The choir of the Holy Family church directed by Rudolph Vay. rendered the masses on Christmas very enjoyable.

J. E. Mock directed the choir at St. Francis Xavier church, Thursday, while it sang sublime Christmas music.

F. S. Arens' "Missa Exultate Deo" was sung Christmas, with full orchestral accompaniment, by the choir of the French church of Our Lady of Victory, under the leadership of F. S. Minges.

The choir of Corpus Christi sang Schneider's Mass, in E. minor, with pleasing effect on Christmas day.

The choir of St. Michael's, under the able direction of George F. Messmer, sang beautifully on Christmas day.

Rev. J. P. Stewart preached a sermon appropriate to Christmas Sunday Church.

A handsome brown plush cloth now adorns the new altar rail at St. Mary's, thereby adding much to its appear-

Sister Xavier (Quinn,) of Denver, Col., has been visiting at the Convent of Mercy, on South street.

The Christmas collections in the city churches were for the benefit of the orphans of the diocese, and a goodly sum was realized.

Rev. Frank O'Donoughue, C. M., of Germantown, Pa., celebrated midnight mass in St. Mary's, his Superior-General having kindly granted permission for him to come to Rochester for this occasion.

The opera in St. Mary's hall will continue every evening next week until and including New Year's night.

The annual inspection of the Knights. of St. Eustace will be held by Col. N. Schlick and staff, in Central hall, on the evening of January 7th.

Work on the new building for St. Bernard's theological seminary will be begun next spring.

Cathedral, Ogdensburg, N. Y., will Cathedral, Ogdensburg, N. Y., will Garrity sang "What would you take lecture in Cathedral hall on the even- For Me Papa?"; Marian Lennehan ings of January 6th and 7th. The talks will be illustrated by a stereopticon, and will be on "Rome" and "Paris."

Bishop preached at the church of the little operetta in three acts; entitled Immaculate Conception. In the "King Winter" with the following course of his sermon he paid a high dramatic personal: King Winter, compliment to the congregation for William Burket; Queen of Slumberthe deep interest it took in Christian land, Loretta Morgan; Senta Claus, education, and especially for the large John Carey; Dream Fairy, Kattie sum it had raised the past year for Rielly: Joy, Mary Hartigan; Mirth.

the Western Electrician, of Chicago, ing for Santa Claus. Ill., and formerly one of Rochester's . best known and most talented young Christmas Exercises at Nazareth Academy newspaper men, is in the city visiting his parents and friends. John's many ried out at Nazareth Academy Monacquaintances are always glad to day: greet him and congratulate him upon the name and fame he is winning in the great metropolis of the west.

The Christmas services in the city churches were impressive as befitted the solemnity of the occasion. Especially was this the case at the midnight masses. No service throughout the year, in the opinion of the writer is more, solemn or more interesting than the mass celebrated at the hour when the majority of people are wrapt in slumber. It shows with what reverence Catholics regard the event it commemorates, inasmuch at the very minute December 24 is merged into December 25, the solemnmass of thanks giving for the great boon youchsafed to mankind is begun.

- Branch 81 will give its concert and entertainment in Central hall, on the evening of January 13th. A fine programme has been prepared and an enjoyable evening will be had by all who attend.

Friday morning at 8.30 from the bumbugged. Any quality of work, Church of the Holy Redeemer.

The following items were unack nowledged at the recent fair in aid of the Courch of the Holy Rosary: Electric light donated by the Edison Illuminating company; marble top table, Rev. T. C. Murphy; gold watch, Flower City Watch Company; set of The - Runaway - Wife jewelry, Ettenheimer & Co.; gold pen, Frank Smith; silver and gold napking ring L. V. Wood; fancy articles, Mrs. A deeply pathetic story relieved by Delightful M. J. Maloney; cut flowers, W. King, toboggan slide, Mr. M. E. Wollf; A. Keegan, oranges; M. O. Laughlin, oranges; T. F. Aldrich, lemons; Atlantic and Pacific tea store, water set; Geo. Cramer, box of candy; Burke, Fitz Simons, Hone & Co., drapery; beautiful vase, McAllaster & Humburch.

Mrs. Alfred Stieler, of 98 Benton street, met a horrible death Monday afternoon. She was running a sewing machine, and desiring more light pulled down a hanging lamp. The hook, by which it was suspended from the ceiling, pulled out and allowed the lamp to fall into Mrs. Stieler's lap, saturating her dress with kerosene. last at high mass in St. Mary's It then rolled to the floor and exploded. In an instant Mrs. Stieler was enveloped in flame. Her eleven-yearold daughter hastened to help her, also another young lady, who was in t. w. Arkinson. the house. They succeeded in quelling the flames, but not before Mrs. Stieler's hair was singed from her head, her face terribly scorched, and her lower limbs and body terribly burned. Her would-be helpers were also severely burned about the face and arms. Mrs. Stieler lingered in fearful agony until 4 30 o'clock, Tues day morning, when death relieved her sufferings.

Tuesday evening the children of St. Patrick's parochial school gave a pleasant Christmas entertainment at Cathedral hall. First on the programme was a bouquet drill by twenty four girls; Edward Byrne recited "Boys"; Alice Fox recited "Why Bertha Didn't Laugh"; the sixth grade boys gave a dialogue "The Noblest Boy": a number of little boys sang "Shoemaker John": Lillie Warney recited "Flo's Letter; while Stella Powers told a pretty "New Year's Ballad; four boys gave a Rev. J. H. Conroy, of St Mary's dialogue "An Unjust Man"; John recited "The Old, Old Story" Caroline Armstrong delivered a very pretty address to the audience. Interpolated between the literary parts Sunday, December 14, our Rt. Rev. of the programme was a very pretty the new theological seminary. Lucy Sheridan; Willie, Tom., Ned, John B. O'Hara, assistant editor of Mary, Nellie' Fannie, Children wait-

The following programme was car-

PART I.

GRAMMAR AND ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS.

Chorus—Christmas Carol. Recitation-Alice Carey

The Chopper's Child. Recitation-J. T. Fields. The Owl Critic. Pupils of the Eighth Grade.

Vocal Duet-Alice Hawthorne. Recitation-The Star Spangled Banner

Pupils of the Ninth Grade. Recitation-Butterworth The Death of Champlain Class of 94.

Chorus— J. H. Paine. Home Sweet Home Address.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENTS. Christmas Cantata. Te Deum.

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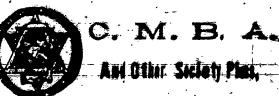
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