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MANIFEST INJUSTICE.

On Monday evening last the building committee of the Board of Education presented a remarkable report. It was remarkable for the fact that while \$50,000 a year is annually expended for the erection of new state school buildings, the amount will not nearly suffice for the purpose this year.

The peculiarly interesting portion of this report and recommendation, to Catholics, lies in the fact that they will be compelled to pay their share pro rata, of the increased taxation this unusual appropriation will entail, without receiving an iota of return therefor.

A writer who is not thoroughly posted on history is better off if he does not cross swords with John Gilmary Shea, of the Catholic News. The editor of the Church Bells, Burlington, Iowa, stated in a recent issue that the earliest religious services within the borders of the United States were performed by an Episcopal clergyman in 1579.

FORGIVENESS.

"Pardon, not Wrath, is God's best attribute." What was said about the great Creator is also true of man, but how few are there who possess that best attribute in all its entirety. How natural it is, how characteristic of the human heart, stained as it is by the sin of Adam, if an injury has been done to, or slight inflicted upon, a person, to immediately forget all the good acts committed by the offender, and remember only the present offense.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

A secular newspaper is supposed to depend upon the people for its support, without regard to religion. If, then, a newspaper claiming to belong to this class, attacks the principles of any religious denomination, if it makes slanderous and insulting assertions calculated to prejudice the public mind against the ministers or religious orders of any church, it is doing something which does not belong to its legitimate functions.

NEGLECT OF RELIGION.

The Baltimore Mirror, in a timely editorial, in this commercial age, headed, "Does it Pay to Neglect Religion?" says: Does religion pay? It is hardly worth while to waste time debating the question. It pays in many ways, and pays generously. Still, there are a good many people who seem to think otherwise; or at least who do not think anything at all about it.

Judge William D. Kelley, so long known as "the Father of the House," died Thursday evening in Washington. He was born in 1814. In 1845, he was elected Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, and in 1846, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; in 1860 he was elected to Congress, and has served continuously ever since.

Residents of Canandaigua, irrespective of party, feel a deep sense of regret at the death of ex-United States Senator Elbridge G. Lapham, which took place Wednesday, at his summer residence, "Glen Gerry," on the shores of Canandaigua lake.

The Senate committee on Indian affairs has reported favorably on the nominations of Indian Commissioner Morgan and Superintendent Dorchester. It now remains to be seen whether the Senate will confirm these nominations, despite the well-founded charges of discriminations against Catholic teachers.

The Rochester dailies should endeavor to employ correspondents who are at least responsible. Thursday morning the Democrat said Rev. J. P. Hopkins, of Waterloo, had been appointed pastor of St. Mary's Rochester; Friday's Herald had the reverend gentleman appointed pastor of St. Mary's Waterloo; Friday's Post-Express repeated the latter statement.

Is there not a possibility of carrying the flag on the schoolhouse church steeple etc., too far? It has been said "familiarity breeds contempt."

There are a few persons to be seen going to Communion with their gloves on. To say the least, persons doing this showing a lack of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. It is more than probable the offenders were educated in state schools. Graduates from Catholic schools would not be guilty of such an offense.

Every one should read the article on the front page of this issue of the JOURNAL, entitled "The Sacrifice of the Mass." They will find in it food for reflection.

More than the boys and girls can learn from the little story on our fourth page. To be sure, the lad showed a spirit of revenge, but still it shows what a trifling act may cost us.

RECEPTION AND PROFESSION.

Interesting Ceremony at Nazareth Convent Saturday Last.

A religious reception and profession took place Saturday morning last at Nazareth Convent. The chapel, which was thronged with friends, was beautifully decorated with flowers and hung with cedar festoons. Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid performed the ceremony, assisted by Very Rev. Mgr. De Regge, Rev. Fathers Kiernan, O'Hare, Oberholzer and Netzel. The postulants, dressed in bridal robes, came into the chapel, preceded by the cross-bearer and the little girls, who carried the black robes and crosses. The usual formula of reception ensued. The postulants then left the chapel to receive the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph. During the interval the following novices made their vows: Miss Margaret Driscoll, known in religion as Sister M. Claude; Miss Katherine McCarther, Sister Florentine; Miss Mary L. Trois, Sister Alphonsa; Miss Mary Klem, Sister Frederica; Miss Ella Courtney, Sister Mary Anna; Miss Ella Rafferty; Sister Malachy; Miss Jennie Lucy, Sister Simplicia. The postulants were: Misses Minnie Irwin, of Rochester, who will be known as Sister Leonida; Susan McGraw, of Seneca Falls, Sister Luella; Katherine Greely, of Seneca Falls, Sister Vincenia; Miss Levy, of Ithaca, Sister Ferdinand; Margaret Whalen, of Lima, Sister of Sabiana; Miss Bridget Keon, of Ireland, Sister Jane Frances.

After the ceremony of reception and profession the Rt. Rev. Bishop made a few remarks on the "Sacrifices and Joys of a Religious Life." Mass was then offered and the newly received and professed received Holy Communion. The Te Deum concluded the services of the morning and the novices and postulants retired to receive the congratulations of their friends. The following selections were artistically rendered by the convent choir: "Ave Verum Cecilian," harmonized four-part chorus by Singenberg; "Adeste Fidelis," Novello's arrangement; "Go Ye Forth, O Zion's Daughters," Millard; "Veni Creator," Concone.

Feast of the Epiphany.

In the various Catholic churches throughout the city was observed Monday morning the feast of the Epiphany. At the Cathedral solemn high mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. James P. Kiernan was celebrant, Rev. James E. Hartley, deacon, Rev. J. J. Hartley, sub-deacon. The services were exceedingly interesting and were attended by such a large number of people that nearly every seat in the sacred edifice was filled. The children of St. Patrick's parochial school attended in a body. The Christmas decorations at the church, which were so beautifully arranged at that time, were still in position, thus making the spectacle more imposing and charming. Excellent music was furnished by a choir composed mainly of students from the parochial school, under direction of one of the sisters. Prof. Bonn was organist. The students of St. Andrew's Seminary also attended the mass in a body, sitting in the sanctuary with the priests.

The infant King of Spain is dangerously ill, and prayers are being offered in that kingdom for his recovery.

Geneseo News.

GENESEO, Jan. 9.—"La grippe" has got James L. Kelly.

Ed. Conron, who is employed in Oswego, N. Y., spent Sunday with his family.

Miss Kate Torner has returned from Le Roy, where she had been visiting her sister for a few days.

Patrick Toole is on the sick list.

At a meeting of the trustees last Tuesday evening, Jas O'Hara was appointed night watchman at a salary of \$500 a year, and Wm. Thompson as janitor of engine house at a salary of \$150 a year.

Next Tuesday evening, the Livingston County Historical Society will hold their fourteenth annual meeting, at Normal hall. Joseph O'Connor, of Rochester, will deliver the address.

James O'Hara is the proud father of an eight-pound boy. He came Sunday last.

Mrs. John Kinney, of Rochester, spent Sunday last with her parents.

Miss Amelia B. Edwards, who is conceded to be the most learned woman in the world, will lecture in Normal Hall, Monday evening, January 20th.

A lecture on "Tariff Reform," by two able speakers from New York city will take place at Concert Hall next Monday evening.

Liederkranz Society.

The following program will be presented at Liederkranz hall on Brown street, next Tuesday evening, at the concert of that society:

- 1. Overture.....Orchestra. 2. Chorus, "An der Helmhut"..... Rochester Liederkranz. 3. Soprano solo, "Dear Heart".....Matte Miss Minnie Jacobs. 4. Mixed quartette, "Moonlight will Come Again".....Thompson Misses Louise and Celia Staud; Messrs. George and Jos. Staud. 5. Ladies' Chorus, "Wanderer's Greeting".....Abt Ladies of the Liederkranz. 6. Tenor solo..... Mr. Geo. Bernard. 7. Duet, "I Heard a Voice, etc.".....Glover Misses Louise and Celia Staud. 8. Male quartette, "Abshied".....Ellenberg Geo. Bernhard, Jos. Staud, H. Ganzel, Geo. Staud. 9. Ladies' Chorus, "Summer Fancies".....Motra Ladies of the Liederkranz. 10. Soprano solo, "The Song that Reached My Heart"..... Jordan Miss Lottie Weber. 11. Mixed Chorus, "Parting".....Mohring Rochester Liederkranz. 12. Male Chorus, "Zambenarht".....Bauer Rochester Liederkranz. H. Ganzel, Director.

The Orphan Asylum.

The following donations are acknowledged by the sisters in charge of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's orphan asylum:

St. Mary's Boy's Orphan Asylum—Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, \$25; Rev. J. P. Kiernan, \$10; P. Barry, \$5; Burke, Fitz-Simons, Hone & Co., \$100; P. Cox, \$20; J. Fahy & Co., \$10; James O'Donoghue, \$5; Fee Bros., one case of wine; Howe & Bassett, one case of oranges, J. Hahn, two turkeys, one goose, two ducks and eight chickens; J. Kelly, three turkeys and one dozen bunches celery; James Cullen, two turkeys; B. O'Reilly, J. C. O'Brien, turkeys; Dr. G. G. Carroll and J. E. Watters, barrel of flour each; Wm. Moran, heating stove; Louis Ernst & Son, quantity of cutlery; Smith, Perkins & Co., W. E. Woodbury, pail of mince meat each; B. F. Martin, bag of nuts; G. H. Haas, toilet articles, J. C. King, two dozen chairs; W. H. Glenny & Co., table, Mrs. O. F. Knapp, Christmas treats, candies, nuts and pop corn, Hamilton & Mathews, three dozen tin cups.

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We regret that lack of space prevents us this week from giving a sketch of the life of Father James, the eloquent Jesuit who died recently in Omaha, Neb. Subscribe for the JOURNAL.