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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

We continue our review of Bishop McQuaid's Forum article on "State Schools vs. Other Schools" and will conclude it next week.

A TRANSPARENT FRAUD.

Last Saturday the New York Herald forced upon the public another of the "parades" the New York dailies regularly "spring".

The scheme which was championed by one "Col. G. W. C. Leybourn, C. E." whoever he may be, was, of course, a fraud of the worst kind.

A Catholic bank has no more reason for being than a Catholic railroad or a Protestant gas company.

Quite true; very logical; but why not have exercised that caution and avoided locking the stable after the horse was stolen?

Who is this Col. Leybourn anyway? Who knows any of the men alleged to be interested in it?

The whole scheme originated in the brains of a clique of speculators, who fancied that if they could place before the Catholic world a plausible story,

absurd thing it was to be sure! Where was the \$100,000,000 to come from? "The incorporators," you say.

CLIMAX OF STATE SCHOOLS.

The report comes from Washington, that Senator Edmunds proposes to introduce a bill for the establishment of a national university, prepared somewhat on the lines of the Ingalls bill.

The Baltimore Mirror last week argued against the establishment of a Catholic daily. It was of the opinion that the secular dailies corrected and held in check as they now are by the Catholic periodical press.

President Harrison's first message appears to be a fair businesslike document, free from hackneyed expressions.

Last Monday's morning papers devoted large amount of space to several Protestant sermons and church doings, but had not a line about the imposing ceremonies at the Immaculate Conception.

Pressure of advertising has necessitated the condensation of our news this week. We trust our readers will bear with us this once and we promise it will not occur again.

The JOURNAL extends congratulations to Rt. Rev. Mgr. McManus and hopes he will be spared many years to enjoy his new honors.

It may be well to state that there are two classes of monsignori: domestic prelates and what may be styled Papal Chamberlains.

Sister Aloysia.

On the morning of December 28th, Sister Mary Aloysia, known in the world as Miss Teresa Lee, died at Nazareth Convent, mother house of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, N. Y.

Sister Aloysia was born in 1850 in Canandaigua, N. Y. After the civil war the Sisters of St. Joseph were assigned a fertile field of labor in the new diocese of Rochester.

The countless prayers of grateful hearts are rising to heaven for the soul of the deceased, and let us hope that a new advocate in heaven for struggling souls on earth will be found in Sister Aloysia.

Bishop McQuaid's Work.

At 3 p. m. last Sunday our Rt. Rev. Bishop administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 197 persons. The sacred edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity.

At 5 p. m. last Sunday, St. Joseph's church was crowded to its utmost capacity when the Bishop confirmed a class of 202 persons.

On Wednesday last the Bishop invested Monseigneur McManus with the purple. A full account of the ceremony will be found in another column.

To-morrow at 3 p. m. the Bishop will administer confirmation to a class of some 340 persons at St. Mary's.

Forty Hours At St. Peter and Paul's.

The Forty Hours Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament opened at St. Peter and Paul's church. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Trippel, S. J., of Buffalo.

Weekly Church Calendar.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15th—Third Sunday of Advent. Gospel, St. John 1, 19-30. St. Florence Abbess.

MONDAY, 16—St. Alice, Empress.

TUESDAY, 17—St. Olympias, Widow.

WEDNESDAY, 18—St. Gratian, Bishop and Confessor.

THURSDAY, 19—St. Nemesion, Martyr.

FRIDAY, 20—St. Christian, Bishop.

SATURDAY, 21—St. Thomas, Apostle.

Irish National Concert Company.

Those who failed to hear the Irish National Concert Company Wednesday of Thursday evening missed a rare treat. The music was of a high order and rendered in an exquisite manner.

SELECT SLIPS OF VERSE.

The Reapers. When o'er the broad, fair meadow The westward sun sinks low, Slowly through deepening shadows Homeward the reapers go.

Where the little babe lies sleeping, Safe in his simple bed, And waiting children listen Their father's sturdy tread.

There are those who, toll forsaking, May dream of kingly state, Where the sword its power is making, And pampered vassals wait.

The Voyage to Slumberland. She sails away on the sea of dreams, This little skipper with eyes of brown, As the fiery torch in the twilight gleams,

There are angel birds in the warm, still air, And the skipper laughs with her eyes o' brown, As they sing to her old songs, sweet and rare,

Cometh a storm over the silver sea, That ebb on the dreamer's land, And the angel birds fade out to the lee Of this singular slumber strand;

Up, like a flash, comes the little brown head, And the brown eyes only see A billowy blanket of silk outspread On an ocean of dimity;

A Figure in Commerce. There's a man who is jolly and breezy and bright; Whose mind is on business from morning till night;

There's a room for gloom or for care in his life, Though ill-luck assails him and troubles are rife, He may not abandon his jovial part, 'till looks up his sorrows within his own heart.

Country Life. There's a charm in simple nature Wealth and splendor ne'er bestow; There's a joy in field and woodland Stately cities can not know.

There is beauty in the streamlet Rippling by its banks so gay; There's a sweetness in the music Made by songsters all the day.

There is peace in rural quiet Soothe afflictions deep and sore; There's a voice from nature's bounty Bids the string sit no more.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What is Going on in the Parishes outside Rochester.

The funeral of Miss May Ennis took place on Monday from St. Mary's Church, Genesee, Rev. J. A. Hickey officiating.

The funeral of the late James Ryan was held on Monday morning at St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. Father McDonald officiated.

Members of the Church of the Assumption, B. V. M., at Scottsville, are making arrangements for a fair to be held during the holidays.

Ithaca.

The month's mind of Mrs. Mary Evans, mother of our beloved rector, took place on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The very large congregation that was present showed that the deceased was greatly esteemed during her life in Ithaca.

Mr. Tappin, instructor at Cornell University, who was recently received into the Catholic church here, is now a member of the "Cornell Catholic Union" Society.

Rev. Father McManus of Groton returned from Ireland last week.

The choir of the Immaculate Conception Church is progressing rapidly as was shown by the singing at the month's mind mass on last Tuesday.

Father Champion to Go to Detroit.

Father Champion who for two years has been Father Notabacci's assistant at the church of our Lady of Victory, will leave next week for Detroit, where he has been assigned a parish of his own.

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