - Commander Bytham describes the effect of the

essing in these words:
"With an indescribable feeling of sanctity each of us rose reverently to our feet feeling that indeed we had been richly blessed. Never in my life have I felt the potency of a blessing such as that bestowed on me by the Holy Father.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 9.-The South American record for the pole vault was broken recently by John C. Powers of the Catholic University of Santiago. Mr. Powers is a grad-uate of the University of Notre Dame and is doing post graduate work at the University of Santiago as an exchange student. eligible to compete in the South American Olympic Games after the completion, in February, of his first year of residence in Chile. These Olympic Games will be held in either Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires next

The favorable reception of Mr. lege of being received by the Powers in Chilean society augurs Pope. When he received the invitaexchange plan inaugurated by the University of Notre Dame. It is Chile are not received into Chilean society until after a long period integrity. The result has been that young men have allowed their characters to deteriorate by association with less desirable society. Under the plan of exchanging students colored watered silk sash the two society as he would be in his home-



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OUR DUTY TOWARD OUR PARENTS "And He went down with them, and came to Nazarch; and wes subject to them. And His Mother kept all these things in her heart." (Luke ii, 51.)

We never can fully repay our parents what we owe them. We never can return them a gift that, in value, will be equal to their gift to us. What are all offerings we can make them compared to our-selves, and the possibilities that lie before us! We are the noblest of the creatures that inhabit the earth. Our great powers of mind are infinitely superior to the mere instincts of living beings. We are able to prepare ourselves for another world of eternal delights. Our soul is immortal and yearns for something everlasting. This we may have, if we remain faithful during life to the promises we made our Maker at baptism, and keep. His commandments, But had it not been for ments. But, had it not been for our parents, we would not have existed; we would not have this opportunity that is worth more to us than heart can conceive.

How much we owe our parents also, for the care they took of us during our childhood days! Then we were helpless, even more help-less than the young of the brute creation. Everything possible was done to develop us physically, and in most cases, to develop us intellectually. We need not speak of moral development, for it was the earnest wish of our parents that we be morally good. Riches, honor, fame, everything worldly great, they readily would have sacrificed, in most cases, to have us become good, useful people. And if good-ness and virtue adorn our souls, they are satisfied. It matters little what earthly possessions are, provided we be upright, honest, and God-fearing. For all of this our parents strove untiringly. Well has God told us explicitly in the commandment, to "honor thy father and thy mother;" and wisely did Christ teach us when He set the He. Christ, the God, the Creator of all thing, goes to Nazareth, the home of His earthly parents, and lives with them; but He does more, He remains subject to them. And for how long? Until He has arrived at mature manhood.

Oh, how guilty must many sons and daughters of the world today feel, in the face of the example that Christ has left to humanity! In this age of independence, of liberty, In rit of an unrestrained and deceitful world rather than the open and evidently just command of an all-wise God. The love of parents for their child, at least in a material the univers way, has not lost any of its intenthe Church. sity, but the child's love for its parents is no longer as sacred and sincere as it should be. Many people, joined in holy wedlock, are sinning the end intended by God when He created man and woman. But, to olic Standard and Times. those to whom children do come owing to their own honesty in the matrimonial' state, God sends the blessing of true, parental love. They love their offspring at once and forever, unless they become so degenerate as to be blinded and hardened by continued vice.

Alas, this is not true of many

father and mother and obeys them, will be good. The same must be said of a young man or young woman, or even those of ripe maturity, who still retain a love for their religious instructions that, rebel toward them. How much better would the world be if such conditions predominated. Nowadays children are scarcely out of their teens before they think they are free from the parental yoke. How little they realize what was done for them! Can they not be made to admit and to see clearly that admit and to see clearly that parental supervision is a blessing rather than a burden? Freedom should not be a word to be admitted tion. Nor did she approve altobut it should be at least implicit.

If this were always the case, many a parent, who is unhappy today, would be enjoying a great peace of mind and heart; many parents, suffering from the toil of venues.

"too much materialism, too much be emphasis on the purely social. It wonder why we can't establish institutions of the ethical standards of the Catholic convents?"

It was the first time I had suffered to make the protestant in the Protestant not in all parts. The Catholic and Protestant to gether believe certain texts are in the purely social. The protestant is the Bible. They both believe it to be inspired—the Catholic in toto; the Protestant not in all parts. The Catholic and Protestants is the Bible. They both believe it to be inspired—the Catholic in toto; institutions of the ethical standards of the Catholic convents?" mind and heart; many parents, suffering from the toil of younger days and from old age, would not be forced to Iabor as they do for their daily bread. What shame should be heaped upon a son or days the total convents? It was the first time I had ever heard any one suggest that Catholic convents held any standard of education that non-Catholics should emulate. That my wife, who was one of the keenest students I have

by the fact recorded in today's and women most familiar with pleasure, and our joy to being Gospel. Let it be our delight, our pleasure, and our joy to bring comfort to our parents. They have labored and suffered for us after bringing us into the world. Thus far we have done little to repay them, But in future let us do more to show them our appreciation for their kindness to us; and, in order to recompense them, at least partially and as far as wa can for their kindness to us. ally and as far as we can, for their love and their sacrifice, let us be generous and kind toward them. If we have been negligent in the past, let us return like prodigal children and remain faithful to them and to their love for the rest of our days.

THE SECOND GREAT PICTURE

The "Last Communion of St. by Domenichino, is the Jerome," masterpiece of this master, and is second only to the "Transfigurbeing placed opposite to it in the Vatican.

The aged saint, emaciated and dying, is borne in the arms of his disciples to the chapel of his monastery at Bethlehem and placed within He is represented as receiving his

last Sacrament from St. Ephraim of Syria. A young priest sustains him; St. Paula, kneeling, kisses one of his hands; a deacon holds the cup, and an attendant priest the book The lion droops his head with an

expression of grief; the eyes of all are on the dying saint, while four angels, hovering above, look down upon the scene A noticeable feature in the picture

is that the candle is ingeniously bent, so as not to interfere with the architectural lines of the picture, while the flame is straight.

The lion, which always accompanies Jerome when he is represented in art, is said to have pined away after Jerome's death, and to have died at last upon his grave.

middle of the fourth century. As a scholar and an author he takes the first rank; as a theologian he is second only to his contemporary, St. Augustine, among the Latin Fathers. His chief work is his Latin translation of the Scriptures. In 374 he retired to the desert of Chalcis, where he spent four years in study, especially that of the Hebrew language. He was thus

prepared to produce a new version of the Old Testament. He commenced his work in 385 and completed it in 405; and he also this age of independence, of liberty, made an improved translation of of great learning, children obey the the New Testament: his two translations received the name the "Vulgate." About two hundred years after Jerome's death, in A. D. 420, the Vulgate became the universally received version of

Paula was one of St. Jerome's chief converts from among the wealthy families of Rome. She grievously because they are using and became so celebrated for her matrimony for other ends than for holy life, that after her death she was canonized as St. Paula.-Cath-

CONVENT EDUCATION

WHY TWO PROTESTANT GIRLS WERE SENT TO A CONVENT SCHOOL

system. Afterwards, my two years remark to me about the relative value of her own university education. Nor did she approve altogether of the girl's school in which to the vocabulary of parents and children. Permission should be the one word in this respect. This permission always need not be explicit, "too much materialism, too much

emulate. That my wife, who was one of the keenest students I have ever known, should make the remarks above his comprehension believes because it is inspired. The Protestant selects an interpretation that non-Catholics should believes because it is inspired. daughter, strong and vigorous, who is neither giving a helping hand to impressed me at the time The

Abigali would eventually go to one of the women's colleges of the East. But in the meantime I had to fill four years for Ethel and six for I consulted my old partner, the

Judge. "Send 'em to a Catholic convent," he growled characteristi-"Sisters take care of girls That's their business. They're not working for the money, And 'Glory to God' work is the only kind where the other fellow," has a chance to sit in the game. Curiously enough, his words brought back to me my wife's remark about the ethical standards of Catholic convents. I took a mental review of the women in our town whom I knew to be convent graduates comparing them with women I knew to be the products of other methods of education. With a few exceptions the balance stood overwhelmingly in favor of the convent-bred women. "I'll send them," I said.

My girls have been for two years in one of the largest Catholic convents in the West. During their first visit home I studied them keenly, looking for evidences of any acquired traits I might consider undesirable. I did not find them. I had at least expected repression but I find my girls as heartily wholesome as ever. They are doing well with their work. I know their moral standards are being fused. I know they are safe. And, although I am a lonely, middle-aged man in a big house for nine months of the year, I am willing to make the sacrifice in the certainty that I am doing my duty to my daughters in giving them the best kind of an education for their needs. For I have lived long enough to see that the great need of America is men and women of moral strength and high standards and I can see that these are qualities the convent school is giving to my girls.—Denver Register.

OUR BLESSED LADY

PROTESTANT WOMAN SAYS NEGLECT OF MARY IS CAUSE OF VICE

The following letter in the Baltimore Sun of June 19 is the more striking as having been written by one who has not the happiness of being a Catholic. It reminds us of the saying of G. K. Chesterton, himself an Anglican, that "a young man can keep himself pure by thinking of disease; he can also keep himself pure by thinking of the Virgin Mary." May it not be that with all our search after scientific amelioration for modern conditions we have forgotten the great spiritual forces which alone can bring a real mitigation of vice, a real diminution of crime, a real peace, a really satisfactory social and economica! condition, and real happiness.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir: Edison shot an arrow into the air on the subject of collegiate

which I hope will fly from Maine to Florida, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and that they may remove the ignorance that surrounds

text books, but the text book of both Catholics and Protestants is spired, but explain them differently.
The Catholic sticks to the text and
what is above his comprehension

This is the terrible ignorance that my arrows are shot against, and the smallest child who honors the smallest child who honors the is bad, but moral illiteracy is far Mother of God and obeys her state- worse, and it is from moral illitment is really more learned in essential knowledge of what is good than Edison and all the scientists of the world who have not this knowl edge. And the Magnificat which the Roman Catholic Church believes and teaches is a more crucially important utterance than any dictum of science, so far as the moral elevation of the world is concerned, and never more necessary to be be lieved than now-for, taken as a model by all the women of America, the great wave of divorce and shocking immorality here-more than rivaling that in any other Christian country—would cease. Shutting out the light of the truth as to the Immaculate Mother of God helps to destroy souls and bodies that science can never save.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION

Our Lord's body lay in the tomb, was first instituted in Milan about

Somewhat later, it happened that for us to be here. a troupe of actors came to Loretto at the carnival time, with the purpose of performing a highly objectcollege to be most beautifully two or three short sermons each The people were moreover exhorted to approach the Sacraments.

This plan proved most successful; the sacred entertainment, if it may be so called, found more favor with the inhabitants of Loretto than the performance of the comedians. Almost the whole population repaired to the church, and the gain to souls was immense. Loretto this devotion spread to the whole Church; it was approved by the Holy See, and enriched with indulgences by several Popes.—The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament.

MORAL ILLITERACY AND ILLITERACY

in the public's heart as well as in many years, through ceaseless the public's eye, spoke some plain toil, through incredible sufferings, truths on the necessity of religion for the children of this country.

"If I had my way," he declared, "I would make every child in the United States attend church regularly." If all parents would make with them urging them onward and upward to the eternal participation in the Light of God's countenance.

What sustained the Apostles sustained Mr. Marshall's way their way, an improvement in the public's morals would speedily result. For, as Mr. tains us also. We have to suffer many trials, to undergo hardships, to live lives of toil, to be misunderhardened by continued vice.

Alas, this is not true of many Alas, this is not true of many and a Catholic. I am not a Catholic. I am a Judge. I was educated in the public school of my native town. I remember that my first orations due to this lack of love for parents. A child who loves its parents. A child who loves its were forensic in defense of this system. Afterwards, my two years arrows on another kind of ignorance in the subject of collegate in the public s morals ignorance; it fell and wounded would speedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be seedily result. For, as Mr. Marshall has more than once quoted would be subject of collegate in the public s morals in the subject of collegate in the public s morals to live lives of toil, to be misunder. Marshall has more than once quoted would be subject of collegate in the public s morals to live lives of toil, to be misunder. Marshall has more than once quoted as the twig is bent the tree is in-leading to reforms.

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Even to those who look upon religion as little more than an extenligion as little more than an extension of the police-force, effective in keeping people within bounds, but in no sense a revelation from on high or a need of the human heart. this is a serious matter. In plain statements as yet unchallenged, Mr. Raymond F. Fosdick has shown the growth of crime of every variety in the United States, and the unenviable position which we occupy compared with France, Italy and Great Britain. Nor has this dis-order been confined to the adult population. A-wr ter in the Chicago Trioune for October 10, calls attention to the increase of juvenile delinquency during the last three

years. "Juvenile courts in all big cities

It is a strange commentary on approving of it in the case of His legitimate authority, are fast makamerican education that the men mother.

Illiteracy, in the technical sense eracy that the country is suffering. There is no cure save in a return to reform must begin in the heart of every man, manifest its influence in the family, and from the family imbued with religious principles and feeling, spread throughout the community. And as for the child, if we wish to save the next generation for religion, and assure the survival of genuine Americanism, he must be taught in a school which gives him a knowledge of the claims of Almighty God, as well as some insight into the mysteries of profane science.—America.

TRANSFIGURATION

Only once in His thirty-three years of mortal life did Our Divine Lord openly manifest His Divinity to His Apostles. This was on Mount Thabor, when before Peter and James and John, His face did shine The adoration of Quarantore or Forty Hours' Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in commemoration of the forty hours during which as the sun, His garments became white as snow, and a Heavenly effulgence surrounded Him. Stunned at the sight of such glory the

The Feast of the Transfiguration commemorates this unusual event in the life of Christ, and teaches over her countenance such as I have ionable play. A pious Jesuit Father who was there did his utmost to prevent the acting of this play, but he failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends motionless before her, persuaded to the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends motionless before her, persuaded to the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the failed in his object. He then Lord. They were His chosen friends the his chosen friends the his chosen friends the his chosen friends the his determined to offer a counter attraction to the people, to present them with a spectacle of a very fine character, one calculated to raise the lives were spent in arduous toil, in heart and soul to God. Having obtained permission from the Bishop, he caused the church of his want.

The riches, pleasures, and honors college to be most beautifully decorated, the high altar lighted up with countless tapers, and the Blessed Sacrament exposed during forty hours. Meanwhile at intervals, hymns and anthems were sung; there were spiritual readings and

selves content to take whatever sufferings their Master deigned to send upon them. Their hope of an earthly kingdom was gone, yet they fastened their hopes on His promise of an Eternal Kingdom where suffering and trial should be no more, and happiness complete and unalloyed would reign forever.

What heartened and sustained them in all this? It was the glimpse they had received of Our Lord on the Mount of Transfigura-That brief moment of bliss tion. In a recent speech, Mr. Thomas R. Marshall, a man who by his wise and humorous utterances kept that obscure official, the Vice-President,

ment of the riches and pleasures and honors of this world. To the world of today obsessed with the worldly ideal of temporal happiness, the Feast of the Transfiguration comes with its message of light and hope to bid us forget the things that are of earth, and to strive for the higher things, the things unseen, the enjoyment of God in Heaven for all eternity.—The Pilot.

CONVERTED BY A SMILE Now as many are visiting Lourdes

the following story, told by the Count de Bruissard, is interesting: 'I happened to be staying at Canterets at the time when the apparitions at Lourdes were attracting much attention. I must acknowl edge that I was at that period a stray sheep—indeed, I was some-thing worse: I was an Atheist. I had read in a newspaper that Berna dette had been favoured on the 16th of July by an apparition of the Blessed Virgin, and that Our Blessed Lady had smiled upon her. I therefore decided from curiosity dear old parents nor applying a soothing balm to their kind old hearts?

How guilty in the sight of God and man is the child that has sacrificed the love of mother and father for some worthless creature? What is such love—low and disorderly passionate—to the pure and elevent is such love—low and disorderly passionate—to the pure and elevent is such love—low and disorderly passionate—to the pure and elevent is statisfied my ideas of moral ingline. There were excellent of such cases. Many poor, weak, heart-broker parents are longing—for the return of a son or a daughter; but they will wait in vain, for many are in the clutch of Satan and heart-broker parents are length of the return of a son or a daughter; but they will wait in vain, for many are in the clutch of Satan and he will hold them fast, until he will have dragged them down into the depths of eternal perdition.

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| Mas on the point of kneel and the that I had seen the smile Blessed Virgin reflected on Berna dette's face. I have never forgotten it. Since that day I have lost my wife and my two children but I do not feel alone in this world live with the Blessed Virgin's smile before me.-Exchange.

POPE'S REPLY TO GERMAN BISHOPS

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Bereft of heartaches where no sorrow nears, But rather rugged trouble for a

To mould your soul against the coming blight, To train you for the ruthless whip

of fate 'And bind your heart up for the bitter fight.

If I may call you friend, I wish you A more philosophy no man may

To put the game itself beyond the And take the tide of life as it may

break; To make the struggle that a man should know Before he comes through with the

And, though you slip before the charging foe,
To love the game too well to even

As you grope blindly out the narrow

That you may have one old-time dream come true,
This is one more than most men

That you will hold this a worthy For all the traps with which the

course was lined, That look for something you can

never find. —GRANTLAND RICE. PEACE ON EARTH

Emerson, tells us that a brief visit to the land of solitude is of the greatest advantage to the man who has long dwelt amid the roar and traffic of the market-place and the street. Plunged in the waters of silence, man will afterward be enabled to encounter the dangers of life's warfare with greater sanity and courage, and will possess tranquill-

ity which cannot be overthrown. "Why must the student be soli-tary and silent? That he may become acquainted with his thoughts. If he nines in a lonely place hankering for the crowd and for display, he is not in the lonely place. His heart is in the market. He does neart is in the market. He does not see; he does not hear; he does not think. But go, cherish your soul. Expel companions; then will your faculties rise fair and full within. It is the noble manlike thought which is the superiority demanded of you, and not crowds but solitude, conferrethe alevation."

but solitude, confers the elevation." Another year has come to a close, bringing with it a train of memories. Many things have happened during the past twelve months, some for good, others for ill, but all calculated to bring peace to men if rightly interpreted. There is an old adage. "The best things are old adage. "The best things are last,"—and surely of all gracious blessings of the year, Christmas is the best and sweetest. So this Christmas has been kept sacredly hidden from us until the Old Year

is fairly spent. modern preparation for Christmas is somewhat strenuous even though it be undertaken in a spirit of generosity and of sacrifice.

The past weeks have been fraught

Here is somethin with anxious thaught for many, for it is our modern custom to worry about the best things as well as the worst. So Christmas, the Feast of Peace, is not always unattended by solicitous cares and vain regrets because things may not be other-

But now all this has been left behind, like the chain of the passing months of the Old Year. The grown folks have done their best in order that Christmas may be a joyful festival for others. The children have whispered the last of their stupendous little secrets into the ear of Santa Claus, with perfect trust that their faith will be rewasded on the great Day of Days.
The whole world revolves about a doll or a pair of shates a pour a care. doll or a pair of skates; a new sled is a more momentous possession than empires in foreign lands. The scent of evergreens grows on the nostrils, in the shops and market-places, and slow processions of Christmas trees move through the streets, acclaimed with shouts of joy by the little ones who are soon to be entranced by their vision of

glittering beauty.

After the stress and burden of Of all the excuses there are the past weeks, we have a right to solitude in order to prepare for the This "haven't got time" is by far real significance of Christmas, which is not what we give to one

pursue at a pace which keeps them stretched out on the rack of this tough world, and finally kills them." The modern disease of feverish unrest numbers its victims by thousands, and men nowadays are sold into veritable slavery by their subjection to the craving of their senses and their ignorance of any world but the external one which their eyes sec. In the retreat of the soul there are pleasant ways, paths "redolent" is received the strength of the strength of the soul there are pleasant ways, paths "redolent" is countenance was radiant.

"You seem very happy," said the "You seem very happy," said the days of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity.

"Yes," replied the venerable man. "I received 850 francs a year, as vicar of Saint Nicholas du chardonnet. My salary has been cut to 450 francs. I thank God. I was afraid that I should lack time to be tested, being so near to there, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism, and whore lied to the counternance was radiant.

**Now their creed so well that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity.

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"I wish you to enlarge to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each of the country in the can provide the can give an account of it, who

In the retreat of the soul there are pleasant ways, paths "redolent peace, serene musings and fair thoughts dwell therein as in their native home, and peace wells up from silent depths like waters of a spring that rise hiddenly from the secret reservoirs of the earth."

In the Manger of Bethlehem there is an entidote for all this dis-tress and unrest which is eating the heart out of even good Christian men. When the bustle and the anxiety of the exterior preparation is over, there is need of interior preparation when, alone before the representation of the Infant Saviour, men may pause and think.

The Infant eyes shine, but not with the restless greed of the world and its fleeting treasures. In those guileless depths is only a great love, surpassing the lovelight in the tenderest af human eyes, even that To love the game too well to even of a mother as she contemplates her child. The tiny hands stretched out from their bed of straw are not out from the straw seeking to embrace the riches of the world, they do not grope for the treasures of gold. They seek to embrace all men in their clasp. The simple hed of the Infant rebukes the luxuriant desires of those whose god is comfort and who, while they jealously guard the body, care little for the gem which

As earthly friends wait some Not scorning it with too ambitious times through a whole year for a My visit or a letter from one beloved, as they look forward eagerly to some anniversary when they know that one at a distance will recall them with loving thought, so the Infant Saviour waits all through the year for this, His Own peculiar festival of Christmas. When the world is filled with Christmas, when the universal salutations of the most callous of men recall His Birth, He knows that there are few

who will disregard the call.
In the city streets and in newlydedicated public squares hang silent testimonials, sometimes bearing foreign names, sacred to the memory of the youth of our counThe humble man alone will be Loving hands have reverently placed their tributes of evergreen and red ribbons above the names of those who gave their lives that the great blessing of peace might

dwell in our midst. Our Holy Father, speaking recently of the Treaty of Peace, said that there were yet many souls divided by dissensions and strangers to this sacred peace. But peace, he tells us, cannot come save through the individual effort of each one, striving after personal holiness in these restless times. This is the only way in which may be realized the great significance of Christmas, "peace on earth to men of good-will!"—The Pilot.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

FIND TIME OR MAKE IT Opportunity tapped at the door With a chance for the brother

He rapped till his fingers were sore,

"Old fellow, I haven't got time."

Opportunity wandered along In search of a man who would rise. He said to the indolent throng: 'Here's a chance for the fellow

who tries."
But each of them said with a smile: I wish I could do it, but I'm very Very busy today, and I'm sorry to

cares, And said: "I now offer the same Opportunity that has been theirs. Here's a duty that ought to be

The poorest, the feeblest, the worst. A delusion it is, and a snare; If the habit is yours, you should

breathless struggle for money, ing heavily on his cane. His cloth-power or pleasure "which they ing was faded and threadbare, but

Victor Hugo looked closely at the man to see if he were pretending. His expression, however, gave evidence of perfect sincerity.

Some days after, the Abbe de
Rohan went to visit the poet and
found him sad and worried. The caller made reference to the old

priest. He said:

"He is old, infirm, and poor. /He
had only a mere mouthful of food.
Half of that was taken from him,
and still he is cheerful. That is religion. My dear friend, if you see
in it only a philosophy of life, is it
not the very best of all? What
other, I ask you has power to turn priest. He said : other, I ask you, has power to turn our trials and misfortunes into real

WISDOM RATHER THAN KNOWLEDGE

My words are as sweet as honey to those who love My teaching and keep My Commandments.

But to the proud, who despise My precepts and make use of their knowledge to sin, My voice is a tempest that roots up the cedars of Lebron.

Iniquity triumphs only in misfortune, but justice triumphs in glory.
The sinner is exalted only that he may fall from a greater height, but the just man is humbled that he ay be exalted.
In vain will the proud man hear

word; he shall not understand

Only the humble man will hearken to it; he will find therein consolation.

The more you practice virtue, the more you will delight in My words.
The more the learned man delights in himself, the less he understands what My works reveal.

He alone will understand Me well,

alone will know that it is I who speak to him, who, putting aside all vanity, will hunger after the truth of virtue and the virtue of truth. Science will be profitable to him, because all truth bears witness to

try who will spend their Christmas beneath the soil of a distant land. learned; the learned man, pure in heart, will be humble. Humility enlightens the intellect more than all the knowledge of

> Listen faithfully to the Church, and your knowledge will increase by the knowledge that has come

down from past ages and from God.

-Rev. Gabriel Palau, S. J. WHAT TEMPER REALLY IS

You know there are many young women—we hope those of more mature years have learned to know better—who take not a little pride like them, were commonplaces of accident; it is not one of the many phases through which a portion of the many phases through which a portion of the many phase through which a phase through which a phase through which a phase through which are through the many phase through the many ph in the fact that they have a very quick temper. They find it a very effective means of getting what they want from those in the home circle who would rather give them anything than get them into a tantrum. Independent. We have lately seen a new way of looking at temper that is not so flattering to the one possessed of it. It is probable that those who figuratively pat themselves on the back for their temper get it somewhat mixed up with a strong will, which it certainly is not. Perhaps when they begin to regard an uncontrol-And muttered: "Come on, let me in;
Here is something I know you can do;
Here's a hill I know you can climb."
But the brother inside very quickly

But the brother inside very quickly

But the brother inside very quickly

The representation of the paragraph we found said this: "A great source of cruelty is temper. When it is considered what a vast worklind." sum of misery temper causes in the world, how many homes are darkened and how many homes are saddened by it; when we remember that its persecutions have not even the purifying consequences of most other calamities inasmuch as its effects upon its innocent victims are rather cankerous than medicinal; when we call to mind what a bright face and a bright disposition are like sunshine in a house, and a gloomy, lowering countenance as depressing as an Arctic night, we At last Opportunity came
To a man who was burdened with cares,
And said: "I now offer the same

To a man who was burdened with cares,

And said: "I now offer the same of the careful of it—that temper

of yours that flares up at the least provocation, and causes far more unhappiness than you have any idea It's a chance if you've got the time to take it."

Said the man with a grin: "Come along, pass it in.

It is one thing to laughingly say you have a quick temper and let it go at that and another to tell the truth and admit that you have Said the man with a grandal along, pass it in.

I'll either find time, or I'll make allowed cruelty to plant its ugly roots in your character.—True

CARDINAL NEWMAN SPEAKING OUT

"I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn to the relation of truth to truth, to learn the relation of truth to truth, to learn the relation of truth to truth, to learn the relation of truth to truth t ciples of Catholicism, and where main inconsistencies and absurdities

feel and what you mean, as well as to feel it and mean it; to expose to the comprehension of others the fictions and fallacies of your opponents, and to explain the charges ents, and to explain the charges brought against the Church to the satisfaction, not indeed of bigots, but of men of sense of whatever high dignitaries in the Church, who

IRISH COURTESY

the Irish: "I said their poverty

the homely old proverb has it.

that unqualified rudeness which just at present distinguishes the youth of Europe. Far too often does one encounter the juvenile who glories in being aggressive contra-dictory and surly, who disdains to say please or thank you, or to lift his hat to a woman, who butts into waitress to reciprocal incivility.

immature among the Irish nation world when all seemed lost.

who show any leaning towards the From far off India the Arc boorish cult, but why, one asks, of Bombay has added his voice to should even one Irish boy or girl the defence of optimism and the

the journey may prosper with you." These, and a dozen other phrases like them, were commonplaces of

turn aside from the spirit which prompted such speech, would be the poorer, and who will penefit? Certainly not Ireland! -Miriam Alexander in Dublin

VOCATIONS

In beginning another scholastic year, our young people should make up their minds to put to good use the time allotted to them for study: ing themselves in all things necessary to their vocation in life. A neglect of this duty results in the many worthless men and women today who have missed their vocations and whose lives are miserable

The mind of youth as it develops, manifests various aptitudes: and so long as opportunity be given to cultivate these aptitudes, so long will the child be in the way of attaining the place marked out for it. Some parents force the mind of the child into uncongenial channels and give it an education wholly unfit for its state in life. Catholic parents will often send their boys parents will often send their boys to school, to college, or the seminary, without first ascertaining whether or no they show signs of a vocation. They dedicated him—to God in his infancy and feel that now their chief duty consists in making him a priest. By such means parents easily exert a contract influence upon children and means parents easily exert a contrary influence upon children and instead of leading them to the open road in life, they leave them bewildered in the darkness of a woods from which it is almost impossible to find an exit: and so they wander about confused through life.

Let the holy Will of God work out the destiny of your child under the influence of religion. Not: Il men and women are called to the

men and women are called to the religious life; not all can be doctors, lawyers or mechanics: not

which is not what we give to one another by way of expressing our friendship and love, but what was given to all men nearly two thousand years ago on the first Christmas, a little Child in a Manger Who came out of love from Heaven to earth.

A modern writer tells us that the land of solitude is a term incognita, an unknown land in this our feverish age. But it is a land so replete with delights that it will well repay a visit and there is a certainty that the chance visitor straying within this enchanted boundary, will not fail to come again.

The poorest, the feeblest, the world a snare; If the habit is, and a snare; If the habit is, and a snare; If the habit is yours, you should bréak it, grow was to do what is ofkered to you want to do what is offered to you want to do what is offered to you. You'll find time to do it or make it.

Detroit Free Press of age, he sat conversish age. But it is a land so replete with delights that it will well repay a visit and there is a certainty that the chance visitor straying within this enchanted boundary, will not fail to come again.

The world around us presents the spectacle of men engaged in a walked with a trembling step, lean which he had not strength to hold erect, dropped on his breast. He walked with a trembling step, lean who had become a seminary that the chance of the yound the passage and the tot of Catholics to "speak on the douty of Catholics to "speak out." I have found the passage and to the father and mother belongs the duty of assist mothed they and to the father and mother belongs the duty of assist mothed they are there is my daily cross, do I accept willingly? Surely for it is God which the Abose de Rohan one even ye writer in the Southern Cross.

The POWER OF RELIGION

When Victor Hugo was about a time to do it or make it.

There is a time for silence and a time to southern Cross.

The boys and girls of today are to be the men and women of tomorrow; and on the mit of all can save their souls in any occation. There is the grace of a dout." I have found

they stand, who eknow what they simply means to be employed in hold and what they do not, who attaining Eternal Life. We are know their creed so well that they not preaching, but talking hard

An optimist is one who sees with unclouded vision the good and evil of the Protestant theory.

"You ought to be able to bring out," he goes on to say, "what you ultimately prevail; a pes in the world and pins his faith on supernatural motives that good will

Some very heartening statements

have given more than a passing thought to the subject, on the reasonableness of being optimists and the folly of being pessimists. His Eminence, the Cardinal, in his recent pastoral on Religious Ideals in Industrial Relations voiced his The rising generation in Ireland inherits a long tradition of good manners and geniality, attributes which are commended in the "Itinerary of Prince Alfrid," and which, nearly twelve hundred years later, moved Sir Walter Scott to write of with the rapid growth of wealth the selfishness of men has kept the selfishness pace; that the gap between rich and was not exaggerated; neither is their wit, nor their good humor. There is perpetual kindness in the Irish cabin."

What Alfrid found, and Sir Walter found and hundred of a well of possibility. Not with Walter found, and hundreds of chroniclers in between have found, you will find today in the elders of Modern paganism has done its work, you will find today in the elders of the Irish people, an instinctive courtesy, friendliness, consideration and tact, that might set an example to many a diplomat "the butter and charity of Christ. When Christian and charity of Christ. coming through the stirabout," as tian ideals rule the world, then and not till then, we shall have peace

It is simply impossible to conceive them condescending to a display of Cardinal Bourne asked his hearers say please or thank you, or to lift the barbarians, and the French his hat to a woman, who butts into crowded tramcars in front of old tion followed. If mankind had people carrying heavy parcels and given way to pessimism and relingoads the over-driven restaurant quished the struggle, Christianity waitress to reciprocal incivility. So far it is only a few of the very | would not have restored life to the

From far off India the Archbishop of Bombay has added his voice to follow a bad alien example, when there is a super-excellent national standard? Why wear Irish tweed and discard Irish manners? Almost every expression in daily use a few years ago bespoke a kindly thought: "God bless the work," "God save all here." "That willed though it has been done and is being done in the midst of all the spite of and in the midst of all the force for good that underlies it all, never dilled though it has been done and is being done in the spite of and in the midst of all the spite of and is being done and is being done in the spite of and is being done and is being done. rising from its wounds more alive than ever. Christianity accident; it is not one of the many the world has passed. It is a permanent uplifting; and it has power to uplift today as much as yesterday, in Asia as well as in Europe and America. What is more, the work is being done and gradually the whole mass is being leavened. Failures there are now as in the past. But as then, so now, these are neither the fruits nor the manifestations of Christianity; to judge it by them is the devil's own justice. There are other signs more true, more in accordance with her design; and these are every day, and will grow till the

Utterances such as these from such diverse quarters of the world from those who have the opportunity of accurate indement, stimulating in these anxious tim Such assurances of firm belief in Our Lord's promises to His Church at a time when Christianity is assailed by so many hostile critics are the best answer that can be given to those of little faith. They are in full accord with the attitude

of the head of the Church The Holy See has had to bear much of the storm that has raged against Christianity, but even in moments when most attacked, no language is heard from the lips of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV., but words of hope and encouragement. The world sunk in dejection has much to remember, but it has also many lessons to learn. But it can learn them best by hearkening not to pessimists, but to its true leaders, who profess not destructive pessimbut true optimism ba faith and on Christ's infallible promises to His Church.—The

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BETTER THAN GOLD

Better than gold is a thinking mind That in the realms of books can find A treasure surpassing Australian And live with the great and good of

yore. The sage's lore and the poet's lay, The glories of empires passed away, The world's great dream will thus unfold

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THE PASSING OF IMMORTALITY

For the past three years immortality has ranked high among our mental fads, with Lodge, Doyle and Maeterlinck vieing for the distinc-tion of psychical Columbus. A new world was tapped; a million bellhops called mediums were tipped: and lo! a vast noisy hostelry, where William James gibbered equally with Cassandra, was flung open to a dizzy public. A fresh revelation had dawned. It was thrillingly learned that a dough-boy named Raymond was very happy "Over There;" that smoking was permitted in the ethereal lobbies, thereby the increase which is though the cigars which the im-mortals affected were of decidedly inferior quality; that Prohibition had not gone into effect; that faithful dead cats and dogs scampered anew on the banks of the Styx; that thinking was simply not being done there, this season, perhaps because it interfered with the repose without which heaven, of course, "positively isn't;" that the next world was rather a smudgy copy or rickety extension of the cruder features of this present one. But he, she, or it lives! Fanny, Frank, or Fide! To know that

they were not really slumbering under the white moonlight and a shroud of blossoms in orthodox narrow cells, but were alive and lively in an up-to-date push-buttoned, elevatored, escalatored existence: ah, that was enough for the moist-eyed sentimentalists! And the cultus of Spiritism increased, while all the world won-

But then, when the fervor flared fiercest, Ouija "cashed in." discovered that, while a celestial insane asylum had indeed been opened, the doors of many terrestrial ones needed to be opened. Wracked from psychical exploits; with sanity crushed by the forces of abnormal experience which, octo-pus-like, had wrapped itself around memory a rooted sorrow. seen that Spiritism was more efficacious at damaging nervoussystems than at mending hearts; that it took much more than it gave; and that it opened the appetite, only to close the mind. It ought an overt candle of hope in

people pondered more and more on the prudence of Hotspur's answer to Glendower's boast that he could call spirits from the vasty deep: 'Why, so can I, or so can any man; but will they come when you do call for them?" And while the crop of addled heads were being duly nursed, it seemed to the sensitive and poetic that the air was vibrant, as in the drama "Macbeth," with the silent sardonic voices of the weird ones of the air.

Thus a nausea and reaction are the ouija-board now, or mice one-step on it in the garret. Mediums, like Cassius, wear a lean and hungry look, and seek honest jobs in "five and ten-cent stores." The surely with us. Baby plays with wish is general enough that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle burn his discarnate romances and some more of his sure-fire, human Sherlock Holmes. Another craze has keeled over and lies gasping. The living are breathing more freely; and, perhaps, the dead.

But man must think something.

And his substitutes for Spiritist preoccupation are interesting. Let G. B. Shaw and A. Keith speak. Everyone wishes an immortality of Everyone wishes an immortality of happiness; though very, very many are earnestly opposed to an endless stretch of this present troublous span. But George Bernard Shaw, unmindful of the dissenting exceptions, focuses on the universal wish for longevity and, whimsically, tells us in his recent Pentateuch, how length of days may be voluntarily achieved. Spiritists would give us the boon. If Shaw would have us go out, a la George Cohan, and get it. Spiritists would place it in another, though similar, world; Shaw would have it realized right here on this planet, in these very coils of flesh which we call our body. Spiritists present continued existence as a fact; Shaw, as an ideal. Spiritists were ridiculously

Since Spiritism apparently is exploded, the English literateur endeavors to mend its broken promises without exploiting it in the least. And he employs the Albion fetich of evolution; but, of necessity, he snubs Darwinism, to court Lamarkianism. Maintaining that, even in the biological order, the key to achievement is desire, he declares, through the lips of a character in his dialogue, that, if we want longevity strenuously enough,

teaches to want to live for long or forever. Nature cares next to nothing for you or me or any other individual. She is the great lover of the species. Because she so elects, the species will endure. But her edict against the individual is death. "All the rivers run into the sea," as Ecclesiastes ruminates. "but the sea does not overflow." Keith, however, seems disinclined to consider the sea eternal: nor does consider the sea eternal; nor does he at all carp on Nature's attitude toward the individual as being a little

unnatural. He concedes that civilization has wrung a few extra years of life from reluctant Nature. For gorillas and anthropoid apes are old at forty; whereas man's allotted cycle has become larger. There is something of a petitio principii; but interesting, withal. He even allows that immortality is not impossible, being impressed with Dr. Alexis Carrel's experiment with a bit of chicken heart which has been growing normally in a special culture at the Rockefeller Institute for nine years-perhaps for some such and unalarming reason as that which accounts for the increase of hair on a corpse. But Keith apparently thinks that Carrel has done more for the doctrine of immor-tality with his piece of poultry than philosophers with all their

syllogisms. His message, however, is: repudiate the possibility of lengthened life. Not a long existence, but a vigorous, efficient one, were the worthier aim. Extend, as far as possible, the better period of a man's days; but do not interfere materially with his given span. In other words, don't pin your faith on longevity, but make the present moment golden. Good advice. Still it cannot effectually ward off the steady approach of toothlessness. hairlessness, rheumatism and all the other ills to which age is unwilling heir; and, worse, it would at once make the present life all the more desirable by adding to its zest, but all the less satisfactory by the human skull; a bedraggled line of people filed into the institutions designed to administer to "minds" make life, the briefer it will seem designed to "dminister to "minds diseased" and to "pluck from the and the more we shall yearn to have

And so the havor of modern thought on immortality appears. Summarily, the Spiritists turned eternity upside down. The Shavians snub the Spiritists and make immortality a thing to be achieved, if at all, here on terra firma and one hand, and a covert mess of un- not in some immaterial locus or happiness in the other. It was status, While the latest advices sincerely suspected that even Lydia from Olympus are: Don't bother Pinkham possibly did more for your brains about it at all, if you humanity that Eusapia Palladino. value your reason. Just make the most of yourself and your time Too, charlatanism was wide-spread and unmistakable. So that here, and expect nothing hereafter. The rest is silence.'

Meanwhile Catholics are smiling the smile of peace, and place Scripture at an Everest altitude above Shaw. They are mindful of the Lord's words: "My spirit shall not remain in man forever, and his days shall be a hundred and twenty years," and esteem as infinitely beyond the speculations of Keith the promise of Christ: "In my the Georgetown Preparatory School at Garret Park, Md., a set of Latin at Ga sions." And, strangely, they are quite unperturbed by the fall, as even by the rise of Spiritism, and by the tell-tale throb of the chickenhearted experiment in Rockefeller Institute. Such is faith, especially when founded on a rock. — Edward F. Murphy, Ph. D., in America.

HONESTY AS THE "BEST POLICY"

New York, Dec. 26.—Public schools in the city of New York will introduce a course in "honesty" as an antidote to crime, based on the theory that honesty is the best policy. Such instruction has the sanction of President Anning S. Prall of the Board of Education, according to a letter he has written to the head of a large fidelity and insurance company, who said that a general deterioration in moral fibre general deterioration in reason why to magazines. Later he turned to the head of a large indenty and dialects, meanwhile making voluntiations of translations to magazines. stealing about ten times as much as formerly and why surety companies were losing \$10,000,000 annually from burglaries and \$5,000,000 from embezzlements.

" ONE FOLD AND ONE SHEPHERD'

New York, Dec. 22.—At a close of a special service in the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine to welcome Most Rev. Mele-tios, Bishop of the Schismatic Greek serious; Shaw is seriously ridicular church the latter, in the course of an address to the assembly of Episan address to the address

acter in his dialogue, that, if we want longevity strenuously enough, we'll have it. Didn't the giraffe get his long neck, from longing for the fruit higher up? Yes. Well, now are you convinced of the validity of voluntary longevity?

But, amusingly, along comes Sir Arthur Keith, F. R. S., important biologist and anthropologist, with a different prospect and presentment. Shaw makes longevity the child of desire. Keith would hold that, if so, the child is illegitimate. We have no warrant from Nature, he

teaches to want to live for long or Episcopal Bishops who possess

STATUE TO HEROIC SISTERS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.— Eleven orders of Catholic sisters will be represented in the "Nuns of the Battlefield" monument which will be erected by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the nation's capital as a tribute to the sacrifices made by women in religious orders on the fields of the Civil War.

To make certain that every detail of each habit will be correct, arrangements have been made with sisters studying at the Catholic Sisters' College here to visit the sculptor's studio and inspect the figures representing their different orders. The model for the statue is

now complete. The orders represented in the group, which will be ten feet in height and about eighteen in length, include the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Sisters of Divine Providence, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Dominican Sisters, Ursuline Nuns, Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph.

It is expected that the statue will be unveiled during the coming year, according to Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, who has been chief sponser of the movement to honor the heroic nuns

who served humanity so well. who served humanity so well.
"Throughout the centuries," de-clares Mrs. Jolly, "the sisters of many religious orders have been ministering angels in times of war. Many governments accepted their services. When peace came the nuns went back to their convent homes and their gentle services to the sick, the wounded, the dying, and the dead were forgotten. The United States, by its grant of one of the most desirable sites in the beautiful city of Washington for the monument to heroic sisters who served in the Civil War, has set a notable example to the nations of the world."

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GEORGETOWN U.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.-Two scholarships, to be known as the "Edward Douglas White" scholarships, have been founded at Georgetown University, according to the Rev. John B. Creeden, president of the Institution. The scholarships were endowed by Mrs. White in memory of the late Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who attended Georgetown College in 1860, leaving his studies to join

classics, comprising 250 volumes, in memory of her husband.

The college scholarships provide for free tuition and part payment of board during the college course.

WORLD'S FOREMOST LINGUIST

Prague, Dec. 15.—One of the world's foremost linguists recently celebrated his sixtieth birthday in He is Rev. M. Koudelka, better known under the pseudonym, 'O.S. Vetti,' and is known to have mastered thirty-four languages. While at school and in the seminary he learned Latin, Italian, English, Spanish, and various Slav tongues. After his ordination he added a knowledge of Swedish, Dutch, Finattention to the Magyar tongue and | May her soul rest in peace.

studied Turkish, Aranian, Hindustani, Armenian, Greek, Russian Polish, and German. He is now translating the best authors of the tongues he has acquired into Czech. It is quite probable that Father Koudelka is the world's greatest linguist. Cardinal Mezzofanti, who is regarded as the greatest linguist of all times, spoke fifty-eight languages. guages.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 1.—The feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, a holyday of obligation in the United States.

Monday, Jan. 2.-St. Fulgentius, Bishop, who by his books and letters, confounded both Pelegian and Arian heresisrchs and confirmed the Catholics of Africa and Gaul in the Faith. He died in 533 after having suffered many persecutions. Tuesday, Jan. 3.—St. Genevieve, Virgin, who was born near Paris

and was a constant advisor of Clovis. During the pestilence in Paris in 1129, when 14,000 died, the shrine of St. Genevieve was carried in solemn procession. Only three persons died that day, the rest recovered and no others were taken ill. St Genevieve is patron of Paris.

Wednesday, Jan. 4. — St. Titus, Bishop, a disciple of St. Paul and fellow - laborer on many of his missions. He carried Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians and later was made Bishop of Crete.

Thursday, Jan. 5.— St. Simeon Stylites, who spent twenty-seven years on the top of pillars, exposed to heat and cold, adoring God. At last, in the year 460, those who watched from below observed he ad been motionless for three days They ascended and found him dead,

in an attitude of prayer.
Friday, Jan. 6.—The Feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates Jesus' manifestation to the wise men, the manifestation of His divinity when John baptized him in the Jordan and that of his mir-

aculous power when he changed water into wine at Cana. Saturday, Jan. 7.—St. Lucian, martyr, whose revisions of the books of the Old and New Testaments prepared the way for St. Jerome. He died in prison.

LITTLE TALES

A correspondent writes to the New York Herald that George W. School Section No. 4; must have necessary qualifications. Capable of teaching both dent Harding, is reported to have said to Lord Northcliffe at the White School Section No. 4; must have necessary qualifications. Capable of teaching both and experience to Hector Gervais, Sec. Treas. S. S. No. 4, La Passe, Out. House when indicating the way to the President's office, "Come on in, This recalls a story heard in Wash-

ington in 1871-fifty years ago-when the Joint High Commission to arrange the Treaty of Washington was sitting for the settlement of the Alabama claims.

The President gave a luncheon at the White House to the Commissioners, the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Ripon. The White House butler especially instructed the colored waiters to say "My Lord" when spoken to by His Lordship. All went well until the Earl asked what a certain dish handed to him to partake of was. "It is cold salmon, my God," said,

the colored waiter.

FREEL .- At Hotel Dieu, Windsor, Ont., on December 18, 1921, Edwin Jerome Freel, aged sixty-one years. May his soul rest in peace.

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FLEMING.—At the General Hospital, Medicine Hat, Alberta, on tal, Medicine Hat, Alberta, M. Sunday, December 4, James M. Fleming, of Retlaw, Alberta, youngest son of the late Richard Fleming, Chepstow, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

Lynch. At her late residence Percy Township, on December 16, Mrs. David Lynch, aged seventy-seven years. Interment from St. Jerome's Church, Warkworth, Ont.

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