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MARRIAGES IN THE CHUECH.

From the earliest times, and in all times. Christians have been wont to celebrate their marriage in church, and to have them blessed by the priest; nor can they celebrate them otherwise without sin, except in case of necessity. In the usual Catholic form, the priest, in surplice and white scole, questions the man and woman as to their consent. Then each party express this consent at length, and in the vulgar tone, with joined hands: "I, N., take thee, N., to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part, if Holy Church will permit, and thereto I plight thee my troth." "I. N., take thee, N., to be my wedded husband, etc. Whereupon the priest: "I join you into marriage in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The bridegroom then places PAVORS OBTAINED THROUGH TRI gold and silver on a plate or on the book, (this part of the ceremony is often omitted,) which he afterward gives to the bride, and a ring which the priest sprinkles with holy water and blesses. The bridegroom takes the ring from the priest and gives General Foster upon Goldsberough the money to his wife, saying: "With this ring I thee wed, this gold and silver I give thee, with this body I thee wership, and with all my worldly goods. I thee endew." Then he said heard the ambulance, with the puts the ring on the thumb of his men who had come to take away the wifele left hand, saying, "In the wounded. "Holy Mother of God. name of the Father;" on her second was his laward prayer; "I am In flager, saying, "and of the Son;" on mortal sis, do not let me die without the third flagor, saying, sand of the it priest." As if in answer to his Holy Ghost;" and on the fourth on prayer, the men came quite us to ger, where he loaves it, saying, him, but then perceiving that he "Amon." The Nuptial Mass is then was almost dead, "Ol there is no use celebrated, and the priest gives the even to lift him up, he would be Nuptial Benediction after the "Pa, dead before we could get him off the Missa Est . The bride and groom nies belonged originally to the Retrothat The ring, or annulus pronobus, was used to plight troth te-So, again, espousing with gold and silver, called arrba, certainly existed among the Franks, previous to their embracing Ohristlauity: also among the Jews, whence it may

panied by a kiss) is alluded to by Tertullian .- St. Isldore of Seville, quoted by Chardon, says the ring was put on the fourth finger of the left hand, because it contains a vein immediately connected with the heart. There is more sentheient than physiological accuracy in this idea. The words of the priest "Ego jungo" (I join you into marriage) are of comparatively recent origin. On the other band, two striking ceremonics mentioned by Nicholas I. in his answer to the Bulgarians, and both older than Christianity itself, are now unknown among us. The Greeks have kept this latter right. The marriage service according to the old English use of Sarurc is substantially the same as the modern Roman one, but more elaborate. The couple stood at the church door till the man bad placed the ring on the woman hand (the right hand by the way); and certain prays had been said over them. Additional prayers were said over them at the altar tops Then, before Mass beann, they were placed in the pre-bytery-that is to say, between the chuir and the altar. The Nuptial Mass was "of the Trinity," with prayers for the occasion. After the Sanctus, four cieries in surplices held a veil over them while they prostrated themselves before the altar, and the special benediction was given after the Breaking of the Host. After the "Agnus Dei." the pallium was removed, both rose, the bridegroom received the "pax" from the priest, and kissed his wife There is nothing in the Sarum manual which answers to our nuptial prayer before the "Ite Missa Est though the Hereford, missal gives special form of benediction with the chalice. After Mass, bread and wine, or some other liquor, were blessed, and tasted by the newly married couple. These rites, even where they differ from those now

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have passed into the Greek ritual.

The joining of bands (once accom-

They occur almost exactly in the same order and form in a Ritual of Rennes and a Pontifical from the Monastery of Lari, from which Chardon gives copious extracts. But we can find no parallel for the placing of the ring on the bride's right hand. In the Greek Church the marriage service is known as the office of crowning. After the esponsals, in which two rings, one of gold and analtar and given by the priess to bridegroom and bride, respectively, the persons to be married enter the church, preceded by the priest with the incense. After Psalm xxxi., and various preyers, the pricat buts a crown on the head of each with the words. The servant of God N. crowns the servant of God N. in the name of, etc. There is no mention of Nuptial Mass in the modern Greek Euchologies, and Greeks are usually married in the evening.

BROWN SCAPULAR.

During the attack directed by in North Carolina, a young soldier, struck by a builet, was left for dead upon the battlefield. Unable to speak he still retained consciousness. ground. And off they want, leaving the great works he was to perf him, with the rest, to the camp where many brave men lay wreating with their agony. When all the wounded were gathered they were Newburn, where the Sisters of Mercy were in attendance. The physician declared that our hero, who was in unconscious state, might die at amy moment, and one of the Sisters might dispose him to prepare for

death should he revive. After some time he opened his yes, and then seemed to search for something, and to seem very pleased when he had found it. Bending over see what gave him such satisfaction, and to say a few kind words, she saw that he held fast to a Scapuiar in his hands. "Bleesed be the Mother of God," said he, "she has heard my prayer, that I might not die in my sina And now, Sister. please, bring me a prices, for my time is growing very short."

The Chapters of the hospital came and administered the last Secrament, which he received with the

greatest fervor and emotion. After the Sister had beined him to make his thanksgiving, he opened his heart to her, and told her of the careless, wandering life he had led But his mother had implanted in his heart a devotion to the Mother of God in his childhood, and he had been enrolled in the Confraternity of the Scapular. So when he emisted he had provided himself with an additional pair as a necessary part of his equipment. And certainly his confider with rewarded. The Holy Sacram me land given him a little treasure for which it was designed. strengen or several hours, but soon he sank into an unconscious state, and before the pext day-dawn he gave back his soul to the Lord. Amother vertification of the werds: "Ne child of Mary will ever suffer eternal fire "-Published in the little work by Christian faith. "Le salut assure par la devotion

RELIQUARY FOR- AN AIGRIE OIFT.

The form of the Angelio Warfare

was celebrated by the Dominicans in

Chieri, Italy, with more than usual

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rejoicing. The girdle of St. Thomas Aquinas, which it is their special giory to possess, was placed to a new other of silver, are placed on the reliquary, specially made to receive the angelic treasure. It is now -005 years since the angels girded St. Thomas, in recognition of his singular triumph over the demon of impurity, and though he were the girdie for a period of over thirty years. yet, when the writer saw it, three years ago it had all the appearance of newness, and seemed to have just come from the angels' hands. No one has yet succeeded in discovering the material from which the glide is made, although it has been examined by many experts. This precious treasure is faithfully guarded and honored by the good religious of Chieri. A special devotion has been established, and the pious donations of the faithful has enabled shem to purchase a reliquary worthy of the artistic traditions of the Domidioun Order. The relignary is of polished bronze, designed and modelled by F. Pavoni, O. P. It is a masterpiece of aymbolic and didactic art, as I conceive, all good are abould be. The reliquery has the form of an hexagonal temple. in Gothic, and, in height, measures over four feet. In the centre of the temple there is a greceful, angel, who unfolds the girdle, as the reward of the constancy of the saint an earnest of heavenly layer. the smolem and pledge of perpetual virginity. St. Thomas was destined from infancy for a noble purpose, and the wonderful sanctity of his early life foreshadowed the unfortunate man who had beard after life. The artist has, therefore, enter the sanctuary and kneel on their unfeeling decision. Seeing antly chosen the remarkable scenes the alter steps to receive the Nuptial himself thus shandoned by men, he of his early youth, which are timely Benediction. Many of the ceremo, addressed himself still more implor worked in enamel on the base of the ingly to Our Lord, and entreated reliquary. His Dominion vocation, Him not to let him die in his sins. which had cost the saint so many The men had already gone some distinant trials, is symbolized by St. fore Christian times by the Romans, tance, when one of them, more Dominic, who, with ave of his most haman, perhaps, than the rest, ex-illustrious sons, represents the Doclaimed: "We must go back. It. is minican Order, of which the greatest inhuman to let a comrade die glory is the Angelic St. Thomas. without even attempting to save in the ornamentation of the temple him." They succeeded in placing the artist displays beautiful conbim in the ambulance, and took centions, which must have been inspired by the "Summa Theologica." and other works of his angelic master. Who can read the immortal pages of St. Thomas, and meditate taken to the military hospital at upon the sternal truths which they unfold and not be imbued with sublime thoughts? The artist has studied his subject thoroughly, and leaves us in admiration of the masterly way in which he has greeped it. placed herself by his cot, that she Six statuettes, full of grace and loveliness, placed externally at the base of the outer columns, and symbolising six chosen virtues, figure as guards of angelic purity, which flourishes only under their fostering care. On the capitals of the columns are six angels who relebrate, on musical instruments, the unfading beauty of the chaste soul. Supported by cluster of pretty obeliaks, is a little chapel, which symbolizes the doctrinal supremacy of the Augel of the Schools. The crowning piece is a graceful statue of the Angelical, with a lily in his hand, and a sun upon his breast, his eyes raised in contemplation of the cternal priaciples which send stheir bright rays into the darkness of future ages, dispelling the gloom of error, and flooding the human mind with the splendor of divine tenth. The artist has so conceived his noble work, blending the parts of his grand idea into one harmonious whole, that it is difficult to say what is most worthy of admiration, -the spontsneons harmony of the lines, the way and graceful ornamentation, or the exculsite faish in execution. The

reliquary is a masterplace of esthetic

beauty, and worthy of the angelle

All who look upon this work of the

clever Dominican will be convinced

that art is beautiful, not when it

sinks into the base materialism of

the veriatic school, but only when it

rises to the sublime ideals inspired

Conferences of the society exist to CATHOLIC SOCIETIES. mimost every civilized country, and the present active membership is rockened at 85,000, with an send number of henorary members. In war own country there are 138 working conferences, in the circumsorintion of the Superior Council at Dublin, which comprise about 2,500 active and some 1,000 honorary meanbers. An orphanage, secommodating 180 boys, which involves an expenditure of 42,500 per annum. and which that £12,000 to erect, is also in charge of the Society in Dublin. The latter is under the management of the much-esteemed Order of Christian Brothers. It is worthy of note that during the year 1894 no less a sum than £14,000 was distributed and 80,000 visits were paid to

bers of the society in Ireland. There is a pretty generally prevail ing opinion to the effect that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is more or less intended for mes of mature years with means and leisure for transaction of its business. This is on tirely an erroneous impression, as evidenced by the fact that it was founded by young men and for young men: and Frederick Ozanam at the inception expressed the hope that every Catholic young man of heart and intelligence would be found in the ranks of the suclety.

the hovels of the poor by the mem-

There is no reason why all practical Catholica particularly Outholic young men, should not consider it more than advisable to become members of the society. If circumstances do no permit their becoming members, they might at least give the society assistance by subscribing to its funds, and in various other ways helping to extend its inducace. They will thus, by co-operating with the Brotherhood of St. Vincent de Paul enjoyable, whilst substantial service to their fellow-creatures in a manner belitting their sublime dignity as Christian men, seconding to the saying of the Saviour-'The sublimity of the earth and of the hotvene belongs to those who know bow to love and to sacrifice"-Cork Magminer.

A Tyrolene mountain guide was es cently tried at Bathem for manula ughter in taking a man who was physically pufit for the climb over a dangerous mountain pass, where he was killed. The jury acquitted the guide on the facts of the case, but the principle of the responsibility of guides for the proper qualifications of tourists in tablished for the first time.

805 was the least productive of the last twenty years in the matter of railroads. Only 1.782 miles of track were laid. In 1987, 18,000 miles were put down. The Railway Age thinks the bettom has now been reached and sees great activity aboad.

ised the expenditure of \$1.000.000 in hauntepec Railroad. All of this amount will be used in replacing wooden bridges with iron structures. The road is doing a very heavy traffic in translithmus freight, and it is found necessary to place the property in the best physical condition.

Maine wheelmen have been expertmenting with bicycling on the ice, and are said to have had very successful and exhilierating sport in most in-

Timothy J. Weich, aged 37 years, son o Mr. and Mrs. Michael Welch- of Weedsport, died at the Sisters' Hospital, on Wednesday afternoon of last week,

Prior to his recent brief and fatal illness Mr. Welch had never known what it was to be ill. had never had a doctor, and was what would be called a spicified specimen of bealth and strength.

A young man of Tare good sense and sobstantial qualities, a great deal was though:

His untimely death is rendered especially sad by the fact that he half been married only a short time, -less than eight months. The remains were brought from Buffale to Weedsport via the Central Hudson rail.

Many floral tributes were to be seen a the coffin. One large piece in the shape at and representing a brake wheel with one The funeral took place on Saturday last

Provident McParlin delivered the following address before the man bors of the Central council at their last modine.

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