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EASTER.

To-day ends the Lenten season and to-morrow the Church resumes her joyful garments, laid aside for a time. The Gloria peals joyously forth and everything wears a glad appearance.

A RINGING PROTEST.

On the first page of this week's issue we present the substance of the protest of the Wisconsin Bishops against the Bennett law.

The ostensible object of the Bennett law—that of closing the Wisconsin schools where German is taught—has been by its passage rendered doubly hard of attainment.

The Bennett law has been made an issue in the coming elections in Wisconsin, the Democratic party advocating the repeal of the law and the Republican its retention.

FANATICISM PERSONIFIED.

Boston's self-styled "Committee of One Hundred" organized to keep this great and glorious Republic from "going to the devil entirely," is about as nice a collection of narrow-minded bigots and fanatics as the country has ever seen.

It is probable that this fanatical document will have about the same reception as the Blair centralization bill. Still it is too bad that people who hail from the city that sets itself up as the intellectual center of the country, should exhibit such intolerance and bigotry.

A SHAMEFUL PRACTICE.

Last week we touched upon the evil of bad books. We would now say a few words in condemnation of a practice which can truly be called a cursed one, and which, though but a few years old, threatens to become an alarming factor in the corruption of youthful morals.

The manufacturers who resort to this hellish scheme to increase their trade—and we are sorry to say our own city of Rochester harbors some of the chief offenders—have a fearful crime to answer for. How can the conscience of a man who allows such a thing, fail to torment him when he reflects, as he sometimes must, on the danger brought to innocent souls through his greed for gain?

This subject seems to us to be one which the daily press might well take up. We believe none of the papers of that class in Rochester have alluded to it.

the pernicious influence of the parochial school and its supporters, that a little matter affecting the salvation or damnation of a child's soul must be passed by. The other editors have such important matters to attend to that little things of this nature are often overlooked.

Notwithstanding the explanations of the JOURNAL, the Jewish Tidings last week reiterated its charge that the Vatican, through Cardinal Rampolla, had approved a book objectionable to the Jewish race.

The Rochester Democrat cannot resist the temptation to call us "Romanists." Why not say "Catholics?" It would take up no more space and would sound a great deal nicer.

The CATHOLIC JOURNAL says it believes the Sunday law concerning saloons can be enforced in Rochester.

The JOURNAL believes saloons can and should be closed everywhere on Sunday. And they can be in Dansville, if the proper public officials be elected.

We wish to impress upon the minds of all that the JOURNAL pays no attention to anonymous communications or contributions. The writer's name and address must accompany each letter or article, else it will receive no attention but be consigned forthwith to the tender mercies of the waste basket.

In the current number of The Arena, Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, replies to Col. Ingersoll's paper, "God in the Constitution," which appeared in a former number of The Arena.

We have received the March number of Hoffmann's CATHOLIC DIRECTORY. It is full, as usual, of valuable information.

The Mission Closed.

The annual retreat for the men of the Cathedral parish, held last week, was very successful. Every evening Father Gannon preached to a large congregation who listened intently to the eloquent instructions imparted.

Sunday afternoon Father Gannon preached an especially impressive sermon to young men only. In the evening, the rosary was recited and Father Gannon delivered a sermon exhorting all to be faithful to their God and to stand firm in the faith.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Imposing Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The solemn services of Holy Week opened at the Cathedral Sunday last. At the High Mass Bishop McQuaid blessed the palms, assisted by the priests of the Cathedral.

Wednesday afternoon the Tenebrae was chanted. Holy Thursday's High Mass was celebrated at 10 a. m. Bishop McQuaid pontificated; Rev. J. F. O'Hare, D. D., of the Immaculate Conception Church, assistant priest; Rev. A. A. Notebaert and Rev. E. J. Hanna, D. D., deacons of honor; Rev. J. J. Hartley, deacon, Rev. J. G. Van Ness, sub-deacon, of the mass; Very Rev. H. De Regge first master of ceremonies, Rev. J. P. Kiernan, second master of ceremonies. Twelve priests seven deacons and seven sub-deacons assisted at the consecration of the oils.

The service was a most solemn one and when, after the gloria, the choir sang without the organ and at the consecration—the wooden clapper sounded instead of the bell, the effect was very impressive. At the close, the high altar was stripped and the Blessed Sacrament borne in solemn procession to the Repository, where it remained until to-day, when it was borne in solemn procession again and replaced in its usual repository on the high altar. The large edifice was filled to overflowing, many not being able to obtain seats.

Good Friday the services began at 9 a. m. There was the uncovering and veneration of the Cross, singing of the Passion according to St. John, procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the high altar, Mass of the pre-sanctified. Bishop McQuaid officiated, assisted by Revs. J. P. Kiernan, J. E. and J. J. Hartley, J. Van Ness; Mgr. De Regge, master of ceremonies. The Passion according to St. John was sung by Revs. J. E. and J. J. Hartley and J. Van Ness.

Easter Music.

Following is the programme of the Easter music to be rendered at the various churches, so far as received:

The Cathedral choir will sing C. Greith's op. 15, known as "his Orchestral Mass; Graduale, "Hæc Dies," Zangl; Sequens, "Victimæ Paschali," Koenen; Offertory, "Terra Tremuit," Oberhofer. All liturgical parts are sung by a boys' choir, composed of thirty-eight students from St. Andrew's seminary; the regular choir is composed of forty-two members. Vespers will be sung in the evening at 7:30 p. m.; six psalms composed by J. B. Molitor, "Regina Cœli," Lotti; "Ave Verum," Mozart; "Tantum Ergo" for six voices, Witt. Prof. Eugene Bonn will direct the musical part of the services.

J. E. Mock will direct the music at St. Francis Xavier's church, which will include Zangl's Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus Benedictus, and Agnus Dei; Veni Creator, J. E. Mock; Offertory, "Terra Tremuit," A. Kain. Vespers at 3 p. m.

The music at St. Mary's will be in part that of Christmas. Thomas F. Kearney will direct the choir and Miss Julia Madden will preside at the organ. Paola Georzo's 3rd Mass is being rehearsed.

Wiegand's Festival Mass will be rendered for the first time in this city, with full orchestra accompaniment, at the church of Our Lady of Victory; F. S. Minges, director; Miss Eva Taylor, accompanist.

At SS. Peter and Paul's church, Stehle's Mass, "Salve Regina," will be sung; "Hæc Dies," Witt; Offertory, "Terra Tremuit," Neekes; the rest is choral. Rudolph Vay is the organist.

The Immaculate Conception choir is rehearsing Webb's Mass, No. 2, in B. flat. M. L. Hughes will direct the choir.

At Holy Redeemer church, the Missa op. ix of F. G. X. Esbildo, with orchestra will be rendered under direction of Prof. F. W. Siebold.

St. Michael's choir will sing one of Franz Schubert's Masses, under direc-

tion of George Messmer. Wurtz's Mass will be sung at St. Joseph's church under direction of Prof. Joseph Bauer.

Weekly Church Calendar.

SUNDAY, April 6—Easter Sunday. Gospel, St. Mark xvi; 1-7. MONDAY, 7—Blessed Herman Joseph, Confessor. TUESDAY, 8—St. Walter, Abbott. WEDNESDAY, 9—St. Mary of Egypt, Penitent. THURSDAY, 10—St. Mechtildis, Virgin and Abbess. FRIDAY, 11—St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor and Confessor. SATURDAY, 12—St. Victor, Martyr.

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