

CITY PARISH NEWS.

Interesting Budget of Happenings Gathered by Our City Reporters

CATHEDRAL.

"Kathleen Mavourneen," a beautiful Irish drama, was presented by the young people of the parish at Cathedral Hall Monday and Tuesday evenings. The drama was presented in an excellent manner, the amateur actors taking their parts as well as though they had went through them for years. Among those who took part in the entertainment were: Misses Katherine M. O'Donoghue, Martha Golden, Grace Kernan and Mary E. Groff, and the gentlemen who took part were: Messrs David V. Wall, Frank J. Hughes, Thomas Crouch, John E. O'Neill, Christopher Nugent, Louis A. Whalen, John Kennedy, Francis Barne, James H. Hanna, John Cretly and Clarence Chesterfield.

Cathedral Chapel was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday morning, when Miss Rose Annette Gavon was married to Mr. William Francis Watters. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James P. Kieran. The bride, attended by her sister, Miss Sarah E. Gavon, as maid of honor, was attired in handsome traveling dress, of blue and black novelty goods finished in white satin and mink trimmings. She wore a Gainsboro hat trimmed with black ostrich plumes, made over a white satin crown, and a handsome diamond crescent, the present of the groom. The maid of honor's dress was of brown and green Devore cord, trimmed in green and yellow satin. She wore a black velvet hat trimmed with black and baize wings. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. George W. Watters of New York City. The ushers were Mr. Mortimer C. Watters of Chicago, and Mr. John E. Watters of this city. After the ceremony breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's sister at which none but the members of the immediate families were present. Mr. and Mrs. Watters left on the Southwestern Limited for New York. They will be at home to their friends at 84 Plymouth avenue, after December 15th.

Miss Harriet Wegman, daughter of Frederick Wegman, now of Chicago, and formerly of Rochester, was married Tuesday morning to Julius L. Coons of this city in the chapel. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, after which the pastor, Rev. James P. Kieran, pronounced the marriage ceremony. Miss Emma J. McGill of this city, was bridesmaid and Edward Siebert of Holy Angels college, Suspension Bridge, was groomsmen. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Fred A. McGill, 110 Jones street. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Coons left on a short western trip.

Bishop McQuaid will preach at the Immaculate Conception church, Baltimore, on December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. Frank H. O'Donoghue, C. M., of this city, is connected with the Baltimore church.

On December 13th the bishop will attend the dedication of a church in East Orange, N. J.

ST. BRIDGET'S.

Last Monday afternoon occurred one of the most disastrous accidents that this city has experienced in several years. Two souls were ushered into eternity in a most untimely manner, and several miraculous escapes were recorded in the columns of the daily newspapers as a result of the explosion of a 100 horse-power boiler which had recently been tested and pronounced fit for use. Among those who experienced "close calls" may be mentioned one whose experience escaped the vigilant eye of the representatives of the daily press but who, nevertheless, has many reasons to be thankful that he was spared to participate in the festivities of Thanksgiving day. The young man in question, Mr. Joseph O'Connor, is a member of this congregation and a trusted employee in the Huchel & Bolton shank and heel establishment on Centre street. The shipping room of the establishment is on the ground floor and is lighted by windows opening into the court, at the north end of which was located the fatal boiler room.

On the afternoon of the day of the accident Mr. O'Connor was busily engaged at his desk near one of these windows. But just before the explosion occurred he stepped over to the table before the window to select some stock for which he had received a requisition, when the crash came. He was standing directly in front of the window. The concussion was so terrific that Mr. O'Connor was picked up bodily and hurled to the floor. This circumstance undoubtedly saved his life, for had he remained before the window he must inevitably have been seriously injured if not instantly killed by the cloud of flying bricks which crashed into the room and fell about his prostrate body. Several companions who witnessed the accident rushed to the young man's assistance, but he stood unassisted, suffering no injury beyond a few

bruises occasioned by his forcible contact with the floor.

Owing to the fact that Mr. O'Connor, who is of a modest and retiring disposition, wished the facts in the case suppressed because of the notoriety given such matters in the secular press, it was with difficulty that the story was secured. But a faithful friend inadvertently referred to the matter in the writer's hearing, hence its appearance in print.

Our choir was recently augmented by a most valuable acquisition in the person of Mr. Joseph Cox, formerly of the cathedral. Mr. Cox, besides possessing a baritone voice of unusual tone, is a natural musician. Mr. Cox, it will be remembered, made his debut with exceeding éclat at an entertainment given by the Cathedral choir in Spencerport last fall. On that occasion his remarkably fine rendition of Schenck's "Engelsburg" captivated the audience, and the local press was loud in its praises of this talented young man.

A class of 125 children and adults was confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid at 8.30 o'clock mass in this church on Sunday morning last. The girls and young ladies in the class were clad in bridal vesture, wearing white dresses, long white tulle veils and wreaths of flowers. The boys and young men wore black suits and white gloves. The children's choir furnished the music for the mass. The sign of the white vested children of the church bowed in prayer, the sound of the deep-toned organ mingling with the small but sweet voices of the youthful choristers and the grand and solemn service of the mass united to make the occasion one not to be soon forgotten by the vast crowd of earnest worshippers that filled the church. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bishop spoke feelingly to the children on intemperance and its attendant miseries.

In the afternoon the class attended Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, where they listened to words of advice from their pastor, Rev. Father Hendrick.

Isabel M. Peck, wife of James E. Ryan, died on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th, after an illness of eight weeks. During this time she suffered intensely from heart disease, but her tender piety and faith in prayer sustained her until death came to her relief and her pure and gentle spirit passed peacefully away. At her death-bed were her devoted husband, her cousin, Mrs. Nellie Allen McMahon of Chicago, and other faithful friends who have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. She leaves also a brother, Hiram, of Dallas, Texas.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

The formal opening of the new wing recently added to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, on Andrews street, took place Thursday and was largely attended. The building is a model of comfort and convenience, and the motherly care bestowed on the unfortunate little ones by the Sisters makes it a desirable home for the orphans. A large number of the priests of the diocese were present. In the evening a concert was given by the choir of the church. St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum is conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame, and is in charge of St. Joseph's society, numbering about 100 members. The cost of the new wing was about \$20,000.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Hon. John J. Delaney of New York city, delivered an interesting lecture on "The Catholic American Citizen," at the school hall, Thursday evening. The platform was neatly decorated with palms. Upon it were seated most of the priests of the city, together with prominent members of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Delaney is well known as an orator, and his eloquence brought forth at frequent intervals hearty outbursts of enthusiasm. When he concluded his peroration there was long continued applause.

Elizabeth Burgess, wife of John P. Burgess, died Tuesday evening at the family residence, 114 Mansion street, aged 35 years. She is survived by her husband and four children.

The funeral of Julia McGrady wife of Hugh McGrady, was held Wednesday from the family residence, 90 Prospect street, at 8.30 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock from the church. The deceased is survived by her husband, four sons, five daughters and one brother.

SS. PETER AND PAULS.

The members of the choir were entertained with a banquet by their worthy pastor in the parish hall last Sunday evening in honor of their patron saint's day.

The marriage of Ida Slink of this parish to Michael Kraft of St. Michael's parish was solemnized by Rev. Father Sinclair Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning the marriage of Francis York to James Conolly was solemnized by Rev. Father Sinclair. The groom is a prominent member of the Y. M. C. C. and Knights of SS. Peter and Paul. The bride is the present treasurer of the Young Ladies Sodality.

C. M. B. A. 82, initiated two members at the last meeting and officers were nominated.

We are glad to hear that Brother Valentine Hantz is able to be out after his severe illness.

HOLY FAMILY.

Mrs. Eva K. Fischer, aged 67 years, wife of Michael Fischer, died Tuesday morning at the family residence, 67 Hague street. She is survived by her husband, one son, George Fischer, and one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Strauser. The funeral was held Friday at 8.30 a. m. from the house and at 9 a. m. from the church.

HOLY REDSEMER.

Mary E. Marked, widow of John A. Marked died Monday morning at her residence, 201 North avenue, aged 84 years 10 months. Four daughters survive, Misses Elizabeth, Mary and Catherine of this city, and Sister Theresa of Notre Dame Convent of Aminean, Illinois. The funeral was held Thursday morning from the family residence at 8 o'clock and at 8.30 from the church.

ST. BONIFACE.

On Tuesday at the mass at 8 o'clock the marriage of Mr. J. Hill to Miss R. Niederd took place and was witnessed by a large circle of friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The first mass at St. Boniface will hereafter, and until further notice be at 8 o'clock on Sundays and week days.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

The choir gave an entertainment last week in the parish hall which was a great success in every way. Over \$200 was cleared. The parish hall has been entirely renovated and now presents a beautiful appearance. The stage has been enlarged and four new sets of scenes put in.

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Patron of the church will be solemnly celebrated Sunday Dec. 5. Rev. Dr. Hanna will preach at high mass.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

The fair which has been in progress this week has been in progress this week has been very well attended. The booths are prettily decorated and present a handsome appearance. The lower floor is given up to dancing and excellent music is furnished by Koesterer's orchestra. Two voting contests lend interest to the occasion. The first is between Miss M. Notebaert and Miss Hebering. The other contest is between Henry Plant of the Newport Cycle Club, and J. Brickner of the Eighth Separate Company.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

The Knights of St. George gave an entertainment and dance at Germania Hall Wednesday evening. The building was crowded to the doors, over a thousand people being present. The entertainment opened with a operetta entitled "Rosebud, or the Sleeping Beauty," which was given by the Knights of St. George Dramatic Club.

A BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH GIVEN AWAY.

A beautiful large photograph 11x14 inches of Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid will be given to every subscriber of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, who after December 1st pays a full year's subscription for 1898 in advance, and send us fifty cents extra to cover part of cost of the frame. The photograph is a reproduction of the picture of the Bishop which hangs in St. Bernard's Seminary and is certainly a work of art. It was made by Mr. E. E. Nier, the celebrated artist of Powers Block. The photograph will be handsomely framed with an elegant illuminium gold bordered, florentine frame and all ready to hang up when received. Now is the time to send in your orders.

Death of a Religious.

Sister M. Charitas died Sunday in Milwaukee, Wis., at the Convent de Notre. She will be buried in that city. She was a daughter of the late George and Frances Merklinger, of this city.

ST. CECILIA'S DAY.

St. Cecilia's day was celebrated Monday evening at Nazareth Convent, an excellent musical programme being rendered. Those who participated in the entertainment were Teresa M. Darcey, Marie O'Haire, Minnie B. M. Stand, Margaret F. Heveron, Teresa M. Beyer, Margaret M. Darcey, Kathryn A. O'Neill, Mary Slattery, Leo Kelly, Lillian M. Barnes, Marie Neville, William Healey, James Doran, Kathryn Schell, Beth Rogers, Alice L. Sullivan, Elizabeth E. Fee, Mary R. Donnelly, Alice M. Higgins and the Cecilian choral class.

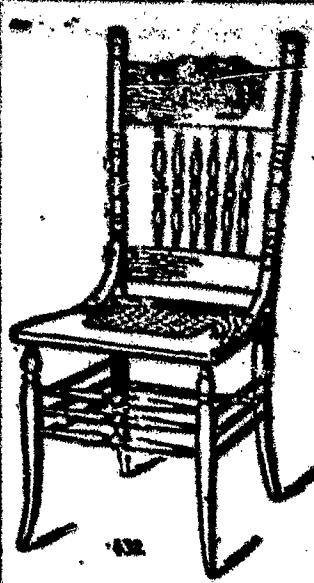
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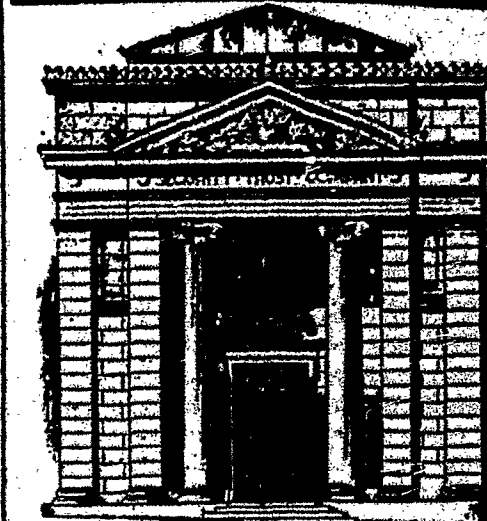
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