

## AROUND THE GLOBE.

Very Rev. James Schwebach, Vicar-General of the diocese of La Crosse, Wis., has been appointed to the vacant bishopric of La Crosse.

The Rev. Dr. Sebastian Messmer, professor of canon law in the Catholic University of Washington, D. C., has been appointed bishop of Green Bay, to fill vacancy caused by Archbishop Kater's promotion.

Senator E. D. White, of Louisiana, who succeeds Mr. Rustis, in the upper House of Congress, is a devout Catholic. He is a man of commanding presence, robust, talented and an eloquent and profound orator.

Rev. John Scully, S. S., the noted president of St. John's college of Fordham, N. Y., has been transferred to a Jesuit college in Philadelphia. His successor is Rev. Thomas J. Gannon of St. Francis Xavier College, New York City.

For some time past Archbishop Kater has had in contemplation the erection of a new archiepiscopal residence for his diocese, the present building on Jackson street being too small. Several pieces of property offered have been viewed but as yet no selection has been made.

When twenty years ago Bismarck drove the Jesuits out of Germany, many of them went to Denmark. There they have erected colleges and churches, converted a number of prominent personages and have given the impetus to the reclamation of the Danes from the Lutheran heresy.

A committee has been formed under the honorary presidency of the archbishop of Rennes, for the erection of a colossal statue of the Blessed Virgin on a promontory at the mouth of the Rance. It is to be over a dozen yards high, and it is expected that the work will be completed by the 15th of Aug., 1893. Among those who are most anxious to make this monument for sailors a success are General de Charette and Admiral Veron.

Sister Jeanne Bonnard, foundress of the Congregation of the Poor Child Jesus, who has just died at Remiremont, France, commenced her noble undertaking with ten francs, which she had borrowed from the Mayor. With this she possessed only 6 sheets and some straw to sleep on. The order now numbers 1,000 religious and 80 houses, and clothes feeds and lodges upwards of 2,000 orphans and 500 old men and women.

Charles Randolph Uncles the first colored man, ever ordained in America was raised to the priesthood at the Cathedral in Baltimore Saturday last. He will not be the first colored priest who has pursued his holy calling on this side of the Atlantic, for Rev. Augustus Tolton, at present at St. Monica's Church, Chicago, is one of his colored co-laborers, but he was ordained in Rome. Fr. Uncles was born in Baltimore and is about 30 years of age. He is a light mulatto and has a bright face. His first mass will be said Christmas morning.

Monsieur O'Bryan of the Papal household has started on his return trip to Rome. He will stop during Christmas week at London, and will reach his destination by Jan. 10. He will carry to the Pope the result of the Catholic council in St. Louis, together with nominations of the new Archbishop, Rev. John Hennessey of Dubuque, Ia., and the five new bishops for the West. It has been learned that Archbishop Ireland, who is to start for Rome in a short time, is to confer with the Pope on matters pertaining to the labor question here.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney referring in a recent lecture to the so called "dark ages", said: "It was in those days that Christian architecture achieved its most glorious triumphs; the art of illumination attained its highest perfection; the rude languages of Europe were moulded into shape; the Muses lent their sweetest inspiration to poetry and romance; new continents were discovered; painters and sculptors won immortal fame; saints and heroes flourished."

Martin F. Coomes, a physician of high standing in Louisville, has made a report on the case of Mary Stuckenburgh, the woman on whose person are exhibited every Friday the marks of crucifixion. He carefully observed the phenomena. He cannot account for the appearance of the marks, but he believes them of natural origin. He saw the spots in the woman's hands appear, bleed, and disappear. Also he observed the marks of the cross on her brow and on her shoulder. The investigation will be continued. Other physicians made investigations, though not so extended as the same time with Dr. Coomes, and concur in his report.

## OUR ROMAN LETTER.

Special to the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

The Prince's Marie Bonaparte, eldest daughter of Charles Bonaparte, was married here a few days ago to Signore Gatti, an officer of the Italian infantry. Cardinal Lucien Bonaparte imparted the nuptial blessing.

His Holiness the Pope has been pleased to appoint the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, Ireland, to be assistant Bishop at the Pontifical Throne. The appointment was made during his lordship's recent visit ad limina Apostolorum to the Eternal City.

November 17th, the Sacred Congregation of Rites held a Plenary preparatory session relative to the virtues, in heroic degree, of Vincent Marie Strambi, of the Congregation of St. Paul of the Cross, Bishop of Marcatera and Tolentino, who died in 1825, having offered himself a voluntary victim to obtain the restoration to health of the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII., then at the point of death.

The Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII., whose devotion to the Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, St. Michael, is widely known, has composed in honor of that Holy Archangel another new and beautiful prayer, read for the first time by Pontifical command, by Archbishop Sallua, Commissary General of the Holy See Office, in presence of the 80,000 pilgrims assembled in the Basilica of St. Peter at the Mass of the Holy Father, September 19th., feast of St. Michael Archangel. Publication is likewise made in the vernacular of the Decree of the Holy Roman and Universal Inquisition, condemning the new pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Pope, in his allocution at Tuesday's consistory, said the enemies of the church ruthlessly encompassed it on every side. Not content with displaying their hatred in words, they had proceeded to acts of violence against foreigners who had come to Rome actuated by filial piety and freed from political aims. These enemies sought to deal the Papacy a death blow. The liberty of the Pontiff to communicate with the outer world was becoming more and more curtailed and the situation becoming daily more difficult. The Pope trusted that the heads of states would give earnest consideration to the position of the church. It behooved all Catholics, acting in unison with the Holy See, to form a perpetual league against assaults of the impious.

There recently was a meeting of the representatives of the workmen's societies for the purpose of giving expression to the popular opinion of this element concerning the condition of industries and the cause of the government in suspending work on public improvements. While the proceedings were very orderly and pacific the tones of the address may be justly described as ominous. The meeting was attended by several deputies and municipal councillors who manifested the deepest sympathy with the objects of the Radical deputies asserted that it was the great misfortune for Rome (the people of Rome) that it was chosen for the capital. Grievous harm has been done by the frequently broken promises with which all were familiar. The fruit of the whole transaction was political or physical starvation for Rome.

The Feast of St. Cecilia was celebrated on the 22nd of November with the customary ceremonial both in the Catacombs of St. Callisto and in the church dedicated to the martyr, and situated on the ruins of the Palace, which belonged to the family of the saint. His Eminence Cardinal Rampolla was celebrant.

The Catacombs were illuminated, and throughout the morning, Masses were celebrated in every available nook and corner by the priests visiting Rome, and anxious to solemnize the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass in the very spot where so many Christians suffered martyrdom. Nothing can be more mysteriously solemn and interesting than this scene in the Catacombs. The low responses to the priest; the soft and touching Gregorian chant, echoing through the interminable corridors, lighted here and there by flaming torches and candles; the flowers and lights on the altars standing out in strong relief against the dark and damp walls of the crypt, rudely cut in the heart of mother earth, and the numerous assistants of all nationalities, each holding in his or her hand a taper to light them on their way to and from the dark recesses of the Catacombs, render a Mass in St. Callisto even in this our practical and unromantic nineteenth century, something profoundly touching and deeply religious.

From year to year, from age to age, Like gold-dust on the historic page, Has come that wondrous tale of yore— The story of St. Isidor.

A farmhand, he, untaught and wild, Yet Nature claimed him as her child, And showed him more than books can teach; For simplest souls may soonest reach That perfect truth which wiser men Have sought and found and lost again. Thus, in the farmhand's rugged face, Some secret sweetness found a place, As if a finer light from heaven To gild the dark of earth were given. And many felt the charm, nor knew It was the pure soul shining through.

But none may live above the small, The daily cares that fret us all; And so, at last, the whispered sneer, Grown louder, reached the master's ear: "Thy servant, Isidor," they said, "Who takes thy gold and eats thy bread, Neglects thy work, and wastes a share Of precious hours in thought and prayer. Oft have we seen him idle stand Within thy fields with empty hand. Watch, then, the lad; so shalt thou see How he disdains thy work and thee." The master watched. At set of sun Came Isidor. His work was done; And day by day, though harder tasked, Gave true account of labor asked.

## ST. ISIDOR.

BY MISS FLORENCE MAY ALT.

Then, proud, the master walked apart And shaped his purpose in his heart. And early in the morn, ere yet The stars of night had long been set, He rose; by fragrant dusk concealed, Followed the farmhand to the field. The night died in the morning mist On skies of gold and amethyst; The flower-bells on the orchard trees Were swinging, chiming in the breeze, And sunny fields stretched far and fair On furrowed slopes and uplands bare. The master felt his soul expand; He, too, saw Nature's wonder land, And, patient, waited while the hours Crept up the hills and woke the flowers.

Calm noontide came and went; his eyes Grew heavy. Then a soft surprise Stole o'er his soul, so subtly sweet He woke, and started to his feet Ah, who shall tell in feeble words The sight that stilled the very birds? Upon the ground, with eyes upturned To heaven, where unseen glories burned, Knelt Isidor, a strange new grace Lying like sunshine on his face. Not idle stood the oxen now; An angel's hand was on the plow. Then, knelt the master, too, before The angel and St. Isidor, And bent his haughty head, nor knew Which was the saintlier of the two.

## Catholic Societies.

Official Organ C. M. B. A.  
All communications to this department should be addressed to Bro. T. H. Donovan.

SOCIETIES MEET NEXT WEEK.

Monday—Branches 58, 81.

Tuesday—Branch 12.

We desire to thank those who have so kindly sent us the result of election in their branch or council. There are still a number of societies in the diocese from which we would be pleased to hear.

The monthly statement of the Catholic Benevolent Legion has been issued by the supreme secretary. It shows the collections for the benefit fund from the date of organization to November 25 last, to have been \$2,715,683.99, and the total amount paid out to beneficiaries to have been \$2,714,855.88, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,711.30. The number of councils organized since the founding of the order are shown to be 366, and the entire number of certificates issued to have been 30,949.

An appeal has been sent out from the headquarters of Branch 93 in behalf of the orphan children of Wm. Kelly who was killed a few months ago in Buffalo. The circumstances attending the affair are peculiarly sad. Mr. Kelly had made application for admission to Branch 93, had been balloted for and elected. A day or two previous to the time set for his initiation he was killed in a railroad accident at Buffalo, leaving a wife and several small children. Since that time the widowed mother has died suddenly of heart disease. The children are thus left without any means of support. It will be seen, therefore, that the appeal is one to which a generous response should be made by all branches and members to whom it is presented. Acknowledgment will be made in this journal.

The editor of the *Catholic Weekly* gives two instances of members of the benevolent society to which he belongs dying of consumption in less than a year after they had entered the order. He says: "As a member and organizer, we emphatically protest against the payment of the above claims until a rigid examination is made into all the circumstances surrounding the deaths. There is a strong suspicion of laxity or crookedness somewhere. It is possible that men could pass an honest medical examination as strong and healthy—one in December and another in June and yet die of consumption the following October. Admitting the possibility and this restrains us from an open, unqualified accusation, we overstrain no courtesy who we affirm that such an accident is extremely rare. \* \* \* Where there is the faint of pulmonary disease in the individual or family, rigid exclusion must be the rule. At time of admission the applicant must be sound when examined by all reasonable methods." What the *Weekly* says of the society in question applies as well to all insurance associations. Medical examiners cannot be too careful in examining applicants.

## BRANCH 45, AVON.

An esteemed member writes as follows concerning the recent election of officers by Branch 45:

This was the 12th election of officers of this Branch, and never in its history did it have a more friendly contest than was had on the part of the nominees.

The officer of president was contested by three of the best members of the roll. After the battle was over, the defeated candidates congratulated the successful ones, and promised to do all in their power to make the coming administration one of the best the branch has ever had. This meeting was one which a lover of the C. M. B. A. would feel gratified to attend on account of the interest taken in furthering objects for which the members are banded together. The members of Branch 45 feel proud that they have never asked of the Association the payment of money on the death of a member. How many branches are so fortunate? We hope at the next convention we will be one hundred strong.

## BRANCH 112, WATERLOO.

Result of election is as follows: James Miles, Pres.; Ed. F. Welch, v. p.; Patrick J. Mathews, s. v. p.; M. L. Flynn, rec. sec.; J. Carroll, ass't; M. E. Maloney, fin. sec.; T. Easlick, treas.; J. McGraw, marshal; J. Keyes, guard; T. F. Redmond, representative to grand council; M. L. Flynn, alternate.

## ST. JOSEPH'S Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting of the Catholic Young Men's association of St. Joseph's church Monday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Father Ping; pres., Chas. Grestner; v. p., E. Birkart; treas., J. Meyer; fin. sec., F. Stupp; rec. sec., J. Blech; directors, L. Fien, E. Reichart, Wm. Meyer, C. Crombach, P. Hartmann, J. Heislein.

## KNIGHTS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A member of SS. Peter and Paul's Union informed us recently that, that organization is in better condition at the present time, than ever before in its history and new members are being constantly received.

The Knights have elected the following officers: Captain, J. P. Freund, f. lieu't., Peter H. Vay; s. lieu't., F. A. Lang; f. sergeant, John Flans; s. s., R. G. Fell; color sar., J. P. Brington; quartermaster, R. G. Fell.

## Caledonia.

Mr. John Quinn, an old and respected resident of this place, died on Monday afternoon after a long illness at the age of 63 years. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn his death. The funeral was held from St. Columba's Wednesday morning, interment at Scottsville.

Miss Maria Morrey has returned from a several weeks' visit with friends in Buffalo.

Mr. Patsy Quinn is home from St. Andrew's Seminary this week, called here by the death of his father.

## East Bloomfield.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Mary O'Neil of East Bloomfield, to Dr. C. D. McCarthy of Geneva, at St. Bridget's Church, East Bloomfield, Dec. 30th.

## IGNATIUS F. HORSTMANN.

Brief Sketch of the Bishop-Elect of Cleveland.

The Philadelphia *Public Ledger* recently contained the following:

Dr. Horstmann was born in the old district of Southwark on December 16, 1840. His education was commenced in the private Academy of Madam Charrier and her daughter, Mlle. Clementine, on German street, below Third. Subsequently he entered the Mt. Vernon Grammar school, from which he was promoted to the Boys' Central High school, graduating from that institution in 1857, having an average of 96.6 (Catholic parochial schools were few and far between in those days). After this he studied in the Jesuit college, then at Broad and Filbert, and having determined to enter Holy Orders, entered the diocesan seminary at Glen Riddle, Delaware county. So favorably impressed with the rare ability and close application to study, shown by the young student was Archbishop Wood, that he selected him as one of the first class seminarians who were sent from the archdiocese to the American college attached to the Propaganda in Rome. Here he soon took high rank for scholarship, and won a number of medals in literary and oratorical contests.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome, on June 10th, 1865, and one year later received the degree of Doctor of Theology. Having returned to this country, he was, in the latter part of 1866, appointed Professor of Logic, Metaphysics and Ethics, and also German and Hebrew, in the old Theological Seminary then standing at Eighteenth and Race streets, presided over by Father O'Connor, who was subsequently made Bishop of Omaha, where he died several years ago. Dr. Horstmann continued his labors at the Seminary until 1877, when he was appointed rector of St. Mary's church, of which he had charge until in 1885 he became chancellor of the Archdiocese, when Archbishop Ryan came to this city.

Dr. Horstmann's name was one of the three sent to Rome at the time the successor to Archbishop Wood was chosen, and he was also prominently spoken of as the successor of Bishop Keane, of Richmond, who was made President of the Catholic University at Washington.

## Phelps.

The beautiful statue imported from Germany for St. Francis' church of this village was blessed Sunday evening at 7:45. The statue which is a work of art, represents the Virgin holding the Divine Infant, who has His hands in a crucial form.

## Genesee.

Midnight Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church this evening. The choir will be assisted by Messrs. Toole and Purcell, cornetists; Mr. James Haley violinist, and Mr. Edward O'Brien baritone.

## Lima.

The Fair which is to open on Dec. 28th, 1891, at the Rink, under the auspices of St. Rose's church, promises to be a grand success, as St. Rose's people are noted for their success in all their undertakings, and this will be no exception to the rule.

## OUR LONDON LETTER.

Special to the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

Delia Stewart Parnell, mother of the late Irish leader, left Liverpool Sunday night for Dublin, accompanied by her son John. The gross value of Mr. Parnell's property is sworn at £11,174, and the net value at £6,252.

It seems to give general satisfaction that Lord Dufferin won the ambassadorship to Paris. For once Lord Salisbury has not disappointed the prophets who, almost to a man, plumped for Lord Dufferin when the news arrived of Lord Lytton's death.

In St. Mary's Church, Newry, Sunday, a Protestant (Anglican) place of worship, while services were going on, eleven vestrymen seized the communion cloth on which were embrodered the letters "I. H. S." A struggle for its possession ensued, the rector having also seized the cloth, but the vestrymen triumphed and cut off and burned the lettering. The vestrymen will be prosecuted.

The present census of Queens County Ireland, presents no break in the sad narrative of constant depopulation, and constant decrease of arable land, which the returns of the counties already noticed revealed. The county covers 20.0 per cent. of the total area of the country or 424,852 statute acres, of which there are 75,906 acres under tillage, 55,941 under meadow and clover, and 222,241 under pasture. The population has decreased in the last ten years from 73,124 in 1881 to 64,883 in the present year—that is to say, by 11.3 per cent. In the last fifty years—that is, since 1841, the population shows a falling off of 89,047.

Mr. Gladstone leaves England in a few days in order to avoid the hard winter weather. He will spend his Christmas in Genoa. Efforts are being made to induce him to prolong his journey to Rome, and to arrange for an interview between the veteran statesman and the Sovereign Pontiff. At the Vatican it is fully recognized that the days of the Salisbury cabinet are numbered, and that Mr. Gladstone is the coming man.

It is expected, despite rumors to the contrary, that we shall have the general election in the new year. Every where the preparations for the great fight are being vigorously pushed forward. Several of the Irish members will not seek re-election. Among those who will retire is Mr. John Barry, who has been one of the foremost supporters of the National cause since the crisis of last Autumn. He found a considerable part of the capital of the *National Press* and was the first to put down his name as a large subscriber to the "emergency fund" on the day that Mr. McCarthy was elected to the leadership. The cause of Mr. Barry's retirement is ill-health. On the Parnellite side the retirements will be numerous. Mr. John O'Connor has already announced that he will not seek Parliamentary honors again. He will be no great loss to his party. He really sat in Parliament as much in the interest of the Dublin publicans as of Home Rule. On every occasion he offered determined obstruction to temperance measures, opposing, for instance, the Irish Sunday Closing Bill on the specious plea that it was a matter of Irish internal government that ought to be left to the future Home Rule Parliament to decide.

The return of Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer Bishop of Limerick, Ireland, from his first episcopal visit to the shrine of the Apostles in Rome, was the occasion of much rejoicing. The citizens of all creeds, classes and politics, united in paying a well merited tribute of respect to that prelate, who has been given by the Pope the position of Bishop Assistant at the Pontifical Throne. Referring to his visit to the Vatican, the Bishop of Limerick says he told the Holy Father that, in the universal dominion in which he reigned, there was not a better or more devoted people than those of his diocese.

The Pope spoke about Ireland. He knows the fidelity of the people and loves them for it, and follows every phase of their struggle with interest. The anxious interest of a loving father and there is no human prosperity that can come to them, there is no advancement even of temporal interests—save and in so far as they are not in accordance with God's will and salvation of souls—there is no temporal prosperity that he does not desire for them in the greatest abundance.

Replying to the queries of a correspondent, Mr. Justin McCarthy, M. P., says: "I have no hesitation in authorizing you to tell anybody who feels any interest in the subject, that never was, am not, and never please God, shall be an Atheist. I am, as I have been, a member of the Roman Catholic Church."

## DIOCESAN NEWS.

### Auburn.

A reception into the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's Church was held at the church Sunday afternoon. About 20 young ladies were received into the sodality. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Father Mulhern, after which followed benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The grip is again prevalent in the city and seems to be followed with more fatal results than last year.

The sisters in charge of the Auburn orphan asylum, wish to extend heartiest thanks to all who helped to make the fair held recently for the benefit of the asylum a success, particularly to the priests and people of the outside parishes in the asylum district who took such a deep interest in the good work.

Death has again entered our midst and taken from among us Miss Annie Mullany, one of Auburn's brightest daughters. She had been ill, but a few days, and her death which occurred Monday Dec. 14, was entirely unexpected, and a severe shock to her parents and friends. The deceased was a bright, winsome young lady, whose pleasant manner had endeared her to all of her acquaintances, who sympathize deeply with the grief-stricken parents. The funeral was held from St. Mary's Church, Wednesday Dec. 16. Rev. Father Mulhern read the requiem mass, and conducted the funeral services. The interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Margaret Winters, wife of George Sexsmith, died of pneumonia at her late home, No. 74 Orchard street, Saturday Dec. 12. Mrs. Sexsmith was an amiable Christian lady, and a loving wife. She had been married but a few months, and her death is sorely felt by her husband.

A fair for the benefit of St. Alphonsus Church will be held sometime in February. The German people are making great preparations for the grand event, which is being looked forward to with great interest by the people of the city, who remember well the good times enjoyed at their last fair. Rev. Father Netzel, pastor of the church is busy making arrangements and perfecting plans for the approaching fair. The proceeds of the fair will be used to purchase new stained glass for the windows, new stations which will be something handsome and worthy of the pretty little church, and also to make other improvements about the edifice. The enterprise is being started with such enthusiasm that a grand success is already assured.

### Dansville.

To relieve the anxiety of his Rochester and Seneca Falls friends, we will say that Mr. Will Karls is still enjoying life in Dansville.

An anniversary High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church for Mrs. Mullaly, Father Day's sister.

Wendal Engel and family went to Chicago last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Engel's brother.

Miss Kate Meir of Buffalo, has been the guest of Miss Kate Rowan during the past week.

Some of the young people of St. Patrick's, and Messrs. Hogan and O'Brien of Rochester, rendered an excellent programme in O'Connell's last week.

After several musical selections had been given the drama "On His Last Legs" was presented. The singing of Messrs. Hogan and O'Brien was greatly enjoyed, and they were obliged to respond to vigorous encores. Mr. Hogan made up "As a charming young lady" and in one of his songs, made a hit at one of our young men that took down the house. The play was well rendered. Of Mr. Dowling as "Felix O'Callaghan" too much cannot be said of the fine manner in which he enacted this difficult part; the flattering compliments he received were richly deserved. Messrs. O'Hare, Connor and McLane each sustained his reputation as actors, Margaret, Loftus and Sadie Daugherty are always good. On the whole the play was a great success, financially and otherwise.

### Geneva.

Mrs. Thos. Manlay of Lewis street, who has been seriously ill, is reported some better.

Mr. Patk. Lavin, who has been confined to his home for the past three weeks by injuries received in falling off his truck, is now able to be out. Miss Anna Eastman of Rochester is the guest of Miss M. Donovan Prospect avenue.