

CITY PARISH NEWS

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Rev. Mathias J. Hargather, rector of St. Michael's, on New Year's day, read the annual statement and vital statistics of the parish. Financially the parish has been prosperous, despite the hard times during the past year. Although the full financial statement is not ready for publication, it is apparent that satisfactory progress has been made. The vital statistics are as follows: Number of families, 900; number of souls, 4,300; marriages during the past year, 27; baptisms, 195; deaths, 70; number of pupils in parochial school, over 900.

As the number of pupils is steadily increasing, larger school buildings are urgently necessary. Father Hargather is seriously contemplating plans for the erection of adequate edifices to accommodate the children of the parish who are to be given the necessary Christian education. Furthermore, the erection of a building to accommodate the various societies connected with the parish is planned, as also a club room for the young people. St. Michael's is a live parish, its pastor is up to the times, and as soon as business revives sufficiently to justify new undertakings, things may be looked for that will be a surprise to some people.

Mr. William Rice, a student of St. Francis college, Quincy, Ill., who has been spending his Xmas vacation here with his parents, returned to college Monday to continue his studies. He has the best wishes for his success from his many friends in this parish.

CATHEDRAL.

Robert Rickard, aged 70 years, died January 1st at the family residence, 41 Romeyn street. He is survived by his wife and four sons and four daughters; James and John Rickard of this city, Robert Rickard, now in Michigan, and Thomas Rickard of Buffalo; Mrs. Thomas Caffery, Mrs. Thomas Crouch, Mrs. John Adams and Miss Lizzie Rickard, all of this city. The funeral took place Monday morning at 8:30 from the house, and at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral.

Mr. James T. Sheehan and Miss Carrie Kinsella, both of this city, were united in marriage December 30th, at the Cathedral, by Rev. Dr. Breen of St. Bernard's seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan left on the 2:40 train for a short trip in the east. On their return they will reside at 318 Frank street.

Tuesday evening, January 3, '97, a reception from 8 to 10 was given in honor of her guest, Mrs. O'Donnell of Saginaw, Mich., by Mrs. Whalen of 73 Frank street, assisted by Miss Nugent, Miss Wilkinson and Miss Schminke.

Miss Julia Scollard, aged 72 years, died Thursday night at the family residence 61 Frank street. The deceased came to this city from County Kerry, Ireland, in 1850, and had resided here ever since. She had been a member of the Cathedral parish during her entire residence here. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. John Cummings and Miss Honora Scollard of this city, and Mrs. Catherine Stark of Syracuse. The funeral will take place from the house this morning at 8:45, and from the Cathedral at 9 o'clock.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

The church fair closed Saturday night. It was most successful financially, about \$1,500 being realized.

The gold watch contest was won by John Cullen, with 1,124 votes. Charles Howe had 441½ votes. The contest for the tapestry was won by Miss Lena Driscoll, with 1,037½ votes. Miss Gertrude Nicholson was second, with 366 votes.

The workers at the booths who contributed to the success of the fair held an informal reception Tuesday evening at the school hall on Hand street. About 150 persons were present and dancing was enjoyed until an early hour. Refreshments were served.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Walburga Meyer died Wednesday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Schlitzer, 43 St. Joseph street, aged 76 years. She leaves one son, John Meyer of Onondaga, N. Y., and four daughters: Mrs. Barney Berlin of Mt. Morris, Mrs. Joseph Schlitzer, Mrs. Simon Schrank and Mrs. John Englert of this city; thirty-nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was one of the oldest members of St. Joseph's church and had been a resident of this city for fifty years.

HOLY FAMILY.

The funeral of Mrs. Emily Utzinger took place Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock from the family residence, 103 Whitney street, and at 8 o'clock from the church.

HOLY REDEEMER.

The joint funeral of Sophia Kettel and her granddaughter, Clara Bush, took place Thursday morning from the residence, 356 Scio street, at 8:30 o'clock, and from the church at 9 o'clock.

Miss Barbara Schell, of this city, and Joseph Mehan, a member of the Rochester fire department, were married at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 7th, at the church of the Holy Redeemer. Rev. Father Oberholzer performing the ceremony.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

Julia Koesterer, daughter of Jerome and Louisa Koesterer, died Tuesday night at the family residence, 238 Scio street, aged 6 years.

Lovetto Biety, infant daughter of Zabina and Julia Biety, died Wednesday morning at the family residence, 37 Harrison street. Both funerals took place Thursday afternoon.

AT BONIFACE.

The funeral of Albert P. Stahl was held Friday morning at 7:30 from the house, No. 281 Meigs street, and at 8 o'clock from the church.

ST. MARY'S.

Mrs. Jane McCarthy, whose death occurred December 26, at the age of 69 years, was buried from St. Mary's church December 29. The deceased was a devout Catholic and one of St. Mary's oldest members. Two children are left to mourn her loss, Mary McCarthy, who resided with her mother, and one son, J. B. McCarthy of Wisconsin, who was unable to attend the funeral on account of not receiving the sad news in time.

Death of an Old Resident.

Mrs. Bridget Drew, for over forty years a resident of Rochester, died in Seneca Falls on Tuesday last at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Wood. She leaves besides her daughter two sisters, Mrs. Anna Carroll and Mrs. Mary Sheehy, and one brother, Patrick Quinn. The remains were brought here Friday morning and interment made at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

AMUSEMENTS.

COOK'S.

Manager Gerling, of the Cook Opera House will present another excellent attraction for three nights, beginning Monday, Jan. 11, when Charles E. Blaney's big extravaganza success "A Boy Wanted" will be seen for the first time, interpreted by a strong company of vaudeville and first class comedy artists.

Harry Clay Blaney who this season is asking his first bid for public approbation as a farce comedy star will be seen as the boy Phoney Dice, and by all accounts has made the greatest hit in his career. He will be remembered having made the deepest impression with his last season of anyone in the Henderson aggregation. Mr. Blaney is supported by an excellent company, including some of the most prominent vaudeville artists on the stage. A large chorus such as seldom seen in farce comedy is used to lend vocal strength to the musical ensemble. The scenery is all new, and a large number of mechanical and electrical effects are introduced.

The delightful atmosphere of the South encompasses the play of "Down in Dixie," which is to be presented at Cook's Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

This atmosphere adds to the charm of what is in itself a most fascinating drama of love, perils, escapes and exciting incidents. It has, too, a very large percentage of fun of a kind characteristic of the pickaninny band.

ACADEMY.

Gus Hill's New Novelties company, will begin a week's engagement at the Academy of Music next week. The principal features are as follows: Gilbert and Goldie, the California boys, in their own original specialty; Montgomery and Stone, America's black face singing and dancing comedians; Leonard and Bernard, the Somewhat Different comedy duo, creators and producers; John W. Birmingham the marvelous ventriloquist, with his funny automatic figures, and a wonderful reproduction of the sounds of Edison's phonograph; the little funny couple, Ladell and Alvers, the brightest of all comedians, marvels at dancing, acrobatic feats; Speak brothers, the dwarf comedians, surnamed the laugh-makers; the greatest artists in their line in the world, Rice and Elmer, in their own original specialty entitled "A Trip to Chinatown"; Miss Annie Whitney, the American song bird, in the latest songs of the day; Frank Latona, the tramp musician, in his own peculiar specialty; Hill, Egerton and Knell, the hustling trio. The above star olio, concluding with Fred J. Huber's funny comedy entitled "The Rivals," an up-to-date travesty, illustrating life in New York.

WONDERLAND THEATRE.

For the week commencing January 11, Manager J. H. Moore has secured the Cinematograph, which will present the following new pictures: Street Scene, Madrid, Spain, Angry Sen; Parade of Chicago Police Force; Doves of St. Mark's, Venice; Flood, Lyons, France; Chicago Ferris Wheel; Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.; On the steamship Bourgogne; Arrival of the Guests; Tremont street, Boston, and the American side of Niagara Falls. The vaudeville performance will consist of Harry Howard's educated ponies, Miles and Raymond, sketch artists, Welch and Gardner, the bootblack and street singer, Lottie West Symonds, vocalist, and Maggie Laire, Barnum's original flying woman. Taken as a

whole the show is a strong one, and should pack the theatre at every performance.

PERSONALS.

Mr. John B. O'Hara of the Western Electrician, Chicago, Ill., has returned home again after visiting in this city for the past ten days.

FOR SPEAKER O'GRADY.

Among the many magnificent floral emblems which adorned Speaker O'Grady's desk at the opening of the Legislature was a floral gavel from Edward J. Sullivan. Attached to it was a card bearing the following: "Best wishes of an admiring friend."

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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke, ii. 45-52.— "And when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast. And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey and sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance; and not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem seeking Him. And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him, they wondered. And His Mother said to Him: Son, why hast Thou done so to us: Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee, sorrowing. And He said to them: How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And His Mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men."

What should the just learn from the affections of Mary and Joseph? They should learn that even souls most dear to God are not exempt from trials and tribulations, and that God sometimes withdraws Himself from the man in dependency, fear and temptations to the very purpose of increasing their virtue, truly merit, and their glory in heaven.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Jan. 10.—In the Octave of the Epiphany.—Epiat. Rom. xii. 1-5; Gosp. Luke ii. 42-52.
Monday, 11.—Of the Octave. St. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr.
Tuesday, 12.—Of the Octave.
Wednesday, 13.—Octave of the Epiphany.
Thursday, 14.—St. Hilary, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.
Friday, 15.—St. Paul first Hermit. St. Maas, Abbott.
Saturday, 16.—St. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE'S FUNERAL.

Twenty-two Bishops Attend the Services.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 5.—Thousands filled the edifice of St. James' Cathedral to-day, and thousands were crowded out in their endeavor to witness the funeral of the late Archbishop Fabre. It was the most gorgeous funeral service that has been seen here since the death of Archbishop Dourgas and was attended by 22 bishops, including all the bishops of Canada with the exception of Mgr. Cleary of Kingston, who was ill. Two United States bishops were also present—Geebrien of Springfield and Gabriel of Ogdenburg.

Bishop Duhamel conducted the funeral services, but at the special request of the deceased there was no sermon.

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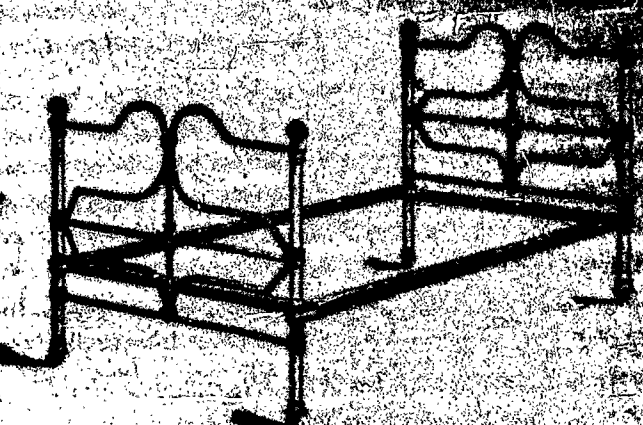
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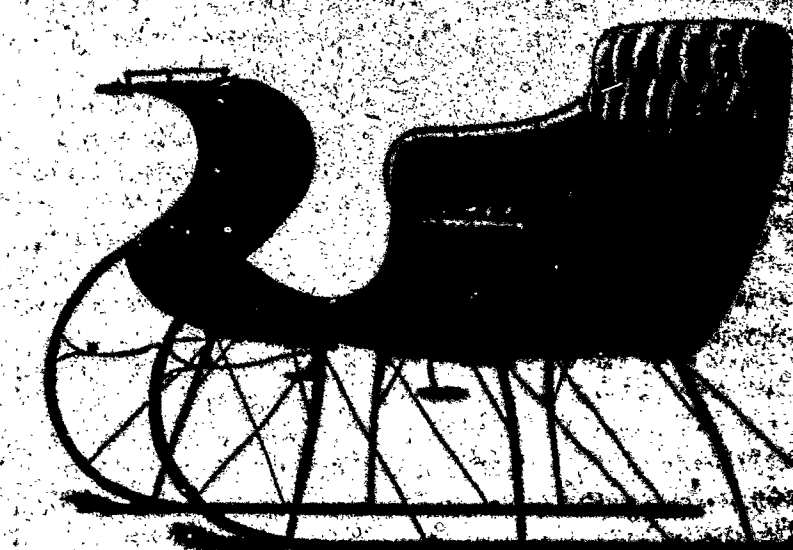
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