

A fruitful Lent and a glorious Easter to all our friends and patrons.

It is better to have the poor without the rich, than the rich without the poor.

What does it avail, says St Bernard, to follow Christ, unless we overtake him at last?

Every man has in himself a continent of undiscovered character. Happy is he who acts the Columbus of his own soul.

The coward superlative, is he who has not enough honest pluck to own up to a fault, when conscience arraigns him with it.

As we go to press, active preparations are made for a grand celebration on St. Patrick's day. May the efforts of the organizers be crowned with success.

A new Church was built this year in the Pottawattomie country. St. Mary's is its name—nearly all its parishioners hailing from St. Mary's, Kans. Mass was read in it the first time on January 23d. May the congregation increase in number and fervor.

By decision of Right Rev. Bishop Meerschaert, Rev. Germanus, O. S. B., has been transferred from El Reno, Okl. to Shawnee, and Rev. Fr. Constantine, O. S. B., from St. Mary's Mission to El Reno. Abbot-elect De Grasse was rector of Shawnee previous to his elevation to the Abbatial dignity.

Be merry, but with modesty; be sober, but not sullen; be valient, but not venturesome; let your clothes be comely, but not costly; your diet wholesome, but not excessive; mistrust no man without cause, neither be credulous without proof. Serve God, love God, fear God, and God will bless you as either your heart can wish or your friends desire.

The soul that is full of pure and generous affections, fashions the features into his own angelic likeness, as the rose by inherent impulse, grows in grace and blossoms into loveliness.

Jesus Christ took a Heart to love us; from this Heart goes fourth a stream of tenderness and of mercy to wash away all the sins of the world.

Cure of Ars.

Judging Parson Talmage, the acrobatic Protestant preacher, who lately took to himself his third wife, by the standard of a sectarian bishop who asserts that perfection cannot be found outside the marriage state—the *Western Watchman* concludes, that above parson must be pluperfect.

According to Hoffman's Catholic Dictionary, "the Vicariate Apostolic of the Indian Territory, has a Catholic population of 14,830 souls. Thirty-one priests minister unto them. If we bear in mind that this population is dispersed over 73,910 square miles, we may form an idea of the hardships endured by the missionaries. There are nineteen parishes with schools having 1,866 pupils in attendance; two industrial schools for Indians, with 90 inmates. The Indians are quoted as 2,680 of the whole Catholic population.

We subjoin the following census of the various denominations in Oklahoma. It was taken Dec. 1st, 1897.

Catholics,	- - - -	11,000
Christians,	- - - -	6,000
Baptists (White),	- - - -	5,000
Baptists (Colored),	- - - -	3,600
Methodist, South	- - - -	3,284
Congregationalists,	- - - -	2,500
Methodist Episcopalian,	- - - -	2,405
Presbyterian,	- - - -	1,480
Friends,	- - - -	1,100
Episcopalian,	- - - -	346

Oklahoma, with the Indian Territory, forms the Vicariate of the Indian Territory.