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A CATHOLIC PARTY.

The Catholic press of the country
are stirred up over the failure of the
Fifty-fifth congress to reopen the
school question upon petition of Cardinal
Gibbons. The Ave Maria says
that the only information obtainable
is that "Senator Gorman and a few
others had exhausted every device of
statesmanship to secure consideration
for the petition, but without success." Our
contemporary then adds these
forceful remarks:

As if to emphasize the disregard in
which congress holds the feelings of
our people, Catholic institutions of
charity in the District of Columbia
were ostentatiously denied state aid,
while Protestant institutions are still
aided by the government. The direction
in which this policy leads is clear
as noonday. Repugnant though the
idea is to American Catholics, a centre
party with a Windthorst at its head is
fast becoming necessary. But until
such a party materializes, a more
effective weapon in defense of the
Catholic Indian schools than the Cardinal's
well-reasoned and unexceptionable
petition in Congress would be a
joint letter of the American bishops
to their flocks, and a congress of Catholic
editors to agree upon a uniform and
vigorous political policy. That sort
of argument politicians understand
and respect. Most of them are not
influenced by considerations of right
and justice.

While we do not favor the idea of
a Catholic party, yet we think that
some action should be taken to secure
some consideration for our rights.
Our Indian schools, which were progressing
finely, have, through the failure
of Congress to provide the necessary
funds for their proper maintenance
been brought to a standstill,
while Protestant institutions are
helped. This is neither right nor
just, and we must seek relief in some
way.

A joint letter from the bishops to
their flocks and a congress of Catholic
editors to agree upon a uniform and
vigorous policy would, in our opinion,
be the best course to pursue.

THE POLICE BILL STALLED

"The best laid schemes of mice and
men gang aft agley." The attempt
of Boss Platt and the republican
machine to rush through both branches
of the legislature the state constabulary
bill, which, in our opinion, is an
outrageous measure to capture the police
force of the first and second class
cities for political purposes has been
nipped by the prompt action of the
senators of this county upon the
urgent telegrams, letters, protests,
etc., that they have received during
the past few days. The senators have
acted wisely.

The Croker investigation is not
settled. More information.

Father Spillane of Boston has been
making inquiries to ascertain how
many Catholic students are in attendance
at Yale university. He also desires
to learn from each student his
reason for attending Yale in preference
to some of the Catholic colleges or
universities. It is with a view to
studying the situation thoroughly and
to ascertain just what is desired by the
majority of Catholic students who
enter other universities that the investigation
is to be made.

Father Spillane has distributed to
the Catholic students at Yale blanks
having a number of queries printed
upon them, with the request that the
student answer in detail the questions
presented. It is estimated that there
are at least 300 students attending
Yale university who belong to the
Catholic faith. Father Spillane was
one of the delegates to the national
conference of Catholic colleges and
schools that met in Chicago recently.

Right Rev. John Ambrose Watterson,
bishop of the diocese of Columbus,
died suddenly at his home in
that city. He had been in ill health
for some time, but his death was unexpected.
Bishop Watterson was
born May 27, 1844, in Blairsville,
Pa. He was ordained to the priesthood
in Pittsburg, and appointed a
professor in St. Mary's college, being
made president in 1877. He was appointed
bishop of Columbus and consecrated
August 8, 1880. He was a relative
of Henry Watterson.

A new postoffice has been established
at Nazareth, Kalamazoo Co.,
Mich., for the convenience of the Sisters
of St. Joseph. In the future any
mail intended for "Nazareth Academy,"
"Nazareth Convent," or "The Sisters
of St. Joseph," should be addressed
"Nazareth, Kalamazoo Co., Michigan."

The Rochester volunteers were received
with open arms.

JOYOUS NEWS.

Editor of CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

That was glorious reading in last
week's CATHOLIC JOURNAL under the
caption of "Dawn of Irish Liberty,"
in well chosen words, from the celebrated
Father Sheehy of Limerick, Ireland. In fact
his language has that old time and true
ring in it that so characterized it in the
days of the Land League. His words
cannot fail to gladden the heart of every
Irishman. Since the delivery of his subject
for his down-trodden country, a great
battle has just been fought and won in
that great island that is a greater triumph
than all combined that was accomplished
in the days of Parnell. In fact, it was an
overwhelming defeat against Ireland's
enemies, and was brought about without
recourse to bayonets, guns nor cannon.
Moral force, backed with full determination
and a united nation. The co-operation
of "priests and people" was the almighty
force that did the work, and it redounds
to the honor of Ireland for such a great
battle to be fought in her behalf. In fact,
such intelligence has caused the English
press to be confounded, and it can hardly
realize that there could be such a "veritable
revolution" and the "annihilation of the
rent office faction." I dare say such
joyous news has been a great surprise
to the Irish element on this side of the
Atlantic. To realize the magnitude and
importance of the victory, one must scan
the results of the elections as being held
in each county. The local government of
Mayo is now wholly in the control of the
Irish Nationalists. Who would have
predicted such a change under the United
Irish League within the first year of its
existence? That of itself alone was
worthy of the formation of the United
League, and it speaks volumes for the
"Father of the Land League." A like
imitation of so good a work was also
made in every one of the county council
elections throughout the whole land
from Cork to Donegal. From the number
of 633 councils the people have elected
523 Irish Nationalists. In union is
strength. Evidently the people of Ireland
have given a good account of themselves
in their late elections. No wonder the
London Times shrieks in dismay and
howls with an emphasis of "priestcraft."
The devil's sheet can rest assured
that it was the work of the Catholic
clergy, and they did it well. The Irish
clergy were the authors of Ireland's
greatness in ages past, and they are
ceaseless yet to make her "the light
of the world." H. O. O.

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Sisters of Solitude.

(Continued from 1st page.)

silent meditation in the lowly chapel,
bare, whitewashed, sanded, unadorned
save for the statue on the high altar
of "Notre Dame de la Solitude"—a
miraculous gift. And then a few
hours' sleep in the plainest cell, com-
fortless, but spotlessly clean, scarcely
protected from the bitter, piercing air
outside. Believe me, the cattle of the
Convent of the Solitude, in their warm,
cosy sheds, are better tended.

I am met at the gate by one of the
sisters of the "Notre Dame du Refuge,"
who is bound by no laws of silence and
who spends her day at the entrance of
the solitary convent. Our first visit
is, of course, to the chapel, appalling-
ly plain and bare. Here is the first
instance of the severity of the rules of
self denial. In other convents there
is comfort at least in the chapel of the
order, where all the religious meet to
pray, morning, noon and night. Colored
statues on the altar, painted
windows and frescoed walls, gaily
adorned "Stations of the Cross," lace,
flowers, altar-cloths, music, light and
brightness relieve the convent life else-
where from its dreariness and monoton-
y. Not so at the Solitude. Only one
patient figure on the altar of "Our
Lady of Loneliness," and no more.
Elsewhere, sand for the floor, white-
wash for the wall—a barn-like desolate
and deserted place.

Here, prostrate on the sand, in this
very chapel, many long years ago, was
found her majesty the empress of the
French, praying with all the earnest-
ness of her nature for a special gift
from God. Shall we wonder, then,
that the penitents of the Solitude,
the spot, scene, the history of its found-
ation and its work of mercy, ap-
pealed directly to the generous heart
of our own queen of England? Shall
we be surprised to hear that her
majesty, with her gentle, tender, nature
made her way also to the convent of
Solitude that was so dear to Eugenie?
The sister who took me round this
home of rest told me that she had had
the honor on more than one occasion
to escort the queen of England and the
princess Beatrice over the convent,
both of whom were deeply touched by
the sentiment of the Solitude, and their
names are held in veneration by all
whose lives are passed in this remark-
able refuge.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL—Third Sunday after
Easter—St. John xvi. 16-22—At that
time, Jesus said to his disciples: "A
little while, and you shall not see Me;
and again a little while, and you shall
see Me: because I go to the Father.
Then some of His disciples said one to
another: What is that He hath said
to us: A little while, and you shall not
see Me; and again a little while and you
shall see Me; and because I go to the
Father? They said therefore: What
is this that He saith, A little while?
We know not what He speaketh.
And Jesus knew they had a mind to
ask Him, and He said to them: Of
this do you inquire among yourselves,
because I said, a little while and you
shall not see Me; and again a little
while, and you shall see Me? Amen,
amen, I say to you, that you shall lament
and weep, but the world shall rejoice;
and you shall be made sorrowful,
but your sorrow shall be turned into
joy. A woman, when she is in labor,
hath sorrow, because her hour is come:
but when she hath brought forth the
child, she remembereth no more the
anguish, for joy that a man is born
into the world. So also you now indeed
have sorrow, but I will see you again,
and your heart shall rejoice: and your
joy no man shall take from you."

How can we apply all this to ourselves?

We must know that if we are faithful
followers and true friends of Christ,
we may expect sorrow, tribulations,
and sufferings here on earth, but that
all this will be for our greater glory
and joy in heaven.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 23—Third Sunday after
Easter—Gosp. St. John xvi 16-22.—Par-
sonage of St. Joseph.
Monday, 24—St. Fidelis, martyr.
Tuesday, 25—St. Mark, evangelist.
Wednesday, 26—St. Cletus and Marcellinus,
Popes and martyrs.
Thursday, 27—St. Zita, virgin.
Friday, 28—St. Paul of the Cross, confessor.
Saturday, 29—St. Peter of Verona, martyr.

FORTY HOURS' ADOPTION.

The order of Forty Hours states
that the devotions will take place as
follows:

April 28—Caledonia, Geneva, Victor,
Hornellsville.
April 30—Seneca Falls, Avon, Ontario,
St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia,
Corning.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different
Fraternities.
C. M. B. A.

BRANCH VISITS.

Too much value cannot be placed
upon hearty, whole-souled fraternal
visits as a means of infusing renewed
interest and good fellowship into our
branches, says a writer, and very
truly too. A branch may be able to
get just enough members together to
make up the necessary quorum; its
meetings may be dull, dry and spirit-
less; but let a few visitors from a wide
awake branch burst in upon them,
and see how everything is changed in
an instant. You will find life and ac-
tivity where there was nothing but
the dull routine of business. We all
know that it does a branch good to
have visitors, and therefore members
of all branches should strive to see and
get acquainted with members in other
branches. It will do you all good in
many ways. It will give them a
chance to compare the work of others
with their own and profit thereby; it
will increase your acquaintances
among the association in general, and
tend to make the C. M. B. A. what
it should be. I should advise not only
individual visits to other branches,
but the making up of parties to take
meetings by storm, and show the out-
siders that the C. M. B. A. is alive, and
that they are social and friendly in
the order and in each other's society.
FRATERNALLY, J. J. H., Br. 81.

C. J. HICKEY DEAD.

A telegram was received in Roch-
ester Sunday stating that C. J.
Hickey had died at his home in
Brooklyn. Mr. Hickey had been the
supreme secretary of the C. M. B. A.
for a number of years and is well
known personally to many of the
members of this city. His funeral
was held from his late residence Mon-
day morning. He was buried in Alleghany,
his old home, Wednesday
morning.

A very enjoyable entertainment and
cake walk was held by Auxiliary No.
3, A. O. H., Friday evening, April
14th, at 14 Durand Bldg. Those as-
sisting in the entertainment were Misses
M. Melin, H. Dixon, C. Dunn, L.
Culliton, M. Houser, E. Boyle J.
Bogner and Messrs. Donnell, Sullivan,
Fletcher and Keefe. The cake walk
was won by Miss L. Culliton and Mr.
Crouh. The Hibernal Rifles at-
tended in a body. Mr. Doolin in be-
half of the Rifles thanked the Auxil-
iary for the enjoyable evening they
spent.

DAUGHTERS OF ERIN

Seldom has there been a society event that
was equal to the reception given by Auxil-
iary 3, D. of E., at their rooms in the Du-
rand building on West Main street on Fri-
day evening. About 100 guests, including
Company A, Hibernal Rifles, assembled in
the handsomely furnished rooms of the auxil-
iary where an elaborate program was
rendered. After the formal reception ten-
dered to the invited guests a song was
given by the Auxiliary quartette, after which
a sumptuous collation was in order. The
Rifles, in whose honor the reception was
given, were introduced to the guests and
members by Mrs. Campbell, who acted as
host, with Mrs. Mullen, for the evening, and
there were pleasing songs and eloquent
speeches. Messrs. Hibber and Frowley
rendered a duet entitled "Come Back to
Erin," and John J. Sullivan, with a chorus
of the members of the company, sang "God
save Ireland," with Mr. Frowley as mus-
ic leader, after which the hostess, on behalf
of Auxiliary 3, thanked the uniformed
brothers for their support in the past, and
hoped the bonds of friendship would never be
broken, even by death itself. Mr. O. T. Dolan
of Company A, then addressed the auxiliary in
a few choice and appropriate remarks,
and tendered the thanks of the company, assur-
ing the hostess of the cordial support of the
Rifles whenever it should be needed in the
future. Among the entertainers of the evening
were Mr. Deaton, Miss Burke, Mr.
James McGinnis, Mr. Callan, Mr. Han-
Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Conner
and Miss Kavanagh gave an excellent clog
dance, as also Mr. Regan. The auxiliary
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