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The Messenger and Visitor informs us that two workers of the Grand Ligne Mission have resigned, one of them being "Mr. Chas. A. Fournier, ex-priest, who will probably seek some secular employment." Apparently our Baptist friends have not found such a prize in Mr. Fournier as they thought they had.

They are growing somewhat free of speech in the old country, if Sir William Butler's remarks before the Historical Society of Trinity College, Dublin, are reported correctly by the Tablet,

"He did not think that Socialismhe was speaking personally—mattered a tuppenuy d—, provided always that the great mass of the people in the nation were settled upon the land. If the population was gathered into hoge organisations in the cities and in the city slums then Socialism mattered a great many tuppenny d--'s.

A Protestant American, Mr. Henry D. Sedgwick, writing in the Atlantic Monthly, says:

"Those lovers of Italy, however, who are most in sympathy with the national sentiment which most affected the unity of Italy, must remember that to the world the Roman Cathelia Characteristics of the more important. Catholic Church is far more important than the Italian kingdom, and if there were a doubt whether the Church or the kingdom would derive the greater advantage from the possession of Rome, that doubt should be resolved in favor of the Church. . All things may come to the Church that

A great deal of nonsense has been written about Dorando since he came to America to show that he could beat Hayes in the Marathon race,-much of it apparently written to belittle the Italian runner. Among other things, there appeared a press despatch saying that he trained on wine, drinking several quarts a day. This was absurd on the face of it; moreover, we find it stated in our Quebec contemporary, L'Action Sociale, that Dorando has never used wine, spirits, nor tobacco, and does not believe that a man can use them and remain an

The British Parliament having passed a Patents Act which requires foreign inventors possessing British patent rights to manufacture either in whole or in part their goods in Great Britain, a syndicate, composed of German, American, Russian and French capitalists, is now being tormed for the purpose of acquiring factories in England in which foreign inventors' British patented articles will be made at cost price, the syndicate charging a small commission on the sales. The syndicate proposes to start operations at the beginning of the new year, and will acquire between twenty and thirty large factories in different parts of the country to begin with.

According to the London Tublet, "The printing of English books is to a large extent becoming an American monopoly. The British author enjoys copyright for his books in this country in any event, but if he also wants to secure the advantage of a copyright in the United States, he must have his book printed from type set up by American printers. Then, with the type already set up in the United States, it is cheaper to take plates, or to print off and send sheets to this country. In either case the British printer is deprived of a job which he might fairly regard as his rade is likely to deepen from year to eplore and pity the condition of in danger, for want of priests and the face, and not push on to minor subjects.

year as more and more books are sent | those who spend their lives wallowing | Church. There are many thousands across the Atlantic to be set up. Unfortunately, a Free Trade Government has nothing to offer and nothing to withhold, and so is unable even to begin to negotiate for a more equitable arrangement."

In connection with the sacerdotal golden jubilee of Pius X a story is told which we remember hearing before, without knowing the identity of the bishop concerned. When Leo XIII was celebrating his golden jubilee in 1888, a certain priest came to say Mass at a side altar in St. Peter's but found himself without the acolyte he had expected. Seeing his disappointment, a bishop who was passing by offered to serve Mass for him. The priest protesting that he could not think of allowing a bishop to wait upon him, the latter humorously pretended to misunderstand him, and said; "Don't be uneasy. You will find that I can do it well." And he did. It was Bishop Sarto, of Mantua, and the altar at which he served Mass twenty years ago is only a few paces from the altar at which he celebrated the Papal Mass on the day of his jubilee.

Dr. Clifford has warned Premier Asquith that the Liberals will be defeated at the next general election, unless they hasten to relieve the Nonconformists of "the intolerable injustice of being compelled to pay rates to convert England to Rome." What The Baptist leader means by this is the granting to Catholics their own share of the local taxation to be applied to their own schools, which Protestant children do not and need not attend. And the relief which Dr. Clifford demands consists in applying all the local taxes, -known in England as the rates,—to the support of schools teaching a diluted form of Protestantism, which Nonconformists can accept, and compelling Catholics to pay these local taxes. In other words Catholic, are to be compelled to pay towards the teaching of Protestantism. And the President of the Board of Education acknowledged this when he said it was an arrangement suited to a Protestant country. What then becomes of the boast that all religions are equal before the law!

Once more we are in the season when Christmas gifts are being thought of, and once again it is worth our while to reflect on the distinction between the gifts we make to one another and those which we offer to God. To one another the simple and more inexpensive the gift we make, the less likely we shall be to regard Christmas presents as a burden, and the less heavy will be the burden of obligation which we lay upon our friends. But in offering gifts to Godin the persons of his suffering members the poor, we may give free reign to our generosity, and spend as much as our means will allow. In this case we shall be following our Lord's counsel to give without expecting to receive, and if we join in making a Christmas dinner or supper to which we invite those whose cupboards resemble that of the old lady in the nursery rhyme, we shall be imitating certain persons mentioned in Holy Writ, whose conduct was highly commended by our Saviour.

In the Christmas number of the American Magazine is begun the publication of a series of letters which the editor says will give us "glimpses into the life of a charming and unusual woman who has had a rich and varied life." We have not read the letters yet, but in idly turning the pages our eyes fell on the words: But I'd rather be at home than in heaven any day, wouldn't you?" Of course, this may have been written throughout the civilized world are jestingly. But it is only a week or two since Mr. Andrew Carnegie pubjished a book in which he advised that instead of thinking of heaven as our home we should think of our home as heaven. Both the famous million woman, doubtless profess a belief in God and speak of the delights of communing with Him through immigrants, who are deprived of the nature. Both of them, no doubt,

in sensuality. Nevertheless, if they really regard this earth as their home, if they desire no closer communion with God than can be attained in this life, they are of the earth, earthy, and the difference between them and the drunken libertine is merely one of

No other people jest so freely as do the Americans about sacred things, without really having a contempt or hatred for them. Nevertheless their spirit of irreverence, if it does not lead them to violent manifestations against religion, as it leads the French or Italian infidel, has worked serious injury to the national life of the United States. The regrettable lack of respect for parents, the lenient view taken of marital infidelity, embezzlement, and even of homicide, are largely due to the fact that these things have been treated as a good joke by every jester in the land. Of these jesters Mark Twain has been the leader for the past forty years, and the nation has taken him to its hear. because he is the very incarnation of its irreverent humor. As a man, Mark Twain has many excellent qualities, and even as a writer we have been willing to forgive him much because of his burst of indignation against an indecent picture flaunted in the public eye as the work of a great artist, and because of his championship of Joan of Arc at a time when the successors of Voltaire were making another attempt to drag her from her pedestal. But it was painful to read in his autobiography, as published last year in the North American Review, such jests on sin and moral responsibility as could only be made by one who holds no serious views on these matters of gravest importance. And his letter of regret for not attending a dinner to Loru Northcliffe the other day, contained such language concerning Divine Providence as can only serve to bring Mark Twain's white head in dishonor to the grave.

THE MISSIONARY CONGRESS IN CHICAGO.

A memorable gathering indeed was the Catholic Missionary Congress held last month in Chicago, at which 1600 delegates attended. The chief interest was centered in what was said by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Falconio, whose address was frequently interrupted by applause. Dealing with the nations that are adopting hostile measures against the Catholic Church, he said that the work of missionary priests is as necessary today as it has been in the past, and it will be so until the end of time. Ample new fields are open, and care must be taken of the old fields. There are millions and millions in the world of the Supreme Pontiff, in building it who have not received the light of the up atroad, even to the uttermost Gospel, and there are many who go parts of the earth. We must remain through the world, intending to destroy the Kingdom of our Lord Church at home and abroad. We Jesus Christ, and to establish Hades. must cultivate in all our people, even These attacks, he said, are in a special manner, directed against the Cath- and in the pupils of the parochial olic Church, because they know she is the only real barrier against the enemies of religion, and that she stands for what is eternal and humblest chapel that some far-off spiritual. Therefore they have opened godless schools, discredited religious practice, and a system of persecution is going on. What a warning is given us, said the Archbishop, by the fall of those nations which abandoned the Christian religion. Africa and Asia Minor fell back to their primitive degradation, Their monumental churches, in which worked such extraordinary men as St. Ignatius, St. Cyril, St. Augustine, and many others, whose learning, piety and zeal is venerated even today blotted from the earth. God forbid home and foreign. that this should be the fate of any other Christian nation. In this land of liberty and progress where we now are, said the Archbishop, there are many millions of souls who do not aire, and the charming and unusual belong to the flock of Christ. There are thousands and thousands of our brethren in religion, especially the

who need help against the seduction of a sensual philosophy which is trytrying to destroy whatever is eternal and spiritual. To battle against these diffiulties, we need apostolic menmen after the type of those great men who laid the foundation of our holy religion in America. May God grant that our clergy, both regular and secular, may be filled with a desire for the salvation of souls that they may be imbued with that spirit of selfdenial and Christian charity which characterized those first priests of our holy religion. May God also grant that the American people may fully understand that the Catholic religion is the only safe way which leads to eternal salvation, and is one of those available forces which can sustain, against the invading spirit of irreligiousness and anarchy, the honor of our national character and at the same time our national greatness. The Archbishop closed by offering to the Archbishop of Chicago, and to all those who have helped him in laying the foundation of The Church Extension Society, his sincerest congratula-

Archbishop Quigley stated the objects of the Congress to be:

"First, to mark the change of the Church in North America from missionary conditions to its full share in the work of the Church universal by striking a note of unselfishness clearly

"Second, to crystallize the missionary movement now being organized among the Catholic clergy and laity for the common duty of promoting and extending the Church at home and abroad, and to study missionary conditions and plan for their improve-

"Third, the clergy and the Holy Father will co-operate in the Church to restore all things to Christ. Church of America, being propagandic, is at the beginning of the new era in its history. It is practically hardly one hundred years old, yet it has reached its majority. The old order of things is changing and the new order established."

It passes from the jurisdiction of the great missionary organization known as the Propaganda, and takes its stand among the galaxy of fully organized and equipped hierarchies within the Church of God that encircles the whole world to the throne of the Vicar of Christ, Plas X. This congress is called at this particular time to give us occasion to study our duties as a hierarchy and national Church. We should be worse than the unbeliever, he said, it we did not have a care of our own household, and we should be less than Catholic if we were not represented in every field where the battle for the cause of Christ is being carried on. In a word we must restore all things in Christ at home, and we must co-operate with the whole Church under the leadership active and missionary agencies in the in the little child at its mother's knee, school, a solicitude, not only for the parish church, or the cathedral at our door, but for the rudest but and the missionary has made the home of the altar and the Blessed Sacrament, the household of Jesus Christ. This, he said, is the main thing for us to undertake With the exception, said Archbishop Quigley, of the collections annually taken up for the foreign and Indian missions, the church in America has done nothing to take care of the foreign and home missions. It should be one of the objects of this congress to organize in every parish and every diocese and bring home to every individual a feeling that they must help in the cause of the missionary work,

Rev. Dr. Kelley criticized certain kinds of Catholic societies, which he said were largely ornamental, and some of them selfish. He pleaded for nobler aims than dances, card parties, and entertainments which are the chief occupation of many Catholic associations. He pleaded for some thought for the poor and neglected. consolations of our holy religion, and Let us look this matter squarely in the

objects to the exclusion of nobler and more urgent ones. He spoke with more respect of the pious associations of prayer, and wished that their zeal and piety could be turned somewhat upon mission work.

Turning to discuss materialism among the students for the priesthood, Dr. Kelley had this to say ;

"Let us see how selfishness has been developed. To come to beginnings-what are our seminaries and colleges doing, or what have they done, to make the future clergy understand that they are to be Catholic rather than parish priests? How much knowledge of Catholic missions is given to our students of philosophy and theology? How many conferen-ces in the year on the possibilities of ces in the year on the possibilities of expansion in pagan lands or here in America? How many times have missionaries been invited to tell their experiences? Is there a missionary organization of any kind in more than three seminaries in the entire United

"If half the time in the seminary were given to the practice and the preaching of unselfish love for the Church Universal, of the glory of self-sacrifice, of that zeal which urges men to sink themselves in the cause of Jesus Christ, of the martyr's room in Paris, and only the other half to theology, we should have a priesthood which would accomplish anything even the conversion of America.

In three years, said Father Kelley, in conclusion, Church Extension has built 200 chapels; it has circulated 1000 pieces of Catholic literature; it has established the largest circulated Catholic magazine in the world, perhaps one reaching 300,000 readers every month; it has placed 25 students for the missionary priesthood in college under the pledge that they will labor in poor dioceses; it has inspired the establishment of a college and a seminary for the education of Italian Americans, for the Italian priesthood of America; it has over \$100,000 now on hand in securities. most of which represent loans, without interest, to poor parishes, which, without these, would be forced to pay exorbitant rates; it has established Canadian Church Extension, which in five months has secured \$30,000 in cash, owns its own weekly paper, and is about to build its missionary college; it has awakened thousands to the need of missions, and made possible this gathering, undreamed of three years ago; it has placed the chapel car on the road to inspire more building.

Very Rev. A. E. Burke, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, gave an address on the need of a missionary college.

Following are some of the resoluons passed by the Congress:

recognize the amount of good accomplished in the past by the societies for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood, and earnestly urge upon our people the need of increased support for those excellent institutions,

"We recognize it as our first duty to support all those mission agencies which at present are operating with such signal success in the American field, notably the Bureaus of Indian and Negro Missions, and Apostolic Mission House for the training of missionary priests, the various Truth Societies engaged in the distribution of Catholic literature, and we bespeak the continued support of our Catholic people for the same.

"We acknowledge the pressing necessity of a Catholic missionary college to supply priests for our new and needy dioceses."

A plea for colleges for the use of immigrants was made by Rev. R. A. McEachen, of Ohio, who said that statistics indicate that there are more than six million Catholic immigrants in the States who do not speak English.

Wm. P. Breen, of Port Wayne, argued for a missionary Sunday, in every church in the land in each year, on that Sunday, the text, not mere perfunctory announcements, to be the missionary endeavors of the Church, as worked out by extension.

Bishop Paul P. Rhode, Chicago,

outlined a concrete plan for colonizaion work among immigrants, declaring that a colonization bureau should be established by the Catholics America, and colonies formed in the rural districts under the auspices of the Church.

Rev. James B. Curry, of New York, advocated Catholic social settlements. Many other subjects were dealt with by various speakers, the negroes, the tramps and homeless people, the non-Catholic missions, and thoughtful and earnest addresses given on those By Rev. D. S. Phelan, L.L. D.

On Christmas morning angels brought a message from heaven to earth. God's heralds announced tidings of great joy. For there was born in Bethlehem a Savior. A Savior is one who saves. From what did he come to save us? The Scripture tells us that He would "save us from our sins.

We will not understand the feast of Christmas unless we first comprehend the character of sin. We will not be in a condition to recognize the merit of our Heavenly Physician until we have fully understood the character of the disease from which He saved us.

Every man has a conscience. A man would not be a man unless he had a conscience. And the idea of right and wrong has its origin in conscience. There is no such thing as right or wrong among the lower animals. Everything with them is right. There is no right or wrong in the phenomena of nature, in the play of the elements. Everything there is right. right. There is no right or wrong in right. There is no right or wrong in dynamics; everything is right. Where do we find this idea of right, and wrong? It is in the life and nature of man. Man alone has a conscience, and by that conscience he cannot only distinguish between right and wrong, but in every conscious act of his he makes a deliberate choice between the two.

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There are in him two laws; two dispensations. Man has two natures. He can live according to the law of his conscience, or he can live according to the law of his appetites. He is part angel and part animal. He can live out the life of an angel, or he can live the life of an animal. He can live according to his conscience, or he can live according to his passions.

And because men have been from the beginning vacillating in their allegiance between these two powers; because men have been in this awful uncertainty from the beginning, Jesus Christ came down on the first Christ mas night to be our Savior, to save us from our sins and mistakes; to correct our errors; to bind us to the right; to save us from the wrong; to bind up our wounds; to strengthen our weakness; to enable us finally to triumph over the flesh.

Do not believe men when they tell you they are not sinners. Do not believe men when they tell you they are not in debt to God's justice. Their conscience tells them they have offended often and grievously. But they try to blind themselves to the truth. Our Savior says that "when the Holy Ghost will come, whom He would send, he would first of all convict the whole world of sin." That is the first mission of the Holy Ghost. the first mission of the Holy Ghost in this world; that is the purpose of the Third Person of the blessed trinity here to-day, to convict the world to-

But salvation is a popular word. The most popular infides that have lectured to the people have told them it was not salvation in the world to come that they wanted, but salvation in this world. "Save men here and let the fature take care of itsell. The most popular theory of morals to day is that which teaches men that they need no salvation of God; that salvation is only here. Make men happy here; enable men to realize their destiny here, and all will b Now, David, the royal psalmist, had passed through the vicissitudes of life and he had seen and known misfor-tune. David was one of the most glorious kings who ever reigned on this earth. David was a man accord-ing to God's own heart. Davin was a man whoes reign ought to have been reeminently successful, but it was not. David's people turned against him, sons supplanted him David, in his 145th psalm, says, "Do not place your confidence in princes; do not place your confidence in the children of men, in whom there is no salvation.

Now our Savior came to proclaim the salvation of God, not the salvation of men. He came to offer us salvation in the world to come; not salvation in the world that is now. He came to save us from our sins, and He told us that our sins were against God,

Men who have no conception of sin, and refuse allegiance to God, are men without affection. It is a fact that can be demonstrated that the great infidels of the past, as the most prominent infidels of modern times, have been men without love or human sympathy; they have been men who had no children; men who had no wives; men who had no friends. All the great modern infidels have been bermits, have lived apart, and their experience of life has been of its most selfish side.

Man who sins against God sins a against love, because God is love. Sinis a wound inflicted on eternal love. God truly loves us, and our conscience is only a monitor evermore reminding us of our duty towards our eternal Lover. There is still love in the world. All the infidelity of 6,000 years has not been able to destroy utterly love in the world. It survives. Men love each other yet. Women love their husbands and husbands love their mines. Mothers and fathers love. their wives. Mothers and fathers love their children, and children love their parents. Friends love friends to-day as strongly as they ever did; and this is in the face of all the beastly teach-ing of the last 6,000 years. You can-not wholly extinguish the fire of love in the world. If you ever succeed in destroying love, then is the world ready for its annihilation. Men will consent to live on this earth only on the condition of loving and being

Now, what is the love of a husband for wife, or wife for husband? It is a reflection of the uncreated love of God, who made both. What is the Prince Regent of Bavaria, the King Catholics doing to ameliorate the lot

children, or the love of children for their father and mother? It is a balmy zephyr wafted from the eternal love of God who said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." What is the love of friend for friend? What s the love that makes life endurable? It is the pulsating love that God has sent us, the love that came with His gift of life; the love of our eternal Friend who would have us all united with Him in the golden circle of an eternal friendship.

you see our Blessed Lord came on this earth to announce tidings of real joy. He came to make known to men once more the knowledge of right and wrong. He came to bring once more to us an assurance that we were still children of God's love, and that our present stay and future hope were conditioned upon our answer to that challenge of divine charity.

God sent a special messenger down upon this earth to speak to us men. And who was this messenger? A little baby. The Babe of Bethlehem brought us tidings of great joy. A little baby came with the news. A little baby has saved us from our sins. Yes, God often speaks through little babies. There is nothing outside of heaven so divine as a baby. Nothing so dear, so heavenly, as the sight of a baby, of an infant before it reaches the age of self-consciousness.

God speaks to us through nature. God speaks to us through the singing of the birds—and what is so sweet as the warble of birds? We have heard music; men have composed music. We have pieces of music which we call lassic. But it is the music of men! But listen to the birds; they sing the oldest songs of all. They sing the first melodies. The birds that sing upon the branches of the trees to-day, sing the music they sang in Paradise. They sing as the birds sang on the trees of the Garden of Eden, without the change of a note, just as they sang in in the first day of creation, they sing to-day. I never hear a bird singing that I do not imagine that I am listening to the music of God's first happy day with man on this earth.

And the beauty of the flowers; the beauty of ths foliage; the beauty of the landscape; the beauty of the shining stars above—what are all these but angels dancing, singing, telling us evermore the story of God's love for us men:

And it is a sweet story that must come home to every heart, because it bears us a message that we have longed for so long. Our Savior came on the first Christmas morning to bring us a new message of God's love, a new invitation to return to that neglected love. That is the real tidings of great joy; peace, forgiveness; a return to our Father and our Father's home: the encircling arms of our Father's love. That is why Christmas is a feast of feasts. That is why that little Babe remains the first and the last and the greatest of the prophets. That is why that little Babe is not only King of Kings, but the great High Priest of the new law. That is why the message of that lit le Babe will remain tidings of great joy as long as this world lasts. The last Christmas day will be celebrated with as much joy and exultation as any that preceded it; because the message of the lofant of Bahlehem has an eternal freshness

What English Law Owes to Irishmen.

In its obituary notice of the late Lord Justice Mathew, the London Daily Telegraph says:

"The debt of English law to Irishmen during the last half-century is far greater than might have been expected from the size of Ireland's population, or the English estimate of Irish character. No greater Chancellor has ever sat on the Woolsack than Cairns, to whom must be added Keating, Willes, Martin, Shee, Lord Russell of Killoween, Lord Macnaughten, and the former Master of the Rolls, Lord Collins. Sir James Mathew was thoroughly Irish, though he was actually born at Bordeaux; and both Lord Halsbury and the late Lord Bowen may be reckoned, at least in part, as Irishmen."

The Pope's Jubilee.

Here are some of the manifestations of the Jubilee Year. Twenty of the Cardinals who live out of the Curia have come to Rome to offer their congratulations to the Vicar of Christ, and the others, hindered by old age or bad health, have sent their congratulations by letter, over four hundred Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops from all parts of the Catholic world knelt before the Pope, often with hundreds of the members of their flocks, testifying their affection and loyalty to his person; His Holiness has received in the Vatican one hundred and fifty pilgrimages and deputations, among which the English-speaking countries have been magnificently represented; special Embassies and Missions, felicitating him on his golden Jubilee, have been sent by the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, the Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia, the Czar of Russia, the King of Spain, the King of Portugal, the Queen of Holland, the King of Belgium, the hear on all sides is: What are

love of father and mother for their of Saxony, the Prince of Monaco, the Presidents of the Republics of the Argentine, Brazil, Columbia, Chili, Peru, Costarica, San Salvador; tens of thousands of masses and communions have been offered up for the Holy Father throughout christendom; solemn services have been celebrated for him in tens of thousands of churches; public bodies have passed votes of esteem and congratulation; precious gifts have been sent to His Holiness by all ranks of human society from Emperors to children in the schools, the Catholic people have increased their offerings of Peter Pence for the occasion, and an immense quantity of vestments, chalices, and other objects necessary for the celebration of the divine sacrifice have been sent given for distribution among the poor churches of the world. Rome.

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The Church and Locialism,

The following letter appeared in the London Tablet of November 14: Sin, -1 see by the daily papers that the special fund of the C. T. S. for combating Rationalism and Socialism is not being well supported, but this is only typical of the attitude of Catholics generally towards these questions. No one can attend meetings of Catholic debating societies without seeing how strongly many of our men are imbued with Socialism; and who does not know how largely the ranks of the labour party are recruited from the Catholic workingmen? I have spoken to many Catholics, and the question I

of the workers? The Socialists are doing something, therefore I support them. With the question I cordially agree; with the conclusion I do not What are we doing as a whole There is plenty of denunciation of Socialism; but what are we offering in its place? No one defends the present state of affairs, and we must do something more than merely criticize. We must be able to put forward a definite constructive scheme in its place. A Socialistic state is a myth, but the present state might be very much improved, and, in the opinion of large numbers of Catholics, the Church is doing nothing to improve it; hence they turn to socialism. How often do we hear explanations

of the teachings of the Church on social questions in the average mission church? We know that the Catechism tells us that oppression of the poor, and defrauding the labourer of his wages (or sweating) are sins crying to heaven for vengeance; but how often are these things dealt with in our sermons? It seems that we are losing a golden Socialism, with its opportunity. anti-religious teachings, is the great enemy the Church has to fight to-day and it will not be conquered by slashing attacks unless we can show what the Church has to offer instead. We know that the Church has something to offer, but we want this knowledge bringing home to our workingmen, and the sooner this is taken in hand the sooner will the drifting be stopped. We want it dealt with from every pulpit, so that our men will know that under Catholicism their interests, both spiritual and temporal, are safeguarded.

The condition of the England of 500 years ago under Catholic rule, and when the Catholic trades guilds were in existence, is being exploited by our Labour paper as Socialism. The religious aspect is dropped, and the collective life of the community is being represented as being not Christian but Socialistic, so that the very virtues of Catholic. ism are being turned into a weapon to attack the Church.

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Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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CHAPTER XIII. Sir Francis Walsingham allows his

nephew St. Barbe to see his hand in the game he is playing: On my arrival in London, Walsing. nam bestowed on me great praise for the wisdom I had shown in this most important business. He told me that the services I had rendered to her Majesty's government and to the Protestant religion in England were more considerable than I was aware of, and that if I assisted him in bringing the intrigue, he had then in hand to a accessful conclusion with equal pradence and sugacity, he would prevail upon her Majesty to confer upon me the honour of knighthood and make me a member of the Privy Council, He added that I might also reckon onfidently upon obtaining the favour of the omnipotent Lord Burghley and the hand of his charming daughter.

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After these introductory remarks, he took me into his own private cabinet, to which outil then I had but rarely been admitted, carefully closed the door, and bade me take a seat by small table. On this he placed two finely cut glasses, filling them with old crushed port from a decanter that he took out of a cupboard in the wall. He then seated himself beside me, and sipping from time to time the generous liquor with evident appreciation of its line flavour, spoke thus to me: 'Your health, my dear Francis. It has been my habit when I have any specially important business to consider, to drink a glass of this old port -only one glass, and that slowly. And you would do well to do the It quickens ones pulses, and you cannot think how many fortun-ate inspirations I owe to it. Well, we have an important matter to consider now. You will not be surprised when I tell you, that from the standpoint of a loyal Eoglishman and a zealous partisan of the Reformation, I consider Mary Stuart as our most dangerous

With this I concurred, for since her right as the grand-daughter of Henry VII. to the throne of England was indisputable, and considering Eliza-beth's age it could hardly any longer be noped that she would marry, still less have any legitimate issue, the probability was that Mary would succeed her, and thereby the maintenance of the reformed religion be imperilled. I said as much to my uncle, who listened patiently and then replied:

'I do not think there is much cause

for anxiety on that score. Burghlev has taken good care that Mary's fair name should be tarnished with a blot of which-whether she is innocent or not-the English Parliament can make use for the purpose of setting aside her right, that you consider indisputable. Our Parliament has prought more difficult things to pass than that during the last half century. No, the only chance Mary Stuart has of ascending the throne would be by a successful rising of the Catholics within the country, or through the invasion of a foreign power, on support of her claims. The first contingency is no looger to be dreaded. The case was very different eighteen years ago, when the Pope deposed Eliza-beth, and the most influential lords in the North took up arms. The fate of the new Queen and the new religion then hung upon a thread. Burghley completely lost his head, and the hour of peril showed him to be nothing of a statesman, however clever he may be as an intriguer. If Alba had ap-peared off the coast of Yorkshire at that juncture with half a dozen galleons, and landed a regiment of his redoubtable Spaniards, Mary Stuart would now be Queen, and the Smith-field fires would blaze afresh. That danger was happily averted, contrary to all expectations, and the deluded insurrectionists, by order of the Queen, who on this occasion proved herself to be a true daughter of Henry VIII., expiated their folly with their Whole villages were depopulated. Since that time every year renders it less probable that such a rising would end in aught but tailure. The number of Catholics has melted away; only in Lancashire and some of the northern counties, are they a small majority, and the nobles who still cling to the old creed, are gradually being ruined by enormous fines. Very soon all the wealthy Papists will be reduced to beggary. Far more cause have we for alarm

concerning the other danger that threatens us. As long as Mary Stuart is alive, our Popish fellow - country-men will exert themselves to bring about a Spanish invasion. You remember the conspiracy of Ridolfi.
Two years ago a scheme was afloat of a similar nature; now for the third time we are menaced by the same danger and in a ways shows the danger, and in a worse shape than heretofore. Once more I repeat: we shall never enjoy tranquillity as long as Mary Stuart is a prisoner in Eng-land. Hence her death becomes a

political necessity. Walsingham uttered the last words in a low tone, but with deliberation and emphasis. He then raised his glass to his lips again, and silence prevailed until I remarked:

'Uncle, you said, as long as she is a prisoner in England.' Supposing she

She would have been set at liberty long ago,' he rejoined, 'if she would have agreed to two conditions, the surrender of her claim to the throne, and the adoption of the reformed religion. During eighteen years of captivity the foolish woman has obstinately refused to do either the one or the other; the first through love for her son, who certainly repays her maternal affection in the most ex-emplary manner; the second on

account of that inconceivable fanaticism which few but Papists display. You will live to see Henry of Navarre turn his back on Calvin and go piously to mass, though he now denounces it as an abominable identry.
If Mary Stuart had adopted the tenets
of Knox, the Lords of the Covenant would have held her to be a virtuous Queen, even were she in reality guilty of her husband's murder, which those worthy nobles laid to her charge. And if she had abjared Popery in England, she might perchance have here raised to the charge that the c been raised to the throne. In a word, she has rejected the conditions on which her liberty was offered ber, and they cannot be dispensed with, she were released and sent to Scotland. we should be placing her son, who is a Protestant and our ally, in a most difficult position, Fourteen years ago, when Morton was regent, the Lords of the Covenant demanded her surrender; they would have taken her into custody on the from ier, tried and executed her for hwith. But the proposal came to nothing, because of the somewhat extravagant demand of these godly folk, and the parismoniousness of our Queen. few thousand pounds might then have secured England and the Reformation secured England and the Reformation from all further fear on account of Mary Stuart. But Elizabeth wanted to do things more cheaply, had policy in my opinion. Thus Scotland is out of the question as a home for her; still more France or Spain. Her death is the only solution of the difficulty.

The words of Caiphas occurred to my mind as I listened to my uncle. But I remembered that shortly after her flight to England, the Queen of Scots had been pronounced guilty by the Judicial Court at Westminster of complicity in the murder of Darnley and the hatred to her, implanted in my mind in my boyish days, led me to

my mind in my boyish days, led me to say she ought to be condemned and executed. Walsingham looked at me sarcastically as he sipped his wine, 'Un loubtedly,' he replied. 'There are, it is true, some legal niceties, but an able diplomat need not let them stand in his way. Barghley represented to the Queen long since that it would be well in self-defence to make would be well in self-defence to make short work with her detested rival. Justice would warrant such a measure; and deeds of that nature are, God knows, of no infrequent occurrence in the annals of our country. The Queen would only be too well pleased, that is, of course, she would openly feign great indignation, and send the executor of her secret wishes to the gallows as his reward, in public testimony to her innocence, She has not learnt in vain in the schools of Machiavelli. No one has, however, as yet been found to carry out her wishes. Last autumn the prisoner was consigned to the charge of a fresh jailor. Sir 2 mais Paulet, a rough fellow, who hates her with the hate of hell. I know on good authority that he was informed of Queen's desire. But the man is either too honourable or too prudent; he declared that if they sent the hangman to him with warrant signed and sealed, he would make him welcome and leave him free to perform his duty. But it was no use to talk to him about such wishes, since he would neither carry them out himself nor depute another to do so, as long as Mary Stuart was in his custody, Thus we should be no nearer our end now than we were eighteen years ago, but for some young Popish noblemen who are playing into our hands.'

I looked up in surprise, and my uncle continued, a slight smile playing round his lips: 'We have to thank you, my dear Frank, for putting us on the track of a delightful little conspiracy. Acting upon the informa-tion you gave me, I took steps to ascertain what truth there was in the statements made by Gifford-who appears a most useful fellow—in respect to Mr. Babington. It proved to be a fact that he and half a - dozen young noblemen of his own age and Papists like himselt, have formed a Papists like himself, have formed a league with the object of liberating Mary Stuart. They hold their meetings at the Blue Boar in St. Giles-inthe-fields. This was notified to me some months ago; but I thought they were so young and so gay, that they only met for their sports, and could do no worse mischief than perhaps render assistance to some of the seminary priests and Jesuits who are prowling about. However I bade my spies to keep their eye on them, and I find Gifford is right, they are hatching a plot for the release of the Queen of Scots. It appears to be a romantic sort of affair, for the good lads gave not a spark of practical common sense amongst them. Look at Babington; he is brave and venturesome enough, but how vain and frivolous! Three or four others excel in sports, foot-ball, and the like, and there are a couple of poets to boot. are a couple of poets to boot. They have probably read in their school-books: Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori! and they think themselves called to heroic deeds. I am sorry for the silly fellows. Unless I help them, they will never attain the honour they covet, 'You mean,' I said, 'as soon as you

have the necessary proofs, to arrest them and put them on the rack to make them confess, and so nip the conspiracy in the bud.'

conspiracy in the bud.'
'I should have expected more sense from you, my dear Frank, rejoined my uncle. 'I have already told you, this conspiracy is a perfect godsend to us. Joking apart, I shall do everything I can to make it easy for these young gentlemen to carry out their project—up to a certain point, of course. Do you not see how it will be a means of bringing about the death of

I thought for a moment, then I suggested that he should lay an am-bush of armed men who would cut off their flight, and put them and the Queen to death.

Walsingham smiled as he answered:

as that, Sir Amias Paulet has written orders from the Privy Council, in case of any attempt at escape, to take the life of his prisoner at once. He has promised to do this, and have it to be a superior or the council of the council Council, in case of any attempt at escape, to take the life of his prisoner at once. He has promised to do this, and he will keep his word without scrupts. A sudden and violent death would not however look weil for the Government. I should very much prefer that Mary Stuart should in forma juris be condemned to death before a tribunal composed of the first nobles of the land. That would give the matter a better appearance in the the matter a better appearance in the eyes of foreigners, and our own people could cast no reproach on the Government. Mr. Babington and his col-leagues are going to help us to obtain such a judgment. Reach down the statute book of the last Parliament, and turn to the new enactment 27th of Elizabeth, concerning conspiracies

against the life of the Queen.'
I did as he desired, and read the statute which ordained, with every possible proviso, that every person who should participate in a conspiracy against Elizabeth's life, was to be put on trial for his life before a Court of

twenty-four Commissioners, to be nominated by the Crown.

*Every person,' Walsingham repeated. 'What does that signify? What is the object of this new law? It was not wanted for the conviction of English subjects who conspire against the life of their Sovereign. The object is therefore to bring within reach of the headsman's axe every person whatsoever, be their rank and prerogatives the highest. In a word, the bill was framed and passed to provide against the very contingency which we have been supposing.'

'A most wise and judicious measure,' I replied. 'But there is no question now of a plot against Elizabeth's life, only of Mary Stuart's rescue. Moreover she appears, as far as we know to be in ignorance of the

as we know, to be in ignorance of the existence of the conspiracy.

'It is very plain, my dear Frank,' rejoined my uncle, 'that you are not sufficiently well versed in the ways of Machiavelli. Do you really imagine that Mary Stuart, after eighteen years of captivity, unjust captivity, knowing as she does that Elizabeth has designs upon her life, would not repay her royal sister in the same coin, were the opportunity afforded her? Doubtless she would authorize these young gentlemen to remove Elizabeth out af the way, if that were the only means of attaining her end. It proof were wanted, we need only apprehend them, and put them to torture, and will engage that as soon as they felt the thumbscrew, or found themselves in the embrace of the scavinger's daughter, not to speak of the other pretty toys in the Tower, one or other of the six would soon confess that Mary Stuart was privy to their de-signs against Elizabeth. But we can manage without coming to the torture chamber. This Gifford, whom you brought with you from Paris, has levised a most ingenious plan for the exchange of letters between the conspirators and the captive Queen. It hey fall into his trap, as I have no doubt they will, we shall be able, within the space of a few weeks, to produce in black and white ample proof of the complicity of Mary Stoart with Babington and his com-rades in a plot against Elizabeth's life. The matter appears to me perfectly certain. That is why I said that Babington's conspiracy exactly cor-responded to my wishes. Now do you understand me?

(To be continued).

A Boy's Composition on Mothers.

(Henry A. Shute in Father Dunne's News-boys' Journal.)

A fellers mother is the best of every body in the wirld every time, you bet fathers is prety good and sisters you can get along with if they aint two bossy and tattles when you have did rong, brothers is pretty good to lick if you are biger than them, if they is littler than you you can make them mind you and not tattle like sisters whitch you can lick they make two mutch fuss and holler and scrach. sumtimes little brothers tattle but no often becaus they know they will get licked. if they are two little to lick

you must be more careful. But mothers never lick you unless they have to and when they has to it hir s them wirse than it does you becaus it dont never hirt when they licks you becaus they dont never lay it on good and hard and you only holler becaus you want her to stop and you know it hirts her becaus she most always cries, so when it is over she goes off and sits down and dont say ennything for a long time and a feller jest hangs round and feels meen and wants to say he is sorry but sumthing wont let him say it and so he looks grumpy and goes off whisling out of tune and splits up sum kinlins and fills the wood box. then mothers always knows when a feller does that that he wants to say he is sorry and aint mad becaus she give him a licking. if a feller does this after his father has licked him his father only says i am glad you have come to your sences young man and you have aught to have did that before, but most always a feller is two bizzy rubing him-self to go and fill a woodbox and he is two mad to do so and he aint sorry

when a fellers mother licks him he is sorry he done it before she licks him and after she is done two and when his father licks him he is sorry he done it before he licks him but after he ha got through he aint sorry a bit and he is mad enuf to do wirse things and he almost wishes his father was ded he is so mad. i never gnew a feller whitch they aint never been so meen a feller in this wirld. wished his mother was ded and i gess

The same idea occurred to me. But I think we shall not let them go so far as that. Sir Amias Paulet has written orders from the Privy because if thim with Ed Toles and he the trane that father was on eether ennyway it lernt me a lesson never to wish your father is ded.

when a feller is sick he dont holler for his father unless he wants to be carried upstairs but he hollers for his mother everytime you bet. she holds spils on the floor she dont get mad but jest keeps on holding til he feels beter and if he is sick all nite she sits up in a chair and gets him things and rubs his head and dont fall asleep onct and when he wakes up she is always ready to give him his medicin and sum mouth and she jumps up to help him every time he want to tern over and have a wet towil on his hed, sumtimes when a feller is dredful sick and your life is dispared of and a fellers mother has been up 3 nites in secession your father trys to set up and wach. so he sets in a big chair and every time you wake up he is aslepe in his chair and when you ask for a drink of water he wakes up sudden and most bobs his heads of he is so sleepy, and when he brings a feller a drink he most always spils it down a fellers neck whitch s daingerus when a feller is dying of

when a feller is getting well he is cross as time and wants chicken broth and gelly and oranges and tost and his and gelly and oranges and tost and his mother always makes it for him and lets the other fellers come in and see him and raps him up and sets him under a tree in the garden and reads to him. and when he goes back to school she helps him do his sums becaus he is behine in his class and dont get mad when a feller dont understand the ferst time, if a fellers father tries to help him in his sums he gits mad rite of and says aint you got any branes at all i never see such a numhead in my life and then if you dont understand he gives you a bat on the head and says it aint enny use.

sum fellers is prety tuf but no feller will ever say ennything agenst another fellers mother, if he does enny other feller wood lam him and woodent never speak to him agen, they is a peace in the fifth reader whitch all the fellers like to read, they is a lot of old gnites whiteh was drink-ing in helth of their ladies. each one wood tell the name of his lady and then they wood all drink wine, bimeby they was a gnite whitch said his lady was one whitch loved him more than the other gnites ladies loved them, then the gnites got feer-ful mad and drawed there swords and said they would lam the head of of said they would lam the head of of him and dassed him to tell the name of his lady, then he said it was his mother and then they put up there swords and shook hands with the guite and drank the helth of the guites mother, that is the way all fellers had aught to feel about there mothers and i gess all of them do two,

Christmas,

What shall we do with Christmas? If the question means, what shall we do with the birth of Christ? the question is not hard to answer. As Christians we thank God anew for the advent of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We thank him for the infancy, the childhood, the boyhood, the manhood, the blessed mission, the suffering, the glorious resurrec tion and the ascension of the Divine-Human Saviour and Redeemer. If Christmas means a day of foolish mirth, of worldly gaiety, of theatricals and multiform follies, then we decline respectfully to recognize such a "Christmas" as in any way binding upon us. If it means a heartsome outburst of good will, benevolence, beneficence, giving and receiving, blessing and being blest, feeding the hungry, relieving the distressed, rejoicing with those who rejoice, sympathizing with the brokenhearted, then are we with you heart and soul. The more of such Christmases we have the happier our passing years. We need not point out the grievous incongruity of celebrating Christmas by the revel of the drunkard and the pranks of the Merry Andrew. The day that the Son of God came within the limits of our race, is surely the greatest in the history of mankind. Every time the sun rises upon our world it is a Christmas Day, it is a Resurrection Day, it is a Day of the Lord.

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Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR, - Through your columns I wish to make a suggestion Father Ronald MacGillivray, shortly before his death, wrote for THE CASKET a history of the County of Antigonish. His compibutions contain much interesting information that, only for him, would now be lost. His intention was to revise and publish the whole in book form, which no doubt he would have done if he had been spared. It is not too late yet to take the matter up. Father Ronald's old friend, Rev. A. MacLean Sinclair, is writing upon me to perform the is urging upon me to perform the task. I am willing to try if no other is in sight. I feel that it would be a great loss (and a great shame) to allow those articles to go into oblivion. Father Ronald MacGillivray was a graceful writer, brimful of good humour, story and poetry; besides, as an historian he acquired a reputa-tion which was far more than local. Surely the people of this County would not like to see any of its early history lost through neglect. It has been with some difficulty that I have traced Father Ronald's contributions to it, and even yet Nos. 18, 24, 28 are wanting. If anybody would give me the use of these numbers, he would confer a great favour. D. C. Gillis. St. F. X. College, Dec. 16, '08.

Bishop MacDonald of Victoria, B. C. Honored in Boston.

(The Pilot.)

The Right Rev. Alexander MacDonald, D. D., recently appointed Bishop of Victoria, British Columbia, was tendered a complimentary testimonial and banquet by his Boston friends at the Parker House on last Saturday

Dr. MacDonald is well-known as a scholar and an author, having been a frequent contributor to the pages of the Ecclesiastical Review, and his book on "The Symbol of the Apostles, which is a refutation of the conclusions of the well-known German Rationalist, Professor Harnack, on this important matter, enjoys a wide repu-

tation both here and in Europe.

Dr. MacDonald is on his way to
Rome, where he will receive Episcopal consecration.

Many Boston friends, physicians and business men, took occasion of his passing through Boston to tender him a reception. He was accompained by Rev. C. Chisholm, who is making the journey to Rome with him. There were twenty-five present at the banquet, most of them former pupils and all of them admirers. Dr. John E.

Somers, of Cambridge, was the toastmaster. The presentation address was delivered by Dr. C. W. McDonald, of Roxbury. Among other things he "Many of us have followed closely

your notable career since your student life at the Propaganda, where, at the very fount of Apostolic teaching, you added to secular and sacred learning, that intense religious loyalty, that marvellous instinct of orthodoxy which have been emphasized in your

every priestly word and act.
"The Church in Antigonish has been most fortunate in having you as one of the great formative influences on its candidates for the priesthood later as an exemplar of the true parish priest, and finally as one of its Bishop's chief aids in the important office of Vicar General. It might well be that each of these successive charges were enough, in its turn, for the zeal of one man ; but you have further made your influence felt throughout the Church in the world of English speech by your books and your contributions alike to ecclesiastical reviews and popular journals.

Theatrical Affairs. Editor of Casket:

Sir, - Permit me to thank you for the space accorded to my letter on "Theatrical Affairs"—a title perhaps a shade vague and general for a letter dealing with a very specific and cry-ing abuse. Your own silence in re-gard to the matter is elequent. There is no uncertainty about the editorial views of THE CASKET where public decency is concerned. But it is apparently the old, old story - the business management doesn't see eye to eye with the editorial chair. Not less elequent, however, than your own silence is your "News Editor's" speech. If the one is golden, the other is silver-quick silver, in its efforts to escape from a corner. THE CASKET, he says, has a dual tole! It might be answered that in playing it, it occasionally presents contrasts so strong as to be unpleasantly suggestive of S'evenson's classic case of dual character. Because THE CASKET is a local paper, it cannot, forsooth, control what appears in its local

By tearing a single sentence from its context your News Editor proves to his own satisfaction that he not only did not commend the play men-tioned, but actually (by the absence of complimentary adjectives) condemned i. Let any honest reader peruse the whole paragraph from THE CARLET of Nov. 19, and give his opinion. Your News Editor tells us that objectionable features are cut out of plays, appearing in your town. Objectionable to whom? "Objectionable" is a relative term. Doubtless very many will find nothing "objectionable" in this particular play. Your indiscriminate theatre-goer soon gets hardened. The virtue that is offended by the things so often heard and seen on the stage to-day, is a delicate and tender one, and usually dies an early death when so exposed. If some people had the same sensitiveness for what offends against purity as they have—most properly—for what reflects in the least degree on the race to which they belong, they might hesitate to say that objectionable features are always eliminated from entertain-nents given in the theatre in question.

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If your News Editor can "cut out' the nasty features of "Nell Gwynn" and have anything left, he would be a magnificent success at editing "Ham-let" with Hamlet left out. Can it be possible that he does not see the absurdity of his statement? If so, a surgical operation is the only conceiv-

able remedy.
A SCANDALIZED CATHOLIC. ["Scandalized Catholic" is becoming rather flippant. It is disappointing that this new and great public moralist should so soon forget his role, and depart from the lofty ideals of his first message. The inference from his first epistle was that a high-minded teacher of ethics had been born one who would not had been born, one who would not deign to indulge in personalities or be other than elevating and classical in his messages. This self-constituted censor of morals, this sentinel on the watch-tower should not have the varying moods of ordinary humanity. We fondly hoped he would cease to be approximated and thus cast aside that anonymous, and thus cast aside that shield under which so many hide the flaws in their own armour. The world could then see that halo of virtue which surrounds his classic brow and rapturously gaze on a scraphic vision. His is not a dual nature, nor is he a prototype of that other self-opinionated individual who in the world classic exclaims: "O God, I thank Thee I am not like other

That "none are so blind as those who will not see," is fully proven by our critic, who is well aware our editor is not conversant with Hall conditions in Antigonish, is not a resident of the place. Hence his reference to "eloquent silence" is mere words.

It is amusingly wondrous that THE

CASKET editorials approach his standard and are not found shocking to public decency and a "crying abuse." We thank thee, O Critic, for so much.

He grieves over our business management, and fancies that filthy lucre directs our course. Even our business management is creditable, and we take a pardonable pride in its record, although we have never proclaimed our virtues in this respect from the housetops. No other religious jour-nal has better. We have very many religious papers, Protestant and Catholic, coming to our office, and are therefore competent to speak on this point. No liquor manufacturer or lealer has ever had his goods presented to the public through our columns; weekly we are refusing patent medicine propositions; the oint stock company promoter is abooed, even the local stock-breeder is excluded—a hardship to many it is claimed, and we grant, when it is remembered this is a stock-raising community. The circus man calls on is each year and is as often turned lown. One of the latter was heard to exclaim, after a visit to us: "Just met a freak, the genuine article man who refused good dough for real business." We might add to this list. It is useless, however. Our critic wants "Better bread than is made of

The dreamy sentimentalist having an acquaintance with the classics is not the all-in-all for accomplishing good. There are hundreds of practical men throughout this Continent with great talents and attainments who are spending their lives in promoting high - class Catholic literature, often with little or no pecuniary reward, yet, notwithstanding this, there is no branch of business in proportion to its failures as in the Catholic newspaper world. The cause of this lamentable condition is the lack of proper business management and the plethor; of michievous anonymous correspond-

We accept the issue offered by our prespondent, and ask our readers to be judge between us as to whether we commended the play in question. We make no pretensions to special critical acquaintance with modern dramatic literature; but we are informed by one who really has such acquaintance that there are several plays bearing the title "Nell Gwynn," from one of which everything of an objectionable character is carefully excluded.

We have now done with our tweedle-dee critic. Time and news-paper space cannot be further wasted on his anonymous criticisms. - CASKET PRINTER.]

Personals.

Very. Rev. Dr. Tnompson, V. G., Glace Bay, is in Town. John A. McDonald of Maryvale, Ant., left for Alberta on Monday.

Rev. W. H. Robinson of Wolfville, N. S., is spending a few days in Anti-

Cassie A. Boyd returned to Malden on last Thursday, after spending two months at Big Marsh, Ant. Co. Mr. Augus A. Gillis, of the Corner Inverness Town, is visiting friends in

Antigonish County.

Mrs. (Dr.) McKinnon of Antigonish, is in St. Stephen, N. B., spending a few months with her mother.

Rev. W. H. Robinson will preach in the Antigonish Baptist Church on

Vancouver Letter.

To the Editor of The Casket:

DEAR SIR,—Each week THE CASKET, that faithful messenger with its tales of sorrow and of joy comes to me after its long journey over mountain, moor and meadow, over prairie, plain and pastureland. The CASKET brings us its tale of sorrow when on its pages we see recorded the death of a friend who in the years long gone by was a solace to our hearts and a joy to many a drooping spirit. Perhaps he was a nearby neighbour who in the long winter evenings came and sat by our bright hearthstone and charmed the youthful imagination by sgenlachdan, tales of the Feinne, or warmed our piety by telling in loving accents of the great Calum Cille of Iona, of Patrick, the father of the Irish Church or of Briget, the mother of Irish

To us who are strangers on this western main it is a pleasure to scan the pages of a paper from the home-land, especially when its pages are free from the taint of yellow journal-ism. How welcome to the eye of the exile is even a short item anent some friend or acquaintance or an account of a ploughing or stumping "frolic." Of no less interest to us is an account of the posadh and banais, marriage and wedding, of friends who at our departure were in knee-pants or short

But what pleases us most in THE CASKET is the high moral tone of the articles that grace its eight news-full pages. We see no prominence given to murders, suicides and divorces as is done in the dailies of this country, and probably those of your own Canada. The Catholics of your Province have cause to be thankful that they have in THE CASKET an ableadvocate and a tout defender whose words will not be minced when the battle is scented from afar. Protestants, too, whose liberal principles permit them to peruse a Catholic paper can become much enlightened on matters concerning the Mother of Churches by reading the many instructive articles that you give us from week to week.

I am now in the city of Vancouver, Wash. a city that is often confounded by people from afar with Vancouver, British Columbia. Of course this city,

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General News.

The Dominion Parliament is to open on January 20th.

The case against Mayor Kelly, of North Sydney, charged with selling liquor, was dismissed by Stipendiary

The police census just concluded of Toronto, places the population at 301,930. If the suburbs are included the number is 338,814.

A burglar smashed a plate glass in a jewellery store on Notre Dame Street, Montreal and got away with \$2,180 worth of diamonds under the very eye of the proprietor.

One of the last toll roads in Ontario is fighting for existence in the courts. Toll reads and toll bridges were good properties in old colonial days. The last to disappear in this province was the toll bridge at Windsor.

The University Press Club has started a campaign to offer W. J. Bryan the Presidency of the University of Minnesota in the event of Dr. Cyrus Northrop not being induced to with-draw his resignation. The resolution is signed by all members of the club.

A despatch from Cape Town says there is every indication that Pretoria has been selected as the capital of South Africa. A municipal lean of 1.500.000nounds sterling is to be issued, and the Government has authorized 100,000 pounds sterling for a central railway station.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemiuex, Postmaster General and Minister of Labour, will return home about December 29. Before starting for Canada, he will go to France to join Hon. W. S. Fielding and assist in the negotiations over the treaty of Commerce between Canada and France.

In spite of the sturdy opposition of the railways it was decided that a winter carnival will be held at Montreal towards the last of January, with ice palaces. The opposition to the movement arose from the fact that the past carnivals created the impression abroad that Canada was a country of ice and snow, but the Montreal traders and hotel keepers won the day.

The Haszard Liberal Government of P. E. Island is reconstructed as follows: Premier and Attorney General, F. L. Haszard; Provincial Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture, John Richards; Com'r. of Public Works, J. H. Cummisley; without port-folio, George E. Hughes, Benj. Gal-lant, John McMillan, J. D. McInnes, Captain Joseph Bead, Capt. McDonald, Speaker Mat hew Smith.

W. P. Archibald, Dominion Parole Office, states that in the last eight years, 2,000 prisoners have been released on parole in Canada. That this system of partial pardon is giving good results is attested by the fact that 1,100 of those benefitting by the exercise of clemency became law abiding citizens and earned their full liberty.

the last mile and while a yard in the lead. The time was 35 seconds slower than that made in the race three weeks over the same course between Dorando and Hayes.

Among the Advertiser.

Lost, on Main Street, a gold watch with leather 10b attached. Finder will confer a great favor on owner by leaving it at Casket Office.

Get your pies at Mrs. J. McNeil's-mince, blueberry, apple, cranberry and cream. Also, pound cake, fruit cake and oyster stews.

To day hides are worth eight cents cash. Always the first to raise the price and the last to lower it, is S. Arscott & Co., agency Haley's market.

Strayed from the premises of William Whalen, Fairmont, two white ewes, and one black top off right ears and left ears split. Information of them thankfully received by owner.

Oranges, only 10c. per dozen, wal-nuts, only 15c. per lb.; candy, only 25c, for 3 lbs. Anything and everything seasonable and correspondingly low at Haley's market.

Farmers, remember we pay 82, for hides, 5c, for tallow, 27c, for eggs. We want your poultry at highest prices, We give you house supplies lower than anyone else. Follow the crowd to Bonner's. to Bonner's.

You can't equal it anywhere—25 lbs. best beans or 25 lbs. barley at 3½c. 10 lbs. apples for 25c.; 4 packages dates for 25c.; best twist tobacco, 35c. for 12 figs; best oranges 35c.; good oranges 20c.; cheap oranges, 10c. per dozen; essences, 8c.; pepper and ginger 6c.; spices, large size package 8c.; raisins, package 10c.; pickles and sauces 2 for 25c. See our 10, 15, 20 and 25c. toys and present counters, and the 25c. toys and present counters, and the handsomest decorations ever shown here. It is your loss if you don't follow the crowd to Bonner's.

Christmas Gifts

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Furs for Children

Children's imitation bear skin coats, lined throughout with flannelette. Sizes from one to eight years.

Infant's eiderdown jackets, kimona styles, finished with fancy stitching, colors grey, blue, red and white.

Holiday Gloves

Our collection of gloves, destined for holiday gifts is this year more imposing than ever before and affords to buyers the widest possible choice and a good range of prices.

Ladies' Slippers

In mecha, wool lined and nicely trimmed with fur; would make a nice present for your sweetheart, wife or mother.

Furs for Ladies



We are the sole agents for the celebrated Moose Head brand furs. Ladies' fur lined coats with rat lining and sable collar. Ladies' persian lamb jackets with mink trimming. Also stoles in all kinds and styles of furs.

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What Shall I Give?

Some of the most satisfactory gifts to give and that will be appreciated by the men are smoking jackets, dressing gowns, coat sweaters, fancy vests and cardigan jackets. We have a large assortment of ties, knitted mufflers, silk and linen handkerchiefs, gloves in mocha and kid, shirts, braces, etc.

Don't put off your Christman buying. Come early and select the best patterns.

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Among the Advertisers.

Follow the crowd to Bonner's. Money to loan, John McLean, Merland, Ant. Co.

Celery, holly, oysters, beets, carrots, parsnips and cranberries, at Bonner's. Cranberries and fox berries at Bonner's.

Sleds, rocking horses, babies' sleighs, etc., at Bonner's.

100 pairs larrigans at Bonner's, at cut price.

Beautiful apple cider new and sweet at Bonner's.

Toys and dolls, books and games at C. J. MacDonald's.

Children's sleds and snow shovels at C. J. McDonald's.

Oranges, apples and grapes at C. B. Whidden & Son's.

The D'Albert dances will be remembered but cannot be repeated.

A Christmas suggestion-tickets for the D'Albert dance recital.

Bob-sleds for sale, single or double, D. McEachern, blacksmith, Church St. Wanted, housemaid, Good wages, Apply at CASKET office,

Wanted, geese, turkeys, chickens, etc., for Xmas, at Haley's market. Oranges, only 10c. per dozen, at

Haley's market. Lost, in Town last week, a lady's ape. Finder please leave at CASKET

China and cut glass, Christmas novelties at C. J. MacDondald's Book and Fancy Goods' Store.

Wedgewood, old Greek ware, royal Doulton and Limoges china at C. J.

It often means better business for you whether buying or selling to in-quire prices at Haley's market.

They're all on their way to Bonner's where the prices of groceries eclipses anything ever heard of here,

Larrigans, winter shirts, socks, gloves, mitts, etc. Don't buy till you call at Bonner's.

Stock all new and daily arriving at Bonner's. Our motto, the best goods at the lowest prices. We lead. You have heard of the largest dis-

play of confectionery, now come and see it at Haley's market. Choice turkeys and ducks at C. B.

Whidden & Son's. Book your orders Finest currants, raisins, nuts, dates,

prunes, orange, lemon and citron peels at C. B. Whidden & Son's. C. B. Whidden & Son have just re-Ceived their large assortment of con-

fectionery for Christmas. Wanted, a good, smart boy, about

eighteen years, to work in and around grocery store. Apply at Casket office. Full stock of lumbermen's rubbers, oil-tanned larrigans and water-proof

overshoes at Chisholm, Sweet & Co.'s, Wide white ruching also pale colors boxes, received this week at Chisholm, Sweet & Co.'s,

Bring your Christmas list to us-we have the goods and our prices are right. Chisholm, Sweet & Co.

The "Eagle" hockey is the very best men's skating boot sold in town, price \$3.50. Chisholm, Sweet & Co.

Tickets for the D'Albert dance recital are on sale at Foster's drug store. Secure yours early.

Wanted, by January 2nd, a general girl who understands cooking. Apply to Mrs. C. Ernest Gregory, College St.

For sale, one second-hand pung sleigh, in first class order. M. L. Cunningham.

Order i dozen currant, rhubarb or dandelion wine, 35c. per bottle at Bonner's. Nice, mild home drink.

Horse wanted, about 1200 to 1300, 4 to 8 years, good worker, single or double. Address Father Superior, Monastery,

Do you want a fur-lined coat? We have something special in the way of price to interest you. Chisholm, Sweet & Co.

Merry Xmas! C. B. Whidden & Son wish their many customers and friends a Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year.

Resolution of Condolence.

The following resolution was passed at the last regular o-ecting of St Joseph's Branch No. 131. C. M. B. A., North Sydney:

Whereas, it has pleased a imighty God, 'n his Wisdom, to remove by death from our branch our esteemed and beloved Spiritual Adviser, in the person of the Rev. B. M. Mullins, Farish priest of North Sydney;

Be it therefore resolved, that the sincere sydpathy of the members of this Branch No. 131, C. M. B. A., be extended to his sister, Miss Mamia Mullins of this Town, and to his brother Wm Vircent Mull's of Sydney;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this expression of sympathy be sent to the Camadian, CASKET and local papers for publication, JNO P. BRENNAN, Rec. Sec.

DIED

On Dec 12th, at Harbour Road, WILLIE B. MCISARO aged 24 years. The deceased by his affable and generous disposition endeared himself to a host of friends, and by his upright, industrious character he won their eateem. He leaves two stears and widowed mother who mourn for the loss of their only son and brother. May his soul re-t in peace.

At the home of his sister, Mrs. & R. McDon-Ald, Trent Boad, New Glasgow, Edmind B. Hanrahan, aged ill years He leaves a widow, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. After a Regulem Mass at New Glas-gow, his remains were interred at Thornaia cemetery. R. I. P. Montreal papers please copy.

At S. W. Margaree, Dec. 9th, JANE CAMP-MELL, widow of the late ANDREW MCDONELL, in the 18th year of her age. She was born at Arleady, Artigorish, but removed to Cape Breton when quite young. She reared a large family, the most of whom are in the United States. Her u.bounded hospitality and her christian qualities endeared her to many. May her soul rest in peace.

At Beech Hill, on Dec. 7th. Ann McDonald.
At the age of 60 years—she died as the had lived
a good, fervent christian. Having received the
last rites of the thurch, she became perfectly
resigned to the will of 60d. She belonged to a
family of fifteen, of which only one now survives, namely Alexander. She was buried at
South River. May she rest in peace?

On Thursday evening, 10th Inst., after a short liness, there died at Thorburn, Mrs. Allan Macintosn, in the 7th year of her age. The deceased whose maiden name was Annie Smith, was born at Georgeville, in this County, but during the last thirty five years she resided at Thorburn. Fortified by the last rites of the Church, she passed away leaving behind her a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss, R. I. P.

At Knoydart, this County, on Friday, the 4th Inst., of diretheria, Catherine, youngest child of Mass. Architectal McDeugall of that place, aged 14 years. The death of this beautiful child under the distressing circumstances always attendant upon this dread disease, has cast a deep gloom over the community. Hers was a singularly bright and lovable disposition and she was always a favourite with her friends, her playmates and her teachers. Her sorrowing family has the sympathy of all who know of the depth of its affictions. May her soul rest in peace.

at Upper South River, on Nav. 21st ultimo, after an illness of several months' duration which he bore with great patience, John Cum Minos, in the 78th year of his age. The deceased was a respectable man, honest and upright in all his transactions. He was a devoted and sincere member of the Presbyterian Church. The interment was held on the Brd and was largely attended by all classes and creeds from the various districts. He leaves to mourn his loss a sorrowing wife, one brother and one sister besides hosts of friends, who regret his departure.





To the Children

Antigonish County

I called at Bonner's Monday night and left the supplies for this county, consisting of Toys of all kinds, shighs, sleds, sock-ings Toy Candy, etc., everything required for the children of this county—tell your for the children of this county—teil your mothers what you want, and have them put your name on it at Bonner's ard I will call around and get it and come down the chimney and put it in your clocking XMAS NIGHT. Be good boys and girls till I come back or I will not call at your home at all on Xmas night. By a bye till Xmas night. Your old friend, Santa Claus.

P. S. Mr. Honner told me to tell your payents that his stock is immense this year in all holiday house supplies consisting of

Paisins, Curra ts, Peels, Essences, Nuts, Dates, Fixs, granges, Grapes, Lemons, Fancy Biscuit.

CANDY-The most excellent line you ever saw of Fancy thocola es, in boxes, from ice to \$2.00. Bulk mixtures, from ice to 50e per ib

Presents for grown ups consisting of Shaving Mugs, fancy Mugs, fancy cups and Saucers, Salad Bowls, etc.

Jardineers, etc., etc., a thousand and one things too numerous to mention. You can't judge without seeing.

PRICES-you saw our prices in the last few Cackets. We are going to continue them. this means that you can get your stuff lower from us than any other store-keen the copies of the Casket with our prices or ask us for a list.

We want Butter and Eggs at 25c. Hides at 7 and one half to 8c
Tallow at 6c Country Cheese
and all Farm produce at the Highest Prices.

Xmas Cards galore all Kinds and prices.

The run is now on to the

Big Grocery and Farmers' Exchange Bonner's Grocery.

Chisholm, Sweet & Co.'y

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO HIM, TO HER, TO THEM?

What Shall It Be?

This perplexing question can be readily answered in this store — a store rich in Christmas suggestions and unequalled in display of holiday merchandise and value-giving power. Begin your shopping now - there are but six days left to complete the good work, and, as you know, stocks cannot remain till the last at their present point of completeness.

Slippers, A Useful Gift

Slippers, warm, comfortable and pretty, will add to the joy of Christmas morn for hundreds of fortunate folks after Santa claus has come and gone. Our slippers are particularly interesting because of the low prices. See them. 19c to \$2 a pair.

Men's Ties and Suspenders

When anyone says' Christmas Ties' we swell with pride and this superh showing fully justifies it. All the popular shapes in rich plain shades of bronze, blue and green, also handsome flaured effects, 3 to Sec, and 752.

There's no questioning the wisdom of suspenders as a practical gift. Every man needs another pair. Beautifully put up in presentation boxes, 5tc, 75c and 25c.

Hand-Painted Nippon China

People of good tasts and refusement appreciate the striking features of hand-painted China. The beautiful shapes, pleasing decorations brilliant coloring and rich gold sork all combine to make it a most acceptable gift for her. Coffee Pots, Rose Vascs, tups and Sancers, Sugar and Cream Jugs. Bou Bon Dishos, Card Receivers, etc., de to \$1.75.

Xmas Novelties

On the Xmas tables many inexpensive novel. ties can be picked up, such as Art Chinaware, Brica brac for the mantel, Brushes, Combe Pocket Books, Chatelaines, Belts, Photograph Frames, Thimbles, Fine Stationery, Toilet Cases, Alarm and Ormolu Clocks, Perfumes Christmas Cards, Cuff Boxes, Handkerchief

Neckwear and Belts

These belts and collars arrived this week by express from the center of fashion. They're new, stylish and quite inexpensive. See what 25c, 50c, and 75c will buy.



Gifts for a Man or Boy

A cane, umbrella, a dress suit case, a pair hockey shoes, a sweater coat, a muffler, a pair of suspenders in presentation box, a pair of Romeo slippers, a pair of gloves, a silk handkerchief, a pecktie, a fur cap, a pair of cuff buttons, an overcoat or suit.

A Cut Glass Present

Most women prize their pieces of sparkling out glass above all else that graces their tables or sideboards and that they always have room for another pictor, bowl or other dish goes without saying. There's a wonderful gathering of perfectly out crystal here, Water notices, and glasses to match. Salad bowls, preserve dishes, sugar and cream jours, olive dishes, fudge dishes, candle sticks, carving rests, vases, etc. 50c. 10-\$13

Why Not Gloves?

Many a Christmas stocking has held at its placed there after much poziting and writching of brows, and, were not appreciated. No disappointments when gloves are given. A comfortable and dainty pair of gloves mates an ideal remembrance, 25c, 5 c, 75c, 81, 15c, and 82 a pair.

Xmas Stationery

Fine writing paper and envelopes put y in beautiful boxes, dec rated with ofly and other designs appropriate for hristmas time, 5c, 1°c, 2°c, 5°c and 75°

West End Warehouse, Antigonish

Holiday Discounts

Our usual Holiday Discount Sale is now on.

XMAS GOODS

Haisine, currents, dates, figs, oranges, grapes nots, pulverized sugar, pouncy dressine, spices, essences, tomate caterip, succes, pickies, french mustart, olive oil, at prices to meet all competition, quality considered.

WINTER CLOTHING

Reversible leather coats, lamb illied coats, for coats, overcoats, suits, heavy all wool sweaters, heavy wimer suirts, overalla, caps, and a complete range of gloves and driving mitts 20 per cent off clothing for cash. 15 per cent off caps and gloves for cash.

UNDERWEAR

Stanfield's and Penman's un-shrinkable moderwear in all sizes, also fleece lined and hygeian underwear. 15 per cent. eff for cash.

BEDDING

All wool, 60 x 81 inch blankets in white and grey, also bed comforters and spreads. 15 per cent off for cash. FOOTWEAR

A full line of men's and women's, boys' and girl's footwear, com-prising, besides Amherst boots and shoes and other reliable makes, a complete assortment of rubber goods and larrigans, at marked down prices.

FOR THE STABLE

Sleigh robes, rugs, harnesses, horse rugs, bells, curry combs, brushes, gall cures, liniments. 15 per cent off during the holidays.

Flour, meal, feeds, tea, sugar, molasses, oils, always in stock. Highest prices paid for hides, wool skins, butter, eggs, and all country produce.

Fancy prices for light weight hogs from 100 to 150 pounds.

Thomas Somers Antigonish, N.S.

O'Brien's Fall Sale is now on

Our price list will be issued in a few days when it will be seen that our prices are as usual below all competitors.

As an instance we offer Men's Overcoats at \$3.50; Men's Pants, 90c; Men's all-wool Suits. Tweed, single or doublebreasted, regular price, \$9.00 for \$6.75.

Men's all-wool fleece-lined Underwear, 38c. Men's all-wool Sweaters, 65 cents. Men's grey seeks, regular price 25c., for 12c. Don't forget to get our price list as our Fall Sale includes all departments.

GENT'S' FURNISHINGS, DRY GOODS, CROCKERY, GROCERIES, ETC.

J. S. O'BRIEN, Antigonish

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H. RANDALL

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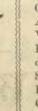
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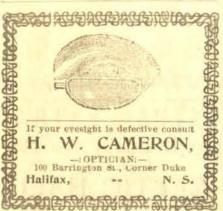
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Interesting accounts have been sent by the Roman correspondents, telling of the international athletic sports organized in honor of the Papal life during the last week of September. Clubs from all parts of Italy were represented, and Canada, Ire-land, France and Belgium sent teams both for the gymnastic and athletic competitions. Ireland succeeded best, obtaining six first out of nine events tried and having its representatives placed in the other three. In the gymnastic competitions the displays lars:
were splendid, but the judges gave their decisions on standards already seventy-five bedrooms, with enameled announced; and though the different French and Belgian squads gave most effective and much admired exhibijudges more acrobatic than gymnastic, and first prize was awarded to the Montreal team, with Ireland, half a point behind, second. On Saturday the great cortile of the

Belvedere was tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and the Holy Father graciously honored with his presence a united display and marchpast of the whole body of about two thousand competitors. His Holiness, who was accompanied by their Eminences Cardinals Respighi, Vives Tuto and many dignitaries, watched with evident interest the perfect evolutions of the different winning eams, and an immense concourse of people, admitted by ticket, crowded the vast stadium. When the Holy Father rose at the conclusion of the exercises and gave the apostolic benediction, there was profound silence, but as soon as the Pontiff turned to leave there arose such a storm of enthusiastic applause as has rarely been seen and heard within the Vatican. Trumpets were blown, bands played, excited boys and youths cheered and threw their manycolored caps into the air, and alto-gether a memorable ovation was given His Holiness before his carriage disappeared by the covered way leading up to the Cortile di San Damaso.

On Sunday morning a very beautiful function took place. All the athletes, wearing the costumes of their various clubs, assembled at St. Mary Major's. Cardinal De Lai said Mass. at which all the youths assisted, and during which the Liberian choir rendered select music. After Mass the young men were formed into ections under their respective banners and marched in processional order four deep through the city to the Vatican. It was a Papal army, the vanguard being composed of the contingents from foreign Catholic countries and the main body formed of the flower of the Italian youth, most of the cities from Venice to Palermo being duly represented. A pleasant feature in connection with the process sion was the reception accorded it along the route. Large crowds lined he sidewalks, and the youths were

cordially applauded.

Arriving at the Vatican, they were conducted to the great Hall of the Beatifications, passing first through the Cortile di San Damaso, in which the band of the Pontifical Gendarmes was playing. When the Holy Father was seated on the throne, the mempers of the central committee and of the international committee of judges of the competitions were presented to him, and the president. Count de arpegna, read an address conveying to his Holiness the sense of satisfac-tion it had given the splendid body of Catholic youth before him to come to he Eternal City from places near and afar to take part in the athletic com-petitions held in honor of his sacerdotal jubilee, to which he had graciously deigned to give his patronage. The ddress contained excellent sentiments of loyal devotion, and concluded by asking the apostolic benediction on this assembly of youth from different provinces of Italy and from places beyond the seas, but all united in cordial bonds of friendship and of

His Holiness thanked the governors and teachers of the different clubs and praised the discipline of the youth, who had given so many proofs of their prowess during the week. "And now, my dear young friends," said the Holy Father. "a word from the heart." Then he explained why he approved of and encouraged bodily exercise, recommending moderation and advising his hearers not to omit their religious obligations for any reason of gious obligations for any reason of meeting sporting engagements; that in dealing with others they should never forget the great principle of Christian morality, so much overlooked, "Do unto others as you would be done by." And after some other very practical counsels to his attentive audience, and wishing them every grace, His Holiness bestowed on them the apostolic benediction. them the apostolic benediction.

These young Catholics of different nationality interchanged many civilities. The French team presented medals to Messrs. Wright and Scott, the instructors of the Irish and Canadian teams, respectively. The Canadians had the central committee and the judges to luncheon, and the Irish and Belgians also issued invitations for social gatherings, and proposals for an international union of Catholic young men were cordially entertained. The Roman people treated the visitors with the greatest courtesy, the Irish lads and the Canadians receiving from the spectators and the press unstinted praise for their meritorious performances. The "Corriere d'Italia" contained a letter from the secretary of the Catholic Young Men's Societies of Ireland, thanking the Italian press and the citizens of Rome for the many kindnesses shown the representatives of the "green isle," and hoping that an Italian team would ere long afford his countrymen an opportunity of showing their gratitudes by paying a visit to Ireland's capital.—The

Cheap Living in New York.

We have before us a circular showing how cheaply one may live at the New Mills' hotel, in the heart of Greater New York - one block off Broadway, near Thirty sixth street. These Mills' hotels are the enterprise of a rich map who regards it a bene-volent plan to make a small profit in furnishing enonomies to people of limited means.

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There are two other Mills' hotels. with about the same advantages, but less centrally located, where rooms may be had for 20 cents a day. These are not "hobo" establishments. The circular tells us that "no effort is spared to make the Mills Hotel an attractive and pleasant home for clerks, salesmen and all self-respecting

Throughout New York there are series of restaurants known as the Childs, the Baltimore, the Boston, etc., where excellent food, prepared and served in sanitary surroundings, may be had at a minimum cost. A good cup of coffee at 5 cents and a meat sandwich at 5 cents, will do for

an ordinary lunch. A good meal can be had at many places for 25 cents. Thus a single man may live in the heart of New York for 75 cents a day -30 cents for a room at the Mills hotel and 45 cents for two lunches and one good meal. In addition he has free hot and cold shower baths, the facilities of a good reading room, where he may see all the daily papers, access to a number of free libraries and art galleries; two or three free lectures or concerts a week (for New York, like every large city, provides such, through various public spirited organizations.) And he may, if he chooses, find a public night school, where he can study bookkeeping, law or some handicraft.

How cheaply a man may clothe himself will appear from a glance at the daily papers. Our morning paper, which is before us as we write, advertises good overcoats at \$3.25, new worsted suits at \$3.25, wool suits at \$5.50, etc. It is safe to say that a man may dress very decently on 10 cents a day or \$30.50 a year.

But there is even a cheaper scale. Our cities teem with cooming houses where \$1 a week will buy a fairly habitable lodging and "square meals for 15 cents" are easily found, where if the coffee is not prime and the cuisine is imperfect, yet a good appetite will overlook the quality and be satisfied with the quantity.

The question arises why, in view of the possibility of a man living in a city at an expenditure of 40 to 75 cents a day, so many of the mendicant class -the hobbs and the tramps - are single men. (We can allow for a poorman of family coming to want.) Father Dempsey of St. Louis, tells us that at his "Exiles, Rest "he jurnishes beat at 10 company of the property of the surprishes to the surprishe beds at 10 cents a night and meals at 5 cents each, "but those who haven't the money need not pay." And many hundreds don't pay. Yet even at hundreds don't pay. Yet even at these prices and with hundreds of deadhead guests, his institution pays

its way.

The conclusion is that improvidence and not want of work or lack of fair properturity is at the bottom of thor sands of single men taking to the road or living on the ragged edge of poverty in the slum sections of our

If they saved something when they worked, (and it is possible to save something even on the minimum wage of \$1 per day), they would fare more fortunately. Saving is the key of of the situation. To save is to emancipate oneself from the slavery of toil. Money paid into a savings bank is keeping up a policy of insurance against want. The people's own improvidence does more to keep them down than the trusts or the corporations. Save more, work more, rant less-and vote right,-Catholic Citi-

The Money-Changers in the Temple.

(From The Lamp, Anglican Catholic).

In the Lamp for June we quoted Dr. Madison C. Peters as saying in a sermon: "A large part of the vast estate of Trinity (Church) are the worst tenements in New York, located in the Eighth Ward. While the tentement-houses in all sections of the city have improved, "Trinity's have grown worse." In Everybody's Magazine for July, Charles Edward Russell has treated scathingly of the same grave scandal. He too asserts that "Trinity's tenements are the worst tenements in New York and he introduces much evidence to sustain his assertion. Among the drastic things he says are the following: "It appears that while the charities

established by Trinity since 1857 are trying to lead men upward, the Trin-ity tenements, with an irresistible force are crushing men downward."

"Tastes differ. I know that the vestry of Trinity would be terribly shocked at a suggestion that the corporation should make money by administering arsenic to people, or carbolic acid, or deadly night shade, But the vestry or the standing committee that represents it in these matters has no objection whatever to making money for the corporation by maintaining poisonous tenements.

As between tuberculosis and arsenie,

where lies the choice?"

extend this gruesome list. Indeed, decay and neglect, misery and squalor seem to broad wherever Trinity is the owner. Gladly I would give to such a charitable and benevolent institution all possible credit for a spirit of im-provement manifested anywhere, but I can find no such manifestation. I have tramped the Eighth Ward day after day with a list of Trinity pro-perties in my hand, and of all the renement houses that stand there on Trinity land I have not found one that is not a disgrace to civilization and to the city of New York."

A scandal like this is not the concern of Trinity Corporation slone, it is the concern of the whole Church, It causes unti Christian Socialists and the Church's enemies to biaspheme and mock at our holy religion in general and the Episcopal Church in particular. A storm of indiguant protest should arise from every section of the Church, and a call for reform be uttered so loud and long that even Trinity Corporation will at last be quickened into something like Christian stewardship.

An Eastern Administrator

Sir John Lane Harrington, K. C. V. O., British Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of the Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia since 1903, who has this week arrived in London from the East, is an old student of Stonyhurst. After finishing his course of studies with much credit at the great Jesuit College, he chose a military career, and entered the Army in 1884. In 1902 he became a member of the Indian branch of the service, and since that time he has had a distinguished diplomatic career, culminating, five years ago, in his appointment to the arduous and important position which he now holds and in which he has manifested conspicuous ability. Sir John, who possesses a wide grasp of the intricacies of Indian political affairs, is a son of the late Dr. Nicholas Harrington, of Swansea. He is a C. V. O.

extend this gruesome list. Indeed, and C. B., and is the possessor of many other important distinctions.

Vancouver Letter. (Continued from page 4)

though old, as cities go in these northwest parts, has not got the enterprise, the "push" or the population of our northern neighbor, but its inhabitants are ready to be up in arms if any one does any pooh-poohing of their city lying so snugly by the Columbia's side, about 100 miles from its mouth. Occasionally I must needs say a word of San Francisco, where I had been for fifteen long years, but I must be careful in my comments lest my bearers think that I look upon that burned down, shaken up city as much superior to their own little town.

By the census of 1900 this city had a population of about 4000, while that of Vancouver, B. C., was 20,000 one year later, and since that time the northern city has grown faster than this one, though it has within the past three years grown faster than it ever did before. It is claimed that the population has doubled in that time. Last year a directory of this place

was issued and it claimed that the population was then 8,000, while this year the "boomers" do not blush much when they say, "You bet your bottom dollar, we have now 10,000

Much of Vancouver's prosperity of late years was owing to the enterprise of the railway king, James J. Hill who built an extension of the Northern Pacific into Portland through this city. This branch is known as the Portland, Spokane and Seattle Railway, commonly known hereabouts as the "North Bank" because it follows the level of the river along its northern bank for many miles. The Northern Pacific crosses the Columbia from this city by a ten-span 'lraw bridge a mile in length, which cost \$3,000,000. The bridge extends another mile on piles and trestles across the sloughs south of the Columbia towards Portland. This makes this bridge, opened to traffic just a few weeks ago, one of the longest in the world.

This place has very fine fall weather, no snow, scarcely any frost so far. Slan leat. GADHEAL. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 3, 1908.

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CHRISTMAS TALE FROM NEW-POUNDLAND, FOUNDED ON FACT.

Christmas Eve, and the snow falling fast; but cozy warmth in the librar of Acton Hall, where, gazing thought fully into the glowing coals, sat a young man in the dress of a Divinity Student. He started, and rose respectfully to his feet, as the door opened, and a white-haired priest entered, his coat sprinkled with snow, and his aged form bowed with fatigue. "Did you think I was never coming, my boy? Thank God, there were many at Confession tonight, and I could not leave the Church earlier.' "The time has not seemed long to me, Father. I have had much to think of. If I live, where shall I be next Christmas?" and he glanced at the crimson sash he wore, marking him as set apart for Missionary Work. "As long as you are working, aye! or suffering for our dear Lord, Cyril, it does not much matter, not that I shall not be glad to have your strong young arm to lean on going to the Convent tonight," he added, with a kind smile and affectionate pressure of his hand on the young man's shoulder. Then, drawing a chair to the fire, he sat down, and stirring the coals into a bright blaze, said thoughtfully: "the cold and the snow and your red sash have reminded me strongly to-night of an adventure that happened to me many a long year ago on Christmas Eve; would you care to hear it?" "Indeed I should," said the young student with an interested look, and his Uncle resumed,

"I had not been ordained priest many months, when I was sent out on the Mission to Newfoundland, a lovely country in summer, but cold, desolate and dreary through the long winter. But if the outer aspect of things is dark, the Faith and love of the people are warm and bright, and it seemed to my youthful enthusiasm as if the early days of Christianity had re-turned, when I saw the fervent faith. implicit obedience, and humble trust in their priests, of these simple New-foundlanders. An old college friend of mine was stationed at a distant out-harbour, and thither a week before Christmas the Bishop sent me in his own Catamaran, a small sledge like an Irish car set with runners. was two days on my journey, sleeping each night at some out-harbour Presbytery and meeting always with a warm welcome and hearty hospitality. Very lonely these priestly dwellings appeared to me, but when on the third afternoon I neared my destination, it looked the very acme of desolation. The village composed of small wooden houses was built close down on the harbor, but the Church and the Presbytery were perched half way up the hill some two miles distant, and seemed to stand quite alone. Hearned afterwards that this was to put them within reach of two other villages, four and five miles off. At the sound of sledge-bells the door of the Presbytery was flung open and in another moment I was standing in front of a blazing fire and clasping the hand of my dear friend, Cyril Northcote. It is fifty years since, but I can see, as if it were yesterday, the tall slight figure, the bright brown eyes, and the fair cheek coloured with an almost hectic flush, and hear his clear voice speaking words of welcome and en-

"With the daily Mass and the work to be done for Christ's flock, we could not be dull, and it was very kind and thoughtful of the Bishop to let us be together; left alone one did sometimes get a trifle depressed. The hours kept in Newfoundland are early, and by ten o'clock I found myself in my little bedroom at the back of my friend's; he had given it to me, he explained, as the warmest. We had said night prayers in the tiny Oratory, at which the solitary domestic, a nice old Irish woman, Bridget McCarthy, had assisted, and now my friend only lingered to see that I had all I wanted, and I fancied with a half desire to say something particular, but at last he contented himself with reminding me that my room was over the kitchen, and that therefore I must not be surprised if I heard knocking for a "sick call" during the night, and with an earnest 'God bless you,' he left me

"I watched the slow dying of the embers of the fire kindled in honor of my first night, and fell asleep about eleven. Always a light sleeper, I was sure to be especially so in a new place, but it seemed a very short time before I started up quite awake with the impression of hearing some noise outside. I listened and distinctly heard a knocking at the kitchen door just below me. I lay back with the ejaculation 'A sick call; poor Cyril! what a night for him to go out into!' for it had begun to sleet disagreeably before we went to bed. I knew he would not let me go, so thought it was no use to stir. I was very tired with my journey. The knocking continued and I shortly heard a woman's step come out of the opposite room, descend the stairs and open the kitchen door. A short parley followed, and then Bridget, as I supposed, mounted the stairs again and spoke to her master. I heard him go down, and cross the yard to the little stable, bring out the sledge, and evidently put to the horse, as I heard the soft jingle of the little bells, with which the harness of a sledge is always provided in Newfoundland. Then the wheels ground for a minute on the stone-paved yard and the bells chimed merrify as the sledge glided away over the snow. I listened till all was perfectly still again and then dropped into a deep sleep that lasted till Bridget's tap at the door.

"It had been arranged the night before that I should say Mass in the Oratory, so Cyril and I did not meet until breakfast; then he enquired

but of course your sick call woke me. I replied. My sick call? he said slowly and enquiringly, 'Yes, what was the matter? I heard you harness the sledge and never heard the bells sound so sweet.' A look of the deep est sorrow came across his face, as he said hesitatingly, 'I had no sick call last night; you must have heard the ghost, as the people about here call it: whenever a fresh priest sleeps in the house he hears the sound. Alas! for the poor souls by reason of whom they are heard,' 'You think it then,' said, somewhat awed by his manner, 'a mode in which some poor souls are begging our prayers to aid them in their sufferings for a fault committed here.' 'Some sick call neglected while on earth,' he said quickly, his eyes shining with compassion. 'I have said Masses, prayed, and as yet in vain, but, he added with a bright smile, 'I think our Blessed Lady will obtain for me that I way help them at last. I have tried to find out any story or tradition that could possibly throw a light on the matter, but as yet have discovered nothing. You will give them an Intention, won't you Stephen? I promised I would do so, and going out into the village with him tried to get over the weird, un-comfortable feelings, which the events of the night had left in my mind, but was constantly reminded of them by the questions of the people, who were most anxious to know whether or no I had heard the 'ghost,

"The week passed quickly in parish visiting, devotions, composition of sermons, and long confidential talks. It seemed to me that Cyril had attained to heights of holiness in the short time we had been separated, that placed him far above me, but he tried in his humility to place himself beneath me, and to defer to my judgment and opinion. The only thing that grieved me was the extremely delicate state of his health; his cough was frequent and I heard of terrible night persuipations from Reiders.

night perspirations from Bridget.
"On the morning of Christmas Eve. as we were sitting at breakfast, a boy on a rough pony rode up to the door and demanded to see Father North-cote. Cyril went out, brought him in to the fire, and gave him a cup of coffee and a hunch of bread and butter. He was a bright-faced sailor lad and said he had come to fetch 'the Father to see Mrs. Donovan at West Cove. But I thought Mrs. Donovan was a Protestant; I'm sure she told me so, remarked Cyril. 'Yes Father, and a werry black un. I've always heard, but she's took had now and says she won't have the Parson and must see you.' 'Let me go, Cyril,' I broke in, I shall do for this as well as you, and you have more to do today now than you've strength for, Beg pardon, sir, but Mother Donovan said as how enter her doors,' interrupted the boy. There, Stephen, said Cyril cheerily you see you won't do as well as I, bu I will ask you to do other things for me if you will.' I assented gladly, and after receiving his directions saw him depart for West Cove on nearly as rough a pony as that of his guide.

"In the dusk of the evening Cyril returned and came into the sitting room, as I was taking a few minutes rest. He looked weary, but there was a suppressed excitement in his manner, and he said abruptly, 'Stephen, I've found out the mystery of the midnight sick call, and have permission to reveal it. Thirty years ago a young priest was stationed here and lived alone with his mother. One Caristmas Eve, Mrs. Donovan, the woman I have been to see today, sent for him in haste to her dying husband, who, once a good Catholic, had fallen into bad company and bad ways. As death approached, Donovan became terribly frightened, and made no opposition when his wife in-sisted on sending for the priest. It was an awful night, and bitterly did the priest's mother resent his being disturbed and pleaded the importance of the next day's services. To the point however of preparing the sledge and setting forth, the young man was firm, but as they came out into the open and felt the whole force of the terrible snow storm, his courage gave way, and alas! he returned home. All through the night Mrs. Donovan watched and waited, trembling at the sound of her husband's groans, and vainly trying to elicit acts of Con-tricion. 'Wait till the priest comes,' was all he would say, and so unrepent ant and unabsolved as morning

dawned he passed away.

"In the course of the day the priest came over, but Mrs. Donovan cursed him to his face, and from that time to this had abjured her faith and was thought to be a black Protestant by the people in West Cove where she moved from Lord Bay. The priest never held up his head from that sad Christmas Eve, but pined away into a sort of decline and died with the year, and ever since——: Cyril paused and hid his face. We each murmured a 'De Profundis,' and then I enquired if Mrs. Donovan had come back to the Church. 'No, all my persuasions were unavailing.' 'She would have no more to do with a Church that had let her husband die like a dog,' she

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anxiously if I had slept well. 'Yes! but of course your sick call woke me, I replied. 'My sick call? he said slowly and enquiringly. 'Yes, what was the matter? I heard you harness the sledge and never heard the bells sound so sweet.' A look of the deep sound so sweet.' A look of the deep.

"I did not know then how entire a sacrifice would be required. Cyril's cough was incessant that evening, but he would go to the Confessional and was detained there till ten o'clock. Then he acknowledged himself worn out and let me put him to bed and give him a warm drink. I left him asleep, breathing more quietly and with a brow relaxed and peaceful as a child's. I too was soon asleep, but was aroused, while it was still quite dark, by a knocking at the kitchen door. At first I shuddered and said a prayer, dreading to hear the tinkle of the mysterious sledge bells, but soon recognized the sound as very human knocking and the shouts as being for 'Father Northcote.' I threw on my dressing gown and met Cyril on the landing. We went down together and found the same fisher boy as had come yesterday from West Cove. Mother Donovan is going fast, please, Father, and is calling out fearful for you, he said with chattering teeth, but oh my! ain't it cold?' I had drawn him in and shut the door; the cold air had already made Cyril cough, as if he would never stop. 'Mother says its downright aggravating of her not to have made up her mind this afternoon, but its just like women, he added contemptuously. 'Oh! and please, Father, may I stop here till Mass time tomorrow?' my boy, said Cyril, kindly, 'you shall have my bed; it's past twelve, and I mustn't offer you anything to eat."

'No thank ye, Father.'

'Cyril.' I said, 'are you sure you must go? don't you think this time I might do?' I shall never forget his look in answer; it was an expression I could imagine on the face of a martyr and yet full of exultation. 'Dear Stephen, no, I must go myself; you will say the first two Masses early, and the last at ten in case I may not be able to return, and pray for me.' But must you go alone?' 'Yes, with my Guardian Angel,' he said with a smile. I made him muffle his mouth im my warmest comforter and my heart was heavy, you may be sure, as I watched him ride away.

as I watched him ride away. "Such a night I have never seen in Newfoundland; the wind blew, the snow drifted, the sky was dark with heavy clouds, and Cyril had five miles to go and to return. I had heard numerous Confessions, given Holy Cymmunion to crowds of devout worshippers, and said my third Mass. when, just as eleven struck, Cyril entered the Church. He looked fearfully exhausted, and a crimson spot burned on each cheek, but the most perfect peace and thankfulness was on his brow. He said his short Conhis brow. He said his short Confession to me, and smiled happily, as he spoke of the deep contrition, for giveness and faith in which Mrs. Donovan had died, 'The carse is removed, I trust,' he added, 'and now I am going to say my Mass for the poor souls.' He could hardly speak, and his breathing was very short. him to vest and served his Mass when it was completed he turned as it o begin the second, staggered, and fell insensible. I hastened to his side, and we carried him to the first bench we could find, and threw water on his face. His eyes opened wide and turned to the Altar, he said once 'Jesus,' and then, as I gave bim the last Absolution and Blessing, dropped

"Three or four strange priests came to the funeral and slept in the house the night before it, but neither they, nor any others ever again heard the ghostly sick call, and we may truly hope that the faithfulness of the one priest, even unto death, had atoned for the weakness of the other."

"And now, my boy, you know another reason why I persuaded your mother to call you Cyril, and rejoiced when you told me you desired to be a Missionary. 'God grant I may follow the example set before me,' said the young student earnestly.

"Hark! said the old man, rising

"Hark! said the old man, rising and resuming his cloak, the chimes are beginning for the midnight Mass; and taking his pupil's arm they went together through the snow to kneel in the Convent Chapel, and thank God for his great gift, the source of all faith and all self-devotion."—H. M. Lushington in St. Andrew's Mayazine.

Copenhagen's Interesting Catholic Colony.

Maurice Francis Egan, the wellknown Catholie author, on his arrival at Copenhagen as American Minister to Denmark found besides the diplomats from Catholic countries, among whom are the Count and Countess de Beaucaire, the Count and Countess Calvi di Bergolo, the Count and Countess Szechenyi, the Baron and Baroness de Groote the mother of Madame de Groote, having been an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Egan's-Senor and Senora de Riano-quite a colony of Danish Catholies, amongst them Her Royal Highness the Princess Waldemar of Denmark, born of Marie, daughter of the Duke of Chartres, and wife of the brother of the present King, and her only Catholic child the Princess Margaret. Count von Moltke-Huitfeldt, son of the late Danish Minister at Paris, who is married to Miss Bonaparte, of Baltimore, is a prominent Danish Catholie. Another lady who is a convert is the lady who is so well known as "The Madame de Stael of Denmark"-Madame de Bulow. Yet another convert is the Countess



Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, a relative of the present minister for Foreign Affairs. Her mother the Baroness Rosenra-Lehn, followed her into the Church, as did her two sisters, one of whom is married to Baron Wedell - Jarlsborg, Swedish Chamberlain at the Vatican. Another still, and a very warm friend of the Egans, is the Countess de Rantzau. Madame Hegemann - Lindenerone, who was Miss Berling, is also a Catholic.

Mr. Egan's first formal luncheon in Copenhagen brought all parties together, the Lutheran Bishop, the chaplain to the King of England and the superior to the Lazarists in Denmark being present, with Sir Rennell Rodd, the new British Ambassador at Rome.

The sending of a Catholic diplomatist to a Protestant country has turned out evidently quite as well as the sending of Protestant diplomatists to Catholic countries. The American Legation here is now one of the most popular and hospitable homes in Denmark

Mr. Egan denies that he is "slated" for Rome; he desires to stay where he is.

Sir John Haggerston.

Sir John de Mario Haggerston, to whom birthday congratulations are due on Thursday next, succeeded his father in the ancient baronetcy just half a century ago, when a boy of six years old. The Haggerstons of Ellingham are a very old and devoted Catholic family, who trace their lineage back to the eleventh century. A noted progenitor and namesake of the present baronet was one of the Scottish Barons who swore fealty to Edward I. in 1296; while the first holder of the baronetey was a prominent military commander in the Royalist Army in the reign of Charles I. His immediate successor was Governor of Berwick Castle. During many centuries the Haggerstons have favoured alliances with the other ancient Catholic houses on "The Border"-to wit, the Howards of Corby, Maxwells, Silvertops, Constables, &c .- and they have given many of their numbers to the service of the Church, both as priests and nuns. "A remarkable and interesting fact in connection with this family is the adoption of the revered name of our Blessed Lady as their second appellative, by both its male and emale members, for successive centuries. Sir John received his education at Ushaw College, which has been the traditional "Alma Mater" Haggerston. He is married to a daughter of Lewis Eyre, Esq., another family which holds honoured place in the history of Catholicism in England. The estates at Ellingham, in Northumberland, comprising some fifteen to sixteen thousand acres, have been in possession of the family from time immemorial.

King Alfonso.

Although the young and ever-increasingly popular monarch of Spain is now, happily, in far better health than he was some time since, a secret which has hitherto, and for obvious reasons, been well kept has now leaked out at the Spanish Court, It is stated that for some time subsequent to the bomb explosion on the wedding day of the King and Queen, King Alfonso suffered from frequent bleeding at the lungs, the cause of which was traced to friction set up by an infinitesimal fragment of the explosive which had penetrated at the back of the right lung, and oceasioned temporary inflammation. It is satisfactory to learn that this has now ceased, and that all danger is happily removed.

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CORRESPONDENCE received last week, is unavoidably further delayed. THE CONVENT CLASSES close on the

23rd inst, and resume on the 8th prox. C. M. HENRY, druggist, Antigonish, is supplying his patrons with a pretty

J. P. GORMAN, agent in Antigonish for the Ontario Fire Insurance Company, is sending out a useful calender.

THE LATE or fast express trains are to be discontinued on January 9th, for

THE SISTERS OF MT. ST. BERNARD CONVENT wish to express their sincere thanks to Bishop-elect MacDonald for his gift of \$100, made to their new chapel fund before his departure.

AN IMPORTANT meeting of Clan Chisholm, No. 179, will be held this evening in the Oddfellows Hall. This being the last meeting of the year, an election of officers will take place.

THE SISTERS OF St. Martha again wish to thank their friends of the Town. They feel very grateful to all who aided the Hospital by taking art in the play given in the Celtic Hall on the evening of Des. 7.

THE MAN John Alexander McDonald, who elected to be tried by Judge Macgillivray on the charge of stealing a purse and coat, pleaded guilty and was let go on a suspended sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

BELCHER'S ALMANAC for 1909 is out. It is as usual a most useful, convenient and compact book, replete with information for the professional and business man of this Province. The publishers are McAlpine Publishing Co., Halifax. It is on sale at all book-

SATURDAY night's rain and wind storm was extremely heavy in this vicinity. The Clydesdale River quickly responded to the downpour. In the evening it was a raging torrent. The waters overflowed the lower part of the Main Street. The fortunate bearing of laws countries of laws are constituted in the constitute of the countries of laws are constituted in the constitute of laws are constituted in the constitute of the countries of laws are constituted in the constitute of the countries of laws are constituted in the constitute of the countries of laws are constituted in the laws are constituted in the countries of laws are constitu absence of large quantities of ice and snow saved us from a serious freshet.

A MEETING in the Robie Street Methodist Church, Halifax, on Sun-day afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. was addressed by the Rev. F. H. McIntosh of Antigonish. His subject was "The Moulding of Men and the Making of Nations." The Morning Chronicle says it was "a most interesting, instructive and inspiring address.'

DR. PETHICK of Antigonish left for Yarmouth, N. S., on Monday. He goes there to entorce preventive measures against the cattle disease now so widespread in the United States. These regulations are quite stringent. Under Dr. Pethick's energetic and capable supervision, the

Much interest will be taken in this contest. Our boys have a reputa-tion for playing good hockey second to that of no other Collegians in Eastern Canada, and will put up a stiff fight with the Harvard players, who also have an excellent record in this respect.

THE LAST ISSUE of the Presbyterian Witness was a special number of sixteen pages gotten out to celebrate its diamond jubilee. It was well-printed and well illustrated. Interesting articles on the leading men, events articles on the leading men, events and churches of the Presbyterian body during the past sixty years fill its pages. The Rev. Mr. Murray, its present editor, has been connected with the journal for over fifty years, and has always kept it in the forefront of Canadian journalism. He still wields a graceful and vigorous pen.

THE SUIT of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish against Rev. Martis. A. MacPherson, formerly pastor of Little Bras d'Or, for possession of the the church and glebe property, the trial of which was postponed from the October sitrings of the Supreme Court here to the 15th of December, came on before Judge Lawrence here on Tuesday, when by consent of counsel and without trial the Court gave judgment for the plaint if corporation for possession of the said lands with costs. H. Mellish, K. C., and J. A. Wall for plaintiff; T. R. Robertson for defendant.

THE STORES of the Town are now putting on an attractive garb for the Christmas holidays, several are even already prettily dressed, while the stocks were never larger, or more varied. Xurs presents for all crasses, old and young, women and men, girls and boys, are in abundance, and suitable ones are readily procurable just now. This is the proper time to make good selections, when the stocks a e complete. Buyers from the neigh-bouring districts of the adjoining Counties will find a visit to Antigonish profitable, ina much as prices here are rersonable and, as we said labove, the stocks comprise almost all classes of goods.

WHAT PROMISES to be one of the most enjoyable weeks of the present theatrical season begins next Monday evening at the Celtic Hall with the Klark-Urban engagement. There engagement here last season was a most successful one and this season they will present an entire new reperthey will present an entire new reper-toire including several first class dramas, Each and every play will be produced with special scenery as a solid car of scenery is carried and no local settings will be used during the engagement. The performances will be continuous, the following high class specialties will be introduced between the acts. Miss Masie Caril songs and specialties will be introduced between the acts. Miss Masie Cacil songs and dances, Franklin and Hiatt character change artists, the great Greno, aerial wire and cane spinner; D'Elmor Bros. comedy acrobats, Klark and Uuban musical artists and the lasest illustrated songs and more the lasest illustrated songs and mov-ing pictures. Seats on sale at the same place.

MARRIAGE, — At St. Joseph's, on Nov. 24th, the Rev. J. C. Chisholm, P. P., united in marriage Flora Mc-Kenzie of Addington Forks and Rdk. J. Chisholm of Ashdale. A Nuptial Mass followed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Lillian, and John A. McDonald Glen Alpine did the honours for the groom. After a reception at the home of the bride's father the happy couple boarded the noon train for Halifax.

At Mt. St. Mary's Bailey's Brook, on Nov. 24, Rev. Dr. McNeil united in the bonds of matrimony Alexander Fraser of Maple Ridge and Miss Josephine McDonald of Brown's Mountain. The groom was attended by John D. McIsaac of Maple Ridge, and the brile by Miss Maygie McDonald of Bailey's Brook. After Nuptial Mass, the bridal party drove to their future home, where a pleas. to their future home, where a pleas-ant evening was spent. Their many friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Fraser a happy life.

THE DAM at the Sylvan Valley THE DAM at the Sylvan Valley Mills, Ant., was partly destroyed by Saturday's night freshet. Some forty feet of it is lying down the river and about forty feet more was completely carried away. Mr. W. Vinton, the proprietor, has the sympathy of all in this serious set-back to his business. After acquiring the Mills last fall he went to work and constructed a new dam and had the Mill machinery thoroughly overhauled and fitted to do the very best work. The expense was considerable. Only last Thursday he was able to begin operations Everything ran satisfactorily. The quality of the flour, etc., was excellent. By running extra hours he hoped to soon grind the accumulated wheat and to be prepared to handle all that might be offered. Naturally the accident is a keen disappointment to him. It is hoped that he will be able to operate by steam for the winter, and that next season a per-manent dam will be erected. Similar accidents have occurred here, and it may be thought advisable to use concrete next season. We bespeak the kind assistance of farmers and others in the work of erection, so that this public convenience may be made a permanent one.

DEBATE.—We are glad to see that in recent years our College authorities are giving more attention to debates among the students than was formerly done. In our opinion, it is difficult to attach too much importance to this side of the student's education, and in no other line of study perhaps do energetic and capable supervision, the disease is not apt to get a foothold in Nova Scotia through any of the ports within his jurisdiction.

St. F. X. College Hockeyists are going to Cambridge, Mass., to play the hockeyists of Harvard College. The game is scheduled for January 23rd. Much interest will be taken in the capable of the contest this year is between Acadia and St. F. X. year is between Acadia and St. F. X. Colleges. Since the formation of this league, five years ago, the Acadia students have never suffered a single defeat. The subject proposed for discussion is: "Resolved, that Great Britain should make a substantial departure from her present policy of free trade." St. F. X. has chosen the affirmative side of the question, and the debate will take place at Antigonish. Both sides are already busily nish. Both sides are already busily engaged in studying every phase of the resolution, and with the practice of three more months, should be able to deliver entertaining and interesting

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, on application to command Judge Macgillivray to pro-ceed with the recount in the North Cape Breton Election has upheld the latter's lecision, and fully concurs with oim in his interpretation of the Dominion Elections Act on the points involved. The Chief Justice, after giving his reasons for holding that the affidavits on the application for a re-count were defective in form and in-sufficient in matter, says: "It is, as Sufficient in matter, says: "It is, as I have said, much to be regretted that this speedy and comparatively inex-

pensive method of determining the number of votes, should be defeated for the reasons given; but I apprehend when a party invokes these provisions of the statute, he is bound to comply directly with its terms, otherwise he has no right to call in the County Court Judge to make

recount. have given the reasons for my deeision at some length, as, so far as I am aware, it is the first time such a question has arisen under the Dominion Elections Act; and there can be no appeal from my judgment. It is moreover a question of much inport-ance, not only to the parties, but as well to the public; and in carefully weighing all that has been urged on either side I have felt it my duty to adhere strictly to what I believe the time interpretation and intention of the statute. I therefore must decline to make an order c mmanding the County Court Judge to proceed with

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Antigonish Dec. 15, 19'8 Collector

Final Notice

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The water will positively be turned off from the premises of all persons whose rates are unpaid after noon of Menday the Wist instant,

lly order, S. A. HULBERT, Superintendent Water Works

NOTICE

Warrants are issued for all arrears of rates on my list, but will hold them, however, for 15 days after which will they be placed with a comtable HUGH McLELLAN. Salt Springs, 15th December, 19 8

Tenders for Running Snow Plow.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at his office up to noon of the 22nd instant, for running the anow plow during the winter months. Persons tendering to state the wage per hour for which they will no the work, and the person whose lender is accepted will have to give an undertaking to turn out at any hour when notified ! y superintendent of streets.

By order of Council,

B. C. CHISHOLM,

Town Clerk

Public Notice

Fo'lowing is By Law No. 13 of the Municipality of Antig nish. It appertains to the rendering of accounts:

"All accounts against the Municipality, whether for contracts or otherwise, shall be rendered duly attested to, and shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk bot later than the 3ist day of December in each year. All accounts not filed on this date will not be considered until the following year, unless in case of contracts as is otherwise provided, or by consent of the Council.

D. MacDONALD,

Antigonish, Dec. 15, 1908 D. MACDONALD, M. Clerk

DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE

The subscriber will receive offers in lwrting up to the 2nd January, 1908, for the purchase of the well-known farm property at Greendale, in this County, owned in her lifetime by the late Mr. Annie Chisbolm (widow of the late Donald Chisbolm). This farm, which contains about 110 acres of good land, having a southern exposure, is about two miles from the village of Georgevile. It is about haif wonded and there is a good dwelling, well finished. Clear tule will be given.

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J. A. WALL. Antigonish, 9th Dec., 1908.

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Between AUBREY KIRK, Executor of the estate of Robert D Kirk, and said Aubrey Kirk, Plainting

DUNCAN MACDONALD, Ex-ecutor of the claim of Hugh F Chisholm, deceased, Defendant

To be so'd at Public Auction by the Sherid of Antigonish County, or his Deputy, at the Court House, Antigonish, in the County of Antigonish, on

TUESDAY The 19th day of January, A. D. 1909

at ten o'clock in the forencon

pursuant to an order for foreclosure and sale granted herein by His Honour A. MacGillivray, Master of the supreme Court, bring Judge of the Court of the District No 6, on the 16th day of December instant, unless before the day of sale the amount due herein together with interest and costs, be paid to the plaintiffs or the r solicitor, all the estate, right, litle, interest, and equity of redemption of the late Hugh F Chisholm, of Marydale, in the County of antigonish, f., riner, deceased, the mortgage herein foreclosed, and of the defendant, and of all persons claiming by, through or under the said stugh F Chisholm, deceased, of in, to, upon, or out of all that certain iot, piece or parcel of

situate, lying and being at Marydale, aforesaid, and bounded as fallows: Hounced on the North West by lands of Alexander Macdonald and lands of John Melbonald; on the North East by the wallar road leading to Misalow terron; on the South East by lands of 10-n Macdonald and others; on the South West by the old Machine ler road, containing one humared and thirty five acres, more or lass together with the privileges and appurtenances belonging the return of sale;

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