

Sir Walter Scott's First Brief.

Sir Walter Scott had his share of the usual curious experiences shortly after being called to the bar. His first appearance as counsel in a criminal court was at Jedburgh assizes in 1798, when he successfully defended a veteran poacher.

On another occasion Scott was less successful in his defense of a house-breaker, but the culprit, grateful for his counsel's exertions, gave him in lieu of the orthodox fee, which he was unable to pay, this piece of advice, to the value of which he, the house-breaker, could professionally attest.

Westminster Gazette.

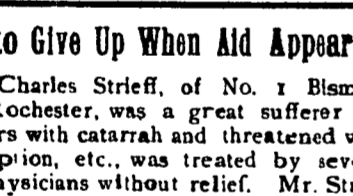


My nervous system was much run down. I suffered much from violent headaches and a feeling of weight in the pit of my stomach, so that I could not keep my food and felt like fainting.

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About to Give Up When Aid Appeared. Mr. Charles Strieff, of No. 1 Bismark place, Rochester, was a great sufferer for five years with catarrh and threatened with consumption, etc., was treated by several home physicians without relief.

REMARKABLE CURES. Mr. Thomas Callahan, grocer of Canandaigua. "Had a tumor, tried a great many doctors and spent hundreds of dollars in New York and Boston, was under Dr. Grady's treatment two months and can say I am cured and never felt better in my life."

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DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Social Correspondents. (Continued from 7th page.) Macedon.

Misses Mayme Burns and Marie Fogarty spent Saturday and Sunday at Miss Burns' home in Victor.

Miss Alice Quinn was the guest of Miss Mame Brick of Palmyra, Sunday.

Miss Laura Dwyer of Rochester was home over Sunday.

Miss Tina O'Beirne visited relatives in Palmyra last week.

Ed. Gouldrick and J. Howe rode to Victor on their wheels Sunday.

Miss Ella Murphy is visiting in Rochester.

Miss Margaret McGovern and Jerry Griffin of Palmyra called on friends in town Sunday.

Rev. T. C. Murphy of Rochester visited his parents in this place the first of the week.

Miss Eliza Fogarty was in Rochester last week.

Miss Mame Naughton of Rochester is the guest of her father, John Naughton, on Pulteney street.

Miss Margaret Merriman, who has been in Geneva for the past four years, has returned to her home in Rushville, where she will spend the summer for the benefit of her health.

Miss Margaret O'Malley is riding a Desmond wheel.

Miss Anna Erhart of Auburn was in Geneva on Tuesday last on her way to Rochester, where she will remain a few days.

Thomas Gallagher, of the repositorial staff of the Auburn Bulletin, was in Geneva on Sunday last, the guest of his mother on Center street.

Miss Margaret O'Connor rides a Viking bicycle.

Misses May and Nora Gannon of Exchange street have been the guests of friends in Seneca Falls.

Mrs. Harry Somers (nee Purdy) is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kane on Genesee street.

On Sunday next, May 16th, a two weeks' mission will be opened by the Passionist Fathers at St. Francis de Sales church at the 10 30 mass.

The dancing reception given by Prof. O'Keefe and Condey of Auburn to their class in Hibernian hall, on Monday evening last, was a grand affair in every respect.

Clifton Springs. The intelligence of the death of Miss Jennie Finnegan at her home in Seneca Falls last Saturday caused deep sorrow to many in this village, although her death was not entirely unexpected, as she had been ailing several years.

Lucas County. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in cash for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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MARK OF THE CROSS. It is Use in Old Days Not Confined to Illiterate Persons.

The mark which persons who are unable to write are required to make instead of their signatures is in the form of a cross, and this practice, having formerly been followed by kings and nobles, is constantly referred to as an instance of the deplorable ignorance of ancient times.

This signature is not, however, invariably a proof of such ignorance. Anciently the use of the mark was not confined to illiterate persons, for among the Saxons the mark of the cross as an attestation of the good faith of the person signing was required to be attached to the signature of those who could write, as well as to stand in the place of the signature of those who could not write.

In those times, if a man could write or even read, his knowledge was considered proof presumptive that he was in holy orders. The clerical, or clerk, was synonymous with penman, and the laity, or the people who were not clerks, did not feel any urgent necessity for the use of letters.

The ancient use of the cross was therefore universal, alike by those who could and those who could not write. It was indeed the symbol of an oath, from its sacred associations, as well as the mark generally adopted; hence the origin of the expression, "God save the mark," as a form of ejaculation approaching the character of an oath.—Weekly Banquet.

The Curse of Oathholding. In every town there are broad shouldered, stalwart men leading idle lives and complaining that they can get nothing to do. Their ruin dates back from a little federal office, which unfitted them for useful work. They lost their places and will stand around for the remainder of their lives, living on their friends and waiting for an appointment.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities - Current Calendars.

Hibernian Rifles

On last Tuesday evening Company A, Hibernian Rifles, received through Capt. Quinlivan from Brigade Commander John A. P. Walters and Adjutant Lee the Memorial day invitation officially from the Veteran Brigade. Before it was accepted Capt. Quinlivan in a forcible and eloquent manner paid tribute to the veterans of the civil war, and particularly the Irish. In part substance he said: "It is our duty first, as citizens, to show honor and respect to the men who died that we may live. To this memory no honor is too great for those noble heroes who fought to preserve the Union. Second, it is our duty as Catholic soldiers to show our loyalty to the old flag as the Irishmen did from 1861 to 1866. Let us, as a remembrance of our kinsmen, observe the day by parading now, as we have for the last sixteen years, honor our dead, and show by so doing that the loyalty of the exiles still lives in the present generation, especially the members of Company A, Hibernian Rifles. Let us show that we are as patriotic as our fathers who shed their heart's blood for freedom and the country of their adoption."

After the captain had finished speaking every member present offered to turn out, and some of those present were heard to say they would turn out twice on Memorial day if required. Though there are several new men in the company this year there is a good prospect of turning out a large body of well drilled men.

Ex-Lieutenant P. Quinlivan was present, and notwithstanding he has had no practice for two or more years he showed the boys that he had not forgotten how to handle a rifle.

Bro. Harrington of Division 2 visited the company.

Lieut. Cullen was as good as his word, and had the rifle and 1,000 cartridges for the boys, who enjoyed half an hour's fun.

Hereafter until further notice the company will drill on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Knights of Columbus

The members of Rochester council are invited to attend the institution of Elmira council Sunday, May 23d. The first and second degrees will be given by the Binghamton council, and Past State Deputy Delaney will confer the third.

A preliminary meeting will be held in Hornellsville during the week for the purpose of organizing a new council.

Rochester council will confer the first degree next Wednesday evening, First and 2d will be given on June 3d, and on June 16th Past State Deputy Delaney will confer the third.

One hundred members of the local knights went to Seneca Falls on a special Central train last Sunday morning to institute a new council in that village. Knights from Auburn and other towns were also present.

A May pedro party was given at the rooms Friday evening. As this was the last party of the season a large number attended.

C. M. B. A.

Holy Rosary branch, 196, has elected William Curran second vice-president, to succeed John Hurley, resigned.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Editor Catholic Journal: The Central Council is agitating the question of having the constitution of the grand council amended so as to provide for the payment of the medical examiners' fees by the grand council or by the branches instead of by the applicant. I, for one, favor the change. I think we would profit by increased membership and a much better class of risks. The old line insurance companies pursue this plan, and their agents find it much easier to secure applicants and first class risks too, than do assessment and fraternal organizations where the applicant has to pay the medical examiners' fees, and if he is rejected is just that much out of pocket.

There is another consideration: If the examiners were paid directly by the branches or grand council and did not have to rely upon fees, they would be apt to be more stringent in their examination and we would have less deaths occurring six months and a year after initiation.

PROGRESS.

F. J. Hone and F. B. Rae were initiated at the regular meeting of Branch 139 C. M. B. A., Tuesday evening. Four applications were also read.

State President Mrs. Mary Laughlin of Buffalo, and State Secretary Mrs. Anna Powell of this city, left Wednesday for Elmira and Binghamton to organize auxiliaries of the D. of E. They expect to return in about ten days.

Members of Central Council are requested to attend a meeting at 2.30 Sunday afternoon, having resolved themselves into a committee of the whole to make arrangements for holding a picnic some time in June. Come early, so that prompt action may be taken. H. HIMMELSBACH, Pres. C. C., C. R. & B. A.

Council 44 will hold a card party and reception at Floral Hall, Thursday evening, May 27th.

After the regular meeting of Floral Council, C. W. B. C. a musical and literary programme was most agreeably rendered by friends of the council, each number being heartily enjoyed and responded to. Misses Lou Bach, Libbie Kehring and Ed. Bartholomay gave selections on the mandolin; Miss Eloise Maier recitations, and Miss Miller selections on the zither. Messrs. Fred Fisher and John Kolb helped to while away the hours by graphophone selections. Refreshments were then served.

At a special meeting of Branch 196, C. M. B. A., held Sunday afternoon, May 9th, the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from his earthly labor our beloved brother, Genaro Capulla, who was one of our esteemed members and

Whereas, This Branch has lost a good and faithful member and his family a loving husband and kind father

Resolved, That we tender to the widow and children our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and be a further Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished to the family of our deceased brother, and published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL and daily papers.

Wm. Curran, James B. McDermott, Willard A. Marable, Committee

Society Calendars C. M. B. A. Monday—93, 121, 134. Tuesday—72.

C. R. & B. A. Monday—88. Wednesday—74. Thursday—75.

D. O. F. E. Tuesday—5, 6. Wednesday—2.

A. O. E. Monday—2. Tuesday—5. Wednesday—4.

C. W. B. L. Tuesday—50. Wednesday—81.

ABOUT THE TENEBRÆ. A Sacred Office of the Church That Should Be Fully Understood.

Tenebræ, which was so impressively rendered in all Catholic churches during holy week, is but partially understood by a great many people, and now while it is fresh in our minds it may be well to look into its history and significance.

This service is called the tenebræ from the Latin word "darkness," because this office was formerly celebrated during the night, and even when the hour was anticipated the name of tenebræ was kept, because, although it began with daylight, it ended after the sun had set. That practice is now kept up only in monasteries and convents of strictest observance. Each of its divisions is styled a nocturn or nightly prayer. Everything is expressive of the grief pressing upon the church. It differs in many particulars from the office of matins as usually recited by the clergy throughout the year. All formulas of joy and hope wherewith on all other days the church began to praise God are omitted.

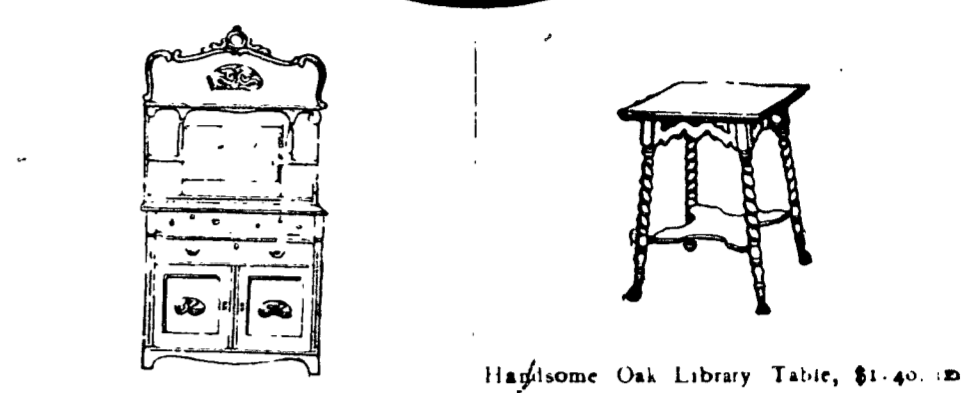
The most striking feature of this office is the large triangular candlestick placed at the epistle side of the altar. At the apex of this triangle is a white candle, with seven yellow candles on either side. At the end of each palm or candle one of the candles is extinguished. During the benedictus the six candles on the altar are also put out. Then the sole remaining lighted candle is taken and hidden behind the altar during the recitation of the "Miserere" and the prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, a slight noise being made, the candle is brought from behind the altar and remains burning even after the tenebræ is over.

The origin of this practice is hidden in obscurity. No doubt during the nightly celebrations of the Divine office necessity as well as choice compelled the use of lights, but the faithful so arranged them as to make them strikingly significant. The number of lights differed. One writer tells us that in his time the church was lighted up with 34 candles, which were gradually extinguished to show how the sun of justice had set. Another writer says that in some churches all the candles were extinguished at once by a hand made of wax to represent that of Judas. In others they were all quenched by a moist sponge passed over them to show the death of Christ, and on the next day a fire was struck from a flint by which they were again kindled to show that he had risen again.

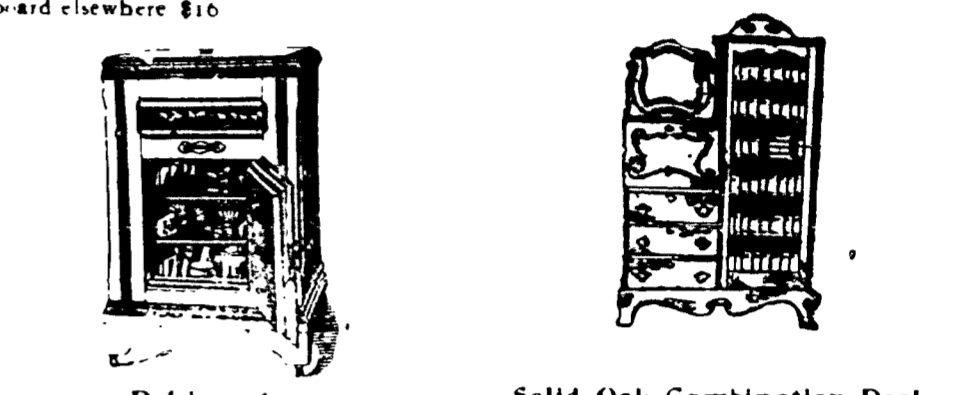
The noise made at the conclusion of the service reminds one of the convulsions of nature at the Saviour's death, and the production of the light still burning and shedding its lights abroad, recalls the resurrection of the Saviour and his effulgence on the world.—Exchange.

"Let me see," mused the sporting editor. "What is an incubator?" "An incubator," replied the agricultural editor, "is an egg plant."—Chicago Tribune.

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WHY FRANCE WILL NOT TAKE PART IN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE. If President Faure Were Invited, President McKinley Must Be Asked as Well. Complications That Would Ensnare—Passing Question of Precedence.

It is all owing to President McKinley that President Faure has not been invited to attend the jubilee festivities in London next month. Great pressure was brought to bear upon the queen and upon the government with the object of getting President Faure asked. The newspapers were full of the matter, and the project was everywhere greeted with the warmest expressions of approval.

But all of a sudden it was intimated in the highest quarters that it would be impossible to invite President Faure without inviting the president of the United States, and for some reason or other an impression got abroad that, although the chief magistrate of France, who is famed for his bonhomie and who was brought up in England, would make no difficulty about precedence and, in fact, create no fuss, willing, indeed, to accept with genial indulgence all the arrangements made for his reception, yet that it would be necessary with the president of the United States.

The opinion was expressed that capital would be made in America if Major McKinley appeared to be treated even with the faintest suspicion of less consideration than the emperor of Russia or of Austria, and that therefore his participation in the festivities might in the end prove productive of more ill than of friendly feeling.

This was the view taken in official and foreign circles. It is said to have been confirmed by private letter from the British embassy at Washington, and accordingly, as it was held impolitic under the circumstances to invite the president of the United States, it was resolved to abandon the idea of asking President Faure.

It is impossible to deny that this decision has proved a source of keen regret to the people at large in England, for there is no doubt that if the chief magistrates of the two greatest republics in the world had been invited and had accepted, their presence at the celebration would have constituted the most picturesque feature of the ceremonies. By virtue of their position as rulers they would have preceded all the foreign princes and princesses of the blood who, to the number of more than 100, are to figure in the grand procession on the anniversary day.

The only hitch that there would have been would have consisted in the presence of the kings of Belgium and of Saxony, both of whom, according to present arrangements, are to come to London for the jubilee, for, while on the one hand it would be preposterous to expect that the rulers of two such great powers as the United States and France should follow meekly in the wake of a couple of kings of third or fourth rate who are classed under the head of "petty sovereigns," yet it may safely be taken for granted that these two anointed of the Lord would have been horrified at the notion of yielding the "pas" to a couple of men whom they regard as of plebeian birth, who have no royal blood in their veins and whose dignity is merely ephemeral and due to the maneuvers of some political caucuses.—Marquis de Fontenay in Chicago Record.

Led Astray. "Sad about that burglar. He told me how his career as a hardened criminal began." "How was it?" "His wife used to send him to hunt things in her top bureau drawer."—Chicago Tribune.

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