

FATHER DAMIEN.

A charming sketch of the Beloved Martyr of Molokai.

A charming sketch of Father Damien by Basil Teeling is given by the American Catholic Quarterly in a recent issue.

The future martyr was a hearty out-of-door boy—who would skate for hours in the frost and fog, risking serious accidents in his reckless pranks on the ice.

His robust physique and engaging presence proved to be among his best missionary equipments. He was a fine rider, an expert swimmer; he could carry a load alone which would have been heavy for three or four even of the healthy aborigines of the Sandwich Islands.

He was "ardent and swift like the wind of the fire," said the natives.

Another trait of Father Damien—his affection for his family—is brought out touchingly in Mr. Teeling's memoir.

Such was Father Damien, gladly sacrificing home and country and life itself for a handful of poor lepers; yet yearning from his exile to the beloved mother and kindred, and suffering a keener pang in dying because the hungrily-watched European mails brought no word from home.

Muslims War on Christians.

Cable despatches contain information that the newspapers of Constantinople announce that the Government intends to send Mohammedan missionaries into the Turkish possessions in Africa with the purpose of preserving the followers of the Prophet from the seductions of European missionaries, who have gone into those parts to spread the Catholic faith and that the propagandists will give a very practical direction to their enterprise, and, besides inculcating the true faith, will found many schools and establish asylums where the poor may get shelter and food without pay.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Enough Catholics Benevolent Order to Cover all Needs.

The following circular on secret societies has been issued by Bishop McClosky of the Louisville diocese.

"I avail myself of this occasion to urge upon your reverence the duty of renewed vigilance in shielding those entrusted to your care from the spiritual miseries which accompany their joining secret societies which the Church has condemned—attaching to her condemnation censures which mark her sense of the danger there is in them. The Free Masons and Odd Fellows are societies which no man should join and still continue to be members of the Church. By the very nature of their relations with it; can they be members of his church of his forefathers?

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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Among the incorporators of the Seneca park land company are Matthias, J. A. and Frank N. Kondolf.

P. G. Miller has been elected president of the Eleventh Ward Independent political club; fin. sec. and treas., J. G. Maid; P. B. Flaherty is trustee for three years and W. P. Hamlin for one year.

The will of the late Rev. James J. S. McCarthy was admitted to probate Tuesday. The estate amounts to about \$5,200. The use of the entire property is given to the testator's mother, Margaret McCarthy, during her life, with the exception of \$1,000 devised to his sister, Beatrice McCarthy, \$100 to Bishop McQuaid toward the priests' professorship in the future St. Bernard's Theological Seminary, and various minor bequests of books, etc., to Mary E. Sullivan, Rev. Chas. T. Flaherty, Rev. J. A. Hickey, Rev. J. W. Seymour, Marie O'Hare and Leon McCarthy. The sum of \$200 is devised to Rev. Chas. T. Flaherty, to be expended in masses.

A serious accident was narrowly averted Tuesday morning on the elevated tracks of the New York Central between St. Joseph and Chatham streets. A flagman left a switch open and thereby allowed a freight to crash into a passenger train. Luckily neither was running at a high rate of speed, so all the damage done to rolling stock was the upsetting of both engines and the tearing up of several rails. Thomas Kennedy, of Buffalo, engineer of the passenger train sustained a broken leg by jumping. He is now at St. Mary's hospital.

The ranks of the already large Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Mary's church were augmented by five new members Monday evening last. The candidates for admission were Misses Clara and Katie Cunningham, Minnie Farrell, Louise Gaffney and Miss Finn. Father O'Hanlon officiated at Benediction and conducted the reception exercises, which consisted of the recitation of the act of consecration and the answers of certain questions by one young lady, who acted as spokesman for the rest. Afterward an informal reception was held in the parlors of the convent. An impromptu programme was rendered in which, among others, the following participated: Misses Minnie Farrell, Louise and Lottie Gaffney, and a little niece of Sister Philomena. All present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

In looking over, the other day a number of clippings intended for preservation in scrap-book, the writer ran across the discourse given by Rev. Dr. Asa Saxe, pastor of the First Universalist Church in this city, on his return from Europe a few months since. Reading it over the following unique bit of word painting and dedication of "private judgment" struck us so forcibly that we this week present it to our readers. Catholics need no comment; non-Catholics probably would believe none. Said the Doctor: "But I must not forget to say that before leaving Rome and as a parting service which seemed to carry a benediction with it we made a pilgrimage to the spot where Bruno the martyr to free thought was burned, and from our hearts poured out a libation to his memory. That monument in sight of the center of the papal power which smote him, is significant of the change which has taken place in public opinion in 200 years, and the futile protest of Leo against its erection, indicative of the departure of the old time power and glory of the triple crown. The name of Bruno will shine in the world's annals when the name of the pope who burned him and all despots and despotisms are execrated throughout the whole earth."

The Forty Hours' Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament opened in SS. Peter and Paul's church last Sunday after High Mass. Monday evening there was a procession in which the societies of St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, SS. Peter and Paul's Union, and the children of the parochial school took part. The exercises closed Wednesday morning after High Mass. Many received the Sacraments.

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Alaska Sable Muffs, \$5 to \$10.
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Fine Alaska Seal Muffs, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18.
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French Coney Shoulder Capes, \$7.
Wool Seal Shoulder Capes, \$15.
Astrachan Shoulder Capes, \$12, \$15.
Persian Lamb Shoulder Capes, \$25.
African Monkey Shoulder Capes, \$18, \$20.
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MENG & SHAFER.

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We expect them to-day. The entire purchase of the stock of Messrs. Bieber & Co., importers of Japanese, Chinese and East India goods. Most magnificent display of Asiatic goods ever seen in this city. We will open them in the large Annex in basement, comprising an area of 55x120 feet. There will be Vases as high as \$25 each and East India Bowls and Jars and Ornamental Pieces such as are rarely seen in a dry-goods store. Screens and Silk Hangings, Bric-a-Brac, Tea Pots and Jugs and peculiarly-shaped Satsumas and other makes of Japanese Ware. Also Japanese Dolls, Japanese Lanterns, etc.

These goods were sold last Thursday at auction, and as they were one month behind time for the New York market, they were sacrificed. The more expensive the article, the less it brought at auction. We will give our customers the benefit and an exhibition of holiday goods rarely seen.

Also Chinese and Japanese Handkerchiefs and an immense assortment of Dry Goods, Silks, Dress Patterns, Men's Goods, Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Books, Papeteries, Pictures, Story Books, Bibles, Catholic Prayer Books, Catholic Bibles and a thousand other things.

In no other place in the city can a lady go and find during the next two weeks such an assortment of holiday goods at such prices. Having attended all the closing-out sales in New York last week, we are in position to offer desirable holiday articles cheaper than any other house in the State.

The Doll Department will have 75 sample imported Dolls, no two alike, trimmed and dressed in Paris, that will be well worth seeing.

These goods will be coming in every day, and we ask all our customers to visit us every day, as no previous day will indicate the following day.

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