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## ALONE.

(Contributed to the JOURNAL.)

O, holly bough and evergreen,  
And cheerful glowing lights—  
You bring to mind the years long fled,  
And by-gone Christmas nights.

The yule log burns and crackles sharp,  
The bright red sparks fly high—  
At every snap, I turn—it seems  
Some dear friend must be nigh.

For O, I think they all must come,  
Each of that happy band  
That here in the old home to-night  
Ill-clasp each loving hand.

That once again, as long ago—  
The old familiar lay,  
Should echo through the rooms to-night  
A Christmas Carol gay.

But many years have passed away  
Since we together here  
Wished each a Merry Christmas,  
And hailed the glad New-Year.

But still I've twined the holly-wreaths,  
Although I am alone.  
'Twill look on Christmas night as though  
The best ones had not flown.

M. E.

## JACK AND TOM.

(Written for THE JOURNAL by Nawn.)

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CHAPTER III.

"Well, Tom, I will think more over the matter. I will admit you have given me considerable food for reflection. I can see that our Protestant idea of Communion is absurd. But I will have to have more faith before I can accept the doctrine of the Real Presence.

"I sincerely hope you may yet be able to do, my dear Jack."

"Now, Tom, let us talk about the Mass. What is the Mass, anyway?"

"It is a sacrifice. Sacrifice is the highest act of religion, exclusively due to God, because it can only be offered to Him, for the natural end of sacrifice is to show by the destruction of, or great change in the victim, the sovereign dominion over creation which belongs to God alone. The Hebrews sacrificed to God by killing a lamb or some other animal and burning its flesh, thus acknowledging that God was the Supreme Master of life and death. All nations, whether Jews, idolaters, or Christians, except Mahometans or modern Protestants, have made sacrifice their principal form of worship. Going back to the earliest ages, we find recorded in Genesis that

the children of Adam offered sacrifice to God, as also did Noah after the rescue of himself and family from the deluge. Abraham offered victims to the Author of Creation at His express command. When God delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai the tables of stone on which were inscribed the Ten Commandments, He gave minute directions about the ceremonies to be observed in the sacrifices to be offered to Him. Also observe the Pagan nations. No matter how confused or erroneous their idea of the Deity, yet they offered sacrifices to Him to appease His anger and invoke His blessing. The Indians of this country were accustomed to offer sacrifice to the Great Spirit. In the first chapter of the prophecy of Malachias "For, from the rising of the sun, even to the going down, My name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to My Name a clean oblation; for My Name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." Does not the prophet mean to imply that in every place, not alone in Jerusalem, but all over the globe, from the rising to the setting of the sun, an acceptable oblation to God, will be offered not only by Jews but also by Gentiles? Suppose, now we divide the inhabitants of the world into five classes as to religious profession: Pagans, Jews, Mahometans, Protestants and Catholics. Among which shall we find the clean oblation

referred to by the prophet? Not among the Pagans, they worship false Gods; therefore their sacrifice is not pleasing to the Almighty. Not among the Jews, they have ceased to sacrifice altogether, and the words of the prophet apply not to the Jews but to the Gentiles. The Mahometans reject sacrifice, as also do the Protestants. Hence it is only in the Catholic church that we find the prophecy fulfilled, for go where you will, in Europe, Asia, Africa, America or Oceania, you will find the clean oblation offered upon Catholic altars. This oblation is called the Mass. Some derive it from the Hebrew Missach (Deut. xvi) which means a free offering. Others derive it from the Latin Missa, which the priest uses to dismiss the congregation when service is over."

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## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Messrs. Cassell & Co., of New York, announce the "Life of John Boyle O'Reilly," written by James Jeffrey Roche, an intimate friend of the lamented dead during his life in Boston, and for many years his associate in the editorship of *The Pilot*. This work has the full sanction of Mr. O'Reilly's family, and is the only authorized life. It opens with an introduction by Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, who was always a warm admirer of John Boyle O'Reilly. In writing the biography, Mr. Roche has had rare advantages, in his own long and intimate association with the subject of it, and in matter furnished by the family, and friends both in Ireland and America. Indeed, he finds himself able to make it largely autobiographical. Following the life come his complete poems and speeches edited by his wife, Mary O'Reilly. Some poems unpublished at the time of his death are included in this collection, at the suggestion of friends unwilling to lose any word left by the beloved dead. His orations and addresses, including "Illustrious Irishmen of One Century," "Irish Poetry and Music," the "Common Citizen Soldier," the great speech for the negroes in Faneuil Hall, etc., will close the volume.

Fr. Pustet & Co., New York and Cincinnati, "Harmony Between Science and Revelations," by Rt. Rev. De Concilio, D. D., rector of St. Michael's Church, Jersey City, 260 pages.

Monsignor De Concilio has long been noted as an able controversialist and this book is a good example of his power in that line. The plan of the work is novel. It consists of conversations between B. Armstrong, a retired physician, George N., a young physician and friend of the old doctor and Dr. Armstrong's niece and ward, Adele M. The elder doctor delights to compare the doctrines of the Catholic Church, to which he is a convert, with the results of modern science in which he is a very great adept. The talks between the three are very interesting and develop more harmony between science and revelation than many of the disciples of the former, pure and simple, will admit, although their specious arguments are now being met and refuted by the exponents of revealed truth. Monsignor de Concilio's work will amply repay perusal. It is dedicated to Cardinal Gibbons and has the imprimatur of Archbishop Corrigan.

The *Poor Souls' Advocate* for December is an interesting number, the most enjoyable features being "The Campo Del Santo," by that charming authoress, Eliza Allen Starr, and "Our Library," edited by the exquisite writer of Cincinnati, Mary M. Meline.

## Catholic Societies.

Official Organ C. M. B. A.

All communications to this department should be addressed to Bro. T. H. Donovan.

BRO. JOHN F. DONOVAN, MT. MORRIS.

In accordance with our intention to publish from time to time portraits of the presidents and prominent members of the C. M. B. A. in this diocese, we this week present our readers a portrait of one who has done much towards building up the Branch with which he is connected.

Bro. John F. Donovan was born at Belleville, Ont., Can., and is about thirty-one years of age. He has been a resident of Mt. Morris for the past twenty years, sixteen of which were spent as an employe in the cigar man-



ufactory of M. J. Noonan. In 1886, Bro. Donovan engaged in the cigar and tobacco business, in which he has not deserved success, and now manufactures several well-known and popular brands. Brother Donovan is one of the charter members of Branch 94, and has always taken a deep and active interest in its welfare. One year ago he was elected president, an office which he has filled to the satisfaction of all his brother members. At the annual election in December last, he was re-elected. At the installation of officers Monday evening, the members of Branch 94 showed their appreciation of Pres. Donovan's services to the Association by presenting him a handsome gold-headed ebony cane, the presentation speech being made by District Deputy Barrett.

Branch 94 is in a flourishing condition and has very pleasant quarters. It has gained steadily since its organization and with such members as its numbers at present will continue to prosper.

### Supreme President's Proclamation.

To every Officer and Member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association:

Take notice that, pursuant to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Supreme Council, and by authority vested in me by the constitution as Supreme President, I do hereby proclaim and declare that the constitution of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association as amended and revised by the Supreme Council convention assembled in regular session on the fourteenth day of October last and following days at Niagara Falls, New York, shall take effect and be in full force as the laws of the association on and after the 15th day of January, A. D., 1891.

And all articles and sections and parts of sections of the supreme, grand and branch constitutions, supreme and grand by-laws, beneficiary and reserve fund articles and rules of order inconsistent and conflicting with amendments, alterations and new laws adopted at the last session of the Supreme Council are hereby declared repealed.

Embracing the present opportunity I ask the earnest co-operation of every officer and member of the association, and council all to obey the laws

Given under my hand and seal of the association at Franklin, Pa., this 5th day of January, A. D., 1891.

[signed] J. S. McGARRY,  
Supreme President,  
C. M. B. A.

We desire to return thanks to those who have kindly furnished us items of interest for this column.

Remember the concert and dance to be given by Branch 81 at Central hall Tuesday evening.

Branch 81 will install officers Monday night and Branch 189 the night following. No member should fail to attend.

Society meetings next week are as follows: Monday, Jan. 12, Branch 81; Tuesday, Jan. 13; Branches 189, 12, 80, 82, Wednesday, Jan. 14, Branch 88.

Timothy Sullivan, aged 50 years, died January 2 at his home, 63 Almiral street. One son, William Sullivan, and one daughter, Mrs. J. Riley, survive him. He was a charter member of Branch 35, C. M. B. A.

Branch 131, C. M. B. A., enjoyed a sleigh ride to Irondequoit Tuesday evening. The members met at the residence of J. H. Winterroth, Central avenue, and there took sleighs and proceeded to their destination. A pleasant time was had by all.

The following are the newly elected officers of Branch 13, C. M. B. A., of Dansville: President, T. Earls; first vice-president, Jacob H. Smith; second vice-president, Anthony Carey; recording secretary, John W. Perry; assistant, Wm. H. O'Donnell; financial secretary, Fred Schwan; treasurer, Joseph Cogan; marshal, Martin McNeil; guard, Max Beck; trustees, P. O'Hara, W. L. Plummer, Edward Bacon, Jacob Hubertus, Nicholas Gross. The installation of officers occurred January 8th which was followed by an entertainment, dance and banquet in their rooms in the Hedges block. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The installation of officers of Branch 134 took place in their rooms in the new French hall on last Monday evening. Grand Deputy Ernst, assisted by District Deputy Meade and Brother McGreal performed the ceremonies. Grand Deputy Ernst addressed the Branch in his usual eloquent manner, and thanked the retiring officers for the faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties during the past year, and cherished the hope that the newly elected officers would conscientiously dispose of the duties assigned to them. At the close of the meeting the members retired to the dining room of the hall, where refreshments were served and a number of toasts were responded to by the invited guests of the Branch, Rev. A. A. Notebaert acting as toastmaster of the evening. The Branch is now pleasantly located in their new rooms in the French hall, and many high compliments were paid them by their visiting brothers in having such comfortable quarters, and also for the strict manner in which their business is conducted and the success it has met with since its organization.

### AUBURN CATHOLIC SOCIETY NOTES.

The installation of officers of the following Catholic societies took place this week:

In Dr. Loughlin Council, No. 311, C. B. L., President, Thomas McConnell; chancellor, Dr. John Gerin; collector, J. J. Lane; orator, John Kelly; recording secretary, L. E. Brannick; treasurer, H. J. Regan; trustees, J. H. Garvey, W. F. Butler and E. Brannick.

Branch 59, C. M. B. A.: Chancellor, Cornelius Quigley; pres., John Gerin; 1st vice-pres., Patrick Cashen; 2d vice-pres., Timothy Flynn; rec. sec'y,

Thomas R. Nugent; asst. sec'y, James F. Gaynor; fin. sec'y, James Doyle; treas., L. W. Dempsey; trustees, T. B. Foley and Harry Welch.

Branch 105, C. M. B. A.: Chancellor, Dr. M. P. Conway; pres., Michael Hayes; 1st vice-pres., Wm. O'Neill; 2d vice-pres., Napoleon La Casse; treas., James Hamilton; rec. sec'y, W. J. Taylor; trustees, M. E. Murphy and M. J. Cunningham.

Knights of St. James: Spiritual advisor, Rev. Father McGrath; pres., J. J. Cunningham; vice-pres., John H. Farrell; rec. sec'y, Martin O'regan; fin. sec'y, John Burns; treas., John Wall; trustees, T. W. Downs and J. Lattimore.

### C. R. B. A. NOTES.

The Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association is meeting with phenomenal success. Entering now on the first year of its organization, there are eight councils of the association and more in progress of organization. It is safe to say that during the next month the number of councils will be doubled. This success is particularly gratifying to Supreme President O'Neil, who has spent much time and labor in perfecting the plan of the association. And yet, when one considers the business-like principles of the association, this success of the C. R. B. A. is not surprising. The experiences of other similar associations were carefully studied, and only those features found to be conducive to the welfare of the association and its members were adopted. That careful study of the principles of the C. R. B. A. will commend the association to most prudent and business people, is evidenced by the large number of inquiries and applications for membership-at-large which the Supreme President and Supreme Recorder receive daily. Since the principles of the organization were first made known to the public these inquiries have aggregated over one thousand.

A number of members of the C. R. B. A. have inquired as to whether they were debarred from membership in the C. R. B. A. To these we would say that, unless there is some other disqualification we will gladly welcome them to all the benefits of the association.

The Supreme Council will hold a meeting during the coming week, at which they will consider the advisability of broadening the provisions of the Relief Fund. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that the provisions of this fund should be extended.

### OTHER SOCIETIES.

Rev. F. C. Oberholzer, of the church of the Most Holy Redeemer, has been appointed chaplain on the staff of the Roman Catholic Uniformed Union, with rank of captain.

The Knights of St. Eustace gave a fancy drill and dress parade Wednesday evening at Central hall. There was a large audience present, many of whom were ladies, and all admired the knights for their fine appearance and the precision with which they executed the intricate movements of the military drill. Afterward the commandery was inspected by Colonel H. N. Schlick.

Chancellor J. W. Casey Tuesday evening installed the following officers of Rochester Council, 204, C. B. L.: President, J. P. Henry; vice-president, John O. Hughes; orator, John M. Reddington; secretary, Wm. C. Malloy; collector, Edward O'Grady; treasurer, James C. Connelly; marshal, Peter Cullen; guard, R. E. Quinn; board of trustees, John H. Lenahan, Theodore Huber, Cornelius Fingane. After the installation the comrades enjoyed an hour or so of pleasant social intercourse.

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