

# The Catholic Journal.

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They occur almost exactly in the same order and form in a Ritual of Rennes and a Pontifical from the Monastery of Leri, 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 espousals, in which two rings, one of gold and another of silver, are placed on the altar and given by the priest to bridegroom and bride, respectively, the persons to be married enter the church, preceded by the priest with the incense. After Psalm cxxi., and various prayers, the priest puts 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.

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**A RELIQUARY FOR AN ANGEL'S  
GIFT.**

The feast of the Angelic Warfare was celebrated by the Dominicans in Chieri, Italy, with more than usual rejoicing. The girdle of St. Thomas Aquinas, which it is their special glory to possess, was placed in a new reliquary, specially made to receive the angelic treasure. It is now 645 years since the angels girded St. Thomas, in recognition of his singular triumph over the demon of impurity, and though he wore the girdle 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 girdle is made, although it has been examined

Conference of the society exist in almost every civilized country, and the present active membership is reckoned at 85,000, with an equal number of honorary members. In our own country there are 138 working conferences, is the description of the Superior Council at Dublin, which comprises about 2,500 active and some 1,000 honorary members. As orphanage, accommodation for 130 boys, which involves an expenditure of £2,500 per annum, and which cost £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 the hovels of the poor by the members of the society in Ireland.

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

There is no reason why all practical Catholics, particularly Orthodox young men, should not consider it more than advisable to become members of the society. If circumstances do so 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 influence. They will thus, by co-operating with the Brotherhood of St. Vincent de Paul, serve to make their own lives more enjoyable, whilst substantial services to their fellow-creatures in a manner befitting their sublime dignity as Christian men, according to the saying of the Saviour—"The sublimity of the earth and of the heavens belongs to those who know how to love and to sacrifice."—Cork Examiner.

A Tyrolean mountain guide was recently tried at Hohen for manslaughter in taking a man who was physically unfit 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 is the responsibility of guides for the proper qualifications of tourists is established for the first time.

Prosperous in so many things the year 1886 was the least productive of the last twenty years in the matter of railroads. Only 1,782 miles of track were laid. In 1887, 12,000 miles were put down. The Railway Age thinks the bottom has now been reached and sees great activity ahead.

The Mexican Government has authorized the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in the improvement of the National Toluca-Tehuacan Railroad. All of this amount will be used in replacing wooden bridges with iron structures. The road is doing a very heavy traffic in trans-isthmian freight and it is found necessary to place the property in the best physical condition.

Maine wheelmen have been experimenting with bicycling on the ice, and are said to have had very successful and exhilarating sport in most instances.

**Woodsport.**

Timothy J. Welch, aged 27 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Welch, of Woodsport, died at the Sisters' Hospital, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, of appendicitis.

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 splendid specimen of health and strength.

A young man of rare good sense and substantial qualities, a great deal was thought of him.

His untimely death is rendered especially sad by the fact that he had been married only a short time,—less than eight months. The remains were brought from Buffalo to Woodport via the Central Hudson railroad on Thursday.

Many floral tributes were to be seen near the coffin. One large piece in the shape of a wheel and representing a brake wheel with one of the hand rests gone was sent by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the services being conducted at St. Joseph's church by the Rev. Father O'Donoghue, the interment being at St. Joseph's cemetery. Besides his wife and seven daughters

left to mourn his loss four brothers and two sisters. Daniel and John of the City of New York; William, Elmer and George of Washington; and Mary of New York.

### What is Going on in the Various Societies

President McFarlin delivered the following address before the members of the Central council at the last meeting:

On taking the chair as your predecessor for 1892, I wish to say I am unconsciously of the honor conferred, and sincerely thank you for the same. I endeavor to do my duty to the best of ability, and trust you will overlook all mistakes.

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I wish to call your attention to the fact that in our report on the work of the League, it will be necessary to have some of the uncollected telephone numbers constitute a question to be raised by every delegation, and this should be prevented. It should be possible to do so. At the last meeting we had just announced that the telephone call should be a necessity of attending the conference every month, and that it should be made two o'clock. It will certainly be a necessity, and I will leave it to the members of the committee to see that it is done. As all the committees have been organized, and the regular Convention is now being held, I will further state that it is now

If the members will not be able to find the objects for which this committee was organized and deal with such objects in a proper manner, I can see nothing but a waste of time in the meetings, but to accomplish the purpose of the committee has a systematic method of procedure. The subject for which we are engaged in this work is the name, and suggestions of suitable judgment will be for the good of the cause.

The sooner we get to work on this subject, the more profitable it will be. In order to bring up the subject in the house which will be the best time to bring up the subject, I suggest that a paper be read on the subject. On all questions of this kind, the people should be allowed to speak on the subject until all the members have had a chance to speak before the committee will to limit each man's time.

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A reception and ball will be held under the auspices of Branch 93 on the evening of February 1 at the Immaculate Conception.

The make-up of the committee have the arrangements for an insurance that a good one be given to all who attend.

Chancellor John H. Leggett is date as a floor manager; he wear his gold button.

The Supreme trustees ought to hold another meeting with next Supreme Council Convention and then ask forgiveness for their recent action.

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