

## CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters.

### CATHEDRAL.

Confirmation will be given at this church on June 20th.

The second annual reception of the Cathedral Alumni Association was held at Cathedral Hall Thursday evening. A musical program was rendered by Mill's orchestra. Miss Lucy Sheridan and Miss Mary Maher gave recitations after which dancing was indulged in until a late hour. The committee were as follows: Reception committee, Misses Martha Cosgrove, Della Flaherty, Ella O'Neil, Lydia Chartrain, Irene Lenehan, Irene Burkett, Mary Daly. Floor committee: William Madden, William Shaw, John O'Brien, James Hanna, Robert Burns, Patrick McKenna, Bradley Carroll, Thomas Naylor, William O'Loughlin, George Howard, William Gardiner and Frank Hughes.

George Creggan died Monday morning at the family residence, No. 230 Frank street, aged 27 years. Miss Creggan was a consistent member of this congregation, and is survived by four brothers, Hugh, John, William and Joseph, and five sisters, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. William Crawford, Mrs. Frank Hardy and Misses Libbie and Hattie Creggan.

James W. Cooley, a prominent young business man of Holley, Orleans county, and Mae Brown of 171 Brown street, this city, were united in marriage at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning by Rev. Father Kiernan, in the presence of a large assemblage of guests. High mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Kiernan at 8 o'clock, after which the ceremony was performed.

The bride was charmingly attired in white silk mull over white silk. She carried white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Dolly Drummond, wore a tasteful gown similar in texture and style to the bride's, and carried pink roses. The best man was Michael Nelligan of Brockport, and the ushers were George F. Roche, Thomas Crouch and P. J. McCracken of Rochester, and John Cooley, brother of the groom of Holley. At the close of the ceremony the bridal party left the church to the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," and drove at once to the bride's home, where a large number of the immediate friends of the young couple had assembled to do them honor. A delightful wedding breakfast was served, after which they left for a trip through the eastern part of this state and New England. They will reside in Holley after July 15th.

The work on the tower and spire has begun. It has been found necessary to remove several feet of the top of the present tower, and when this process has been finished 100 feet of stonework will be added to the present structure, thus making the tower 168 feet high.

### ST. BONIFACE.

On Sunday, June 6th, the annual feast of St. Boniface was celebrated as usual. St. Boniface society and the Young Ladies' Sodality, received holy communion at early mass. A 9 o'clock St. Boniface Union of the Knights of St. John, headed by the Ganeses Falls band, paraded through the principal streets in the vicinity of the church, making a fine appearance, and attended high mass. The mass was read by Father Rauber, assisted by Father J. P. Schellhorn of St. Michael's and Rev. Father McKee of the Jesuit Fathers of Conesus college, Buffalo. Father McKee, S. J., also preached the sermon, which was a great treat for the people of St. Boniface, Father McKee being an eloquent preacher, having a clear, strong voice, and is an interesting and fluent speaker. His subject was "Progressive Religion and the True or Catholic Religion, and the Life of St. Boniface." He held the attention of the congregation in a long and instructive sermon.

### HOLY FAMILY.

On Tuesday morning Miss Elizabeth Geimer and George Goeltz were united in marriage. The maids of honor were Miss Bertha Siebert, Miss Celia Leidecker. The groomsmen were Mr. C. Goeltz and Mr. E. Naylor, and the ushers were Mr. William Siebert and Mr. Philip Goeltz. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Laurens. The couple will be at home at 16 Neilson place after July 1st.

Anna K. Eling, wife of John Eling, died Monday morning at her home in Gates, aged 32 years. She leaves, besides her husband, two children, a father and two brothers. The funeral was held from the house at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and from the church at 9 o'clock.

### ST. BRIDGET'S.

The funeral of the late Thomas A. Buckley took place Monday morning from his residence, 9 Hand street, at 8.45, and from the church at 9 o'clock. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. T. A. Hendrick, assisted by Rev. John Bresnahan and Rev. Joseph Hendrick. During the mass Mrs. William Rampe sang sev-

eral beautiful selections, while Miss Agnes Madden presided at the organ. The honorary bearers were Patrick Meagher, James E. Ryan, Bernard Dunn, E. C. Sheridan, Nicholas Oldfield and James Murray. The active bearers were members of Myron Adams post and the 140th regiment. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

### CORPUS CHRISTI.

Frank G. Carberry, receiving clerk of the money order department, has resigned, and has accepted a position with the Cunningham Carriage company. He was appointed to the money order department by Postmaster Reynolds in June, 1894.

### BASE BALL.

The following was the standing of the Eastern League clubs up to Friday morning:

Club	Won.	Lost.	Per C.
Buffalo	23	9	71.9
Syracuse	20	11	64.5
Seranton	16	14	53.3
Springfield	17	16	51.5
Rochester	16	18	47.1
Providence	15	19	44.1
Toronto	14	21	40.0
Wilkesbarre	9	23	28.0

Wilkesbarre played June 14, 15. Buffalo June 17, 18, 19.

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## EXPERTS IN WRITING

THE SPECIAL METHODS USED BY EXPERTS IN HANDWRITING.

New Forged Signatures and Spurious Documents Are Detected—Tracing Up the Authors of Anonymous Letters—How These Experts Start in the Business.

It is doubtful if any Chicago expert in handwriting is more widely known among the members of the legal profession than Marshall D. Ewell, who is a fellow of the Royal Microscopical society of England, a doctor of law and of medicine and the author of several legal textbooks. He figured as an expert witness in the famous Davis will case in Montana, the not less celebrated contest of the alleged will of Senator Joseph E. McDonald of Indiana and the Jerome will case tried in the probate court of Cook county.

"Many of the most unique and amazing demands," said Mr. Ewell recently, "which are made upon the fraternity of experts never reach the public. They are settled outside of the courtroom and are not of record. Only a few weeks ago I was called upon by a very dignified and scholarly gentleman, and I was not surprised to learn that he belonged to the faculty of one of Chicago's most prominent educational institutions. But on the occasion of his call he was as angry as he was cultured. No expert testimony was needed to establish that fact in the mind of any person who saw him as he entered my office and warned to the subject which had inspired him to call for my professional services.

"As he drew from his pocket a manuscript he said: 'I have been made the object, sir, of a base, malicious and scurrilous attack on the part of some mischievous student, and I propose to hunt down its author, cost what it may.' 'Is it in poetry?' I asked, thinking to mollify his excitement a little by that playful remark.

"No, sir," was his spirited answer. 'It isn't. It only assumes to be.' 'He then handed me the manuscript—a formidable array of verse—and closely watched the expression of my face as I read it. Byron, in his 'English Bards and Scotch Reviewers,' did not give the critics of that day any sharper thrusts in smooth rhyme than the anonymous author of this metrical epistle dealt the dignified professor. It was really a very creditable performance as a caustic composition. Of course my client had his suspicions regarding the probable author of the communication and produced specimens of handwriting by the suspected persons. I made a thorough and judicial examination of the submitted documents and was compelled to inform the professor that I believed no two of the submitted specimens had been executed by the same person. It was a bitter disappointment to him, as he was burning with righteous indignation, and, if I may judge from superficial appearances, would have paid more than his fee for the privilege of laying a beechen rod upon the author of the verse, to the tune of a cat for every line.

"Sometimes the consequences of an investigation in this line of work lead where we least expect. This is particularly true regarding anonymous communications and their authors. A physician living in a western town sent me a disingenuous letter which had been received through the mails by a member of his family. Accompanying it were several letters and documents, the authors of which were presumably open to the suspicion of having written the offensive epistle. I subjected the specimens to the usual comparisons and microscopical examinations and fixed upon one of them as being the work of the person whose disguised handwriting constituted the principal letter.

"My report brought an immediate reply in which the physician protested that my conclusion could not be by any possibility be correct, as the writer of the specimen which I had selected was his own professional associate, in whose character he had the utmost confidence. He confessed that he had added his partner's letter to those written by the persons whom he really suspected of the offense in question only to test my powers of discrimination and to give a judicially impartial flavor to the entire investigation.

"In my reply to him I pointed out in detail the reasons which had led up to my decision, placing particular stress upon the fact that the formation of the prepositions, participles and other small words was, despite the attempt at variation, too nearly identical in the two specimens for my mistake as to their common authorship. This reasoning so impressed the startled physician that he determined to confront his professional partner with the accusation. This he did, with the result that the accused man confessed his guilt. I was not surprised for the person who is cowardly enough to write an objectionable and unsigned communication will seldom have the courage to deny his guilt when coldly charged with it.

"We are quite frequently called to pass upon blackmailing letters and sometimes to determine if certain checks have been forged. However, the latter demand is of rare occurrence, as most of the bank tellers and cashiers are practical experts upon signatures. The majority of our professional calls are for testimony in court regarding the authenticity of wills and other legal documents.

When asked to suggest the general lines upon which the genuineness of a signature is determined, Mr. Ewell said: "It is popularly supposed that if a contested signature is identical in every respect with one which is known to be authentic all grounds of suspicion against the former are removed by the discovery of that fact. This idea is wholly erroneous. It has been determined by elaborate experiments with hundreds of signatures made by the

same person under practically similar circumstances that a man never makes a signature which is absolutely identical with any other of his signatures. When an expert finds two signatures which are identical in every particular, he is warranted in regarding one of them as a forgery.

"The famous Senator McDonald will case afforded a most striking example in illustration of this point. A will disposing of his vast estate was probated and contested by interested persons. When the case was heard, a copy of the original document was produced. Its text was a carbon duplicate of the probated instrument. The claim was made by the contestants that both original and duplicate were forged. I was called upon to testify as an expert in the case, and I held that both signatures were forgeries, having been copied from the same authentic signature of Senator McDonald. The decisions of the lower courts and of the United States supreme court have sustained my opinion, declaring the estate to be intestate.

"Other points which are invariably considered are the methods of combining letters. Here habits and individuality are bound to assert themselves, and the same may be said regarding what is termed 'pen pressure,' meaning the characteristic method of shading letters. If only experts who have a reputation for their special knowledge are employed in legal cases, how does a beginner in your profession establish such a reputation before having been identified with some prominent trial in court?" Mr. Ewell was asked.

"I presume that most experts in handwriting and other branches of microscopical work have drifted into the profession quite as accidentally as I did. In 1881 a too close application to the law broke down my health, and I took up the study of medicine in the Chicago Medical college. There I found the microscopical work very fascinating and made somewhat of a specialty of it. About the time I was graduated from the institution a chance circumstance resulted in a demand for me to testify as an expert witness in a minor case. Other calls of the same nature followed, and I soon found it profitable to devote much study and attention to that special field."—Chicago Evening Post.

### A MEDICAL ENTHUSIAST.

He Graduated as a Physician When Seventy-five Years of Age.

A student named Borysik recently passed the final examination at Warsaw university qualifying him to practice as a doctor of medicine in Russia. Borysik was born in 1833 and was educated at Suwalk Higher Grade school with a view to becoming a medical man. After passing his matriculation lack of funds prevented him from at once proceeding to the university, and he was compelled to work as a tutor for 20 years in order to save enough money to enable him to continue his studies. At the end of that time he presented himself at Warsaw Medical academy and passed the entrance examination with distinction. Before he could begin his studies the Polish rebellion of 1863 broke out, and Borysik, who was now 41 years of age, threw himself into the movement with all the enthusiasm of a youthful revolutionist. The revolt was suppressed, and Borysik was exiled to Siberia, where for 8 years he underwent hard labor in the silver mines. In 1895 he received a free pardon and returned to Warsaw. In spite of his age and the hardships he had endured Borysik had lost none of his enthusiasm for medical work and took up his studies where he had left them off in 1868. After a two years' course this remarkable man has now, at the age of 75 years, passed the final medical examination with honors and will begin practice in Warsaw.

### Tale of a Repeating Dog.

A story comes from New Haven about a black spaniel that abstracted a feather duster from his owner's house and while playing with it tore out all the feathers. The dog, after being shown the featherless handle, was given a severe whipping with it. He then disappeared, and about an hour afterward walked bravely into the house with a brand new duster in his mouth. He walked up to his mistress and meekly deposited the new brush at her feet. By the mark on it she saw that it had been stolen from a neighboring store.

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