

OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER.

A Real Child's Thoughts.

A little girl in her far northern home,
Had ceased her merry play,
And mused with thoughtful brow and
dreamy eyes
Of regions far away.
Her wisful gaze had sought the evening
sky,
Where day's bright hues were dead,
And gathering stars their golden lamps
had hung
To light the world to bed.
"My child," her mother asked, "what
makes you thus
So very quiet and still?
What thoughts are these that, spite of
toys and play,
Your little spirit fill?"
"I thought," she said, with look of won-
dering awe,
In childish accents free,
"If heaven's wrong side so fair and lovely
is,
What must the right side be?"
G. B. in Irish Monthly.

Bound to Rise.

One of the prosperous merchants of
this city began life as an errand boy
in an office. Most boys, and most
men, too, for that matter, would say
that his position offered little hope of
advancement. The men in the office
were busily employed, and saw
or spoke to the boy only when
they had an errand or an order for
him. He had no accounts to keep, no
writing to do. But the desire being
there, the opportunities came. He
carried the mail to and from the post-
office; watching the letters that passed
through his hands, when he found an
envelope unusually well addressed he
saved it from the waste basket and
with this before him he began to try
to imitate it.
It was his duty to copy the letters
in the copying press, and he read and
remembered the phraseology and the
style until he could have sat down
and with the topic given him, have
dressed it up in the same form.
He was so ready and willing to do
anything and everything asked of
him that the men sent him on many
private errands of their own, and in-
turn they could not but answer his
questions when he asked about the
books or the business. A chance of-
fered where he might do a little writ-
ing, and he did the work before any-
one knew that he could. There was
some surprise at the good hand he
wrote, still more at the good form of
his matter, then he told them how he
had learned. He was given a place
at the desk, while another boy ran
the errands, and before he had ever
thought of studying to be a book-
keeper he was one, and a good one.—
On the Road to Riches.

Now is the time for our boys and
girls to make good resolutions for the
school year. Make up your minds to
be studious and attentive, and success
will attend all your efforts. A good
resolution adhered to never fails to
bring its reward.—*Catholic Youth.*

CHURCH STATISTICS

**Interesting Figures Showing the Growth
of the Church.**
Hoffman's Directory estimates the
Catholic population of the United
States at 8,301,367, and the number
of priests is placed at 8,463, 2,126
regulars and 6,337 seculars. They
attend 7,420 churches, 2,718 stations
and 1,589 chapels. There are 202
orphan asylums, caring for, it is esti-
mated, 22,761 orphans. There are
thirty theological seminaries with
1,631 students, 125 colleges and 632
academies, 3,200 parochial schools,
with 654,839 pupils. Chicago has
the largest number of scholars in its
parochial schools, 46,000—more than
twice as many, proportionately to
population, as New York. Brooklyn
has the largest number of orphan
asylums, excepting Boston, Baltimore
and Philadelphia, each of these ex-
cepting one, but Brooklyn, in its
asylums, cares for nearly
as many as these archdioceses,
2,982.

There are thirteen archdioceses in
the United States, with 66 suffragan
sees, 5 vicariates apostolic, and 1 per-
fecture apostolic. These are governed
by 13 archbishops and 77 bishops, a
few of the latter being coadjutors,
who, with the Vicars-Apostolic, have
titular sees in infidel countries.

According to the directory there are
1,030,000 Catholics in New York and
Brooklyn dioceses, 800,000 of them
belonging to the New York see. Al-
bany diocese county, 100,000; Buffalo,
132,500; Newark, 166,000; Ogdens-
burg, 65,390; Rochester, 77,000; Syr-
acuse, 100,000, and Trenton 55,000;
so that in the province of New York,
which comprises the states of New
York and New Jersey, there are 1,725,
890 adherents of the Catholic church.
From this it will be seen that more
than one-fifth of the Catholic popula-
tion of the United States find homes
in New York and New Jersey.

The general statistics of the Catho-
lic church in the United States com-
pared with the figures given in the
directory for 1889 show the following
increases: Population, 148,691; priests
345; churches, 67; chapels, 59; or-
phan asylums, 3; colleges, 1; acad-
emies, 83; parochial schools, 410; pupils
attending parochial schools, 57,644.

Catholic Society Notes.

Attica Branch C. M. B. A. installed
officers on Monday evening last.

Cathedral Branch, No. 88, C. M. B.
A., installed its officers on Wednes-
day evening of last week.

Every member of the C. M. B. A. in
this diocese should subscribe for the
JOURNAL. Send in your dollar.

Attica Branch, No. 14, C. M. B. A.,
will hold its first annual ball and prom-
enade concert at William's opera
house, January 22.

The report of Grand Secretary
Cameron, of the C. M. B. A., shows
the amount of the reserve fund on
Dec. 31st, 1889, to be \$21,235.95.

On Monday evening the officers of
Branch 81, C. M. B. A., were installed
by Chancellor Edward J. Ernst. Rev.
Jos. Wirth is spiritual adviser.

Lima noticed with pleasure the ar-
rival of that Mt. Morris candidate for
the C. M. B. A., as recorded in the last
number of the JOURNAL. Treasurer
McSweeney, of Branch 138, announces
an applicant for membership in the
Women's C. M. B. A. It is a fine girl
baby. Shake!

Tuesday evening St. Bridget's
Branch, No. 12, C. M. B. A. held its
installation. The officers, whose names
were published in a previous issue of
the JOURNAL, were installed by Grand
Deputy James L. Whalen. After the
installation, a banquet was enjoyed
by those present.

St. Michael's Branch, No. 34, C. M.
B. A., held its eleventh annual re-
union at Koch's hall on Wednesday
evening. Nearly all the members of
the branch, 75 in number, were pres-
ent and a most enjoyable time was
had. Those present outside the branch
were Grand Vice-President J. F. Kin-
ney, Grand Deputy Whalen, and Wm.
Lederer.

Addresses were delivered by Messrs.
Kinney, Whalen, and Lederer. A
musical programme of a high order
was rendered under the direction of
Chancellor George Messner, including
singing by Brother Geo. Knapp, guitar
playing and singing by Brother
Stroebel, and others. All the visiting
brethren enjoyed themselves immensely
and wished reunions came oftener.

Tuesday evening District Deputy
Meade, assisted by G. V. Henzle, in-
stalled the officers of Branch 139, C.
M. B. A. After the installation, Dr.
Jas. McCort, on behalf of the branch,
presented Brother Chas. M. Bayer a
handsome gold-headed cane, in recog-
nition of his efforts in establishing
the branch. The Doctor, in a few
well-chosen words, spoke of the inter-
est manifested by Mr. Bayer in C. M.
B. A. work, and said he was always
ready to do all he could to increase its
membership. The recipient briefly
expressed his appreciation of the hon-
or conferred upon him and thanked
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enjoyed by those present.

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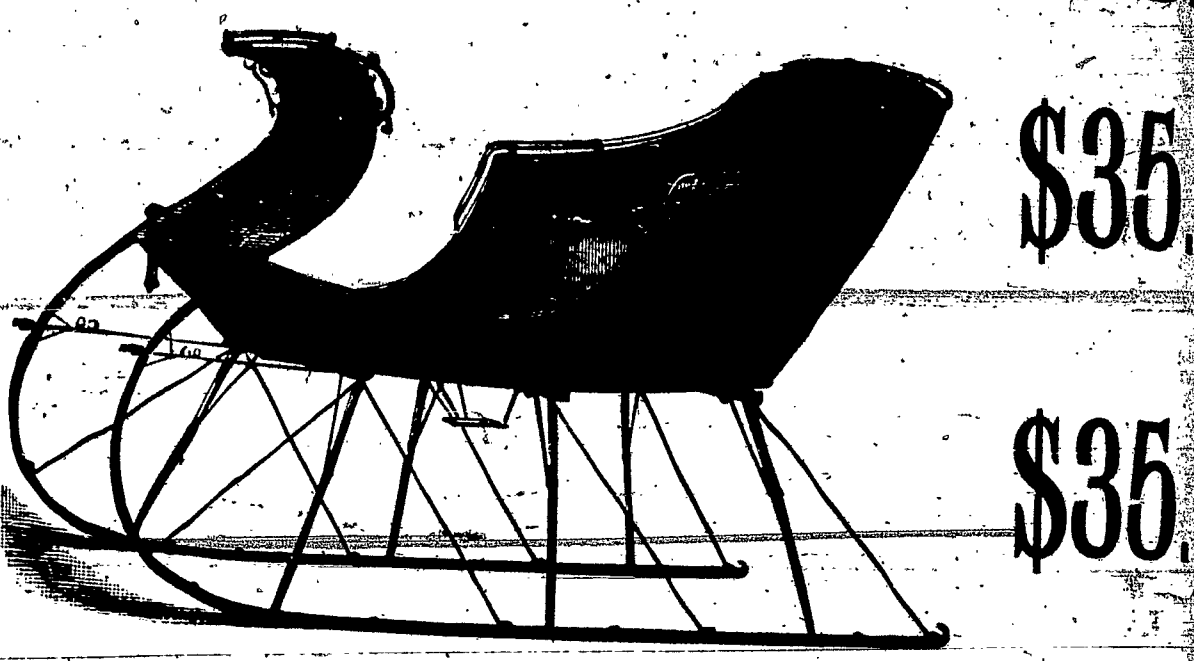
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