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### CHRISTMAS

Once again the Christmas bells  
are pealing, bringing the glad  
tidings that the angel voices wafted  
to the shepherds on Bethlehem's hills  
that a Savior—a Prince of Peace—  
is born to the world, and who shall  
purge poor sinful, suffering mankind  
from the stain of our first parents'  
sin. Once again we celebrate the  
birth of the lowly Jesus—the God-  
man—who left His throne on high,  
and his starry mansions in the land  
of eternal sunlight to come on earth  
and become as one of us, that there-  
by the prophecies might be fulfilled,  
that the promise made to our first  
parents that the seed of the woman  
would bruise the serpent's head  
might prove true. He came into this  
world, not attended by the heavenly  
hosts, not compassed by saintly  
pomp and power; not in the garb of  
majesty, but as a humble babe, born  
in a stable. He was like the hum-  
blest of us all, poorer than most of  
us, for He had not where to lay His  
divine head. Are we to-day, hum-  
ble like Him? Are we puffed up by  
pride? Do we, too, hold our skirts  
aloof, lest we touch the hem of the  
garments of our less fortunate bro-  
ther? Are we striving to be true  
followers of the Christ? Do we do  
to others as we would they should  
do to us? Are we true Catholics?  
If not, Christmas day is a good day  
to make a start in the spiritual life.  
Assist at the Holy Sacrifice, and  
when the choir peals forth the *Glo-  
ria in Excelsis*, you will find it

Bearing the wings of the soul, left  
From earth and the shadows dim;  
Soothing the breast with a sound as soft  
As a dream, or a seraph's hymn.

And as we pray, let us not forget  
our dead ones.

Very low, in tender tones  
The music pleads, the music moans,  
"I forgive and have forgiven  
The dead whose hearts were shriven."

And the Pontiff, night, with his star-stole on,  
Whispered soft and low:  
Requiescat Requiescat!  
Peace! Peace! to every one  
For whom we grieve this Christmas eve,  
In their graves beneath the snow.

The Journal wishes its readers  
a Merry Christmas, and hopes they  
will try to make it a glad one  
for all their less fortunate friends.

Merry, merry Christmas.  
May the coming year  
Bring as merry a Christmas  
And as bright a cheer.

The Junior Order of American  
Mechanics wants the Bible read in  
the public schools. Of course the  
version it favors is the Protestant,  
the King James version. Would  
that be fair to the Catholics or the  
Jews? But justice or equity out-  
weighs the little figure with the "secret  
patriotic orders."

"The Catholic Review" says: "In  
the respect of the common people, in  
preaching among scholars, the Church  
is far ahead of the position it occu-  
pied as late as even a quarter of a  
century ago. This is true and un-  
doubtedly one of the contributory  
causes in this country is the rabid  
bigotry of the Church by such  
persons as those of the A. P.

## A WESTERN SNARL.

After several weeks of anxious  
waiting on the clerical and choleric  
individual who now presides over  
the editorial sanctum of the San  
Francisco "Monitor," he has con-  
descended in a column and a half  
space to give an evasive reply to  
the plain question. The Journal  
addressed to him, whether he was a  
believer in and well wisher of paren-  
tal or parochial schools. He evaded  
the question by telling us how good  
the parochial schools of San Fran-  
cisco are, a proposition we never  
attempted to controvert. He also  
tells us how many medals the paro-  
chial schools of San Francisco were  
awarded at the World's Fair, but  
neglects to tell us whether the pupils  
of these schools can equal and sur-  
pass the State school pupils in com-  
petitive examinations on subjects and  
questions prescribed and prepared  
by State school authorities. The  
latter is the record of the parochial  
schools in the diocese of Rochester.  
The "Monitor" says it is against  
its rules to engage in controversy  
with its Catholic contemporaries but  
makes an exception in the case of  
the Journal because it does not con-  
sider the latter a Catholic paper.  
If it is not a Catholic paper why  
make the exception? The Journal  
has a rule not to engage in contro-  
versy with Catholic contemporaries,  
and adheres rigidly to it unless its  
contemporaries provoke the battle.  
In the present controversy the "Mon-  
itor" was the aggressor. It allowed  
a correspondent, who says he is too  
modest to sign his name but who  
the "Monitor" says has been widely  
quoted, to pour forth a tirade of  
abuse, masked beneath a film of  
labored defense of State schools,  
against the Journal. We felt im-  
pelled to reply, and in closing  
asked the "Monitor" bluntly if it  
indorsed the views of its correspon-  
dent, and in the editorial article  
referred to our contemporary says  
frankly that it does, and pretends  
not to know what are the views of  
its famous but mock modest contrib-  
utor, and then makes this astounding  
confession:

Our sole and sufficient reason for  
endorsing them is the fact that the  
Rochester Journal opposes them.  
We know our correspondent, and we  
know he is sometimes right. We  
know the Rochester Journal, and  
we know it is always wrong.

This is the usual line of argument  
pursued by the mutual admiration  
society of clerical editors toward  
papers edited by laymen that dare  
to oppose the opinions of the clique.  
It is a peculiar fact that, with rare  
exceptions, the members of the  
society are so taken up with their so-  
called editorial work that they have  
neither time nor inclination to estab-  
lish parochial schools in their pa-  
rishes. The clerical editor of the  
"Monitor" admits this himself in  
another part of his tirade against  
the Journal. As to his knowing the  
Journal, that is a mistake unless the  
writer of the editorial referred to and  
the "Monitor's" nameless contributor  
are one and the same person, and  
we have a suspicion that such is the  
case. In that event the "Monitor's"  
contributor may reside not so many  
miles from Rochester. This might  
explain his dislike to giving the  
world a chance to pay homage at the  
shrine of his genius. We might add  
that the "Monitor" is somewhat mis-  
taken as to the game it is gunning  
for. If it imagines that the Journal  
is terrified by the bravado or threats  
of this "forty-year old" western bla-  
zard it is mightily mistaken. Snarling  
curs are not dangerous even if they  
do make a great deal of noise. The  
"Monitor" cannot adopt the tactics  
of its townsmen, pugilist Corbett,  
when it pokes its nose into the busi-  
ness of the Journal. It will be met,  
not with abuse, but with ammunition  
of a different sort.

This clerical clique of writers is a  
funny conglomeration. When one  
gets off what he considers a good  
thing there all pathos on the back  
and about "Bravo!" Does one of the  
cabal get in a controversy, the resi-  
dual to his aid and call the antag-  
onist a blackguard, a nincompoop,  
etc., etc. When the controversy  
waxes hot and the clerical editor is  
in a bad temper, the rest of

the clique advise him to drop the  
warfare as "the blank paper is  
beneath notice," and while because  
"the blank is so unadmirable, etc.,  
etc." This clerical clique imagines  
it controls the Pope, the Propaganda  
and the hierarchy at large, and is  
continually insinuating that only the  
jealousy of the other members of the  
hierarchy prevents the clerical  
editors from being elevated to the  
episcopate. More than one of the  
clique paces up and down his study,  
shaking hands with himself and  
saluting himself with "Good morn-  
ing, Bishop," "Happy to meet your  
Grace," etc. etc. There is not one  
who does not imagine he would be a  
valuable addition to the College of  
Cardinals. This is plain talk and  
we regret to be compelled to speak  
in this manner, but it is absolutely  
necessary at this time. The venomous  
but puerile attacks of this malevolent  
clique—for the Journal has been  
assailed by all its members—are not  
aimed at us, but are meant to dis-  
credit and bring into disrepute the  
diocese of Rochester; its loyal  
priests and ecclesiastical authorities  
and its unrivaled system of paro-  
chial schools. The game will not  
work much longer, gentlemen. You  
had what you thought was your  
inning, but things have changed and  
we will miss our guess if you do not  
pull in your horns a trifle ere long.

### OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER.

The Journal is justly proud of its  
splendid holiday number. The usual  
number of pages has been doubled  
by reason of the liberal favors of  
our advertising patrons, and by  
their generosity we are enabled to  
give our readers much more reading  
matter than we could otherwise have  
given. The Journal by the solid  
business houses of Rochester shows  
that they appreciate its worth, and  
we trust our readers will retain the  
compliment by patronizing the Jour-  
nal's advertisers. Last week, at the  
last minute, by a sudden influx of  
advertisements we were compelled  
to curtail our space for reading mat-  
ter somewhat, and even then we  
were under the necessity of refusing  
some advertisements in order that  
our readers would not suffer too  
much. This week we make up the  
slight deficiency, by adding more  
pages.

Again we wish our readers a  
merry Christmas and many happy  
returns of the day.

### THE VENEZUELAN MESSAGE.

The President's message to Con-  
gress on the Venezuelan question is  
a plain, concise, determination to up-  
hold the Monroe doctrine, and resist,  
even to the extent of war, any en-  
croachment on the American conti-  
nent by any European power, and es-  
pecially by Great Britain. Every  
true American will applaud the Presi-  
dent in his firm stand against the  
bulldozing tactics adopted by Salis-  
bury and the British government.

Of course the Canadian and Orange  
members of the A. P. A. will not up-  
hold the president in case of a war  
with England. They have sworn al-  
legiance to Great Britain's sovereign  
and have never forsworn it. That's the  
style of "American Patriots" the  
Apatists are. A war with Africa would  
be eminently proper; with England,  
not to be thought of.

The philosophical, scientific, theo-  
logical, literary, educational and  
grammatical, but nameless, expert  
of the San Francisco "Monitor" has  
commenced a monologue on the  
Journal's reply to his criticism of  
our views on educational matters.  
The expert devoted two columns of  
the "Monitor's" space to the opening  
of his dissertation. As there is  
absolutely no argument in the first  
installment, and as the monologue is  
"to be continued in our next," we  
will wait for future installments for  
his arguments. It is a pity, however,  
that he should have to send for his  
master so far from Rochester to find  
a market. Perhaps it is significant,  
though. The peculiar views of this  
nameless expert and his ilk, have  
been forced as far as the Pacific  
coast by the irresistible force of  
sound Catholic opinion. It will not  
be long before they disappear in the

Pacific Ocean and Catholic thought  
will be poisoned no longer by them.

Writing in the "Woman's Voice,"  
Ellen Battelle Dietrick, a non-Cath-  
olic, says: "The assertion that there  
is a larger percentage of illegitimate  
births in Catholic than in Protestant  
countries is the climax of untruth,  
the precise reverse being the case."  
Mrs. Dietrick gives figures to prove  
her assertion.

In a list of good books to read we  
noticed the other day Bulwer's  
"The Cartons and the Parisians."  
If we were advising which books of  
Bulwer to read, we should name  
"Kevellin Chillingly," "Ernest Mal-  
travers," "My Novel" and "What  
Will He Do With It?" instead of the  
two first named.

### THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL St. Luke iii. 1-6.—At  
that time: "In the fifteenth year of  
the reign of Tiberias Caesar, Pontius  
Pilate being governor of Judaea,  
and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,  
and Philip, his brother, being tet-  
rarch of Iturea and the country of  
Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of  
Abilene, under the high priests An-  
nas and Caiaphas: the word of the  
Lord was made unto John, the son  
of Zachary, in the desert. And he  
came into all the country about the  
Jordan, preaching the baptism of  
penance for the remission of sins, as  
it is written in the book of the  
words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice  
of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
make straight His paths. Every  
valley shall be filled: and every  
mountain and hill shall be brought  
low: and the crooked shall be made  
straight, and the rough ways plain.  
And all flesh shall see the salvation  
of God."

We are to learn from all this that  
We should be strengthened in our holy  
faith by considering that everything regard-  
ing it had been prepared, foretold, and com-  
pleted by the wisdom, power, and goodness  
of God. We should also learn from the  
words of St. John, that the only means of  
participating in the graces of the nativity of  
Our Lord is to do sincere penance for sins  
committed, reform one's ways, and return to  
God with all the affections of our heart.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday 22.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.  
Epist. I. Cor. iv. 1-5; Gosp. Luke iii. 1-6.  
Monday 23.—Feast of St. Thomas.  
Tuesday 24.—Vigil of Christmas.  
Wednesday 25.—Christmas Day. HOLY  
DAY OF OBSERVATION. First Mass, Epist.  
Tit. ii. 11-13; Gosp. Luke ii. 1-14.  
Second Mass, Epist. Tit. iii. 4-7; Gosp.  
Luke ii. 15-40; Third Mass, Epist. Heb.  
i. 1-12; Gosp. John i. 1-14.  
Thursday 26.—St. Stephen, First Mar-  
tyr.  
Friday 27.—St. John, Apostle and  
Evangelist.  
Saturday 28.—The Holy Innocents.

### A Road You Can Write On.

Or a road upon which you can write,  
or a road you can write about; take  
your choice, either is true. We  
are talking about the Lake Shore  
and New York Central railroads  
between Chicago and New York.  
A newspaper man who has to send  
in "copy" enroute appreciates it,  
after travelling all over the United  
States, when he gets back to a road  
you can do this on while making 50  
per cent. better time than on western  
roads which joggle your copy into  
illegibility.

This is ignoring the luxury of a  
perfect dining-car service, scenery,  
including Niagara, which is a de-  
light to the eye and an underlying  
sense of security from the conscious-  
ness of a block system which may  
make the difference to you between  
existence here and "kingdom come."

Safety, speed and comfort: they  
are all there; and when electricity  
makes a hundred miles an hour prac-  
ticable, it is safe to say that the  
Vanderbilt roads will be in it. The  
men who are harnessing Niagara  
have got their eye on improved sys-  
tems of applying electric power, and  
nine hours and a half to Chicago are  
quite within the possibilities of the  
near future. American Grocer.

Men's Slippers 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.  
We have an immense assortment  
of men's, women's and children's  
slippers, and the prices are right.  
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### If You Don't Watch Out

You will delay until it is too late to  
secure one of our elegant ladies gold  
or filled watches. Our stock is lim-  
ited and they are going fast.  
Wheeler & Wilson Co., over 39 Eas  
Main street.

### You Went to Liki's Last Year

Perhaps, for Christmas presents. It  
paid you. It will pay you better  
this year. Don't miss the dollar  
table.

## Burke, FitzSimons, Hone & Co.

## Are You Ready?

It's more than likely that half of your Christmas appropriation is  
still in the family purse. Will Christmas catch you with a lot  
of duties undone? Gifts unbought?

Don't miss to-day's opportunities! Don't waste hours! Don't  
procrastinate!

5c Counter—Is crowded with Christmas things of inestimable useful-  
ness. It's the wonder of Rochester merchandising. Basement,  
facing the elevator.

10c Counter—Shows myriads of holiday wares that are serviceable  
as well as highly ornamental. First floor, center aisle.

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that ordinarily cost a quarter. First floor, right of center aisle.

25c Counter—Gives as much in utility and beauty as you'd expect  
half dollars to get. Scores of Xmas surprises. First floor, left  
of center aisle.

### Furs Have Fallen

In price full 25 per cent. all round.  
Some nearly double that. Wrong  
weather made reductions neces-  
sary. But look out for Janu-  
ary, February, and March. We're  
told that they'll be full of Arctic  
sort of weather. A gift from  
this stock will be just in the nick  
of time.—St. Nick's time, too.

Russian Lynx Capes, 30 inches  
long, full sweep, reduced from  
\$9.50 to \$5.

English Seal Capes, trimmed  
with sable, reduced from \$29 to  
\$17.50.

Wool Seal Capes, trimmed with  
sable, reduced from \$42.50 to \$30.

Wool Seal Capes, trimmed with  
astrakhan, reduced from \$22.50  
to \$13.50.

### Oriental Rugs

Are here in all the antique  
grandeur of the far East. We  
have always been leaders in this  
branch of business. Now we em-  
phasize that leadership by placing  
on sale two bales of medium sized  
Turkish and Persian Rugs at  
special holiday prices. Connois-  
seurs have pronounced these spec-  
ially imported Oriental Rugs gems  
of the rug-making art. They are  
intended for Christmas gifts.

Antique Oriental Rugs, one  
bale, \$6.50 each.

Antique Oriental Rugs, one  
bale, \$8 each.

We also show a fine assortment  
of Oriental Carpets and Hall  
Strips, the latter from \$15 to \$18.

### Romping Boys

Must be properly clad in this un-  
certain climate. One garment that  
a boy likes always, one that's use-  
ful always, is a Sweater. It's  
cheaper than a doctor's bill and  
much more satisfactory to you and  
to the boy. It can never be  
thrown open in front like a coat  
to flap in the wind and let the boy  
take cold. It's a thick and warm  
protector for the chest and throat.  
What's the matter with one for  
Christmas?

Boys' Sweaters, fine worsted,  
black, blue and wine, \$1.25.

Men's Worsted Sweaters, \$1.50  
\$2 and \$2.50.

### Xmas Handkerchiefs

Are on extremely good terms with  
gift getters these days. A whole  
big windowful of snowy linen  
loveliness flutters at and flirts with  
Main street promenaders and  
over 1,000 different styles piled  
on counters inside are all ready to  
give the Chautauqua salute. Don't  
you know of Christmas stockings  
they'll fit?

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Pure  
Irish Linen Hemstitched Hand  
Worked Initial Handkerchiefs,  
12 1/2c each.

Pure Irish Linen Embroidered  
Handkerchiefs, six in a pretty  
box, \$1.50.

Pure Japanese Silk Hand Em-  
brodered handkerchiefs, scalloped  
edges, 25c each.

Dainty Duchesse Lace Hand-  
kerchiefs, 65c each.

### Many Get Dresses

For Christmas gifts. We're con-  
ducting a special holiday sale of  
Wool Dress Patterns as we do  
every year and it is proving more  
popular than any preceding one.  
That special sale table in the Dress  
Goods Department teems with  
nice things in Pattern Dresses.  
A selection from this display can't  
be wrong. Here's a quartette of  
kinds: Serges, Camel's Hairs,  
Cheviots, Bedford Cords. Prices  
from \$7 down to 75c a Dress  
Pattern. Most any price-stop  
between.

### A Bath Robe

Is one of the most useful gifts  
that can be given to a gentleman  
at Yuletide or any other time.  
These are of fine eiderdown flau-  
pel, properly shaped and sewed.  
They are extra long and in pretty  
patterns we feel extremely fortu-  
nate in being able to sell such  
worthy Bath Robes for \$4 each.  
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