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#### New Year's

In a few days more we will write "1912" no more. Instead we will write "1913."

It reminds us that another twelvemonth has passed by. For those in mature years, the months pass all too swiftly, to the youngling from the British Crown, the months pass all too slowly. So it goes, the world over, year by year, day by day. Souls come into the world, souls are joined, every month, every year. Such is the history of the ages.

If joy has come into our lives during the year just closing let us be thankful, too, that it be not worse. If the year has been profitless because of our own fault, let us resolve to mend our ways.

To all its readers the Catholic Journal wishes a very Happy New Year and many happy returns of the day.

#### Deluded

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"The overshadowing question of our time is the Romanist campaign to 'Make America Catholic.' The open participation of the hierarchy in politics, and its subtle schemes for making this country the last greatest stronghold of the Papacy, together with its bold assumption of royal privileges in our Republic, will be prominently discussed in The Christian Herald during the coming year by leading Protestant writers, pastors, college professors and laymen. Among the contributors will be Prof. W. H. T. Dau, Dr. D. H. Steffens, Prof. Dahlmann, and many others eminently capable of dealing with this topic."

A resolution condemning Catholicism was unanimously passed by the members of the Galena District N. W. German Methodist conference, held at Platteville, Wis., recently in which three states were represented.

And listen to Rev. J. W. Funston, pastor of the German Reformed Church, Waukegan, Ill., who thinks the Catholic church a menace.

"Let them have their Church the same as we have ours," he says, "but as soon as we have wiped out the licensed saloon we should bend our efforts by uniting of the Protestants of the country in removing the Catholic school."

Benighted, deluded or malicious?

#### Still They Come

The Rev. Bryant Gray Harmon, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church has been received into the Catholic church in the Chapel of Newman School Hackensack, N. J., by the Rev. Henry R. Sargent, himself a convert from Episcopalianism and was formerly superior of the Episcopalian order of the Holy Cross at West Park, N. Y. Mr. Harmon is a graduate of Lawrenceville, school and of Princeton University and has been in the Protestant ministry about seven years. His last charge was in Fairhaven, Vermont, where he was rector of the Episcopal church until a few months ago. He intends to study for the priesthood.

A letter to a Milwaukee friend of the Catholic Citizen contains the news of the conversion of Rev. A. H. Nankivell, of an old Devonshire family and a prominent clergyman of the English Church.

#### Just Hark Back

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A good New Year's remembrance is a paid up subscription to a Catholic paper.

The death of Cardinal Capelatro removes a striking intellect from the Sacred College.

Peculiar, is it not, that certain persons of the "Upper Set," who simply cannot tolerate "trades unions" yet go to the limit in their approval and support of the anarchist's who mask under the misleading title "Industrial Workers of the World."

What is needed nowadays is more official backbone and less dress parade and gallery play.

So long as the Turk is allowed to remain in Europe, we may safely predict war is not at an end.

Possibly, the United States authorities may yet find time to take up the Menace and its obnoxious scene published matter.

Catholic's go to Church not to hear their non-Catholic neighbors abused but to assist at Mass and hear the Gospel preached.

### Are Moral Plays Patronized?

# The Confession

## Greatest Catholic Play of the Decade! Baker Theatre, Week Commencing Dec. 30.

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### A Few of the Many Endorsements

Monsgr Lavelle, Vicar General, New York Diocese. "The Confession represents accurately the doctrine and practice of the Catholic Church. I gladly advise all loyal members of the Mother Church to see 'The Confession' as after seeing it myself I know it will be of great and lasting benefit to them." Archbishop M. F. Howley, St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, says: "It is well that the theatre which has often been perverted to vain and immoral uses should now be wreathed from the services of the powers of evil. The Confession, a very unique and interesting play Morning Star, New Orleans, Oct. 12, 1912. The Confession will live for its theme and purpose is too great to die. The management has furnished 'The Confession' with a cast of exceptional ability." Rev. P. J. Cormican, S. J., the distinguished Jesuit New York City. "The Confession" will help to elevate the stage, to purify the tastes of the theatre going public and remove widespread prejudices against the Confession and create right understanding of Catholic motives and Catholic prejudices.

You have nobly and ably defended the secrecy of a divine institution which is much misunderstood and much maligned and on that account your play merits the gratitude and patronage of Catholics throughout the world." V. G. Fox, Trenton, N. J. "The Confession is making a laudable effort to elevate the stage and make it the handmaid of religion." W. H. Foley, State Sec'y., A. O. H., Indianapolis. "The Confession a great play—clean cut and does the author much credit." P. J. Stretch, President K. of C. Zouaves. "The Confession was all you represented it to be—our benefit performance was entirely satisfactory." A. O. H. Louisville, Ky. County President F. J. Dolan. "The Confession pleased our members so much that we should be glad to see you again to Louisville we will be glad to arrange for another benefit performance. It is a pleasure to do business with you."

S. J. Lowry, K. of C., No. 1236, Cleveland, O. "The Confession is a great play and deserves to be seen by every Catholic. You certainly told the truth when you said the boys in Cleveland would be well pleased with the performance." Cornelius C. Collins, Pres. A. O. H. Lucas County, O. "The Confession is without doubt the finest and cleanest performance I ever witnessed and I cannot commend it in too strong terms to all Irish and Catholic societies." Catholic Order of Foresters, Columbus. H. A. Eckman says: "We most cheerfully recommend the play to all Catholic societies and assure them that the play is all that is claimed for it. It was under our auspices for the week of Nov. 18th." Rev. F. H. Schiller, Cathedral, St. Louis. "The Confession portrays beautiful the second seal of Confession. After having seen the play a priest could openly announce and publicly advise his people to go, see and learn. God grant this play a long life and blessing."

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