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THE CRUSADE.

As announced in last week's JOURNAL there is a crusade on in this city
against disreputable saloons and music
halls. Rev. T. A. Hendrick, pastor
of St. Bridget's church, and others,
have taken an open stand against
these places. The JOURNAL has al-
ways opposed these dens of iniquity,
and not long ago gave them a severe
trouncing. An esteemed correspond-
ent has this to say on the subject:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 5, '98.
Editor of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL,

Dear Sir:—The movement on foot
in this city at the present time to sup-
press the places commonly known as
music halls is timely and necessary.
In the first place a music hall is a
thing for which the decent proportion
of the community have no use. They
are so to say, a drug in the market.
They are frequented and supported by
a class of human beings who are sunk
as low as possible for any members
of the human family to sink. The
people who frequent them are as a
rule public nuisances, dead-beats, and
chronic drunkards. They are in the
way of all decent people who are wil-
ling to work and pay their way
through the world. The term, music
hall, I believe, commonly applied
to all saloons or drinking places in
which dancing is indulged in, and
bawdy theatrical performances are
given nightly, and which are patron-
ized by the lowest class of debauched
humanity. The penal ordinances of
the city necessitate the receiving of a
license in order to have the privilege
of keeping and running a music hall.
According to the reports of those who
have investigated the matter, about
one-half of the music halls in the city
are running without a license, which
is, of course, a violation of the city
charter. As the licenses of a majority
of the music halls in the city have ex-
pired or are about to expire, and as
the mayor has refused to grant new
licenses, the music halls will either
have to suspend business or run in
violation of law. The local crusade
which has lately been commenced
against them is evidently directed
principally against the unlicensed
music halls, and not the licensed ones.
Now it is highly probable that every
decent, respectable and moral citizen
of the city of Rochester would rejoice
to know that every one of those so-
called music halls, in reality the re-
sults of the most miserable, debauched
and degraded members of the human
family, were done away entirely and
abolished. It would be very much to
the credit of the citizens of Rochester
if there was not a single such concern
doing business within the city limits.
The sentiment of the people is un-
doubtedly against them and as they
are a detriment to the public and
highly injurious morally to the young
and old, especially to the former, they
should be done away with at once, and
no single one should be allowed to
do business within the city limits. All
that is necessary is for a public mass
meeting to be called in Fitchburg hall
or some such hall, and afford the peo-
ple an opportunity of expressing their
feelings in regard to the matter. The
result of such a meeting would with-
out doubt be very much against the
keeping of music halls, of any like
disreputable concerns. Having once
expressed the feelings of the people on
this subject it is needless to say that
the police and the courts will take prompt

and effective steps to put down such
nuisances, which should be no longer
tolerated. Under the able leadership
of such reformers as Rev. Thomas A.
Hendrick and Rev. Clarence A. Bar-
bour, this reform movement cannot
fail of success. All that is necessary
is to arrive at some conclusion as to
how best to enforce the law, and
"freeze out" such disreputable bawdy
houses. Then for the police depart-
ment to go about and enforce it strict-
ly. This done the city of Rochester
will be in a fine way toward moral im-
provement and the morals of our
young men and women will not be ex-
posed to so many temptations. The
gamblers, dead-beats, thugs and des-
peradoes who frequent and support
such places will then have to look for
new quarters, and the city of Roch-
ester will be rid of a good-for-nothing
class of people. Let every citizen take
an interest in this matter, and let
everyone hope that the music hall will
soon be a thing of the past.

Yours respectfully,
ROCHESTERIAN.

We do not believe that there are
any Catholics who run music halls in
this city, but we know that there are
a large number of Catholic men who
are engaged in the liquor business,
and to them the repeating of the laws
of the church on saloons and the sale
of intoxicating liquors will not be out
of place. It follows:

"The Second Plenary Council of
Baltimore was held in the year 1866.
At that council were assembled all the
bishops of the United States. These
bishops represented the Catholic
church in the United States. In de-
crees Nos 469 and 470 of that council
we read as follows:

"No. 470. Since the very worst
scandals owe their origin to excess in
drink, we exhort pastors, and we in-
quire them for the love of Jesus Christ,
to devote all their energies to the ex-
tirpation of the vice of intemperance.
To that end we deem worthy of praise
the zeal of those who, the better to
guard against excess, pledge them-
selves to total abstinence.

"No. 469. Let pastors frequently
warn their flocks to shun drink houses,
and let them repel from the sacraments
liquor dealers who encourage the
abuses of drink, especially on Sun-
day."

In the Third Plenary Council of
Baltimore, held in 1884, we have the
following:

"No. 263. We admonish Catholics
engaged in the sale of intoxicating
liquors to consider seriously how many
and how great are the dangers and the
occasions of sin which their business,
although not in itself illicit, is sur-
rounded. Let them, if possible, choose
some more honorable way of making
a living. And if they find it impos-
sible to quit it, then let them strive
with all their might to remove the oc-
casions of sin from themselves and
from others. Let them not sell drink
either to minors or to those who they
foresee will go to excess. Let them
keep their saloons closed on the Lord's
Day. Let them at no time permit on
their premises blasphemy, cursing or
obscene language. But if, through
their action or with their co-opera-
tion, religion is dishonored and men
are led to ruin, let them remember
that there is an Avenger in heaven
who will certainly demand of them
retribution."

In this decree the church admon-
ishes liquor sellers that their business
is the "occasion of many sins," says
Father Troy. "It exhorts them to
choose a more honorable way of mak-
ing a living. Therefore the church
holds that there is little honor at-
tached to the liquor business. If,
however, it is impossible for them to
give up the business, it must be car-
ried on under certain conditions. They
must not sell to minors; they must not
sell to those who are in danger of
going to excess; they must not sell on
Sunday. And be it observed that the
council does not say that they are to
refrain from selling only on the morn-
ing of Sunday; it says 'Sunday.' No
part of the day is excluded. In fine,
they are not permitted to allow the
use of profane or obscene language on
their premises.

"We can easily understand how dif-
ficult it will be to obtain the fulfill-
ment of all these conditions. But if
these conditions are not present, the
law of the church and the law of God
positively forbid Catholics to engage
in the business. And, even under
the most favorable conditions, the
church holds that it is far more hon-

orable for Catholics to get into a more
honorable business.

"The church, in the final words of
this decree of the Third Plenary coun-
cil of Baltimore, warns liquor sellers
that if religion is dishonored, if souls
are lost, by their sale of liquor, they
must be prepared on day to go be-
fore an angry God and give an ac-
count as to the way they have con-
ducted their business. I might ask
the question, 'How many can say
that they have always conducted their
business blameless in the sight of Al-
mighty God?'"

"This, then, is the teaching of the
church in this country with regard to
the liquor question. It is not the ut-
terance of any individual. It has all
the force of the authority of the church.

THE HAPPY CATHOLIC FAMILY.

WATKINS, N. Y., Dec. 7, '98.
Editor of CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

This is the season of the year when
the glow of the household should
abound with pleasure. The
advent of the long winter evenings are
now upon us, and it behoves every
member of the family to do his or her
part in bringing about that good, har-
monious and Christian-like spirit that
has always characterized the true
Catholic home. That dwelling or abode
that has formed a lofty and im-
pressible subject alike for the poet,
painter, author and philosopher. The
importance alike, although unex-
pressed, is felt in the poorer circle of
the God fearing and humble family,
and beginning in the dawn of human-
ity. The paterfamilias, when admir-
ing such attributes of the author of
the human family, and reflecting on
the one continual association of Christ
and man, it is with gratitude every
Christian of a family reflects in his
agency in the continuation. With
his home must ever mingle the joys
and holy peace of a true household.
In this instance are two individuals,
father and mother, on whom rest the
exercise of those attractions which
keep the family group together. When
the parents do their duty in this re-
spect the rest of the members of the
family will happily acquiesce, and
there will be perfect harmony in the
family circle, and the grace of God
will reign supreme.

Innocent amusement is ever pleas-
ing to God, and its full measurement
readily brings joy to each and every-
one's guardian angel, who is ever
present on festive occasions as well as at
all seasons. These rational pastimes,
or rather recreations can be brought
about in many ways. Lively recita-
tions, fine choice readings, plays by
home talent from Catholic authors;
opinions on current events of the day;
lastly, but not least of all, music. Ah!
that's it! And then a quadrille or two,
and, if you like, a good Irish jig will
be in season, and a waltz between
sister and brother will not mar the
beauty of the evening's programme.
Yes, music has its charms even "to
soothe the savage breast," as the say-
ing is quoted on many occasions. To
produce those charms it requires no
extra great amount of musical skill,
and as for the instruments, they can
be had almost for the asking. These
things being produced in the happy
family, in their scene of goodness and
merriment, the vocal attractions must
necessarily follow, and what family is
there but one will find a singer? The
saying has it: "It takes one more than
one swallow to bring summer." Yet in
this instance we can form a pleasant
exception; for around what hearth in
winter does not the sweet song of the
maiden bring summer? Therefore,
good fathers and mothers, see to it
that your home is the better off in the
providing of at least one musical in-
strument for your children. It will
put asunder that monotony that so
often causes children to seek for re-
treats they call "Home, Sweet
Home."

On the worth and pleasing sensi-
tiveness of music, as well as its at-
tractiveness, the writer can speak with
some experience; for, when tired and
disappointed by his feeble efforts in
dipping into the repository of litera-
ture (too deep, by the way), it's an
ocean of relief to take hold of my vio-
lin (you darling!) and enliven my
restless and weary soul. Therefore,
parents, drive monotony from your
dwelling—give it no roost, but join
the childlike merriments of your chil-
dren. Remember, "A little nonsense
now and then is relished by the best
of men." Furthermore, the chief
care and task of the household should
not rest solely on the shoulders of the
mother of the family. The father, if
he deserves such title, must necessa-
rily co-operate with his good and
faithful wife by remaining at home in
the evening and be one of the actors
in the family circle. The father is to
be blamed if he does not realize a par-
adise in his own home. And he cer-
tainly is radically at variance with his
obligations to God as well as to his
family. Hence it is, marriage is not a
failure, when marriage to God is
true. It is a lasting and holy alli-
ance of man and woman with a li-

cence that is ratified in heaven and
blessed by Almighty God—notwith-
standing the worldly opinions of those
who are ever ready to take a western
train, drop off at a divorce station
and get free—only to repeat the act
at the end of another ten months. To
the young married man also is incum-
bent the obligation to make his new
home the scene of happiness and con-
tentment for his young wife. No
longer can it be reasonable policy for
him to associate with his old time
chums. That time has passed. When
his daily avocations are at end his
time, by right divine, belongs to his
devoted partner in life; and their
abode in after time will present that
family scene I have attempted to pen-
iculate for our good family paper, the
CATHOLIC JOURNAL. That scene
where the cheery laughter and cher-
ubic voices of the little ones that far
surpass that of any earthly music.
Amidst all this the joys of married life
should not be of yesterday, but a con-
tinual happiness for the faithful hus-
band and wife. We should also re-
member that it is the family circle
that is to furnish those great and good
men to be our priests, bishops and
other great lights for our Holy Mother;
the church. The church in her holy
mission also requires the services of
legions of good women, and it is to the
good and exemplary the choice will be
made.

With the social features or pas-
times of pleasant evenings at home,
can also be mingled many applica-
tions toward self-education. These
opportunities during the long winter,
if taken advantage of, will bring
many mental improvements, and of
the moral order also. Many a cele-
brated genius in times past would like
to have had similar avenues open up
to him, instead of every disadvantage,
coupled with the burning of the mid-
night oil. Therefore, with practical
and persistent effort in this direction
at self culture one will be amazed
when the spring comes again to know
what a detailed knowledge of many
things has been acquired.

H. O' C.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John i. 19-28 —
At that time: "The Jews sent from
Jerusalem priests and Levites to John,
to ask him: Who art thou? And he
confessed, and did not deny; and he
confessed: I am not the Christ. And
they asked him: What then? Art
thou Elias? And he said: I am not.
Art thou the prophet? And he an-
swered: No. They said therefore
unto him: Who art thou, that we may
give an answer to them that sent us?
What sayest thou of thyself? He said:
I am the voice of one crying in the
wilderness: Make straight the way of
the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.
And they that were sent were of the
Pharisees. And they asked him, and
said to him: Why then dost thou
baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor
Elias, nor the prophet? John an-
swered them, saying: I baptize with
water, but there hath stood One in
the midst of you Whom you know
not. The same is He that shall come
after me: the lachet of Whose shoe I
am not worthy to loose. These things
were done in Bethania beyond the
Jordan, where John was baptizing.

We should learn to practice hu-
mility, as St. John did, by confessing
sincerely our nothingness, by not
sounding our own praises even
when there may be occasion to do so
without danger of ostentation, and by
suffering with patience injurious words
even when performing faithfully our
duties.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, December 11—Third Sunday in Ad-
vent—Epist. Phil. iv. 4-7; Gosp. John i.
19-28.
Monday, 12—Of the Octave.
Tuesday, 13—St. Lucy, virgin and martyr.
Wednesday, 14—Of the Octave. Ember
day. Fast.
Thursday, 15—Octave of the Immaculate
Conception.
Friday, 16—St. Eusebius, bishop and mar-
tyr. Ember day. Fast.
Saturday, 17—Ember day. Fast.

PERSONAL.

Miss Katherine Tobin of Victor,
who has been the guest of Miss Helen
Garvey of 4 North Alexander street,
has returned home.

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NEW SCHOOL STARTED.

St. Augustine's on Chili Avenue Opened.
St. Augustine's Roman Catholic School
on Chili Avenue near the city line was
opened Monday with the celebration of
mass. There were about twenty pupils in
attendance, and two sisters have charge
of the school. The pupils are children living
in the vicinity who are too young to go as
far as St. Patrick's or the Immaculate Con-
ception school. The schoolhouse is a one-
story frame building.

The new school is a branch of the Cath-
edral school, and with it is under the general
charge of Rev. Father Thomas F. Hickey,
rector of the Cathedral. It is anticipated
that in time St. Augustine's will grow into a
parish.

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We sometimes wonder how it was that we managed to do the
Christmas business seemingly satisfactorily, within former store
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care of without the big Basement; shouldn't have room for either
wares or customers.

Christmas store arrangement is planned to make buying easy
for acquaintance and stranger. There are all the regular depart-
ments—the familiar places—and here and there wherever there's an
accessible corner you'll find Christmas merchandise.

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