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NEW YEAR'S

A year has come and gone. That
of 1898 is ended to-day. Many
notable events have marked the pro-
gress of the year that are still fresh in
the minds of our readers, so we will
not attempt to enumerate them. But
there is one notable event that we
hope and pray will be many a day ere
we see its repetition. We refer to our
late war with Spain. While it is true
that our arms were victorious, still
after all look at the cost of many a
loving son or father, and the number-
less cases of untold suffering—and for
what? The wise ones say to free an
honest people from the yoke of the op-
pressed, while others claim it was for
territorial expansion. But be the
cause what it may, the cost was some-
thing awful. To those who took part
in the war 1898 will be a reminder.

It has long been the custom to
make what are known as "New
Year resolutions." When these
pledges to our inner selves are faith-
fully kept, they are no doubt bene-
ficial. But the average New Year
promise is soon forgotten. In such
cases the maker is worse off than if he
had pursued the even tenor of his
way, regardless of resolutions or
pledges.

We should not wait for the begin-
ning of a new year to reform, if we are
going a wrong way. True, a good
way to begin a year is to resolve to
living during it better than during
the previous season, but should we
wait until the new year? Whenever
we discover that we are not leading
the life we ought, we should stop
right short and turn over a new leaf.
Just the same, if any of readers
"turn over a new leaf" to-morrow, we
hope they will keep it turned and be
able to show a clean page on January
1st, 1900.

"Ex-priest" Ruthven was in sore straits
in Southampton, England, recently.
He had the temerity to challenge a
resident priest, Canon Sosnall, to at-
tend his lecture, and refute, if he
could, some of Ruthven's statements.
The "ex-priest" doubtless, antici-
pated that his challenge would be de-
clined, and that he could then
make capital out of Father Scanlan's
absence. Unluckily for him, though,
the canon was on hand, and he
brought with him a goodly assort-
ment of theological works. When Ruth-
ven uttered one of his atrocious fal-
shoods about the church, the canon
requested him to name the Catho-
lic theologian who taught what he
said. Ruthven named an
author, whereupon the canon
promptly put his works in his
hands and asked him to find
such teaching in them. Of course
Ruthven could not do this, and
he showed such dense unacquaintance
with the well-known theologian's
works as to become the ridicule of his

NO ALLIANCE WITH ENGLAND.

Editor of CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

I heartily agree with the writer of
Rochester, in every one of his strongly
expressed sentiments and force of logic
he gave in last week's CATHOLIC
JOURNAL on the utterance of one
"Rev." Wm Henry Roberts of Phila-
delphia, who is strongly in favor of
the seizure by the United States of all
Catholic church property within "our"
newly acquired possessions—so called.
You did well, Catholic friend, in
calling down that "Rev." gentleman
(?) who poses as a dictator (?) to Uncle
Sam who pledged his honor, in the
persons of the president and the mem-
bers of both houses of congress, not to
make seizure of property as a result of
the war.—How's that for an American
Treaty Stone! As you have found it
treasonous Rochesterian, to offset the
"big talk" of those enthusiasts of
expansion, I also find it in season
again, to return to the subject of
"English Alliance with these United
States." "Silence is golden"—often-
times I suppose. But the time has
come for us Catholics—and Irish too
at that—to know where we are at.
Toleration is all proper and wise in its
due sphere and season, but too much
of the thing oft times brings results
worse than no toleration at all.

Hence, one of the uppermost topics
of discussion during this year, nearly
at a close, and that is most likely to
occupy no little attention during the
whole of the coming year, is that sub-
ject of "Alliance." No matter under
what terms, or guises, be it radical,
conservative, or of the mildest phrase
—underneath the current of England's
ambition is absolute alliance. There-
fore, the friendly captions or headlines
of our Anglo-maniac journals of the
yellow type, in the shape of Mother
Country, "Anglo-Saxon Blood,"
"Friendly Understanding," "Puri-
tan Fathers," "Higher Civilization,"
(introduced at the mouth of the can-
non) and "Christianity," are of the de-
ceitful order practiced on the reading
public. The promoters of such a
satanic scheme, are individuals who
seem to have lost all vestige of man-
hood and who care no more for the
constitution of the United States than
for the records of the Doom's Day
book. In fact, one would think they
have no conscience at all to be account-
ed for to the God of Nations—as they
so patriotically term their maker!
Oh, inconsistency thou art a devil,
and a sway you have over the minds
of men who dare to call themselves
Christians. Far better for men to
join the satanic forces openly, than to
accomplish dastardly deeds under the
cloak of religion and in the name of
Christianity. And what makes the
subject matter more ridiculous still, is
the effrontery of some of those Protest-
ant ministers associating themselves
with the un-Christian and unpatriotic
movement as the so-called Anglo-
Saxon Alliance. Where is there one
redeemable feature or American senti-
ment in the whole fad business? Not
one! "English Alliance" in its present
regime and true Christianity are not
sufficiently synonymous for acception
by the people whose intellectual acumen
is ever ready for that which will stand
the test of logic. "Mother Country"
—England in its bearing, has about
as much sense as to call Scotland the
"Mother Country" of America. They
seem to have no desire to call Europe
our Mother Country and acknowledge
we are a complete nation. "Friendly
Understanding" is too patent in its
make up to deceive from public view
the selfish ambition of those characters
who are behind the curtains of the
fad-play on that stage that is supported
by a legion of millionaires whose sole
ambition is the centralization of wealth.
And that same Golden calf to bask in
the lovely sunshine of what I might
term "Higher Education" with bayo-
nets and bibles. Tare and ages!
what a beautiful and yet destructive
combination! Talk about a combi-
nation of discordant instruments in an
Indian string band. Here we are
offered a harmony that would awaken
the ghost of the first Allah! I am of
the opinion that the feelings of the
American people are of the too sensi-
tive order to admit the Anglo-Saxon
side-show a permanent place on the
American stage. John Bull must look
to other quarters to work up his Al-
liance business. We Americans—Irish,
Germans and French, are not quite
ripe to be plucked by such a nation
as England. If this country ever gets
a thirst for an alliance, it will be with
France or Russia, or some other
country to whom we are under obliga-
tions for favors received, and not to
that robber nation which bears the
stigma of the trial of the British
serpent. What's England's record
for the past seven hundred years in
Ireland? Let honest Englishmen put
forth the question to that true Eng-
lishman, Wm. Stead, of London, the
brilliant and honest editor of the "Re-
view of Reviews." What were the ex-
pressed views of that Englishman of
all Englishmen—Gladstone? I dare
say if all the innocent blood that has
been shed in that fair land of Ireland
was centered in one location, "Her
Majesty's" biggest warship could float
in it. Yet, in the face of that bloody
panorama we have England at this
hour seeking a partner in the person

of the Goddess of Liberty under whose
eagles eyes thirty millions of her popu-
lation are of Irish lineage. The God-
dess of Liberty is still too fair and
young to be courted by such an old
rascal as John Bull. The Goddess is
very, very particular with whom she
becomes the "better-half," so John
might as well bring his dotage to an
end. If it isn't dotage what an exhibi-
tion of effrontery! Does he imagine
that the political office holders from
the president, down to the village clerk,
have no regard for constituents who
are legion by name and are strongly
opposed to any alliance with any
country. That would be a very im-
portant and personal consideration for
all politicians who held office by the
votes of the people, and not by the
dictatorship of a select few and the in-
fluence of yellow journalism. Hence,
in our next coming congress, men's
souls will be tested in many very im-
portant subjects. As it is with indi-
viduals, so it is with nations when it
comes to the subject of conscience.
If our government hasn't lost all con-
science, why then, we need never fear
the adoption of alliance with any na-
tion—much less England. Therefore,
it will be with a keen observation that
the Irish, Germans and French voters
will expect a display of true American
patriotism by our representatives in
Washington in the congress of 1899.
If they permit the shades of the illu-
strious George Washington, Thomas
Jefferson, Patrick Henry and other
great lights of American history to
dwell on their minds, they undoubtedly
will perform their sacred duty, to this
fair but young Republic, by holding it
uncontaminated with the foul
breath of royalty. America is not
made up of Anglo-Maniacs and no
congress was ever elected by them.
That is a self-evident fact. There-
fore, the policy of our fathers of a
hundred years ago must not be aban-
doned to an important policy of that
old robber of land and sea. We can-
not afford the grand, moral and his-
torical force of the Monroe doctrine to
be destroyed by the selfish schemes of
those individuals who look upon the
Declaration of Independence as an old
dead issue. They do not hesitate even
to view George Washington, Thomas
Jefferson, Patrick Henry, John
Adams and other great personages of
American history as old fogies and of
the "behind the times" order. In
fact, it appears as if the true Ameri-
can patriotism is fading away from
the upper circle of society and the
fad of the "imperialist" is making it-
self felt in its stead.

On whom is Uncle Sam to depend
for true Americanism? How great
will be the American patriotism dis-
played in both houses of congress this
coming year of 1899? Will it be of
the weak or of the strong order? Or
is funkism to reign supreme?
Voters, keep an eagle eye on business.
H. O'C.

WATRINS, N. Y., Dec. 12, '98.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew, ii. 13-18.
And after they were departed,
behold an angel of the Lord appeared
in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and
take the child and its mother and fly
into Egypt: and be there until I shall
tell thee. For it will come to pass
that Herod will seek the child to de-
stroy him. Who arose and took the
child and his mother, by night, and
retired into Egypt; and he was there
until the death of Herod. That it
might be fulfilled which the Lord
spoke by the prophet, saying: Out
of Egypt have I called my son. Then
Herod perceiving that he was being
deluded by the wise men, was exceed-
ingly angry; and sending killed all the
men-children that were in Bethlehem,
and in all the borders thereof, from
two years old and under, according
to the time which he had diligently
inquired of the wise men. Then was
fulfilled that which was spoken of by
Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice
in Rama was heard, lamentation and
great mourning; Rachel bewailing her
children, and would not be comforted,
because they are not.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, January 1, 1899—New Year—Oc-
tave of the Holy Innocents, Circumcision.
Gosp. Matt. ii. 13-18.
Monday, 2—St. Macarius, hermit.
Tuesday, 3—St. Genevieve, virgin.
Wednesday, 4—St. Titus, disciple of St.
Paul.
Thursday, 5—St. Theophorus, Pope and
martyr.
Friday, 6—Ephphany.
Saturday, 7—St. Lucian, martyr.

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What is Transpiring in the Different
Fraternities—Current Calendars.

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C. M. B. A.

A WORD TO THE WIFE.

If your husband is a member of the
C. M. B. A. and does not attend to
his branch meetings it is your sacred
duty to encourage and bid him to go,
for it is a known fact that often men
are heard to say, "I would attend my
branch meetings oftener, but my wife
objects to my going out evenings, and
I do not like to leave her alone." But
when misfortune falls upon your
household, and your husband is cold
in death and taken away from you
forever, think this over now. Sup-
pose all wives objected to their hus-
bands attending their branch meetings
two nights in a month. How long
would the C. M. B. A. last? A wife
should realize that for her own benefit
as well as that of her children, that
her husband be a regular attendant at
his branch meetings, and that his dues
and assessments are paid, rather than
prevail on him to remain at home and
thus often fall in arrears—for the un-
expected may happen, and you will
be left to stare poverty in the face.
Then it will be too late. The C. M.
B. A. was founded for your benefit
and future protection. Therefore the
wife and mother should deem it her
duty to send her husband or son to
his branch meeting. Let this be one
of your good resolutions for the new
year. Live up to it, and you will be
happy in the future.
J. J. H., Br. 81.

The regular meeting of Council 25,
C. R. & B. A., will take place Tues-
day, Jan. 3d, instead of Monday, it
being a legal holiday, at which time
the installation of officers will take
place, followed by a banquet to mem-
bers of the council, which promises to
be a success in every particular, as
the committee in charge are exerting
every effort to make the affair an
event in the history of the council,
and a good time is guaranteed to all
the members who attend.

Council 18, C. R. & B. A., will
have a requiem high mass said Wed-
nesday, Jan. 4th, at 8 a. m. Mem-
bers of sister councils are requested to
be present.

THE POPE'S CALENDAR.

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A calendar from Baltimore will be
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book, and the colored crests of the
states are nowhere to be obtained in
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but only in plain black and white.
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Miss Lawson has been four years in
collecting and verifying them and
having them accurately printed.

Throughout products of a group of
states are also illustrated except where
the state seal furnishes them.

The idea is new; the calendar, in-
stead of being the outcome of some
useless inartistic vagary, is really per-
manent in form and educational in
matter—a thing to be kept for its
beauty and its usefulness.

The copy to be sent to the Pope
will be covered with fine paper, on
which will be printed a description of
the work in five languages. It will
be tied with ribbons of the American
national colors, and the whole will
then be wrapped in tissue paper and
tied with narrow white ribbon.

On the back of the first page of the
copy for the Pope is written:
"Beatisimo Padre:
"La sottoscritta, umilmente genu-
flessa ai piedi della Santita Vostra, in
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tolica, Benedizione. Signed, Marg-
aret Herbert Stella Lawson."

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