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THE CHRISTIAN CHILD

The following verses, from the pen of a pupil in the South Boston Catholic school, and published in the Sacred Heart Review, are all worthy reproduction.

Beheld it at the sacred fount, The blessed water flows; The radiance of this precious soul Before all heaven glows.

All heaven bows to God's request; His love is undefiled; They know that for this little soul Their God was crucified;

OUR IRISH LETTER.

DUBLIN, November 28.—Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., delivered an interesting and instructive lecture in the Round Room of the Rotunda this week, taking for his subject "Wexford in '98." After an eloquent peroration, Mr. Redmond plunged into his theme.

There was one spot neglected, and that was the County Wexford. There the preparations were the least, and the struggle the most severe.

THE ADVANCE OF THE IRISH TROOPS

After they had taken New Ross for the first time in the campaign, the Irish troops gave way to excess. The English, on the other side of the river, seeing what had occurred, bided their time, and as night fell they attacked the town, meeting with but feeble resistance.

TO VINDICATE THE MEMORY OF THE MEN

whom it was fashionable, even at the present day, for certain classes of Irishmen to calumniate. Almost 100 years had now passed since these men had suffered and died.

Manifesto to the People of Ireland.

The Executive of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance has issued a manifesto to the people on the subject of early Saturday closing and of Sunday closing of licensed places.

Ambulance Service for Longshoremen.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has written the Dublin District Labor Council on the subject of Ambulance Service for quay workers.

The Anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs.

The Anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs was celebrated with peculiar impressiveness this week in Dublin. The procession to Glasnevin was one of the most imposing in the history of Dublin.

As He Stands in American Politics

The Right Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D.D., delivered an interesting and impressive address before the Carroll Institute, Washington, recently, taking as his subject, "Catholic Young Men, Their Duties in American Public Life."

An Irish Priest on Henry George

The inaugural address of the '97-'98 session of the Limerick Catholic Institute was delivered yesterday evening by the Rev. Dr. Riordan. He chose for his subject Henry George, the great social reformer, who died so recently and under such tragic circumstances in New York.

Mr. Maurice Healy and '98.

Mr. Maurice Healy, M.P., at a recent meeting in Cork in connection with the celebration of the '98 centenary, told those assembled that if his position of membership of Parliament were to cut him off from sympathy with the great mass of Irish Nationalists he would cut off his right hand before he would estrange himself from his fellow-countrymen.

Funeral of the Late Mr. John Hooper, Ex-M.P.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Hooper, editor of the Evening Telegraph, formerly M.P. for East Cork, took place on Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock, to Glasnevin Cemetery, from the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, to which the remains had been removed from his late residence at 22 Belvidere place.

A NEW CHURCH

TO THE MEMORY OF ST. BRIDGET IN THE PARISH OF FAUGHART, IRE.

There is a great church in course of erection in the parish of Faughart, Ireland. It is in honor of St. Bridget, the great saint who is only second to St. Patrick in the hearts and love of the Irish race.

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AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE.

American public life exists, as all public life exists, for the greatest good, for the greatest number, for the greatest good to each individual.

WHAT THE AMERICAN IDEA IS.

"Every nation has its nation idea. As Providence has selected different individuals for special work among men, so it seems to have selected nations for special work among nations.

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NOTES FROM COLORADO

The Recent Exhibition—Some Notable Catholic Institutions.

The recent festival of Mountain and Plain attracted many visitors to Denver, the chief city of Colorado. The beautiful exhibits of gold, silver, iron and coal, enabled one to form some idea of the mineral wealth of the Rockies.

THE PIKE'S PEAK REGION.

This famous mountain is over fourteen thousand feet high. Its summit may be reached by walking, which taxes the power of the strongest, on horseback, by carriage, and most convenient of all, by the Manitou and Pike's Peak Cog Railroad.

SPARKLING MINERAL WATERS

is, to use a common expression, nature's own apothecary shop. These springs are the finest in the State and were frequented by the Indians long before the pale face came westward.

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Sister Cecilia, 50 Years of a Religious Life.

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A single pair of herrings if allowed to multiply undisturbed for twenty years would at the end of that time not only supply the world with food, but would have become inconveniently numerous.

If the whole ocean were dried up all the rivers in the world would have to pour their water into its basin for 40,000 years before it would again be full.



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THE GREAT SURPRISE OF MY TOUR

Nearly eighteen years had passed since I last set foot in Montreal, and when I arrived the other day from Ottawa, by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and noticed the splendid depot and buildings erected by that great corporation in Dalhousie street, together with the palatial station on Windsor Square, I could hardly recognize the spots that I knew familiarly in earlier years; and while I could discern a general expansion and renewed activity in the up-building and beautifying of the great city, I could not refrain from the conclusion that much of its recent growth and increased commercial prosperity are due to the enterprise and enormous wealth of the promoters of the famous railroad above named.

It could not, in the nature of things, be otherwise, for this vast public highway is conducted on the very best commercial and business principles, and, besides making Montreal better known abroad as being the headquarters of its great railway system, it adds to the city's mercantile status by the continual inflow of trade and passengers brought within its gates. The next objects of improvement that I noticed were the splendidly widened thoroughfares—these commercial arteries that give mercantile life and vigor to the prosperous and increasing city. When I saw the metropolis before many of its business streets were narrow and congested and ill-fitted to accommodate the great stream of commerce destined to pour into them, and when I saw their much altered capacity the other day, I strove to make a mental estimate of the millions of money it must have taken to produce the needed change and of the courage and dexterity of the corporate authorities and city officials who pushed on the work to completion.

As I walked through the various streets I was struck by the magnificent proportions of the new buildings on St. James and Notre Dame streets, and following on, towards the Bonaventure Station, I saw an evidence of the push and energy of the great Grand Trunk Railway System in the erection of its superb station and depot at that point. In that location I noticed a fine erection, namely, the Queen's Hotel, and on my taking an inside view of the place, I concluded that it has the capacity to house and make hundreds of guests comfortable. Of the vast Windsor Hotel, on Dominion Square, a word need hardly be said, because it has already gained fame and is known to the travelling public from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The old hostelry on St. James street—the St. Lawrence Hall—may well be put in the same category. Hurrying around, I soon entered St. Catharine street, and herein I met

through the city, for in the brief space of 18 years it has been transformed from a quiet residential place into a veritable beehive of commercial industry, wherein business concerns of all kinds find fitting abodes. I cannot pretend to describe each of the handsome establishments in that busy locality, but the beauty and extent of such concerns as the Colonial House and Messrs. John Murphy & Co. caught my attention, for they surpass in size and beauty of construction. But here I had to pause and refer back to the old and far-famed firm of S. Carley & Co., who have stood their ground in the old location, and who have absorbed all the premises and property around them, making, perhaps, the largest business in Canada confined to retail dealing. But I was anxious to take a fresh look at Sherbrooke street, that place of well known princely mansions, wherein wealth and good taste have combined to construct homes in which kings might deign to live. I had a vague recollection, from years ago, of many elegant abodes there, but since then many new ones have been added, and they carry with them all the splendor that modern invention can bestow and all that superabundant riches can procure. One of the newer erections, built in Old Country castle style, huge in size and substantial in formation, attracted my notice above all its surroundings. It is the home of Mr. A. F. Gault, one of Montreal's merchant princes and millionaires, who is also familiarly called "Canada's Cotton King." I did not see the inside of the house, but I am sure that it is in perfect keeping with the outside. The palatial home of the Hon. Senator Drummond was also pointed out to me, as well as scores of others sheltering an equal number of wealthy and well-known citizens. But why stop to particularize? Let the whole street be classed as one of magnificent residences in which the city's deserving

provided all within the peace, harmony, and contentment, but this may be an ideal not to be obtained on this side of the grave. This sketch represents what I saw of the exterior of things on my first day of scrutiny, but before the sun had set I sought relief from all distracting things, and turned my footsteps towards the great Cathedral on Notre Dame street. I had seen it before, but on this present visit it seemed to have gathered new charms and impressiveness, and under its soothing influences I soon forgot the scenes of the earlier hours. The contrast was kind and beneficial, as all without was bustle, hurry and turmoil, while, within, the sacred precinct was calm, peaceful and inspiring. Silent men and women were there on bended knees, engaged in solemn prayer, and everywhere about the word "silence" was displayed, and if footsteps moved at all it was with a gentleness that made no noise. But the very solemnity of the great Church would deter even a savage from noisy conduct. Before leaving, I made my way to what is called the chapel, or annex, which is remarkable for its richness of adornment, the coat running up to the hundreds of thousands. This perfect gem fairly transfixed the senses, and you feel loth to leave its presence after your spirit becomes impregnated with its fascinating beauty. But I must stop short here, for the present at least, as my allotted space is used up, but a theme so pleasant may be again resumed.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

A Recent Celebration at Hartford, Conn.

The Objects of the Organization Discussed by Rev. Dr. Maher-Loyalty, Intrepidity and Unshaken Honor Its Watchword.

The Knights of Columbus, a Branch of which has been recently organized in Montreal, is an organization which has many flourishing branches or commanderies in the neighboring republic. At a recent annual service for deceased members, held by the Hartford Knights, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., and at which His Lordship Bishop Tierney assisted, nearly three thousand of the faithful were present. Rev. Dr. Maher, who was the preacher, in the course of his eloquent references to the Order, is reported to have said:—"You are the lineal descendants of the crusaders of the eleventh century. The spirit of Christian chivalry, loyalty, intrepidity and honor, upholding the cross of Christ and doing the work of Christ—this is your magnificent charge. Have you lived up to it in the past? Will you live up to it in the future? God grant it!" "When your constitution was framed the aim was that you might be chevaliers of honor, knight followers of Christ and loyal to the cross of Christ. What does that mean? The knights of old had a sworn pledge to stand for the right; for the honor of the women, the purity of the maiden and the honor of the Church. "Did ever a knight swear loyalty to the maiden at home any more strongly than you swear loyalty to your mother church? The spirit of the church of God is the spirit of Christ. This spirit never grows old. Now as to intrepidity. The day has not yet come when you have to fight for your faith. You must be ready at any moment, however, to sustain your faith in face of all opposition. At present the world is under a cloud of unbelief. Everything seems going to pieces. Thank God we are safe. Our back is still unbroken. It is not so of our fold, and as decades follow decades we will need knights to stand out and force the way with the cross at their shoulder, bearing it on to the ends of the earth. "After loyalty and intrepidity we expect one more quality—unshaken honor. When we find a true, sincere, honest soul the church can do anything or make anything of it. If we have material which is dwarfed the church has a very hard time building on this foundation.

GOOD LUCK CONTINUES.

The first capital prize of the Society of Arts of Canada, 1896 Notre Dame street, has come out twice in two weeks. This time (drawing of Dec. 1st.) Mr. N. L. Vallée, grocer, 293 Emery street, Montreal, is the happy winner. Like his predecessor, Captain James Williamson, who won the capital prize on November 17th, Mr. Vallée declares that, at first, he thought he had won but an approximation prize, and it was only after two days that he ascertained, by mere chance, that the first capital prize belonged to him. Once more we advise ticket holders to read over the lists of drawing very carefully.

We are glad to announce that Mr. R. J. Latimer has resumed business as manufacturers' agent and commission merchant. His place of business is 144 and 146 McGill street, where past customers will be welcomed to see his stock of all new goods. Mr. Latimer will know all over the country and we trust he will receive a generous support from all his old customers.

A New York father of triplets announces the fact in an advertisement in the newspapers there, and the result is that his house is filled with a variety of handsome gifts appropriate to the interesting event.

In some parts of Australia, when a man marries, each of the bride's relatives strikes him with a stout stick, by way of welcome into the family.

Berthelot, the French chemist, finds that the copper objects found at Negadah and Abydos, in Egypt, are of pure copper, not bronze. They are believed to date from the first dynasty or earlier, and tend to prove the past existence of a copper before the bronze age.

MAUD GONNE AT CHICAGO.

Speaks of the Devotion of Irish Exiles.

The Great Aims of the Promoters of the Commemoration Festivals for the 98th Centenary—An Earnest Plea for Unity.

There was a grand demonstration in Central Music Hall, Chicago, on Tuesday of last week, to welcome Miss Maud Gonne, "the Joan d'Arc" of Erin, and her soul-stirring words on behalf of the land which is ever dear to the Irishman and the descendants of Irishmen. The meeting had for its primary object the commemoration of the execution of the three Manchester martyrs, but the occasion was seized for hearing the eloquent and fair pleader for the cause of Ireland. Mayor Harrison presided and with him were the Hon. J. F. Egan, Hon. M. V. Gannon. In passing, the proposed arbitration treaty with England was vigorously denounced. Miss



MISS MAUD GONNE.

Gonne was introduced by the chairman and was met with a whirlwind of applause from the assembled thousands of stalwart Irishmen who thronged the huge hall.

Miss Gonne, say those who have had the privilege of hearing her, is a forceful, enthusiastic and eloquent speaker. She speaks from her heart and so excels in pathos that she can draw tears from her audience at will. Then when she waxes strong over the battles of Ireland and the memory of the noble men who have fought and bled to retrieve her wrongs, she brings the blood to the cheeks of her audience and makes every one of her hearers anxious and eager to be up and doing for the cause of the oppressed. Never before in the history of Irish national affairs in America has a public speaker made such a grand impression.

Miss Gonne, during the course of her able address, said:—

ACTIVE CO-OPERATION SOLICITED.

"I cannot describe to you the feelings of immense emotion which come over me as I stand here in this vast assembly of my fellow countrymen so far away from the old land. When I left home my friends told me, 'You are not going to a strange country.' And, indeed, they spoke truly. Since I landed in America my countrymen have not allowed me for a single moment to feel myself among strangers. The welcome they have given me touches me deeply, the more that it is not for myself they welcome me. It is because I come to speak to them of the great cause they love; because I come to ask their active help and co-operation in the great work which is before us, of carrying out in a manner worthy of the occasion the demonstrations in honor of the 98th centenary. "There is nothing more wonderful and beautiful in the world than the untiring and unceasing devotion of the Irish people to their native land. It makes one feel so proud of belonging to such a race. Driven out from their homes by tyranny and systematic misgovernment of England, which has brought about the ruin of our beautiful land, forced to go to foreign countries to earn the right to live denied to them at home, these

sons of Ireland never forget their sad mother; no, not even in this great free republic who has taken them to her heart and adopted them as her children, and where they breathe the life-giving air of liberty. It is proof of the wonderful, magical charm of that isle of old enchantment, that melancholy isle which lies dreaming in the arms of foambearers Atlantic; her weird power of attraction draws her children's hearts to her, no matter where they may be the wide world over; and in spite of her humiliation; in spite of her sorrows, perhaps on account of them, we love her more dearly and more ardently than men love the greatest and most powerful nations of the earth, and we will never rest till we have broken her chains and awakened her once more from the death-like trance in which she lies at the feet of England."

THE MEMORY OF '98.

"A century has passed since the United Irishmen and this great heroic leader, Wolfe Tone, so nearly succeeded in freeing our country. The more we study the events of '98, the more I think we should be encouraged to go on in the path which these men trod, to keep their lives and examples before us. If they failed in their great undertaking it

was through a series of unfortunate and purely accidental circumstances. But though the United Irishmen failed in their main effort, yet they succeeded in raising on high the national ideal. Their tradition animated the men of '48 and '67, and to them we owe it to-day, that in spite of the discouragement and the parliamentary demoralization of the past dreadful years, the youth and manhood of Ireland are as firm to-day as ever they were in their unshaken resolution to be free."

THERE MUST BE NO DISSENSIONS AMONG US. "The celebration of our great revolutions should be made worthy of the heroes whose memories we honor, of Wolfe Tone, of Fitzgerald, the Sheares, McCracken, Emmet and the countless heroes who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom. There must be no confusion, no dissensions among us. Our platform must be as broad as was that of the United Irishmen. For the honor of '98 and the honor and dignity of our sacred Ireland, let us put on one side, for the time at least, all our political differences, no matter how important they seem to us, and show the world a united front. "Irishmen who are scattered over the world will come back next year to the old land. You from this great republic, you will come back by thousands, in orderly array, to help the men at home to receive our friends from France, that other great republic who has always been our friend, and the many delegates from the other countries in Europe and representatives of the press of the world, who will come next year to Ireland to honor and to take part with us in the immense national pilgrimage which will visit all those glorious battle-fields of '98. It is an opportunity such as we have not had this century for placing our Ireland in a position of dignity before the world. "I do not believe that any great or noble effort is ever wasted or thrown away. Sooner or later the fruits of all these centuries of sacrifices and toil will be reaped and the hour of destiny will once more dawn for our sacred island and the dazzling light of Freedom once more shine upon her."

diocese of Quebec, and was made a separate diocese by Pius VI. in 1798. Its history during the intervening years from 1798 to 1897 is very interesting. Its earlier jurisdiction covered an immense territory, but has since been divided and sub-divided till the limits of the archdiocese, though still very large, were greatly reduced. Ten of its prelates, like the present incumbent, were French or of French descent. Of the others, two were Spanish, one a Belgian, one an Italian, and the late Archbishop Jallesens was a Hollander. The preponderance of the French prelates is natural, since the French Catholics of the diocese number 325,000 and require the services of 207 priests.

satisfied will do them justice in every way. Miss Procter is accompanied and assisted in her "labor of love" by Miss Urquhart, a young English lady, also highly connected, who takes a deep interest in the good work. Since Prince Henry of Orleans met the Count of Thun in the duelling field, and was put hors de combat by the Italian, nothing has been heard of him till recently. It was never thought his wound was serious, and certainly it has not dampened his love for travel and adventure. He is announced to start for the Equatorial Provinces of Abyssinia and may have something more to say of Italian cowardice when he returns or while he is there. Nous verrons!

Note and Comment

The Duke of Norfolk, the premier Duke of England, who has held the position of Mayor of Sheffield for the last two years, declined to enter upon a third term as chief magistrate, but has consented to be selected as an alderman. His Grace's remarks on retiring from the chair showed that he placed a high value on the position of chief magistrate and appreciated the honor conferred in his election.

A Tichborne claimant case, of a comparatively small edition, has been attempted in the Edinburgh Court of Session, by John Frazer of Lovat Lodge, London, who claims the barony and lands of Lovat with the title of Lord Lovat. The case was dismissed with costs by Lord Law, before whom it was tried, His Lordship holding that the defendant was protected against challenge by positive prescription.

The London Monitor quotes the Montreal Star as authority for what, it says, purports to be the substance of the Pope's decision on the Manitoba School settlement, but the Vatican correspondent of the London Times gives a categorical denial of the forecast. The Monitor gives the quotation under reserve and, as it says, "for what it is worth." We give it as published:—"His Holiness is said to strongly support the undoubted right of the Catholics of Manitoba to denominational schools, which he urges them to maintain, forbidding them to send their children to the secular schools. They must, like Catholics everywhere, loyally support their own system even when the State refuses assistance, at the same time pressing their claims to the full enjoyment of their constitutional rights, seeking by all peaceful methods to impress their non-Catholic citizens with the justice and fairness of their cause. The action of the Manitoba Legislature has created in that State a condition of things similar to that which exists in England. Citizens of the same Empire, we stand upon the same ground on this question as our Canadian fellow Catholics—the right to have our children educated in schools wherein the faith which we profess is taught without let or hindrance. Even if Catholic education is to be penalized because it is Catholic, and not merely secular, and we are to be taxed, and practically fined, because of our conscientious belief, we will maintain the struggle to the end, confident that God will defend the right."

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† PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....DECEMBER 11, 1897

REMEMBER THE POOR.

Christmas is not only a season of joy and jubilation, it is, *par excellence*, the season of Charity. With the introductory days of Advent comes the duty of preparing for its proper celebration, and that celebration will be imperfect, and of little avail, if it be not characterized by some substantial proof of regard for one's poorer and less fortunate neighbor. It, in a word, is not marked by a generous, a Christmas, distribution of alms. Let those whom God has blessed with abundance, or even a sufficiency, for their wants, think of the numberless homes where no fire burns, or, if it burns, burns but to mock the scene it brightens. In thousands of instances these are not the homes of the professional poor, but of those who have succumbed to the vicissitudes of life, who are powerless to work and still more powerless to beg, and who would part with their last family relic, and would allow sickness and even death itself to intervene rather than face the cold heartless refusal of their purse-proud neighbors. To enter properly, then, into the spirit and full enjoyment of this "season of love," the first condition is to do what is in one's power to make it Christmas with all within one's reach. He who knows his neighbor is in want, and debarred from all means of sharing in any of the joys or privileges of so glorious a feast, and shuts his eyes to the fact, cannot be considered as ranking with those to whom the Herald Angels brought their Message of Peace, for it was to "Men of Good Will," and he is not of such.

Many advance the excuse that they do not know those who are most deserving of their charity and would willingly relieve bona fide poverty, the result of misfortune, while they hesitate to do so in respect of what they term hereditary or professional. Persons, thus in doubt, will find an easy solution of the matter by referring to the Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, almoner of the poor, at St. Patrick's Presbytery, as well as to the pastors of the other parishes, through whom none but the truly deserving receive either their recommendation or approbation.

IS THE VATICAN IN DANGER?

The extent to which the Anarchist movement is progressing amongst the masses of the population of the Eternal City is causing some mingling with regard to the priceless treasures contained in the Vatican. It is the folly of the present rulers of Italy, in trying to make their bankrupt country live up to the rank of a first rate power, that has brought on the present acute discontent among a people already impoverished and overtaxed. Nothing but a lightening of the burdens upon the tax-payer and a policy having for its object the cheapening of the food and necessities of the people, will remove the discontent which finds its natural expression in Anarchism.

But there is no indication that any such policy will be adopted; and the eyes of the hungry and atheistic mob are, it is stated, turned towards the Vatican, with its vast and unique collection of priceless treasures, the accumulation of centuries of Catholic devotion to the Holy See. For over a thousand years it has been the custom of foreign prelates and monarchs and princes visiting Rome to present costly gifts to the Vicar of Christ, not to speak of gifts of money, which are now called Peter's Pence. It is estimated that in 1888, when Leo XIII. celebrated his golden jubilee, the gifts he received in gold and jewels and other articles reached a value the total of which runs up into millions of dollars. The art treasures of the Vatican alone exceed many millions. In value indeed they are beyond a value fixed by money.

The Italian Government, we are glad to observe, is taking special measures to safeguard the approaches to the Vatican.

...of the Pope's palace, while the Pontifical guards and other officials have been put upon their guard. But the guardianship of the treasures of the Vatican ought not simply to be the care of Italian troops and Pontifical soldiers; it should be the care of the whole Catholic world.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

Of course it possible—*tout est possible*, as our French friends say—that Captain Dreyfus may have been condemned for a crime of which he is innocent. But it should be borne in mind that the highest authorities in the French army, and all of the members of the court martial by which he was tried, have declared their belief that he did commit the crime of selling important military secrets to the German War Office. The Chamber of Deputies has also by a very large majority affirmed its conviction that the charge was fully proved.

The agitation now going on in the Paris press is, it should be remembered, the result of bribes paid for the purpose by a Jewish syndicate, who naturally desire to clear, if possible, the name of one of their co-religionists from the terrible stain of treachery of the worst description. Many of the leading news papers in the French capital are owned by Jews; and this also accounts for the vigor by which the movement for a new court-martial is being kept up.

It is not likely, however, that it will succeed; for, apart altogether from the merits of the case, the evidence in Paris, as in Vienna and Berlin, of a bitter anti-Semitic feeling on account of the undue prominence attained by Jews in the financial, political and journalistic world, together with the fact that a Jewish syndicate has been organized to bribe the press, will undoubtedly hurt the scheme. The corruption fund will defeat its own ends. Its establishment was an insult to French honor and French patriotism.

AN ATTEMPT TO DISFRANCHISE OUR PRIESTS.

A bill has been brought before the Legislature, by Dr. De Grosbois, which ought to meet with the strongest opposition at the hands of every Catholic member. Its aim is to disfranchise the clergymen of the whole province. Of course its provisions don't say so in so many words; but that would be the effect if it should become law. It provides that no one shall have a right to vote at provincial elections who is not qualified on taxable property, that is, that those who now qualify on religious property shall be deprived of their votes. Such a proposal is an insult to the Catholic priesthood, the sacredness of whose office and importance of whose services in the cause of social order and intellectual progress, to say nothing of their religious ministry, eminently entitle them to a voice in the direction of public affairs, without any such restriction as a property qualification. There is some consolation in the fact that, even if it should pass the Legislative Assembly, there is no chance of its passing the Legislative Council.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS.

That the Catholic newspaper should be recognized by priests and laymen as a very powerful auxiliary to religion is a truth which is daily becoming more apparent. The subject has been so trite that it is almost a wearisomeness to refer to it again.

Its importance, however, is so great that further references to it are justified until both priests and laymen come to realize it in its entirety. How is it that Protestants support their press with such unflinching generosity? Because they take a personal interest in the dissemination of the different sectarian doctrines in which they believe. Nearly all their newspapers, in the United States as well as in Canada, thrive through becoming the organs, more or less pronounced, of a particular sect. Three out of the four daily English papers in Montreal are cases in point. And only a few days ago we read in an American newspaper that a sum of fifty thousand dollars had been voted by a Unitarian gathering for the maintenance of a representative organ in Boston. As our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Standard and Times, of Philadelphia, pointedly says in referring to this incident:

Who ever heard of a Catholic gathering, or a Catholic individual, dreaming of taking such action? All speak magniloquently of the absolute necessity of such a press, the nobility of its mission, the immense responsibility of the men who should write for it, the need of judgment, boldness, polish, erudition, vigilance and indefatigable zeal for the sacred cause on the part of its editors. But when it comes to a question of ways and means, the spirit of diffidence which suddenly overtakes everybody is marvelous to behold. Pockets are closed as if by the automatic action of the morning glory and the sunflower, and Harpocrates, the god of silence, instantly lays his finger on the lips of the enthusiastic advocates. The phenomena, observable in our eccentric meteorology pervade our

...the trade winds... instantaneously to zero and the things blow over.

Indeed, to judge from the readiness with which the Catholic press is supported by those whose interests it champions, it seems excusable to doubt the sincerity of those who declare themselves to be its friends. One of the drawbacks from which the Catholic press in Canada suffers is a sort of timidity on the part of its publishers and directors; a fondness for remaining in the background, as if they were ashamed to be connected with it. We feel sure that if they held, for example, an annual conference and exchanged views on the subject of promoting their common interests, the outcome would be the creation of a spirit of greater enterprise, an increase in the circulation and influence of their journals, and the fostering of a sentiment of fraternity which could not fail to be of great value.

To the clergy in general, too, the Catholic press has a right to look for practical assistance. We have in this city and province an ample supply of beautiful and costly churches, which, thank God, are well filled on Sundays. But will they always be so thronged? Are not indifference and irreligion making progress amongst our young men? Is not the secular press full of dangerous doctrines and pernicious reading? Is it not the mission of the Catholic press to refute these doctrines, to counteract this pernicious reading, to keep alive the faith in the hearts and minds of our young men, to throng our churches with earnest congregations? And how can it efficiently fulfil this mission unless it enjoys the active co-operation of the clergy?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

BILLIARD parlors for women is the latest fad in Chicago. What next?

ONE of the results of the commemoration of the centenary of Edmund Burke, it is said, will be a competition annually for a Burke scholarship or a Burke medal, in the form of a lecture or essay on some given Irish theme, the competition to be open to students of every college in Ireland.

WHILE hundreds of surrounding buildings were laid low by the recent fire, historic St. Giles, where Cromwell was married and Milton lies buried, escaped with nothing worse than a scorching. Cromwell's memory probably owes it to the fire fiend's respect for Milton's ashes that the old church is left to tell he was married.

BONNIE SCOTLAND holds the record in the distillery interest of the United Kingdom, and its championship is not likely to be disturbed or even challenged for long years to come. She heads the list with 193 distilleries as against 29 in Ireland, 9 in England and 1 in Wales, or more than five times as many as in all these combined. A list of the names of the different brands would be an object lesson in Scottish history, personages and places.

MR. HENRY AUSTIN ADAMS, who lectured so acceptably in Montreal on several occasions last winter, has been winning golden opinions from the people of Chicago, where he recently made his debut. A writer in the New World says "he never saw an audience so completely captivated as that which listened to Mr. Adams on the occasion referred to." Some who had the privilege of hearing his spirited address before the patrons of the Montreal Free Library will fully appreciate the remarks in the New World.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL OGILVIE, who has just returned from the Yukon, says that in his opinion there is one hundred millions of dollars in sight in the district. This did not include what might be obtained by placer and quartz mining. The district was composed of 100,000 square miles and gold could be found all over it. The only thing necessary to have from 100,000 to 500,000 people in there was adequate transportation facilities. As to quartz mining, 12 miles up Klondike assays showed from \$100 to \$1,000 per ton.

THE Irish Catholic electors of St. Mary's ward have followed the example of their co-religionists in St. Antoine ward and adopted strongly worded resolutions protesting against the action of the Fire Committee in appointing a Scotch-Frenchman to an office which, by every right and custom, should have been filled by an Irish Catholic. We earnestly hope that Irish Catholics will not allow their efforts to cease, and that they will follow up their action by a vigorous opposition to the three aldermen who were the movers in this matter, by which the claims of the Irish Catholics were so flagrantly ignored.

The number of men and women with missions are abnormally on the increase. In point of fact, these people who think

...which they were brought into the world. The woman with a mission leaves her servant to perform her true mission while she exploits her aid. The man with a mission lets his wife earn the living for the family while he pursues his fad in some public house or lodge room. The time is coming when these nuisances will be suppressed.

THE Marquis Lorenzo Bottini, President of the Catholic Committee in Tuscany and proprietor of the *Esare*, one of the leading journals in that country, was recently admitted to audience by the Pope. His Holiness, in the course of conversation with him, was very pronounced in his views of the duty of Catholics to support the Catholic press, especially in these times, when there are so many Catholic interests to protect and promote. He was most emphatic in the expression of his views.

WE have a treat in store for our readers next week, in the shape of a pathetic little story from the pen of Mrs. Frances Chadwick, of Ottawa, entitled "Bernard Mallory's Repentance." Mrs. Chadwick is a daughter of the famous Irish Catholic Novelist, Mrs. Sadlier, and has evidently inherited a goodly share of her mother's rare gifts. The story deals with a phase of human vanity and weakness which is but too often witnessed and which just such healthy sketches as this are most effective in checking. We thoroughly appreciate Mrs. Chadwick's interest in the *True Witness* in sending us this story and are sure it will prove very interesting to our, we are happy to say, increasing circle of readers.

If there is one body of men who have perfect faith in the prosperity of Montreal that body is the Montreal City Council. Either the members think that it is a second Klondike or that the citizens and property owners have discovered the great secrets of the transmutation of metals. Below will be found only a partial statement of what the various committees require for permanent improvements in their respective departments for the year 1898. Surely the aldermen must be having a little joke at the expense of the citizens, but all the same, if it is a joke it is very ill-timed:

Road Committee, 1898.....	\$690,000
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Fire Committee.....	85,000
City Hall Committee.....	75,000
Markets Committee.....	44,300
Health Committee.....	72,000
Water Committee, 1898.....	499,560
Water Committee, 1899.....	350,258
Water Committee, 1900.....	349,000
Water Committee, 1901.....	373,400
Water Committee, 1902.....	382,827
Parks and Ferries Committee.....	2,250
Finance Committee.....	600,000
Light Committee.....
Police Committee.....
Mount Royal Park Committee.....
Total.....	\$4,003,595

ACCORDING to medical statistics the morphine habit is very much on the increase. In a work recently published in Paris it is stated that Germany, France and the United States are the countries most addicted to the habit, but that it is also widely spread in Russia, Sweden and Turkey, and that even in the extreme East it is by no means uncommon. Statistics on the subject show that of the male morphinists the medical profession supplies the largest number, 40 per cent. Men of leisure come next, with 15 per cent; linen merchants, 8 per cent; while peasants, clergymen and politicians occupy the lowest positions on the list. Women of means are the most numerous class among the females, 43 per cent; followed by wives of medical men, 10 per cent. In Germany there are entire villages whose inhabitants are all addicted to the use of the drug, but the general belief that the morphine habit is more extensively practised in Paris than in any other city is contradicted. Morphinomania is said to occur with the greatest frequency between the ages of 25 and 40.

IN our last issue reference was made to the effort being made, notably by the clergy, to revive the study of the Irish language. The movement is not confined to these good gentlemen, as the following extract from the report for 1896-97 of the Queen's College, Cork, will show. In this the President, Sir Rowland Blennerhasset, Baronet, makes a plea for the establishment of a Celtic chair, and amongst other things, he says:

"The importance of Celtic from the point of view of comparative philology and of the history of early institutions is very considerable. This has been abundantly shown by the writings of O'Curry and Stokes, by D'Arbois Jubainville in the *College de France*, by Windisch in Leipzig, Thurnwaldsen in Freiburg, Zimmer in Griefswald."

No one would dare or wish to depreciate, or in any way to question, the splendid courage and dash of the Gordon Highlanders in the storming of Dargai ridge; yet the idea must not be allowed to prevail that the term

...the names of the Highland Irish figured largely on the list of casualties. Amongst the ten first brought in as seriously wounded was Patrick Hogan, who was quickly followed by Lance-Corporal Quinn and Private Ryan. The romance of the gallant piper, who, after both legs had been shot off, supported himself against a rock and kept on playing "The Cook of the North," till he fainted from loss of blood, may lose some of its interest for Scotchmen when it is stated that his name was not Donald McDonald McKenzie Macdougall, but plucky Patrick Milne, from Dublin town.

MONSIGNOR CONNATY, whose pulpit and platform utterances command such attention and exercise so much influence in the United States, lately addressed the Alumni of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, selecting as his subject the "duties of citizenship." Amongst other things, he said:

"The Church in America demands the highest scholarship that the Gospel may be preached to the minds and the hearts seeking truth. The priest is called in our American life to be a leader of goodness in public as well as private life, that men may be led to the true religion of Jesus Christ and thus become good Christians and good citizens. The great questions of religious, political and social life must be studied and answered. The Church cannot afford to be wrong on any public question which affects the social and moral well-being of the nation. We are priests and citizens, priests of the great American Church of Christ and citizens of this great Republic. Let us be loyal to both, and thus prove our loyalty to God and country."

THE steps taken by Messrs. Chapt Freres to have defrauding debtors punished in Quebec in the same way as they are punished in Ontario, are said to be bearing good fruit, the Attorney-General having announced his intention to amend the law in this direction, the Retail Grocers' Association, of which Mr. John Scanlan is president, having sent him a petition asking for the change. What is desired is not to punish the honest debtor who cannot pay his debts, but to punish the fraudulent debtor who is able but unwilling to pay what he owes.

THE Chief Justice, Lord Killowen, on opening the present sittings in the Court of Queen's Bench, London, made a feeling reference to the death of the late Mr. Baron Pollock, ending his address in these words:—"Baron Pollock died like a soldier, at his post, and there are many who will reverently and affectionately and prayerfully say, 'Requiescat in pace.'"

THE marble industry of Carrara, through the pressure of taxation under the present government of Italy, it is not unlikely, will receive a fatal blow. The quarry owners recently met and resolved to close all the works in connection with them, unless measures were adopted to diminish the exactions on personal property, so, at any rate, as to exclude marble and marble works.

EIGHTEEN years ago, it is said, there were 39,000 Irishmen in the British army, while at present there are only 25,000.

THE CRISIS IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

In addition to the sources of friction which have grown up of late years between Austria and Hungary, there is now added a difficulty that may result in the total rupture of the constitutional ties that at present hold the dual monarchy together. This has arisen out of the demand of the Bohemian Nationalists that their language—the Czech tongue—shall be placed upon the same official footing as that of the dominant Austrian Germans.

To this the Austrian Germans, between whom and the Czechs there has ever existed a sort of racial feud, strenuously object; and so strong has been this opposition that not only has the Austrian Premier, who proposed to accede to the demand of the Bohemians, been obliged to withdraw the measure, but he has been forced to resign, the result being that the bill maintaining the status quo between Austria and Hungary for another year is in danger of being rejected.

The whole trouble is due to the arrogance of the German element, who, though in an actual minority, have managed to occupy a position of ascendancy for a very long period. After an eclipse of two centuries there has, since 1817, been a notable revival of the language, literature and nationality of the Czechs or Slavs of Bohemia.

The culmination of this revival was the demand of the Bohemians to have their mother tongue officially recognized, and the decision of the Prime Minister of the Empire to grant a request made with a determination and

...the ruling class in much the same way as the Britisher once did in Quebec, and as they still do in Ireland, and who seem determined to wreck the dual monarchy rather than that the Czechs should receive justice.

It will take all the well-known tact and prudence of the Emperor Francis Joseph, to bring about a peaceable solution of the difficulty. In the meantime Irish-Canadians will watch the developments of the crisis with interest, their sympathies being of course with the Bohemian Nationalists, who have right and justice on their side.

THE RENEWAL OF THE MISSION

At St. Patrick's Church, Preparatory to the Grand Feast of Christmas.

The Married Women Concluded Their Week of Preparation—The Single Women Now Attending the Exercises in Thousands—Next Sunday Evening the Stalwarts of the Parish, Young and Old, Will Commence Their Week of Spiritual Work.

St. Patrick's Church is the centre today of one of the most successful Missions ever held in the City of Montreal. It is not actually a Mission, but a renewal of the good resolutions made during the grand Missions of last Lent, which will be remembered as long as the present generation of the parish lives.

The Fathers who are conducting the Mission are Rev. Father Delargy, CSS R., Superior in charge; Rev. Father White, Rev. Father Lynch, Rev. Father Gannon, and Rev. Father Hespeler. These noble Redemptorists have labored with zeal, and their efforts from the commencement of the series, which opened last week, have shown that the congregation of St. Patrick's are always faithful.

The Mission to married women closed on Sunday last and the attendance from the very beginning was good. The exercises for single women opened on the same evening and the church which seats so many thousands was crowded to the very doors.

It was a glorious sight to witness the crowds of young women filing into the church until the very aisles were filled with the eager worshippers. It was a matter of congratulation to Rev. Father Quinlivan and his colleagues that the Mission of last Lent received such a ready response on its renewal so many months later.

It was, indeed, an object lesson to watch, as the representative of the *True Witness* did, the band of devoted women pouring out of the church, to be succeeded by their sisters in single life. The married women of St. Patrick's were fully represented. It was estimated that fully seventy-five per cent. of the mothers of the families of the parish listened day after day to the words of the Redemptorist Fathers, finally crowning the week's devotion with the happy privilege of receiving the Body of Our Lord.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8.—Wilhelmina, the Queen of the Netherlands, will take the oath of accession to the throne on September 6, 1898, in the new church at Amsterdam.

Wilhelmina Helena Paulina Maria, Queen of the Netherlands, was born on August 31, 1880. Her father was the late King William III., and her mother, the King's second wife, Princess Emma, daughter of Prince George Victor of Waldeck. The young queen succeeded to the throne on the death of her father, on November 23, 1890. Her mother was proclaimed Queen regent during the minority of the Queen, on November 20, 1890.

Here is an item of news which might be commended to the consideration of the Editor of the *Quebec Daily Telegraph*:—"The report of the South Carolina State Solicitor states that there were two hundred murders committed in that State, in 1896—a large increase over the number perpetrated the previous year. The clergyman of all denominations in the state have been asked to set aside Sunday, the 19th of this month, as a day on which sermons shall be delivered on the sacredness of human life and the heinousness of murder."

Our Philosophers

I have never met a man who would... Each one seems to imagine that to do so would deprive him of the respect of those whom he considers his friends.

I, like my fellow-men, used to imagine that what I did not know about human nature was not worth carrying around.

He became a civic official. He had heaps of friends. He was a very benevolent man - all benevolent men have friends - and lay awake nights planning how best to relieve his wealthy fellow citizens of their superfluous trouble.

I met a man the other day in a very excited condition; I mean that the man was excited. His eyes were blazing, his hair was disordered and he had lost his hat.

O tobacco! thou art indeed a blessing to man, and a healer of all his ills! Here was a man whose ferocity had appalled me a moment ago, but whose countenance, thanks to the weed, now wore a delightfully idiotic expression.

Finally his gaze wandered from my face and fastened itself upon the classic stream which flowed beneath our feet, and which is known as the Laohine canal.

"Those Grand Trunk fellows are a sharp lot," said he. "There is no doubt about that," said I. "They know a good thing when they see it," he continued, "and no doubt they will get there."

"Well, I'm glad you agree with me," said he, "for I like to meet a man who will stand up and condemn such a rascally piece of business. Isn't it disgraceful?"

"I would inform you, my dear sir, that I don't know what on earth you are talking about," said I, in my heaviest voice.

It will occupy its place at the head of Christianity when the memory of Bishop Doane will have been a long forgotten past.

J. M.

Random Notes

Culture is said to be the butter of the well-bred.

How do you do, Sir Knight of Columbus?

If your enemy is too big to whip, you should forgive him.

When a woman says she'd just like a man to tell her what she may or may not do, she means it.

"If you love me, trust me," is the title of a new song. A good thing to warble to the grocery man, perhaps he might act on the suggestion.

"If you don't get what you like, like what you have got," is a very sensible Spanish proverb, and we freely recommend it to the world at large. No thanks necessary.

If the proposal to put a glass covering over the first flat of the City Hall is carried out, our City Fathers should commit to memory that old adage about glass houses and stones. It would be a mighty useful thing to remember.

Say, did any person observe if the Star's exclusive settlement, or rather rejection of the Liberal party's settlement, of the Manitoba School Question has been confirmed? No; well that's strange. Must be a mistake somewhere.

Did you ever notice that about this season of the year how attentive young ladies are to various young men. Scientists have not yet been able to thoroughly explain the reason of this, but it is generally understood that the approach of the Christmas season has some bearing on the matter.

By this time the irrepressible small boy has demonstrated that the ice between the wharves and the Guard Pier is a good thing, and is now busy cutting it with keen skates, while his elders stand on the dyke and pray for his safety, which is unnecessary for the small boy is wise enough not to break the ice.

Oh, what are we coming to? Just read this, taken from a local daily paper: WANTED - General Servant. One that can cook. Nurse looks after children. References required. Bedroom has a y chairs, sofa and piano. Street.

Think of it, easy chairs, sofa and a piano, and all in one room, too. Verily, things are not as they used to be, and the servant is a dominant power.

What the Chicago Record man has to say will be appreciated by the magazine readers:

We scan the covers, turn the leaves With eager interest, but The very thing we want to read Is on a page uncut.

And then humanity in general has another grievance.

Again the Kentucky gentleman comes to the fore. Miss Nettie Standiford is to receive \$125,000 from her father's estate when she is of age, but in the meantime her allowance is proportionately small. Recently Miss Nettie sent a petition to the Court at Louisville saying that she desired to follow an imperative Kentucky custom and give a grand ball on her "coming-out night," but, alas, the fair debutante was too poor with her slender allowance and wished the Court to order the trustees of the estate to pay her \$2,500 that she might be enabled to uphold the honor of the family.

Writes the Marquis de Fontenoy: To day no reputation is safe in Paris. To day no one, even though his life be blameless and his reputation the most spotless, can feel himself secure from the attacks of the blackmailers.

A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time - She Makes a Statement. TORONTO, ONT. - "I was troubled with nervousness. It was impossible for me to keep still and if the spells came over me during the night I had to get up and walk the floor for hours at a time. My blood was very poor and I was subject to bilious attacks. My feet would swell and I was not able to do my own housework. I treated with two of the best physicians here but only received relief for a time. I became discouraged. One day a friend called and advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I laughed at the advice but I was prevailed upon and procured one bottle. Before I used it all I began to feel better. I took several bottles and also several boxes of Hood's Pills. Now I can eat and drink heartily and sleep soundly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has entirely cured me and also strengthened me so that I now do all my own work. I cheerfully recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers from nervousness, weakness or general debility." Mrs. H. F. PARR, Deerpark Street.

Bishop Doane, the leader of the United States Episcopals, has made a remarkable discovery; nothing more nor less than this: Roman Catholics place obedience to the Pope above obedience to the President of the United States, and for this reason he, apparently, considers Catholics dangerous people. Now run along like a deer, good little bishop and attend to your own little flock and are if the President does not worry through somebody or another, and, as for the Catholics - well, the Catholic Church

will occupy its place at the head of Christianity when the memory of Bishop Doane will have been a long forgotten past.

The days of ohivary have not passed away so entirely as some croakers would have us believe. An incident which occurred last summer at the University of Georgetown, and which has just come to light, causes this reflection. A poor young man who had worked his way through college passed his examination and had alluring prospects of employment; as soon as the graduating exercises were over a few weeks hence he went out with a party of students for a lark one night and got into mischief, as young men often do. It was not a disgraceful act, but it was a violation of one of the most serious rules of discipline, and expulsion was the penalty. The culprit was unknown except to his companions, and they being scrupulous in the observance of the code of college honor, sealed their lips. But the Jesuit Fathers, who compose the faculty, were unusually energetic in their investigations and the evidence was closing around the poor young man in a manner that made him tremble, when Robert A. B. Walsh, a sophomore from St. Louis, entered the office of the president and said: "I did it."

Walsh was a quiet, well-behaved boy, popular with the faculty and with the students, and his confession created a sensation, for he had not been suspected. Nevertheless discipline must be enforced, and with reluctance and regret he was expelled from the institution. He left Washington, escorted to the railway station by a large body of students, returned to his home at St. Louis, and this fall entered Princeton university, where he is now a member of the sophomore class. The poor young man received his diploma and went his way rejoicing, but it was noticed that he never spoke of Walsh without emotion.

As the young men are no longer students at Georgetown there is no necessity of preserving the secret, and the faculty and the students are all aware that Walsh, being an under class man, and the son of wealthy parents, and having nothing at stake, voluntarily offered himself as a sacrifice to save the reputation and the prospects of his friend, who otherwise would have been turned out of the institution in disgrace. The act was done without consultation and without the knowledge of the student, who was saved, and has received absolution, and Walsh can return to the university whenever he desired. He prefers to remain at Princeton, however, and the publication of the story now will not injure his reputation.

"There isn't as pitiful a sight in the world as a woman who has once got the idea that tobacco smoke sticks in the lace curtains," reflected the bachelor, as he lazily watched the rings float away. C. J. H.

OVER-ENTERPRISING SECULAR JOURNALS.

A Timely Warning to Catholics to be Guarded in Accepting Their Statements.

His Holiness Had Not Prepared the Alleged Document in Connection with the Manitoba Schools - Mr. Bruchesi and Other High Authorities on the Subject.

The Catholic Times of Liverpool, in referring to the recent sensational despatches which have been published by over enterprising secular journals in this country, in relation to the final declaration of His Holiness upon the Manitoba School question, has the following pertinent and timely remarks, which go to further illustrate the great necessity for Catholics to be guarded in accepting the statements emanating from such source: -

The Manitoba schools question has been the source of much discussion this week owing to the publication in English and Canadian newspapers of what purported to be the substance of the Pope's decision in the controversy. Undoubtedly the presence in Rome of Mr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, had some influence in reviving the question. It was reported a few weeks ago that the Holy Father had a document on the matter ready, and that he deferred publishing it only until he should have seen in person the Canadian dignitary, who was then on his way to Rome. It will easily be understood that no small sensation was afterwards caused

FRIENDS PREVAILED

A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time - She Makes a Statement. TORONTO, ONT. - "I was troubled with nervousness. It was impossible for me to keep still and if the spells came over me during the night I had to get up and walk the floor for hours at a time. My blood was very poor and I was subject to bilious attacks. My feet would swell and I was not able to do my own housework. I treated with two of the best physicians here but only received relief for a time. I became discouraged. One day a friend called and advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I laughed at the advice but I was prevailed upon and procured one bottle. Before I used it all I began to feel better. I took several bottles and also several boxes of Hood's Pills. Now I can eat and drink heartily and sleep soundly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has entirely cured me and also strengthened me so that I now do all my own work. I cheerfully recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers from nervousness, weakness or general debility." Mrs. H. F. PARR, Deerpark Street.

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by the announcement that previous to its publication in Rome the foreign press had already cognizance of the alleged Encyclical which the Holy Father proposed issuing. I have had the favour of conversing more than once within these last days with the Archbishop of Montreal, and have learned from him that the reports on this matter were not founded on precise fact. The Archbishop's audience with the Holy Father was of the most satisfactory kind, but it brought him absolutely no information regarding the promulgation of a Pontifical decision. Furthermore he was informed from the Vatican that, in spite of all journalistic assertions to the contrary, no Papal document had been given to the world. I may add that from other well informed sources I was assured no such document has ever been prepared. More than this it would be mere conjecture for the moment to assert.

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GIRLS WHO USE SLANG.

[From the December Ladies' Home Journal.] If the common usage of slang were confined to a particular order of girls, it would, perhaps, serve as an indicator of character and pass unnoticed. It would, at least, not touch the sensibilities of gentlefolk. But it is not so confined. Slang is invading the very nicest of circles; it is beginning to influence the talk of our most carefully reared girls. And this is why the habit should receive closer attention. Girls are forgetting that slang phrases and refinement are

absolutely foreign to each other. A slang phrase may be more expressive than a term of polite usage, but it is never impressive, except to impress unfavorably.

It is high time that our girls should realize that they should speak the English language in their conversation, and not the dialect of the race track, nor the lingo of the baseball field. A girl may cause a smile by the apt use of some slang phrase. But, inwardly, those who applaud her place her at the same time in their estimation.

No girl ever won an ounce of respect by being slangy. On the contrary, many a girl, unconscious of the cause, has found herself gradually slipping out of people's respect by the fact that her talk was dotted with slang phrases. "Oh, she is clever," said a woman not long ago of a girl who could keep a company constantly amused by her apt use of slang. "She amuses me greatly, but I should not care to invite her to my home nor have my girls know her." It is a poor popularity for a girl which has as its only basis the cap and bells of the jester. The life of the jester is never long.

FAVOR RECIPROCIITY. NEW YORK AND BOSTON MERCHANTS PASS RESOLUTIONS.

New York, December 8. - At a meeting of the Board of Trade Transportation in this city to-day, the committee on ocean transportation presented a report in favor of deepening the channels of New York harbor. The report was adopted.

A resolution regarding Canada was presented in response to a request from the Merchant's Association of Boston and read in full, as follows: -

"Resolved, that the New York Board of Trade and Transportation regards with deep interest the overtures made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Government of Canada, looking to better relations between that country and the United States. The spirit of comity, equity and good feeling demand that peace and concord shall prevail between this country and our nearest neighbor. The interests of humanity, civilization, commerce and progress on the American continent, and the common welfare of these people demand that such overtures offered in good good faith shall be received with good will."

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He will tell you that Scott's Emulsion cures poverty of the blood and debility of the nerves. He will say that it is the best remedy in the world for delicate children.

Christmas is the Cheapest Feast

Teaching - Remembrance - How the First Tidings of the Klondike Reached the Nation.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Ten years ago, the Chilkoot Pass rose towards its summit through the icy atmosphere, white, cold, death-like in its awful quiet.

Yet, into that desolate purity and cruel beauty, a man who dreamed of home pushed wearily on Christmas Eve through the clinging snow and racking ice ridges.

The Indian, who had paused to encounter the last fierce assault of the wind, now hurried forward upon the other's closer steps, and briefly spoke a warning and a suggestion.

A snow hut is not an architectural triumph, but under certain circumstances it is a marvel. When the already weary and heavy hands of a man and a boy must hurriedly shape it as a shelter from keen and cruel death, its strange contradiction to every thought of comfort or shelter rises like a mocking shape upon the fancy.

To-morrow would be Christmas Day. As he sank upon his snow couch, close wrapped in his fur robes and heavily lined cap and mufflers, the thought came home to him with a wonderful distinctness.

The storm had come upon them. They heard its deeper roar and increasing fury, and talked long of its possible effects.

It seemed to him that Christmas had never been so much in his thoughts, had never meant so much to him in any way.

It was just at mid-day that a young woman, and a nurse carrying a baby, came down the steps of one of these old-fashioned dwellings, and stepped into a carriage which was awaiting them.

The Christmas offering too. He would make it a worthy one, for he had not been brought from a far country with its gold and its jewels—pure gold, at that, fresh from the mountain stream's dark bed.

Days later, the Indian boy crept into the nearest trading post, alone. He was spent with the struggle for life, starved and frozen and racked with the pain of fatigue that was almost deadly.

The loneliest and the saddest Christmas of earth is never beyond hearing of the holy echoes of that first Christmas anthem.

SARA TRAINER SMITH.

TWO WIVES.

IT WAS a bright warm day in the month of October. The beds of flowers and the grass in Washington Square Park, situated in New York City, looked almost as fresh as if the year were still young.

It was just at mid-day that a young woman, and a nurse carrying a baby, came down the steps of one of these old-fashioned dwellings, and stepped into a carriage which was awaiting them.

The stolid looking coachman snapped his whip in the air and the well-groomed horses pranced down the street and turned into Fifth avenue.

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"I am afraid, Sister, that they flash yet," she answered, as her face grew and her lips closed.

The young woman reached over and closed the carriage door.

"I didn't think to tell you my troubles when I first saw you, but as I used in the convent to tell you all my worries the afternoon the Catholic girls went to confession, perhaps I had better tell you this one also."

"Where are you going now?" "To my mother's."

"Does she know anything about your leaving your husband?" "Not yet."

"Won't she be displeased?" "Perhaps I slept better than usual," he said with an effort.

"Yes, Sister Agnes nodded, 'she will have to be more careful. We have been so busy at the hospital all this week on account of the number injured at the big fire on Sixth avenue, that I have not had much time to spare."

"If anything should happen to me, she has two children to live for," he said, and if she were to get ill, it would go hard for them."

Helen's eyes wandered to the face of the young wife, and she noticed a twitching of the muscles, as if there was an effort being made to suppress grief.

"Well, we'll make her submit to reason after this," the nun said, smiling at the wife. "And if she won't obey us, I will call upon Father Finn and tell him that one of his parishioners is guilty of a grave act of disobedience."

Sister Agnes rose to go, and Helen, as if awakened from a dream, also rose hastily. The wife of the sick man accompanied them out into the hallway.

"Oh, he was so good," the young wife sobbed. "If it's God's will, I would rather go in his place."

"You must try to bear up," Sister Agnes said. "You have been a good, faithful wife to him, and you have nothing to regret."

Helen stood by keeping back with a struggle her own sorrow from overpowering her, and wondering at the fidelity of this little woman's love.

When the nun had soothed and encouraged the wife of the sick man, she bade her good bye, assuring her that she could call in to see her in the morning.

When they reached the street Sister Agnes turned to Helen, saying, "she is a good little thing, isn't she. I had her in my class when I was teaching in a parochial school before I was sent to teach in the convent."

Helen made no response, and Sister Agnes looked more closely at her. "I think I had better go back to my husband," she said after a little pause.

"I am afraid I never quite understood before what marriage meant. By this time they had arrived at the hospital, and after bidding goodbye to the nun, Helen entered her carriage, which was waiting, and ordered the coachman to drive home.

Helen was in the house but a short time when she heard the click of a key in the front door, and on stepping from her room to the hallway and looking over the banister, saw her husband enter.

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'Despised you' she exclaimed. 'Why, that could have put such an idea into your head?'

'Well, I imagined that you laughed at something I said, one night when there were visitors here.'

She felt the blood beginning to burn in her cheeks. She knew that she was not guiltless. For the first time she understood how sensitive a man could be, and what a little thing could upset him.

And Helen and her husband, as the story books say, 'lived happily together ever afterwards.'

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WONDROUS IRELAND

Thousand Irish Americans to Go Over Next July

New York, December 4.—The sub-committee of the '98 Centennial Association, under whose auspices the pilgrimage to Ireland will be made next July, held an important meeting this afternoon. Recorder John W. Goff presided, and others present were: W. Bourke Coakran, Judge James A. O'Grady, General James R. O'Beirne, R. J. Kennedy, Edward O'Flaherty, John B. Kelly and John Devoy. Secretary Kelly reported that 1,000 of the foremost Irish Americans had been enrolled on the books of the association, as intending pilgrims, and that there were hundreds of applications coming in daily.

VEGETABLES IN HISTORY.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM.

An epicure will feast on a dish of asparagus and perhaps think meanwhile that he is enjoying a delicacy which is strictly a product of the present century, but history shows us that the plant was grown in all its perfection 500 years before the birth of Christ.

The cucumber is one of the vegetables named in early Bible history, though some claim that melons were really meant. Both the cucumber and the melon are named, not only in different places, but the Israelites complained of the lack of "the cucumbers and the melons" when they were with Moses in the wilderness.

Beets are on record as a highly prized vegetable over 2000 years ago, and received much notice from early writers on such subjects.

Carrots seem to have come to us from a time that is immemorial, while history proves that turnips were in use as a garden vegetable before the Christian era.

No one seems to have been able to trace the origin of either the pumpkin or the squash, but we read that pumpkin pies were made over three hundred years ago, after this recipe: Cut a hole in the side, take out the seeds and filaments, stuff with a mixture of apples and spices and then bake till done.

A book was written of "The Radish" before the Christian era. The ancient Greeks used to offer turnips, beets and radishes in their obligations to Apollo.

The first they offered in dishes of lead, the second in silver, and the third in "vessels" of beaten gold.

Fansips were first mentioned by Pliny as being brought to Rome from the banks of the Rhine at the command of the Emperor Tiberius, for use on his table.

Beans have a history long and curious. Pliny says of them: "The pod is to be eaten with the seed," evidently speaking of what we know as "string beans."

Herodotus writes that in his time (450 B. C.) there was on the great pyramid an inscription telling of the sixteen thousand talents which had been expended for onions, leeks and garlic with which to feed the builders of the pyramid.

SUPERSTITIOUS AMERICANS.

Americans deny that they are superstitious. A recent tourist, on visiting Rome, noticed that few houses bore the number "13." Nearly all the buildings that should have been marked thus were denoted as "12th," or "12a," and the tourist made fun of these simple people.

THE WHOLE SYSTEM FEELS THE EFFECT OF HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.

Sea-weeds do not draw nourishment from the soil at the bottom of the sea, but from the matter held in solution in sea water.

general because it is not pronounced. Ask the agent of a sky-scraping building on what floor he has the fewest tenants; he will say the 13th. Ask a hotel clerk which room he seldom lets; he will say No. 13. And if there be one day in the month when a housewife will neither dismiss nor engage a domestic, that day is the 13th—many fight shy of Fridays. That is not mere speculation, but fact for which any enquiring mind can find proof.—N. Y. Times.

PATENT REPORT.

The following list of recently expired patents and trade marks is furnished by Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of Patents and experts, head office 185 St. James street, Temple Building, Montreal. A copy of any of these may be had of the above firm for ten cents each.—

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30780—Standard Manufacturing Co., Allegheny, Pa., essential feature: The word "Perfecto." Used since October 1, 1895. 692810—Richard R. Mitchell, Montreal, Canada, flushing valve. 592814—Andrew McCann, Chicago, Ill., check valve for sewers. 692820—John F. Normoyle et al., New York, pipe coupling. 593,008—John Bearmaker et al, Wahoo, Neb., pipe wrench. 593025—John T. Morrison, Minneapolis, Minn., water closet repair. 593042—Amos T. Birch, Cary, Neb., gas pipe and rod tong. 593049—Lawrence Williams, Columbus, Iowa City, pipe wrench.

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PENSION LIST OF THE UNITED STATES.

The American Press are at last beginning to open their eyes to the enormous development of the pension practice, particularly of late years. The total number of Uncle Sam's pensioners is 976,014. The population of the United States, taking the census of 1890, and allowing for the average of increase as in former years, is a little under 70,000,000. In round numbers, then, 1 in 70 of the entire population of the country is drawing a pension from the Treasury.

During the last fiscal year the payments for pensions, not including the cost of the service, were \$141,930,936.75, or very nearly \$142,000,000. This is equivalent to \$2 per year for every man, woman, and child in the country and to \$7 a year for every male adult. In other words, every pensioner receives on the average each year \$2 each from 70 men, women and children, or \$7 each from 20 male adults. The consensus of opinion is that the pension rolls should be published, as the first step towards purging the lists.

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THE SENSATIONAL PRESS.

The sensational press is probably today the worst enemy of the higher civilization in this country. It is doing more to degrade national character, to lower national taste, and to misrepresent the country in the eyes of the Old World than any other single agency. The time cannot be far distant when an organized effort will be made in some form against this brutalization of the great masses of people by newspaper enterprises which are striving to make a profit out of the lowest instincts of the human race.—The Outlook.

THOSE WHO ENDURE

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COMMISSIONER IN IRELAND

Mr. C. R. Devlin Discusses Some Phases of the Condition of Affairs in the Old Land.

The Advantages to be Derived From Immigration to the Dominion—The Daily Independent Approves of His Course of Action.

Mr. C. R. Devlin, Immigration Commissioner in Ireland, has addressed another letter to the Daily Independent, Dublin, which we now give in full.

MR. DEVLIN'S LETTER.

Will you kindly permit me to answer in your paper certain statements appearing in an editorial paragraph of Monday's Independent and dealing with my work in Ireland? First, the Toronto Mail, from which you quote, although a very important and influential journal, has not been correctly informed in this instance.

IRISH PEOPLE OF CANADA.

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The Election of Officers for the Evening Term—Other Features of News.

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ON TAXING DEPARTMENT STORES.

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THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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DAIRY PRODUCE.

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