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The *Transcript* is authority for the statement that the outbreak of indignation against a poem recently published in *Harper's Magazine*, styled "Margaret of Carthage," has brought the publishers and the authors to their senses, and that an explanation will appear in the magazine. A good, strong, protest from the Catholic press has a very wholesome effect at times.

To any one in search of a suitable Christmas gift-book for a young lady of well cultivated taste in reading we would commend "Lalor's Maples," by Katherine E. Conway, just issued by The Pilot Publishing Company. It delights one to believe that some living model sat for the portrait, at least in outline, of the girl of rare gifts of mind, heart and soul that Miss Conway has painted with a brush so delicate and sympathetic. The book, which is sold by the publishers at \$1.25, will receive further notice in these columns in the near future.

Gone are the days when Catholic children must sit still and learn from hostile lips vile calumnies against our holy religion, or must even commit to memory and recite such calumnies, without a hope of complaint on the part of their parents being effectual to break the difficulty. We learn from a contemporary that the Liverpool (England) school board recently discussed a motion discontinuing a reader in which it was stated that "the Pope issued a bull of excommunication threatening to burn Luther at the stake." This book was defended, of course, but in vain. So pass, one by one, the old lies which many of us were obliged to learn and to repeat in the public schools in the days of our childhood.

Within the past six months 300 petitions for divorce were filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, U. S. A. They are being filed now at the rate of five a day. The District of Columbia contains the city of Washington and is thus the very heart of the United States. The *London Times* advises the United States to pass a uniform divorce law, and is answered by an American legal journal that the constitution must first be changed. And yet we are told that the American constitution is the most glorious thing ever devised by men. Here, it stands in the way of a necessary reform; and the difficulties of changing it are so great that thinking men who wish their country well, are driven to argue that the necessity is not urgent rather than face those difficulties.

We subscribe to and heartily indorse every word contained in the following extract from an article in Monday's *Chronicle*, entitled "Flags and That Sort of Thing."

But we do guess what *La Patrie's* closing sentence means: and in that connection we would advise it strongly to follow its own advice and "be just and moderate." The "tri color" has no right to be "up" in "our country"; consequently there should be no need of newspaper articles or stronger agencies to "lower" it. It is the flag of a foreign and none too friendly country. It is not and never has been the flag either of the French Canadian people or their ancestors. It can have absolutely no historic value for them. It has never protected either them or their Church. The British flag has long done so.

The flying of the tri color is an insult to their country's flag, and an outrage upon the feelings of their fellow-Canadians. Were they occasionally to fly the "flour-de-lis" the old flag of their nationality, no one in the Dominion would object. All would take off their hats to it, upon occa-

sion, as they do to the crosses of St George and St. Andrew and the Irish harp. It is otherwise—very much otherwise—with the "tri-color."

It is difficult to understand the mental condition of the people who nominated Col. Arthur Lynch for the representation of Galway in the British Parliament. Lynch fought for the Boers in the recent war. However much the people of that city may admire him, they are simply crazy in trying to force him into the British House of Commons, against the common sense of three nations. Folly is so stamped upon every phase of this attempt that we cannot see how anyone of ordinary reasoning powers can sincerely call it anything else. Nevertheless the *Freeman's Journal* of New York delights in arguing that Lynch is technically a British subject, though, when he fought against the British, he was, it says, technically a subject of the South African Republic. This is reasoning to delight the souls of the more hot-headed of the dreamy and volatile race for whom the *Journal* assumes to speak, but even if Lynch is a British subject, it is about as wise for Galway city to elect him as it would be for them to elect Kruger himself. But why need we be surprised? Do we not know that if Kruger were to stand for Dublin to-morrow, the whole outfit of talkative, excitable unthinking Irish editors in the United States would be ready and eager to support his candidature, and to argue black to be white if necessary, to have a slap at the sassenaich. Does the *Journal* know that members of Parliament must swear allegiance? And what does it think of the morality of putting forward a man to commit perjury?

We have often expressed our opinions of the unscrupulousness of the daily press—so often that we are in danger sometimes of being rated by easy-going people as scolding too much. To shift the burden for the moment we fall back on our good and able contemporary *The Catholic Transcript*, which states some obvious and serious truths in a manner hardly to be improved upon. Everyone who looks frequently at the modern magazines and papers must have noticed that, under the flimsy pretext of art,—art which anyone can attain to who can use a camera—those magazines and papers are flooding the country with pictures of nude, and of hardly half-dressed female figures. This and the evil of suggestive advertisements will have their day; but the time will come when decency will at last prove too strong for them. Meantime it is the duty of Catholic journals to protest and not to cease protesting, and of Catholics to beware of temptations to themselves and to all under their care. *The Transcript* says:

Not all the evils of a free press are confined to the news columns. The "ad" department, as at present conducted by certain journals, is a stretch to the nostrils of decency, and the "art" contingent is fast becoming as offensive as the other arms of the service. The personal columns and the patent medicine "ads" are an eyecore to those who hold purity and innocence in esteem. It were a difficult task to determine which is more criminal at this hour—the sly advertisement or the unblushing production of the artists of the Sunday papers and monthly magazines. Thus, we have had the nude in pagan art, vulgarized by the sketch artist. The camera has invaded the privacy of the toilet and wardrobe and laid the physiologist under tribute. The clinic is to-day regarded as a legitimate stamping-ground for the pantograph. Up-to-date artists have even entered the cloister and impressed the religious into their service. So religion is being prostituted in the name of unscrupulous merchants who in gaudy lithographs give us the monk proclaiming the virtues of a new brand of cigars, or the latest panacea for the ills of life. Catholic tradesmen will not offend the sensibilities of their brethren of the faith by putting these abominable travesties of religious orders on exhibition.

### THE RELIGIOUS VIEW AND THE BUSINESS VIEW.

An educated negro who addressed his brethren in this province the other day advocated, if we are correctly informed, that the negroes should remove from America to some part of Africa, and there form a nation of their own. Two important utterances were recently made in the United States on the negro problem. They were delivered from widely different standpoints, but are not in conflict. On the contrary, there is no reason whatso-

ever why the suggestions made and the principles laid down by both writers could not be carried out and acted upon together and at the same time. One is by Mr. John M. F. Erwin in *The Outlook* and the other by Bishop Keiley, the Catholic Bishop of Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Erwin's article was called forth by the recent public discussion on the negro question between Brooker T. Washinton, a colored professor (whose presence at the White House as President Roosevelt's guest at dinner, created so much discussion in the States), and Dr. Barringer, President of the University of Virginia. Mr. Erwin's fitness to speak concerning the negroes comes from an intimate knowledge of them, gathered in the transaction of his business affairs in Louisiana, he having invested his own money and that of his friends these last ten years in an experimental plantation there, to try his theories of giving the negro a chance. His article is headed "The Negro: a business proposition," and is business-like and convincing in tone. That it lacks something, as a summary of the position and needs of the negro is made plain by a perusal of Bishop Keiley's words quoted below. Mr. Erwin claims that the negro is still in practical slavery in the hands of the white landed proprietors of the South. Mr. Erwin, we may here state is a white man. He states the relations of the white landlords and negro tenants, and says:

"If at any stage the landlord thinks the crop is not being properly cultivated, he hires outside labor to do the cultivating to suit himself and charges the amount to the negro. The landlord keeps the books and controls the cotton at settlement time. The negro takes what is allotted to him. He gets justice if he has a just landlord. There is a familiar jingle among the negroes, down there:

Naught's er naught, figger's er figger,  
All fer de wite man, none fer de nigger.

He tells how in 1890 he and others bought large tracts of unimproved woodland near Mansfield, Louisiana, and sold part to negroes on long time contracts; and that all but two paid for their farms. He describes the plantation, the independence and hard work of the negro farmers, responding to the encouragement given them; the success of having negro overseers and reducing the chances of conflict between the two races as much as possible, dealing only in a business way with each other. He says:

Each of those tenants has proved his ability to go into the wild woods without money of his own and without the aid of a dollar from his landlord, and build a house, stable, well, fence, and other improvements, and clear a piece of land and make a living on it for himself and family. The improvements are not elegant, and would sadly disappoint the Northern visitor; but I am free to confess that I personally have not the ability to do the same thing: have you? All the negroes in that settlement, both landowners and tenants, are law-abiding, useful citizens, and are so recognized by their white neighbors. They take pride in their little community, and the atmosphere there would not be agreeable to a negro who did not come up to the standard they have set for themselves.

He refers to the difficulty of procuring punishment by law of negro wrong doers in the following convincing words which show that if there is such difficulty it must be blamed on the law and on the white men who control the law, and not on the negroes:—

Surely the white man as a class has nothing to fear from the black man as a class in the courts of the South. With very few exceptions, jurors, lawyers, judges, sheriffs, and governors are white men.

He insists that he puts forth his theories because he has made them pay as a matter of business.

I am not a philanthropist. I have made some money, and believe I can make some more, offering the negro a better chance than he is getting. I also believe that if it can be demonstrated to Northern capitalists that investments in a large way in Southern agricultural lands will pay, there will be a great flow of capital for this purpose into the South.

Sharp competition for the services of the negro would improve the industrial system of the South, and would vastly benefit the negro.

Mr. Ermine goes on to show that the negro has some idea of his own about farming wild land which white men there, and in this country too, might find it worth while to think about:

In clearing land he is an evolutionist. He cuts down and burns the growth under six inches in diameter, cuts a ring around

the larger trees with his axe, and lets them die, rot, and fall. The first year he plants his crop in practically a forest. Every year after harvest, in his leisure time, he piles and burns the fallen trees, and sets fire to the stumps; the decayed part will burn. In a few years his land is in a high state of cultivation, and Nature has done a large share of the work.

This looks shiftless to the Northern white man. He is a revolutionist. He cuts down and rolls off those big green trees, yanks out the stumps, spends about four times as much money as is necessary, gets malaria, and moves back North, convinced that Southern lands are a poor investment.

Mr. Erwin speaks more truly than he realizes, probably, when he says that legislation cannot supply the great need of the mass of negroes. Legislation made him a citizen in law but not a citizen in fact. He says also:

The mass of negroes need co-operation, not charity. Give the negro an alliance with the cold, hard, practical business man. Give him a chance to substitute for himself industrial self-government in place of the industrial imperialism that prevails on the large plantation. Put him on forty acres of land on a decent basis, and go away and let him alone. He will do the rest, and in doing it he will learn something that no school can teach.

Now, the truth and force of these remarks cannot be denied. Mr. Erwin speaks the truth, but speaks it from his standpoint—a purely business standpoint. He says that legislation cannot give the negro what he needs. Why not? Because legislation is at its best but the statement of human wisdom, the formation of human knowledge and of human opinion into a human law, a rule of human conduct, to be enforced by weak and erring men against their kind. The absence of any religious idea in Mr. Erwin's article gives it the stamp of weakness which every utterance must have which deals with a very large question from one standpoint only. He speaks truth when he says that the condition of the negro population of the South can be bettered by business means, without philanthropy and without charity. But he speaks of their worldly and financial condition only. The negro problem in the South involves the condition of negro morals, and we suppose Mr. Erwin would not claim any decided improvement in the moral condition of the negroes as the logical result of their improved financial condition. Now, let us hear the Bishop of Savannah. He knows the negroes well; and, as a ruler in the Church of God, he looks at them with different eyes. We quote his words from the *Freeman's Journal*:

"A mere education in the 'three Rs,' he writes, 'will certainly have no effect on the moral character of the negro, nor will a scientific or classical course affect it.'

"A system of education which deliberately ignores the training of the heart and conscience can have but injurious effects on the moral character of blacks or whites."

"A system of education which merely refers to certain moral principles, or simply states them, or demonstrates their practicability or utility, is as equally injurious. False systems of morality may be taught, as well as grossly absurd ideas of religion."

"In order that education may improve the condition of the negro it is necessary that it should be suited to his environment and adapted to his needs, present and future."

"But an education which fits him for his life work, which teaches him self-restraint as well as self-reliance, which implants practical Christianity in his heart and mind, is one, and the only one, which will benefit the negro."

"The State cannot give that to him."

"In dealing with the question of the moral side of the negro character it is curious to notice how completely saturated he is with the principles promulgated in the sixteenth century."

"He is a firm believer in the all-sufficiency of faith and the utter unimportance of works."

"The first is pushed to credulity and the second illustrates a familiar phase of his character."

Here the good Bishop gives us that which is nearly always absent from the writings and speeches of worldly men—the religious view. Mr. Erwin, in the course of his article, refers to the terrible sin, so common among the negroes, which has provoked so many mad lynchings, murders in the South. Can the sin be repressed by broad minded business measures or ventures? Certainly not. Nor can they be cured of it by the light lip-religion which prevails among them. As for the proposition to take them out of America, it surely cannot be seriously argued that such a change would be to their advantage.

### War News.

It is believed a proposal will be brought before Parliament when it reassembles to have the refugees in the concentration camps distributed in settled districts.

A fight at Heilbron was very hot while it lasted. A portion of the 2nd Battalion of Kitchener's fighting scouts had a narrow escape from being caught in a Boer trap. Owing to the persistent sniping, Col. Wilson ordered two squadrons to attack the hill which the Boers occupied in some strength. M. Squadron, under Lieut. Hughes, was cleverly drawn into an ambush by his reckless pursuit of the Boers, who at first gave way before him, and whom he thought to be very few in numbers. When a terrific fire was opened upon his squadron from three sides, Lieut. Hughes at once saw his mistake, and the force took shelter until G. Squadron, under Captain Hutchinson, got up and assailed the right flank. Lieut. Hughes then gallantly led his men from cover and charged the enemy, who broke and fled. The British casualties comprised Lieut. Hughes, killed, while leading his men, and two officers wounded, and six men killed and wounded. Prince Radzwill, one of the officers wounded, was hit in the stomach and in the hand. Colonel Wilson's pom-pom came into action as the Boers were retreating, and brought down a number of the enemy.

Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Monday, Dec. 9, reports that the result of the week's work is 31 Boers killed, 17 wounded, 352 made prisoners, 35 surrendered and quantities of supplies were captured. By advancing the line of blockhouses in the eastern part of the Transvaal, Lord Kitchener is now able, for the first time, to carry out systematic and continuous operations in the vicinity of Ermelo, Bethel and Carolina. Columns have cleared the southeastern district of the Orange River Colony, and are now operating northward of the Thaba, N'chu line. The Boers are still in force in the extreme west of Cape Colony. They are there commanded by Maritz, who recently attacked Tontellboschkop. The Boers were driven off and Maritz was severely wounded.

Lord Onslow, parliamentary secretary of the Colonial Office, speaking at Crewe Monday, announced that the concentration camps in South Africa had now been placed under the control of the civil authorities, that no pains or expense would be spared to place them in the healthiest possible condition, and that those concentrated wishing to go to the coast would be freely permitted to do so. Lord Onslow added that the largest concentration camps were being broken up into smaller ones of from 2,000 to 3,000 persons each.

Miss Bessie Blair, aged 20, eldest daughter of Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, was drowned while skating on the Ottawa River on Friday last. Mr. A. H. Harper, assistant editor of the *Labor Gazette*, who tried to rescue her, was also drowned. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were at Clifton Springs, N. Y., where the news were sent to them. Miss Blair was of a bright, sunny disposition and very popular. The bodies were recovered on Saturday, and interred on Monday. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives of the deceased.

Officials at Truro received a telegram on the 5th inst. to lock up the car that had arrived from St. John and keep it in an isolated position. When the car passed through St. John a passenger, who had come from up the line, got off and after stopping there, it was learned that he was suffering from smallpox. The telegram was not received until the car had been cleaned and scrubbed as usual, and it was then locked up on a siding about 100 yards out of the railway station.

At Tien Tsin, China, on the 9th inst., a sentry belonging to an Indian regiment killed one of his comrades. A company of Punjab infantry was at once turned out to secure him. In the meantime the sentry had been shot by German troops, who then opened fire on the Panjabies. A fierce fight ensued. Three German privates were killed and a German officer mortally wounded. Three of the Indian troops were killed and several wounded.

Two barges broke away from the big tug Gypsum King in the big storm last week, near Grand Manan, N. B., but at last accounts were safe with all on board.





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"Rome And the Novelists."

That the Church has in this country in recent years been brought into a position of exceptional prominence is a fact which has arrested the attention of many. An Edinburgh reviewer, admitting the phenomenon, tries to account for one phase of it. At this moment, when so many members of the exiled religious orders are coming to our shores from across the Channel, it is pleasant to be reminded of the great part which, in the days of the French Revolution, was played in the religious life of England by what the reviewer calls the "good and soul-awakened priests from beyond the sea." But the writer's special purpose is to call attention to the spell which Catholicism seems to have cast over some of our leading writers of fiction to account for the attraction it has for them, compelling them to treat the Church as "an advancing and often triumphant spiritual power, dominating the minds of men, thwarting wills, competing with ambition, interfering with the love of men for power, and the love of women for men." He seeks in vain for the use of this powerful dramatic motive in the novels of Walter Scott or the plays of Shakespeare. As an instance of what he means the reviewer takes the novels of half a dozen writers at random. In our judgment at once the most artistic and the most human of all the novels which in our time have depended upon religion for the main motive, Mrs. Wilfrid Ward's One Poor Scruple stands easily first, and the Edinburgh reviewer does it full justice while associating with it the books of Zola, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Lady Mabel Howard, Huysmans, Sibyl Creed, and Mr. Richard Bagot. The latter writer is dismissed as treating the subject he handles "in a superficial and partly comic way"—but each of the others is considered with a greater or less degree of attention. But obviously it is Mrs. Wilfrid Ward's book which chiefly occupies the reviewer's thoughts, and she may be congratulated upon the complete success with which she has enabled a stranger to the faith to enter into feelings with which Catholics regard a vocation to the convent. "Here was a girl of strong character and simple intellect, an heiress, the daughter of a simple-minded hunting Catholic squire of old race, herself a good rider to hounds, fond of the country life, of horses and dogs, torn from all this happy, natural, and contented existence, from the affection of parents resigned but wounded to the heart to let her go, from hope of home and children of her own, to become a Sister of Charity, to be sent perhaps on an unreturning journey to the interior of China, or to toil in the wretchedest quarters of London. The way to this altar of sacrifice is delicately described. No human agent consciously operates on the will of Mary Riversdale. But because she has been born and bred a Catholic, the idea of higher vocation is always near her, or in her, and she is turned into the path as if it were by touches of an invisible finger. Persons like Mary Riversdale are inhabitants of heaven here on earth, haunted by the memory of their home, and longing to anticipate their return. The Church, with its immense experience, knows this, and leaves the gates open. It holds the keys to those abodes of 'solemn troops and sweet societies,' to which the young, the beautiful, are sometimes called, it seems, from the joys and sorrows of life by an irresistible voice within them. However much it may have drooped from time to time in practice, the Roman Catholic Church has never abjured or condemned or feared the idea of religious heroism." That is finely felt and finely said.

The reviewer's purpose, however, is less to pass in survey the recent novels which have had the influence of Catholicism as their theme than to inquire why that theme should have been selected. He points to the distinctness of the Church, to her arrogant claims, her pretension to be the Supreme Spiritual Court of Christendom, to the degree in which she satisfies the ideal of visible unity, authority and discipline, to the impressive tones of conviction which mark her utterances and above all to her proclaimed power to absolve the sinner. We doubt whether it is because of any of these that novelists so often turn to Catholicism to find the impulse which is stronger than the love of men for power, and the love of women for men. They go to the religion which they see working as a living force in the world around them. We submit it would be truer to say that our novelists look to Catholicism for their dramatic motives just because they see in the Catholic Church the one spiritual power which still stands erect amid the advancing waves of materialism? Where else is there a Church which lays effective claim to the allegiance of souls and at once colours and shapes the lives of men? The pressure of Catholicism is continuous and touches every branch of human conduct. The need for submission to a law which is not of this world is affirmed and enforced by the obligations of Sunday Mass, of recurrent abstinence and fasting, of feast days, and

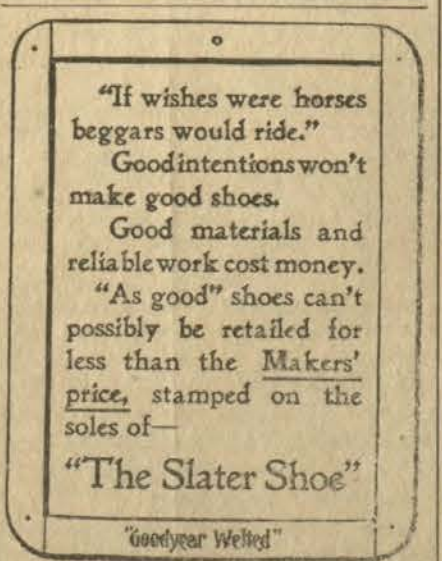
above all of confession and communion. In the presence of all these perpetual reminders, Catholicism cannot be ignored or forgotten by its children. Take, as an instance of what we mean, the case of a man who, in the course of his business, has committed some commercial fraud. If a Catholic, within a longer or shorter period, he is forced to face the fact of his own conduct, to recognize it for what it is, and before seeking absolution to make the inevitable restitution. A non-Catholic may, of course, repent of his dishonesty; but there are no fixed arresting points in his career which force him to a spiritual stock-taking, and without that automatically working compulsion the tendency to put off examining into the exact nature of the shady transaction would probably strengthen with time. The dramatist who wants to snatch his effects from a living conflict between the forces of good and evil almost necessarily calls to his aid the religion which most visibly inspires and guides the conduct of men. Not only are the precepts of the Catholic Church in closer and more intimate relations with daily facts of life, but they come sanctioned with an authority which is not paralleled elsewhere. Specially is this observable in that special field of the modern novelists—the relations of the sexes. The position of the woman who loves, and yet declines all that the world has to offer when it can come to her only as the price of marriage with a man who has a divorced wife still living, is artistically impossible unless we suppose her a Catholic. In an Anglican, however devout, such an objection would seem merely a fad. There would be no adequate motive for resisting an immense temptation, and it would be hard to retain the sympathy of the reader for a young woman who so set herself up as a superior to the precepts and constant practice of her church. To get the note of tragedy we want the categorical imperative and the crash of irreconcilable forces, and not merely the balancing of individual preferences. The answering pity which comes so quickly in the case of Mrs. Wilfrid Ward's heroine is born entirely of the feeling that any yielding to the impulse to accept the man would mean an overwhelming spiritual disaster. Substitute a Protestant heroine, who at the worst could be married by the neighbouring parson and with the blessing of her church, and instead of a situation full of poignant tragedy we get much ado about nothing. And is this not at once an illustration and an explanation of the attraction which, to the wonderment of the Edinburgh reviewer, the Catholic Church is seen to have for some of the most successful writers of the time?

The Liquor Habit.

REV. J. A. McCALLEN'S LECTURE. On the occasion of a lecture delivered before a large and appreciative audience in Windsor Hall, Montreal, in honor of the Father Matthew anniversary, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S. S., of St. Patrick's Church, and President of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society paid the following grand tribute to the value of Mr. Dixon's new discovery for the cure of alcohol and drug habits. Referring to the physical crave engendered by the inordinate use of intoxicants he said: "When such a crave manifests itself there is no escape unless by a miracle of grace, or by some such remedy as Mr. Dixon's cure, about which the papers have spoken so much lately, and if I am to judge of the value of the Dixon remedy by the cures which it has effected under my own eyes I must come to the conclusion that what I have longed for twenty years to see discovered has at last been found by that gentleman." Full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by writing to Mr. Dixon, No. 81 Willcox Street, Toronto, Canada.

Bruin Takes a Sleigh Ride.

As soon as the first snow fell and the hunters began to bring in the deer, Harry Grant, a student at Boston University, came to Maine for big game. On his third day here near nightfall he came upon a big buck about four miles from camp. He shot the buck and prepared to drag it in. The snow was deep and soft, and before he had gone a mile he was tired and wished he had shot a smaller deer. The more he thought it over the more he was convinced that his venison would keep until morn-



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ing. Then he came upon an opening in the side of a hill, large enough to hold the body of his deer. Into this he thrust the carcass, and, hastily covered it with brush and snow, went to camp for a late supper. During the meal Bill Gerrish, an old hunter, came in and set beside the student, who told all about his hunt. "Yes," said Gerrish. "I reckon I've got some game down Moose Mountain way, too, though I guess 'tain't dead yet. He's got a trap onto him, though, that'll tell me where he is so long as the snow holds." He then told Grant about the bear he had been trying to trap all the fall. The animal was cunning, however, and would not look at any kind of bait so long as the snow stayed away, preferring spiced ants and fat grubs in safety to beef and honey where there was a chance of danger. After the storm the bear became more reasonable. On two nights he had sprung the trap and eaten the bait by digging below the spread jaws and jarring the trencher from below. The third night he attempted the same maneuver, but was caught by the paw, because Gerrish had taken the precaution to set the trap bottom side up. Gerrish had followed the wide mark left by the trap all day, and was going out to take up the trail the first thing in the morning. As Grant's deer was cached near by, they agreed to go together, with the horse and sled which Grant had hired. They arranged to pull the deer from its hiding place and put it on the sled, after which they could hitch the horse to a tree, cover it with a blanket, and take their time in looking up the bear. Grant had no trouble in locating the deer's legs among the brush. He pulled on them several times, and when both men could not start the body, they tied a stout line to the rear of the sled and hauled it forth with horse power. As the horse and sled went down the hill the men saw something big and black and shaggy emerge from the mountain, something that grunted and growled and bit at the brush as if it were alive. "By gosh!" cried Gerrish, "I thought you told me you had a dead bear, and, darn me, if you haven't a live bear." He glanced at the hind leg of the animal, and seeing there was a trap attached, continued: "It's my bear, too, for that's my trap. What's caught in my trap is mine." "Shoot him!" yelled Grant fumbling with the magazine of his rifle, which was half filled with snow. "Kill him first and find out who he belongs to later. I've hired that horse, and if anything happens I'll have to foot the bills. Shoot, I say!" He had freed his rifle from snow and was bringing it to his shoulder when Gerrish broke in with: "Don't shoot, you blimed fool! You'll sure kill the horse, and then the hull camp will laugh at us. It may be all right for you who are going away soon, but I live here, and will never bear the last of it." While the men were debating the bear had gained his feet, and looking about for the cause of the trouble, saw the horse and made haste to seek reprisals for injuries. The animal leaped to the floor of the sled and was about to assault the horse from behind, when the wooden toggle in a ring of the chain attached to the trap, brought up on the high runner. The bear could just reach the horse by stretching out his foreclaws. Before he had made the second grab the horse had concluded that anywhere else was safer than there, and was off for camp at a three minute gait, leaving the hunter to finish their debate at leisure. Fifteen minutes or so later a frantic and badly blown horse dashed up in front of the camp, bringing in a live and very ugly bear on the sled. As no hunter was along to explain the mystery, it was inferred that the bear had killed both men and then ridden to camp to make report. As soon as Bruin had been killed and the horse had received treatment for his wounds and been put into the stable, the full force in camp was sent out to search for the bodies of the men. Two miles out of camp they were found, sound in body, but much distressed in mind. Slung from a pole carried between them were the head and forequarters of Grant's deer, the bear having eaten the hindquarters for supper after crawling into the hole late at night.—N. Y. Sun.

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Crowned.

Yesterday he stood amongst you straight and strong. Now you gather 'round his coffin in a throng. Yesterday you were not silent. Voice and head, lips and brain were leagued against him who is dead.

That you doubt my word does not alter the fact that I speak the truth. Good-night, and she swept into the house. When Elizabeth returned from early mass next morning Arthur met her at the gate.

initials appeared on his wallet, which contained, besides a roll of money, this little Rosary. From this we judged him to be a Catholic, and as it was a hopeless case, we watched closely for a sign of consciousness before he died.

'O, my God, I thank Thee, I thank Thee,' cried the widow, fervently. With grateful tears Elizabeth Tremont pressed to her lips the little rosary which she had given to her cousin, Arthur Winston, in the rose garden, fifteen years before.

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'I suppose I am innocent — most of my life has been spent in the dear old convent. I had no thought of wounding you, for I never dreamed that you thought of me other than a cousin. I wish you could believe me, Arthur.'

John's cheeks grew red, but his voice was firm. 'I don't account for it, sir; I can't. All I know is that it is so.'

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ELIZABETH'S ROSARY. 'I cannot be, Arthur. You are my own cousin.' 'But I love you, Elizabeth. Love like mine is a sacred thing — too sacred to be lightly thrown aside.'

Elizabeth looked at him thoughtfully. 'I have but one thing which answers your description, and that you would not care to have. It is —' she hesitated — 'my rosary.'

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There is what is called the worldly spirit which enters with the greatest subtlety into the character of even good people...

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

III.

It has become common to contrast the attitude of the French Government towards the Church with that of the British Government in its dealing with Catholics...

I, (giving his own name), Doctor of Divinity, now elected, confirmed, and consecrated Bishop of N., do hereby declare that Your Majesty is the only Supreme Governor...

If the Bishops of France could be induced thus to declare on oath that they "have no king but Caesar," there would be no further talk of conflict between Church and State in that country.

A layman nominates the bishops, the deans, and a large proportion of the incumbents under the name of the Crown. These appointments may be criticised by any one, but they can only be controlled, and that indirectly, by a Parliament from the most powerful House of which all the clergy are excluded.

first instance, solely lay, and in no case exclusively or even preponderantly clerical. In other words, England is the most anti-clerical country in Europe.

Even the very measure of liberty which it (the Church of England) enjoys, as well as the large measure of State favour and popularity which is given to it, springs in reality from its servitude and from the absolute sense of security which the Civil Power feels in the knowledge that the Church is all its own...

In France, on the other hand, the measure of control to which the Church is subjected, resulting in the Bishops being watched and hampered at every turn, springs in reality from a resentful feeling of impotence and failure on the part of the Civil Power...

"In England, sensitively jealous of combination and system, three precautions have been taken with the soldier and the parson. (I hope I may be familiar without offence)...

Great worldly advantages result for a time when a national Church consents to have no king but Caesar. It continues an effective aid to law and order without raising troublesome questions about spiritual rights.

Worldliness can assume the guise of respectable godliness. Men can believe as much or as little as they please without ceasing to be members of the Church. There are millions of people in London who never enter a church, but no political interest would be served by rousing that mass of irreligion against the Church.

A freight train on the C. P. R. ran into a rockslide on the 6th inst., at a dangerous curve 400 feet above the Fraser River. The locomotive rolled over and over the bluff to the river, and the engineer and fireman were crushed to death.

DON'T FAIL TO look at the grand array of furs at A. Kirk & Co.'s. - adv.

Port Hood Notes.

Brisk shipments of coal from the Mines continue.

Dr. McLennan, M. P., accompanied by his daughter, Miss Annie Josephine, who is to attend the Convent schools, has been in Town since Saturday morning...

J. C. Grant, D. D. S. recently from New Glasgow, is at the Old Smith Hotel, and likely to make Pt. Hood his home.

Dr. C. H. Dickson of Londonderry has arrived in Town, and has decided to locate here. He comes with splendid recommendations from the field of his late practice at Londonderry...

Over 80 members of St. Peter's Branch of the League of the Cross received Holy Communion at High Mass, Sunday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

During Mass yesterday, Sunday, poor John Bryan Murphy, of Town, who, since months, has been suffering from consumption, passed away, fortified, consoled and enriched with the sacraments...

Cape Breton News.

The new hospital at Glace Bay is nearly completed.

The first coke made at Sydney Mines was put out last week.

The public school at Port Morien was burned on the 5th inst.

Capt. Chas. Hackett, of North Sydney, has returned to the Pacific coast.

James Steele, of North Sydney has been appointed to the railway mail service.

Port Hood Coal Co. loaded 200 schooners since July and shipped considerable by rail.

W. H. Archibald and family, of North Sydney, are gone to California for the winter.

An I. C. R. policeman was fined \$500 and costs at Glace Bay for assault on Michael Nolan.

Dr. F. H. Smith and bride of North Sydney, returned from their honeymoon trip on Thursday last.

The estate of the late Capt. John Lorrway of Sydney is estimated to be worth from \$80,000 to \$90,000.

The early express for Sydney was off the track at McKinnon's Harbor, C. B., one day last week, causing much delay.

It is stated that the sale of the Mosley coal areas in Cape Breton County to American capitalists is about completed.

The new Catholic Church at Whitney Pier was opened on Sunday, 8th inst. Dr. D. A. Chisholm preached the dedication sermon.

The schr. Sierra, bound from Sydney to Windsor, reported long overdue, was spoken east of Bermuda in a leaky condition.

Dr. J. J. McLellan, of Sydney, and his bride, who was Miss Katie McQuarrie of Glace Bay, have returned from their honeymoon trip.

Rev. Mr. Simpson of Sydney is making charges against the Town Council and Chief of Police. The Council handed the matter over to a standing committee.

John May of Sydney Mines, son of Robert May, was caught between a moving car and the roof of the pit and badly hurt last week.

Lauchlin Livingstone of North Sydney, who has been suffering from partial paralysis for nearly two years, can now walk a little without assistance.

Dan Ferguson, who disappeared from Sydney Mines, was reported last week, turned up a few days later on the arrival of the Glencoe from Newfoundland.

Thomas Colvrey, aged 20, son of Stephen Colvrey, Little Bras D'Or, was killed at the washing plant Sydney Mines, on the 3rd inst., by 30 tons of slack coal falling on him.

The fire companies are making large demands on Sydney under threat of not doing business, or at high rates. The Council has invited them to send a delegation to confer.

F. C. Kimber, for 18 years connected with the coal business in Cape Breton, first assistant manager Sydney & Louisburg Coal Co., and later with the Dominion Coal Co. has resigned and will engage in business for himself.

The North Sydney Town Council on the 6th inst. met to consider the question of concessions to the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. It was decided that a sum of \$30,000 be granted as a cash bonus, and a further sum of \$20,000 when the company shall begin the manufacturing of steel.

Christmas

CARDS and CALENDARS, GIFT BOOKS and CHILDREN'S BOOKS, PRAYER BOOKS and BIBLES. FINE LEATHER GOODS, in DRESSING CASES, COLLAR and CUFF CASES. WRITING DESKS and FOLIOS, PHOTO HOLDERS, and SCREENS OF BURNED LEATHER. DESK SETS, ETC., of Ebony Mounted in Sterling Silver. FANCY CHINA and GLASSWARE, Both Useful and Ornamental. TOYS, DOLLS, and GAMES. SLEIGHS, SHOVELS, ETC. XMAS PAPETERIES, ETC

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Bear Boas, 108 inches long, \$35.00. Bear Boas, 72 inches long, 25.00. Bear Boas, 45 inches long, 18.00. Rocky Bear Boas, 108 inches long, 5.50. Rocky Bear Boas, 72 inches long, 3.50. Black Thibet Boas, 72 inches long, 7.00.

Electric Seal and Columbia Sable Caperine, 15.50. Electric Seal and Black Thibet Caperine, 15.00. Electric Seal and Grebe Caperine, 13.00. Electric Seal and Japan Fox Caperine, 9.25.

Grey Lamb and blue Moufflon Collarette, \$15.00. Electric Seal and Bocharen, Collarette, 19.00. Grey Lamb Collarette, 12.50.

Electric Seal and Rocky Bear Collarette, \$10.25. Electric Seal and Storm Collar, 5.50. German Otter Storm Collar, 5.00. Columbia Sable Storm Collar, 6.50. Alaska Sable Storm Collar, 11.00. Grey Persian Lamb Storm Collar, 5.00, 9.25, 10.50. Alaska Sable Muffs, 13.25. Columbia Sable Muffs, 9.00. Electric Seal Muffs, 4.75, 5.00, 5.50. Grey Lamb and Blue Mufflon Muffs, 9.00. Grey Lamb Muffs, 6.00. Black Hair 1.25 to 3.50.

Ladies' Electric Seal Jackets, 24 inches long, \$49.00. Ladies' Electric Seal Alaska Sable Collar and Lapels, 60.00. Ladies' Raccoon Jackets, 44.00, 49.50, 55.00. Ladies' Astrachan Jackets, 27.00, 30.00, 34.00, 45.00. Ladies' Bocharen Jackets, 24 inches, 60.00. Ladies' Australian Coon Jackets, 25.50. Gent's Raccoon Coats, 40.00, 44.00, 49.50, 50.00 and 58.00. Gent's Assiniboine Coats, 16.00. Gent's Raccoon Gauntlets and Mitts, 5.50 and 5.75. Ladies' Raccoon Gauntlets and Mitts, 5.00, 6.25, 7.00. Ladies' Astrachan Gauntlets and Mitts, 5.00, 5.50. Ladies' Seal Gauntlets and Mitts, 5.50. Ladies' Beaver Gauntlets and Mitts, 13.50. Ladies' Grey Lamb Gauntlets and Mitts, 5.00.

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General News.

There was a \$35,000 fire in Montreal on the 4th inst. Richard Croker says he will lead Tammany no more. The Ottawa University has been quarantined on account of small-pox. Great Britain has spent \$10,000,000 in Canada for war supplies. The Dominion Coal Co. shipped 174,000 tons of coal in November. Very heavy snow in northern New Brunswick last week. The Canadian Mounted Rifles are to be concentrated at Halifax. Col. Prior, M. P., unseated in Victoria, B. C., will retire from politics. The new Canadian contingent will be called the Canadian Mounted Rifles. The repairs to H. M. S. Indefatigable in Halifax dry dock are about completed. Five new cases of smallpox are reported in St. John, N. B., and eight in Ottawa. Steamer Mammoth sailed from St. John last week with 781 horses for South Africa.

It is said the Dominion Parliament will meet about the first week or middle of February.

P. E. Island is asking for better winter communications between Summerside and Cape Tormentine.

Henry Lambert is convicted at Dover, N. H., of the murder of J. Wesley Allen, his wife and daughter.

Steamer Hackney, New Orleans for Rotterdam, arrived at Halifax on Friday with cargo of cotton on fire.

Halifax City Council had some difficulty over electing a city assessor. F. C. Stevens was finally elected.

Another report from Ottawa states that there are 22 new cases of smallpox in Mechanicsville, a suburb.

Senator Hoar has introduced in U. S. Senate a bill making any attempt on the life of a ruler a capital offence.

Eighteen million bushels of grain passed through Soudange canal this year—a decrease of a million and a half.

At the by-election for Provincial House, for Godrich, Ont., on 8th inst., Garrow, liberal, was elected by 250 majority.

The brig Bustal from Windsor for New York, had a trying experience last week. Seven of her crew were badly frozen.

Mrs. Dunsmuir, mother of Premier Dunsmuir of British Columbia, is taking out a million dollar policy on her life.

Judge Martelle of Montreal is chairman of the commission to revise the Dominion Statutes. Chas. Murphy of Ottawa is secretary.

Major E. L. Bond, a well-known business man of Montreal, was burned to death in the burning of his house at Missisquoi Bay, on the 4th inst.

Capt. Gallaway, of H. M. S. Tribune, remonstrated vigorously with the Colombian authorities about the ill-treatment of his boatswain.

The family of the murdered steward of the bark Birnam Wood are stricken with diphtheria at or near Digby, N. S., and are urgently in need of help.

Geo. Loye, M. P., for Beauharnois, P. Q., was unseated for bribery by agents. He will likely run again and be opposed by J. G. H. Bergeron, ex-M. P.

Great Britain has sent a cheque for \$30,000 to Washington in settlement of the claims of some Americans who claim they were improperly expelled from South Africa during the war.

A man named Few is under arrest at Orillia, Ont., charged with an attempt to murder a young widow named Reid. It is said she refused to marry him and he shot her through the bridge of the nose.

Steamer Hong Haaken (Norwegian), recently ashore on Madam Island, C. B., is on the marine railway at Dartmouth. An addition of 30 feet had to be made to the cradle to take her on.

J. Winburn McPhail, aged 18, son of James McPhail of Whyocoomagh, C. B., died in an hospital in Boston on the 4th inst., of accidental gas poisoning. The gas jet had been left partly turned on in his room. He was found unconscious and conveyed to the hospital on Sunday morning.

Four sailors are believed to have been drowned off Scatterie, C. B., on Monday. Their steamer became disabled, and five seamen started in a small boat for land to secure assistance for the vessel. A sea swept over the boat, filling and sinking it. The men made a desperate effort to swim to shore, but four of them sank exhausted, only one having reached land, at Malindi. The steamer Ella is anchored off-shore, and it is thought the men were from her.

W. J. Egan, M. D., of Whitney Pier and Miss Minnie Livingstone, daughter of D. D. Livingstone, of Victoria Mines, were married on the 28th ult. by Rev. Fr. Mackenzie.

There is a prospect that King Edward's visit to Ireland will be postponed until after the coronation.

Henry J. Fleischman, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles, absconded on Saturday last with \$100,000 in currency, and no trace of him has been discovered.

Canadian millers have advanced the price of flour twenty cents per barrel in sympathy with the increase in the price of wheat.

The Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa has decided to prosecute parties in Quebec who declined to give information called for by the census schedules.

An election is to be held in York County, N. B., on the 28th inst., to fill the vacancy for the Federal Parliament caused by the Courts unseating the candidate elected at the last general election. The old candidates—Mr. Gibson, son of Alexander Gibson, the great lumber manufacturer, and the Rev. Dr. McLeod, are again to contest the seat. Mr. Gibson, who is the Liberal candidate, was successful at the general election.

The Halifax Board of Trade at a meeting held on last Thursday passed a resolution favouring the transfer of the management of the I. C. Railway to the C. P. R.

What will be regarded as extremely severe sentences were passed on three boys at Halifax on Monday. One was sent to Dorchester penitentiary for four years for stealing a watch. Two got two years each, one for stealing eighty dollars and another a like term for being an accomplice. As the accomplice was being taken from court he laughed, and was taken back and given three months additional. The question naturally arises, is laughing a crime, even though it be in court.

Quebec papers, La Patrie and Le Soleil, have it that Mrg. Zardetti, at one time Archbishop of St. Cloud, Minn., and at present residing in Rome, has been appointed Delegate Apostolic to Canada in place of Mgr. Falconio.

Personals.

R-v. A. M. O'Handley P. P., River Bourgeois, C. B., was in town this week.

Rev. John McMaster, P. P., Mabou, was in town this week.

Mr. John J. McDonald, of New York, arrived here on Wednesday of last week, on a visit to his old home at William's Point.

To the Editor of THE CASKET:

DEAR SIR.—In consequence of various rumours afloat I beg to make the following statement:

Colin McDonald of James River has had in his house three cases of diphtheria, two of which died of the laryngeal type.

The disease has also appeared in the families of Roderick Chisholm, Beaver Meadow, Donald McInnis, Angus McGillivray and Angus McInnis of Ohio.

Yours truly, W. HUSTLEY MACDONALD, M. D., Health Officer Town of Antigonish, December 11th.

IF OUR SPECIAL Shoe prices don't bring you in, you must have failed to read our adv. Palace Clothing Co.—adv.

BUY YOUR XMAS NECKWEAR at A. Kirk & Co.'s—adv.

DEATHS

Obituary and marriage notices have been gradually encroaching on our space. The attention of our publishing company being called to the matter at the annual meeting, it was decided to limit the space for these notices, except where the event appears to be of general interest. The best way to mark this limit seems to be to adopt the plan employed by many other papers:

Notices of deaths will be published free of charge when not exceeding 40 words. For every word over 40, 2 cents will be charged, payment in advance.

At Lismore, Pictou Co., on the 5th December RONALD JOSEPH, aged 2 months and 4 days, dearly beloved child of STEPHEN and MARY MACDONALD.

At Williams Point, on Dec. 5th, HUGH MACDONALD, at the advanced age of 92, leaving a sorrowing wife, one son and two daughters to mourn their loss. R. I. P.

At Big River, Broad Cove, at the age of three years and three months, MARY ELIZABETH, the loving daughter of JAMES MCKINNON, joiner, deceased was born in North Cambridge, Mass.

At Upper Margaree, Inverness Co., Dec. 2nd, 1901, after a long illness, fortified by the last rites of the Holy Church, ALEXANDER D. GILLIS, aged 47 years. He leaves a young widow, four sisters and five brothers to mourn their loss. R. I. P.

At Judique Intervale, on Nov. 29th, after the devout reception of the Sacraments of the Holy Church, MRS. ROSE MACDOUGALL, nee Flora Church, wife, and son and two daughters to mourn their loss. R. I. P.

At Pine Tree, Pictou Co., on Nov. 18, MARGARET, blessed wife of JAMES FITZGERALD, aged 67 years. She lived the life of a true Christian. Amen.

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Catholic, and, consoled by the rites of the Church, died a beautiful death. A husband and five children survive to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother. R. I. P.

On the eve of the 21st Nov., at Big River, Broad Cove, Inv. Co., ANN McDOUGALL, wife of the late DONALD MCKINNON, in her 59th year. The deceased, who was born at Judique, came to Broad Cove a young loving bride—where she reared a large and respectable family. She died as she lived—a genuine Catholic, and greatly missed by all who knew her. R. I. P. (Boston papers please copy).

At McAdam's Lake, on Monday, 2nd inst., JOSEPH McMILLAN, after a protracted illness, in his 86th year. He was an industrious young man, of honourable ambition, and by his generous and benevolent disposition acquired much respect and regard. In religious duties he was always conspicuous. Fortified and consoled by the Church's last rites he passed away to his perpetual home. R. I. P.

At North Sydney, on the 1st December, fortified by the last rites of Holy Church, after an illness of several years, borne with true Christian patience, HONORA, beloved wife of EDWARD PHALEN, departed this life at the age of sixty-one. She was a daughter of the late DAVID RONAYNE, of Sydney Mines, and step-daughter of the late ROBERT HAMILTON. Her sorrowing husband, with whom she spent forty-one years of wedded life, and her two sons—the Rev. DAVID V. PHALEN, of St. Francis Xavier College, and ROBERT F. PHALEN, barrister of North Sydney—have the deep sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. May her soul rest in peace!

Obituary.

Mrs. A. Somers, nee Maggie Cameron, died after a lingering illness, at Britley Brook, on Dec 9 at the early age of 39 years. Her death is a hard blow to her husband and her four small children. The latter are, at a tender age, deprived of a model mother. This itself a husband, with whom she spent forty-one years of wedded life, and her two sons—the Rev. DAVID V. PHALEN, of St. Francis Xavier College, and ROBERT F. PHALEN, barrister of North Sydney—have the deep sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. May her soul rest in peace.

On 25th ult., the many friends in Guysboro of Miss Mary E. Keating, heard with very sincere regret that she on the previous evening had died at Whitney Pier, Sydney, where, from this town, she removed together with her parents, Capt. Raymond and Mrs. Keating, six months ago. The funeral service took place in St. Ann's Church, Guysboro, where she was baptised 21 years before by Father Tompkins, who also performed the last sad rites. Deceased was a most popular young lady, greatly esteemed for her sterling integrity, her genial affable disposition, and for her holy stainless life. She wore the brown and blue scapulars, also the badge of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Promoters of the Holy Eucharist, duties of all with exactness and great energy. "Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God."

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### The Christian Motive.

(The London National Review, Sept. 1896.)  
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Behind the real hatred, which the root and branch reformers had for the Mass, the great representation and memorial of the Incarnation and present existence of our Lord, there lay latent an advancing attack upon the objective belief expressed in the Apostles Creed. To what extent does this creed really express the belief of modern Englishmen. It is still faithfully, and often magnificently, repeated in all the Anglican churches and cathedrals, and firmly held, though not perhaps very ardently realized, by the main body of Anglicans. But it is no longer the formula of belief of all who profess and call themselves Christians in England. In its wisdom, the Education Department has judiciously held that the Apostles' Creed is not yet a "denominational formula" and may be taught in Board Schools—that the question should even have been raised shows how far we have already "travelled from the East,"—but the Creed is regarded as "sectarian" by many Nonconformists, who are well aware that from the Apostolic statement can be taught the full Catholic doctrine. Churchmen of the type called "broad," repeat the Creed, putting it into their own meaning or want of meaning. We repeat the Creed, or listen to it, with respect, but how many have a real, and not merely formal belief, that Christ rose from the dead and now exists, or believe in the living "Communion of Saints," or in the Catholic Church, or the action of the Divine Spirit?

At the present time many Nonconformists, and some Anglicans, talk and write much about "making the State Christian," or (more vividly) of "infusing the Spirit of Christ into the State." They seem to mean that as religion, by increased vagueness and impersonality has lost its effective hold over individual hearts, not to be moved by abstractions, the State must act more and more as a moralizing agency. No doubt this must be so, and will be so, if the faith declines. We shall have no king save Caesar, and must make the best of him. One can hardly take up a newspaper without seeing on the one side some sign of the Catholic movement, and, on the other, some sign of the advancing Secular Idea. In the Free Church Congress, last March, for an instance, Mr. Hawke, who proposed an elaborate scheme of legislation against gambling on race-courses, in clubs and on the Stock Exchange, was saluted by the president, Mr. Hugh Price Hughes, as "a true prophet of God." Place side by side, "in the study of imagination." Mr. Hawke, with his legislative proposals, and a humble woman devoting her whole life to tend the sick and poor for the love of her living Lord and Saviour, solacing her heart, perhaps, "in hac lacrymarum valle," with some adoration (?) of the Virgin, and consider which of these two is more distinctively Christian. A true Christian may well be a social reformer, by means of legislation or otherwise, but there is a modern and false tendency to say that, because a man is a social reformer, therefore he is a true Christian.

If the Christian faith is destined to be generalized into thin air, like a beautiful bubble blown till it bursts, and to evaporate in the guise of sentimental politics and forms of words, we must do what we can without it. It is, indeed, just conceivable that compassion for suffering humanity, quite apart from belief in unseen but divine and living friends of man, may so increase that it may in the future be the parent of self-devotion as great as that born of the old faith. Time alone can give the answer. The question is like that which in another form meets Socialists. If, in the industrial life, you take away the motive of self-interest, will duty to the State supply an adequate new motive for energy? If in religion you take away, not indeed self-interest in that sense, but personal devotion to a living friend and lord, will the general sense of philanthropy adequately replace the motive thus lost? If not, all that we can do is to encourage conscientious professional work in hospitals, workhouses, and other refuges of poverty and misery by means of high wages and careers so ingeniously organized as to stimulate energy. So, for instance, the nurses in workhouses, infirmaries and hospitals might be consolidated into a great branch of the civil Service, so that a nurse who had for a time conscientiously, if not enthusiastically, discharged the dull duty of nursing the old in a remote East Anglia workhouse, might look forward to promotion to a more interesting and exciting scene of action. If the finer touches of personal devotion are lost, we may, at all events, have a more skilfully contrived machine.

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It is hardly too much to say that England as a whole, while adhering firmly to a sound view and practice of morality, did at the Reformation virtually reject, for a space, the Councils of Perfection. We abandoned, both in theory and practice, the attempt to carry out by way of *associated* effort the recommendation of voluntary poverty, celibacy, and detachment made by Christ to those who wished to live the life most entirely devoted to the service of God and of their fellow beings. Individuals might, if they choose, carry out this advice, but it was to be without organized religious association, and even under a general sentiment of social discouragement. Human nature under these circumstances proved as a rule too weak. The idea of life of this kind almost died out of the land, and only showed signs of revival in connection with a modern movement of return, in many ways, towards the central principles constantly maintained in theory, despite frequent corruptions in practice, by the Roman Catholic Church. The Anglican revival has been a return towards the old objective religion of Christendom, and has given birth to some of its ethical fruits.

The organized fraternities and sisterhoods of those who give themselves entirely to the religious life do not exist except in that part of the Anglican Church which living and practical Catholicism has virtually re-conquered, a section debarred rather by historic circumstances than by any great difference of temperament or even of opinion, from formal re-union with the Church of Rome. The Salvation Army, again, has inspired its members with much devotion in practice, and its work is, in a sense, a homage to the efficacy of the older ideas of religion. The motive force of their action is a vivid imagination of the present human personality of Jesus Christ, and of the Prince of Darkness against whom and whose servants He and His followers are supposed to be waging war on earth. The Salvation Army is far remote from any philosophic view of religion, and far also from that calm and dignified respect for an Almighty Power, which is, perhaps, the leading characteristic of the excellent main body of the sober, cultivated and intellectual Church of England. The members of the Army are as much under the sway of what Spencerian sages are pleased to call "anthropomorphism" in religion as were the Breton peasant girls who founded the Petites-Sœurs des Pauvres. The difference is that the peasant girls receive assistance and the spirit of order and gentle wisdom from the maternally-guiding experience of the Catholic Church, while the Army is without this nursing mother.

It is often alleged that among the southern races Christianity has been too much divorced from ordinary morality. Perhaps among the northern races the religion has been too closely identified with ordinary morality. Christianity, no doubt, enhanced and widened morality, but it has not made it. Our pagan ancestors, according to Tacitus, had much of ordinary morality; nor, indeed, could any civil society have existed for long without it. It is not necessary to come to Christian times in Europe to find a fairly good and general observance to the laws of family life, or sentiments of equity, justice, truth and honesty in dealings between man and man. These virtues, like the genius for law and military discipline, appear to be native to the European race; they existed to a great extent before the adoption of the Christian religion by these races, and they would, no doubt, survive its disappearance. There is much reason to think that, quite apart from Christianity, the abolition of slavery, at all events of its worst features, would, in time, have been effected in the Roman Empire by the tendencies of its law and philosophy, and by the general pacification of manners incident to a settled and tranquil civilization. Apart from the religion, we should probably have had in England, when the people became sovereign, equally good factory and sanitary laws and a reduced ferocity in the Criminal Code. Civilization, like individuals, are mellowed by age.

Even granting, and it is no doubt greatly true, that Christianity immensely accelerated the advance of the world in ordinary morality, it does not follow that, if the Creed died out, the ground thus gained would be lost. Thinkers of the Comtist kind regard the Christian faith as a process by which the world has been, or will be, brought to a higher level. All honor to the process, but when it has achieved its work it will be no longer necessary. That Christ rose from the dead, and now lives, is not, in their opinion, true, but it is an useful belief which has served its purpose. In other words, the civilization of Europe during all these centuries, so far as it is due to Christian sources, has been founded upon a mistake as to fact. Never before was so mighty and noble a structure built upon a foundation of fraud or error. It is hard for those who have a simple and natural belief in the divine government of the world to accept the view of these cultivated thinkers. It may, however, be granted that, if the Creed died out, there

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But the essential and peculiar service of the Christian religion lies neither in the region of ordinary or primary morality (keeping the Commandments,) nor in that of politics and legislation (the affairs of Caesar), nor even in that of charitable institutions and philanthropic efforts—the giving a half (even) of one's goods to the poor. It lies rather in inspiring an heroic and joyful self-devotion among the few who are chosen, and among all who really fall beneath its influence the fine quality of "Caritas." In religion, as in art and manners, the last touches make all the difference. The Christian religion affects, doubtless, the whole of life, but it is on these high levels of perfection that its distinctly genius is to be sought. But once more, since that first Easter morning the foundation of this religion has been the belief in Jesus Christ, not merely as a term, or figure of speech, or metaphorical way of describing a certain influence or spirit in the world, but as a now living person risen, not allegorically but actually, from the dead. If this concrete objective belief in facts (which must either be or not be) were dissolved into a general humanitarian spirit, or exchanged for mere respect for a great moral teacher of ancient times, we should, no doubt, retain ordinary morality and philanthropic endeavour, but not, so far as one can see, that motive which now makes some leave all to follow the living Christ. The fine quality of active, devoted zeal which animates, for instance, the Petites-Sœurs des Pauvres, would hardly, I think, survive. Nor would we have, even amongst the best philanthropists, the restrained enthusiasm and zealous patience, the joy, hope, peace, the power of giving comfort which belong to those souls (the "salt of the earth") that are illumined by personal communion with Christ, and serve as radiantly guiding ideals to the rest of us.

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"O Mary Mother! Mary Mother! be my help and stay! Be with me still as thou hast been, and strengthen me to-day, For many a time with heavy heart, all weary of its grief, I sought solace in thy blest thought, and ever found relief; For Thou, too, wert a Queen on earth, and men were harsh to Thee! And cruel things and rude they said, as they have said of me!"

"Oh, gentlemen of Scotland! oh, cavaliers of France! How each and all had grasped his sword and seized his angry lance, If lady love, or sister dear, or nearer, dearer bride, Had been like me, your friendless liege, insulted and belied! But these are sinful thoughts, and sad—I should not mind me now Of faith forsown, or broken pledge, or false or fruitless vow!

"But thou, dear Mary—Mary mine! hast ever looked the same, With pleasant mien and smile serene, on her who bore thy name; Oh, grant that when anon I go to death I may not see Nor axe, nor block, nor headsman—but Thee, and only Thee! Then 'twill be told, in coming time, how Mary gave her grace To die as Stuart, Guise, should die—of Charlemagne's fearless race!"

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The French Monks Facing Exile.

(Translated from the French of Dom. J. M. Besse, O. S. B., by P. Joseph Sittenauer, O. S. B.)

The French Republic is determined to assert the supremacy of the State over the Church, which is a fundamental dogma of her creed. Her orators and publicists have for a long time professed it; but a mere profession does not satisfy her; the dogma must be applied to her national institutions. For many years, an entire party in our legislature has been inspired by this dogma; the administration is guided by its light; the leading minds of the Republic have longed to see it carried into effect. The law on the liberty of association has furnished them with the pretext for taking a step forward.

The religious orders belong to the Church. They are born within her bosom. It pertains to her to examine their rules to authorise them, to watch over them. She has never yet failed in her duty. Those religious orders, favored by the liberty accorded to all citizens, have taken deep root in France. They have grown strong. They have served Christianity and France. The State has become uneasy on account of their prosperity; but without reason. Do the religious not observe the laws of the country like the rest of the citizens?

But the religious orders were free; this freedom became a bugbear for the Republic. Her fright was soon changed to anger, then to hatred—a Masonic hatred, that is to say, a hypocritical and implacable hatred.

It has been said that the Republic desired to destroy the religious orders. This is a mistake. She wished to enslave them. The notorious law, forged by the stupid artisans of the lodges, is the chain. Will the religious put it about their neck?

Many a law has aimed a blow at the rights of the Church during the past quarter of a century. Whilst they were fabricated in Parliament, our orators and our journals raised their voices against the outrage. But we had not enough power to cry down the project, its authors and abettors. On hearing us, people said: If the law passes, Christian France will arise like a man.

The law has passed; and in Christian France not one man has risen. And the law which they declared wicked has been applied; practically, the Catholics have accepted it. They have accepted what they declared wicked. This has happened ten times within twenty-five years. And we are astonished that we no longer exist in the eyes of the country! Strange astonishment this!

To decry a law before the vote, to accept it after the vote, though one has declared it contrary to conscience, is weakness—I came near using another word. Well, the people never rally around weakness. Instinctively they flee from it. We are, then, face to face with the law on the liberty of association. Summing up the conclusions reached by the Catholic speakers of both Chambers and by our most courageous writers, Leo XIII has solemnly condemned it.

What is to be done? Ah! how beautiful it would have been to see the religious, men and women, assured that a human law, could not prevail against a divine law, quietly await the brutal force in their homes—for they

are in their own homes—to see them bear all the consequences of their action and let force have its way! Who would have had the last word?

At any rate, this resistance to a law, declared criminal, would have set a wholesome example. It would have inaugurated the struggle; and is not struggle the inevitable road to triumph?

What was waiting for this? Union. Could this union exist, could it be efficient with the actual situation of the Catholics in France? We have bishops; but where is the episcopate? The faithful are numerous; but where is the Christianity of France?

They say: There is nothing to be done. The insulted army has said: There is nothing to be done. The monks, treated as pariahs, say: There is nothing to be done. To-morrow, the bishops and the clergy, when hunted down, will say: There is nothing to be done. After to-morrow, the owners, driven from their possessions in the name of the law which will be the slave of Communism, will say: There is nothing to be done. And by doing nothing, France rolls down into the gorges of Socialism. And she will go to the very bottom. This will be the just punishment of the bourgeois' implicit belief in the existing conditions—their only God—(du bourgeois ne croyait au Dieu affaires) and of the faint-hearted Catholic haunted by the fear of losing the little that is left him.

I come back to my question: What is to be done? Some believe themselves obliged to present their neck to the Republic to receive the collar. I pity them.

Others prefer liberty in exile to slavery at home.

To go into exile. . . Yes, to go into exile. To quit a country impregnated with the virtue of St. Martin; to abandon a monastery (St. Martin, at Liguge) which was the cradle of religious life in France; no more to pray in this valley where Hilary and Martin, these two forefathers of our country, have prayed; to renounce the adopted country of sweet Queen St. Radegundis; to separate from friends whom one has known, esteemed, loved, in the service of the same God, of the same faith, of the same France; no more to serve the brave people, simple and upright, true children of France—my God, how hard this is!

I feel something still harder. To forsake the battle-field without striking a blow, to flee from home, in the face of the enemy, without defending oneself—how cruel this impotence!

May we, at least, be able, notwithstanding our exile, to serve our dear country, the France of St. Martin, of Charlemagne, of St. Louis, of Jeanne d'Arc, and of the Martyr King; to serve her by prayer, to serve her by that power which frontiers can not shut out, the mind.

It is not my intention that sorrow only should flow from my pen. Hope is throbbing beneath sorrow. Life dies not. The monks have in their veins something eternal. Battered down, their monasteries rise up again. They are the oak-trees of God.

Confidence! We shall come back more numerous, purified by the exile, matured by the trial. May we then be more valiant and more holy!

And the Church will have the last word.—The Review.

The President a slave to Catarrh.—D. T. Sample, President of Sample's Instalment Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. It gave almost instant relief. 50 cents. Sold by J. D. Copeland.—49

Her Little Oversight.

(From the Washington Evening Star.) A certain lawyer here in town employs a stenographer who has the most wonderful collar and the most elaborate pompadour in all the business world. She has a personal theory of punctuation and her spelling is marked with an engaging originality, but she's so even-tempered that only an absurdly carping person would take notice of such eccentricities. One day she laid before her employer a neatly typed letter to a Southern correspondent. Before signing it he glanced over it. "See, here," he said, "you've spelled sugar 'suggar.'"

The typewriter glanced at the sheet and smiled. "Dear me," said she, "how careless of me! Why, I've left out the 'h.'"

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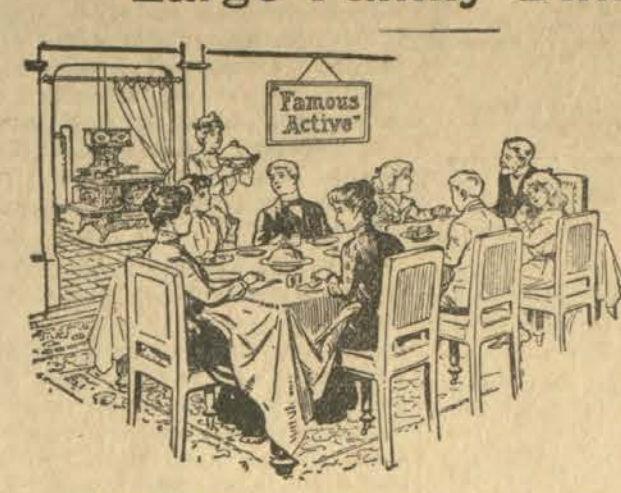
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Foot Passengers, not exceeding 5 c. Carriages, not exceeding 20 c. Tramway, per car, not exceeding \$1. Railway, per car, not exceeding \$8.

The proposed bridge to be clear of interference with navigation, say 150 feet above high water, and the span or distance between abutments to be not less than one thousand feet; with such other powers and privileges as are necessary and incidental for the above mentioned purposes.

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FRED PETIPAS, Plaintiff, BETWEEN HARRIET GOUTHRO, an absent or absconding debtor, Defendant.

To be sold at Public Auction, by the Sheriff of the County of Antigonish, or his Deputy, at the Court House, at Antigonish, on SATURDAY, the 4th day of Jan., A.D. 1902

AT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON. Under an execution at the suit of the above-named Plaintiff, issued on a judgment in the above cause, duly recorded in the registry of Deeds at Antigonish for upwards of one year previous to the issue of said execution, unless before the day of said sale the Defendant shall pay said Plaintiff or his Solicitor, or to the Sheriff, or into court, the amount due with interest and costs.

All the estate, right, title, claim, interest and demand of the said Harriet Gouthro of, into, and out of all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at Linwood, in the County of Antigonish, and bounded and described as follows: On the north by lands in possession of Mary Jackson and Nicholas Maitlis; on the east by lands in possession of Joseph Petipas; on the south by lands in possession of said Joseph Petipas; and on the west by lands in possession of Abraham Co'e and lands of Hubert Petipas and others, containing twenty-four acres, more or less, together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

TERMS: Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed. DUNCAN D. CHISHOLM, High Sheriff of Antigonish County E. LAVIN GIBBOIR, Plaintiff's Solicitor. Antigonish, Nov. 29th, 1901.



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 Xmas Gifts—Palace Clothing Co.  
 Holiday Supplies—T. J. Bonner.  
 Woodland for Sale—Benjamin Pettipas.  
 Auction Sale—Arch. McDougall.  
 Notice—Will. W. Chisholm.

Local Items.

THE TONICEST BOOT for men sold by A. Kirk & Co.—adv.

Miss McDONALD of Bailey's Brook has again volunteered as nurse for South Africa.—*New Glasgow Enterprise*.

THE MAN that we cannot please with our overcoats hasn't been in the Palace Clothing Company's store.—adv.

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SEE THE nice Xmas souvenirs at Bonner's—fancy mugs, cups and saucers, vases, trays, etc., with an indelible picture of the Town on each—nice to send to a friend, useful and ornamental.—adv.

A STAFF of surveyors and engineers, under the direction of Mr. Hiram Donkin, of Antigonish, are making a survey for a site for the proposed bridge over the Strait of Canso.

THE NORTH Sydney correspondent of the *Sydney Post* writes of an Antigonish man:

J. D. McDougall, contractor and builder, has completed the Ross Block, part of which is now occupied by Vooght Bros. The cost of the building was \$7,000. Mr. McDougall also had the contract of building Vooght Bros' warehouse, one of the largest in the Maritime Provinces, which was finished a short time ago. He has three other buildings now under construction.

A TEAM, owned by Joseph Smith of Country Harbor, left standing at the South River Station on Monday morning, had a lively and rather dangerous race. It became frightened at the freight train and dashed on the track ahead of the engine where it continued running for upwards of two miles, passing safely over the bridge at the river and another smaller one farther up. The train was compelled to slow up several times to avoid running over the team, which was at last frightened off the track. Neither horse or waggon suffered injury.

A CONCERT was given in St. John the Baptist Hall, New Glasgow, on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, by the pupils of the Convent, assisted by some outside musical talent. The hall was crowded, and the audience was thoroughly delighted with the entertainment. Mr. A. C. Bell, M. P., made an appropriate and clever address on St. Andrew and Scotchmen. Mr. Bell is an able speaker on almost any subject, but on a topic so interesting to Scotchmen he appeared to be more than usually interesting.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—The new Catholic church at the Whitney Pier, Sydney, was dedicated on last Sunday. The Rev. Michael MacKenzie, P. P., East Bay, was deputed by his Lordship to perform the ceremony. Dr. Chisholm, P. P., N. Sydney, preached a sermon on "Truth" which commanded the close attention of the large throng that had gathered for the occasion. The collection that was taken up amounted to a handsome sum. We understand that the Rev. Neil Macdonald, who has been for the past year collecting funds for the College throughout the diocese, has been appointed to the new parish at Whitney Pier and will take charge in the early part of the new year.

THE "C. B. WHIDDEN" is the name of a fine barquentine which has just been added to the fleet of sailing vessels owned by C. B. Whidden & Son of Antigonish. Launched at Liverpool, N. S., on November 12th, her outfitting has since been finished, and she goes to Weymouth Bridge to-day to load lumber for Buenos Ayres. A picture of her as she lies at the wharf in Liverpool, completely rigged, shows a handsomely constructed vessel, of good sailing qualities and large carrying capacity. She is 349 tons net register, classes A-1, 13 years in American Records, and is strongly constructed, being coppered fastened and metalled almost to the load-line. The cabin is finished in oak, while the best materials available in the modern construction of vessels have been used throughout. She was purchased from D. C. Mulhall, Mayor of Liverpool, and built under the supervision of Captain Jayson Gardiner. Capt. A. J. Morrison, of Port Hawkesbury, late of Messrs. F. D. Corbett's (Halifax) ocean tow-boat "F. W. Robeling," will command her.

A NEW HALL.—The corner-stone of a new hall was laid at North Sydney on Monday morning by Hon. J. N. Armstrong, Recorder of the Town, who also delivered the dedicatory address. There was a large attendance at the ceremonies. The hall is intended for the entertainment of the different societies belonging to St. Joseph's parish. Rev. Dr. Chisholm, pastor of the parish, to whose zeal for the welfare of his parishioners the new hall is largely due, made an interesting address,

setting forth the purpose for which the hall was erected and the objects of the various organizations for whose use it is intended. Its main object was to help young men to lead sober and godly lives and to guard them from the many temptations surrounding them on all sides. The Reverend Fathers McKenzie, McPherson, McAdam, Kehoe, McIsaac and Kiely were present.

THE SCHOONER SOUDAN, owned by C. B. Whidden & Son, Antigonish, Capt McFarlane master, was driven ashore at St. Peter's, C. B., during the storm that prevailed on the night of the 4th inst. She was lying in the harbor, but the gale was so furious she commenced to drag her anchor and was forced high up on the beach. The steamer Harlaw hauled her off last Friday morning. She was not damaged.

The other vessels belonging to the above firm were recently reported: The Congo, Capt. McKinnon, arrived at Halifax last Saturday morning from St. John's, Nfld., having safely weathered the storm; she will proceed to Weymouth Bridge to load lumber for a West India port. The O'Nora, Capt King, bound from Cuba to New York, was at Delaware Breakwater on the 7th inst., all well. The brigantine Ora, Captain O'Hara, expected to sail from Aspalachola, Florida, on the 23rd inst., for St. John, N. B. The topsail schooner Olinda, Capt. Porrior, sailed about the 1st instant from Natal, Brazil, for New York, with sugar.

HYMENEAL.—At Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, on the 30th of November, Miss Mary MacGillivray, formerly of Pleasant Valley, Antigonish County, and Mr. Edward Hammond of Tamworth, N. H., were united in holy wedlock. The bride was assisted by her sister Miss Cassie MacGillivray, while the best man was Mr. Thomas Rooney, of Malden. A reception was held at 68 Plymouth St., Cambridge, where a few intimate friends of the young couple made merry over the happy event.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, at Sacred Heart church, Rev. Father Callahan performed the ceremony which united the lives of Allen D. Cameron and Miss Stasia Moore, both of this city. Miss Mamie Griffin was bridesmaid and John Whalen was best man. Immediately after the nuptial ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Elmer Scott, 629 South Montana street. Mr. Cameron is sampler at the Gagnon mine, and is well and favorably known in Butte. The happy couple will make their future home on East Park street.—*Butte, Montana, Herald*.

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  - 2 SETS RIDING HARNESS,
  - 2 SETS WORKING HARNESS,
  - 1 SET DOUBLE HARNESS,
  - 1 RIDING SADDLE, 2 SINGLE SLEDS,
  - 1 DOUBLE SLED, 1 GOOD SLEIGH,
  - 1 TIP CART, 1 RIDING WAGON,
  - 100 BUSHELS GOOD OATS,
  - 30 BUSHELS WHEAT,
  - 150 BUSHELS POTATOES,
  - SOME TURNIPS,
  - 50 TONS GOOD HAY,
  - A QUANTITY OF STRAW,
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THE STORES of the Town will be open every week evening after the 13th inst. until further notice.

THE FOLLOWING is the programme to be rendered at the musical and literary entertainment in College Hall, on the evening of Thursday, the 19th inst., in honour of the visiting teachers attending the Teachers' Institute. The Committee in charge extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present:

- PART I.  
 Opening Remarks—Mayor Cunningham, Chmn.  
 Chorus—"His Majesty the King."—Queenin  
 Address—A. H. McKay, Supt. of Education.  
 Solo—"The Fairy Queen,"—Soloman  
 Mrs. Cameron.  
 Address—Hon. A. McGillivray.  
 Reading—"The First Settler's Story," Carleton  
 Miss M. Angela O'Brien.  
 Reading in Our Schools—A. Thompson, D.  
 D., Pres. St. F. X. College.  
 Solo (selected)—Mrs. McGillivray.
- PART II.  
 Instrumental Duat (Piano and Violin).  
 Miss M. J. McIsaac, Mr. D. C. Macdonald.  
 The Place of the Imagination in a Course of  
 Studies—Very Rev. A. Macdonald, D.  
 D., V. G.  
 Solo (selected)—Miss S. O'Brien.  
 Reading—"The Painter of Seville,"—Wilson  
 Miss Margaret F. McDougall.  
 Solo (selected)—Mr. Gregory.  
 Chorus ("Row, Boatmen, Row.")—Warner  
 Accompanists—Miss Florence Chisholm,  
 Miss M. J. McIsaac.  
 GOD SAVE THE KING.

THE XMAS HOLIDAY SEASON is now at hand. It is, however, in this vicinity unaccompanied by snow and frost, the signs usually indicating its near approach. In fact the weather the past few weeks and also during the fall has been dry and at times warm, in strong contrast with that prevailing in communities to the south and west, where they are enduring the discomforts attending severe winter inclemencies. This happy condition no doubt has its drawbacks. Certain lines of trade such as the heavy winter clothing and meat branches are injuriously affected. The problem of suitably remembering our friends at this festive season is as puzzling and as difficult as ever. The merchants of Antigonish have endeavoured to aid their patrons in making the solution easy. Their stores are filled to overflowing with choice good in their several lines, among which are most appropriate articles for presentation to friends and relatives. Our readers who are obliged to purchase by mail, and particularly those abroad who wish to remember their friends at home, are recommended to read the advertising columns of THE CASKET. An order placed with any of the firms found therein is certain to be filled carefully. A present we especially recommend is a year's subscription to THE CASKET. We confidently state it will be as acceptable to the recipient as anything for the price we can think of.

We have competition but will not admit that we have any during this special sale of shoes.—Palace Clothing Co.

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