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SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CELEBRATES ITS TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

Appropriate Ceremonies To-Morrow - Sketch of Church, School and Societies.

The silver anniversary of St. Michael's church will be celebrated to-morrow with appropriate ceremonies. The church was founded in 1874 by Rev. Father Pincini, who was succeeded by Rev. Father Hargather in 1886. The church is one of the most beautiful in Rochester, and is a landmark in the city.

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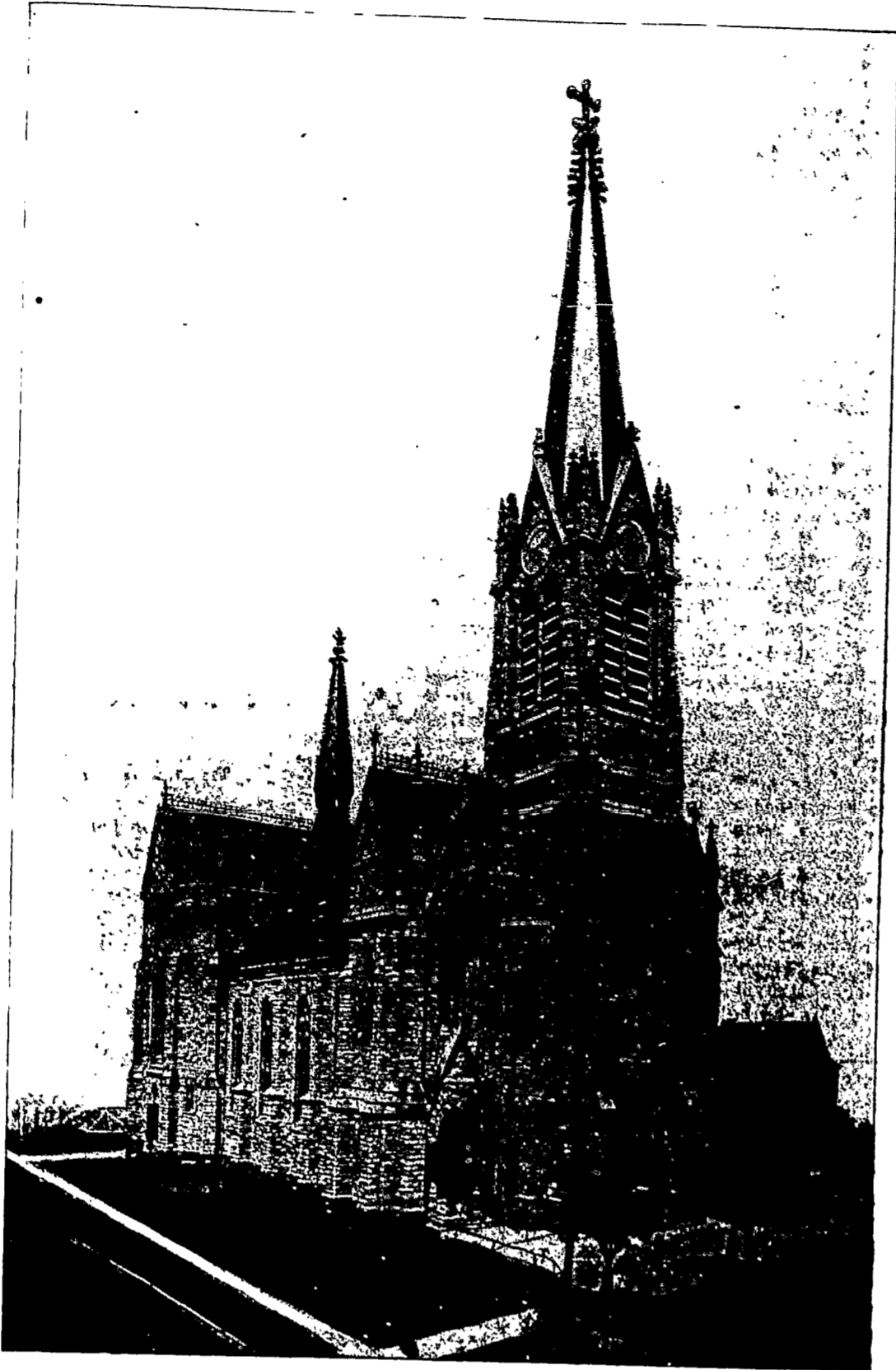
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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

TEMPLE OF CHRIST.

Dedicated to the St. Michael's Church, of Rochester, N. Y.

(Written for THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL.)

O, Temple of Christ! Full five and twenty years
Hast thou stood as noble evidence
Of unity, holiness, vastness and apostleship!
Thy children, with rapture of exultation,
Sing thy praise within the walls of thy holding,
Wherein is centered the Life of Life, Christ Eternal.

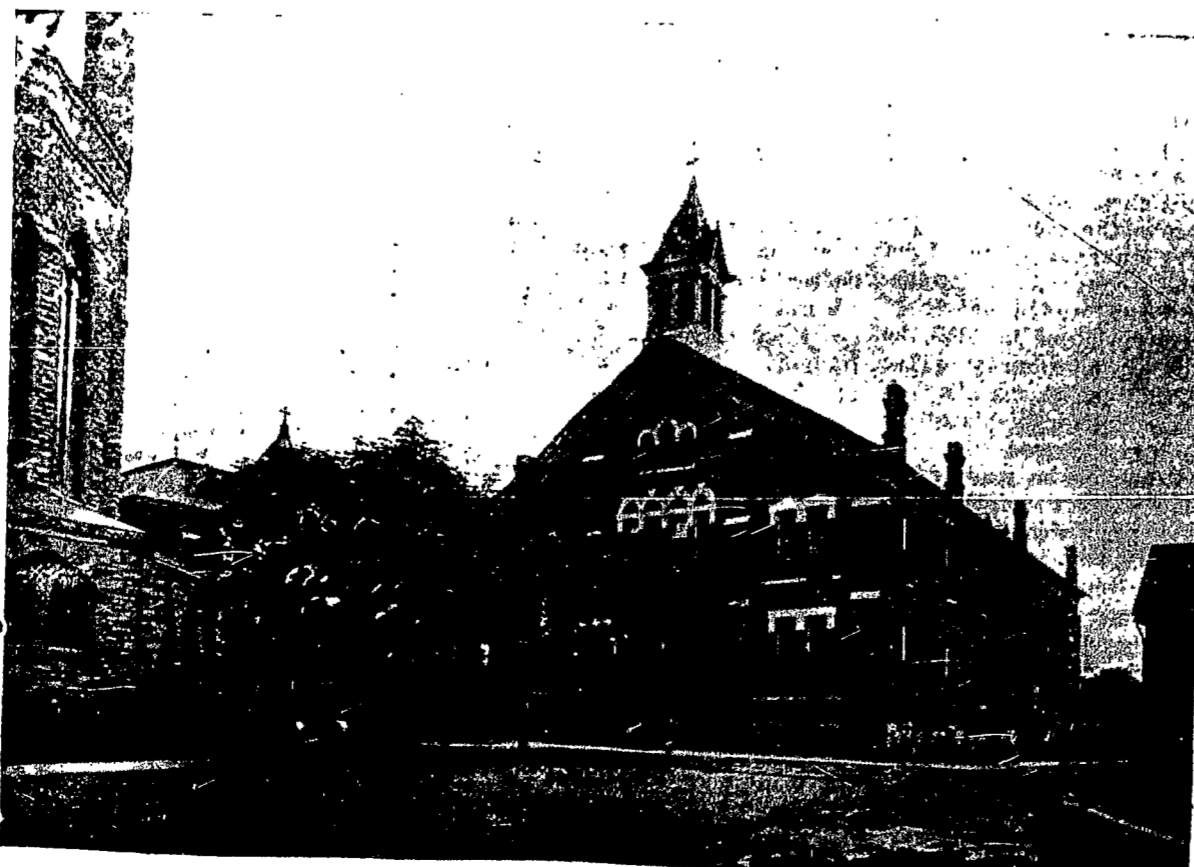
This act of gladness is the repetition
Of centuries old—aye, since the time
Of Peter, the Rock, on which the Word is God,
Doubly glad thy children praise thee
For the assurance—the gates of Hell
Shall not sway thy majesty!

Rock Eternal! Cemented by the blood of Christ;
He the author of thy greatness!
How fruitless and vain of man and devil,
In rebellion wrought against such power,
When the elements of destruction to Him must bow.
Aye! All nature in scenes and consort soundly
Tell of thy immensity! Why not, then,
The sons and daughters of that Church so holy
Proclaim their jubilee of gladness.

O Blessed Temple! Wherein many an infant
From original sin to grace was redeemed!
Wherein the loved one, and the lover, two hearts,
Were blended by vows to be unbroken;
Wherein the final blessing was given to the
Mortal remains to that faithful one of the Church.

Watkins, N. Y.

HENRY O'CONNELL.



PARISH HALL.



REV. J. PINCINI, REV. M. J. HARGATHER, REV. J. P. SCHEFFHORN.

and contains 24 class rooms. Every room has 2243 feet floor space and is lighted on two sides by from five to seven windows. In the main entrance are located two offices and two rooms. Each story is 12 feet high and the system of heating and ventilating is in accord with the latest improvements. The woodwork and blackboards are oak and slate respectively. The building is of brick with Medina stone trimmings. There are six columns of cast iron in front with three windows between each pair. The front entrance is a work of art. A number of stone steps lead to the finely arched and ornamented doorway at the top of which the school program and a gilded cross appear. The roof of the building is surmounted by a bell tower 30 feet from the

Father Hargather has proven himself a worthy successor of Father Pincini, who for 22 years labored so nobly and successfully for the church and school, and who died on February 12, 1899, in Germany.

There are 14 societies in the parish and each of them are in a flourishing condition. Three, the Rosary, Ladies' and Young Ladies societies, are directly connected with the church. The others are benevolent and insurance societies, of which a short sketch of each follows:

KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE.

This society was organized October 5, 1873, and is one of the prominent societies of the parish. The membership is 119 and the funds in the treasurer's hands amount to \$3,000. The following are the officers: President, John H. Lehman; first vice

Mrs. Mary A. Roth, Miss Anna Beck, Miss Catharine Harter, Mrs. F. Sauder, Mrs. L. W. Meier



Thos. Hempel, John B. Nickel, Peter Reinhardt, Jos. Kesseling, Chas. Schwabach.

Every attention has been given to the sanitary arrangements, the ventilating and heating of the building. The ventilating shaft, enclosing the smokestack, is fast high, thoroughly ventilates the entire building. The heating system is by hot water, and the lavatory, closets, etc., which are located in the basement, are of the most modern construction. Another modern improvement and which is considered very essential at this day, are the new drinking fountains. Father Hargather had this put in from a sanitary standpoint. These drinking fountains do away with the use of cups. By drinking from them all risk of contracting diseases from these sources is obviated, as the lips do not come in contact with the metal cups, through which there is a continuous flow of water.

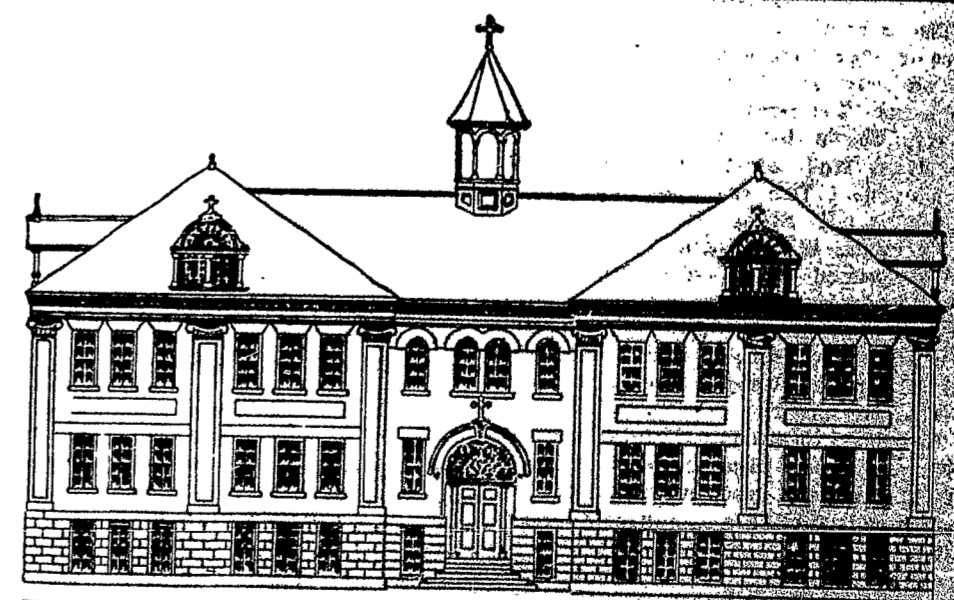
The building of a new school for St. Michael's parish was a long felt want, and for many years the parishioners had been longing to see the day when their wish should become a reality. Much credit is due to the Rev. M. J. Hargather, the present pastor, for the manner in which he took hold of the subject. He has given his undivided attention to the erection of this new school, in which he takes a special pride. The building will be ready for occupancy September 1st and the one thousand children of St. Michael's parish will soon have plenty of room and comfort in one of the most modern improved schools in the state of New York. St. Michael's school has long been known for its high standard. The in-

president, Alois Granberg; second vice president, Charles Schussman; special secretary, Joseph Kesseling; financial secretary, Michael Weismiller; treasurer, Louis Hendle; captain, Henry J. Worman; first lieutenant, Joseph Riffner; second lieutenant, Frank Schwabach; secretary, Michael Weismiller; second secretary, F.



JOHN H. LEHMAN.

Hermie. The president, Mr. Lehman, was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1849, and came to Rochester in the year 1868, where he worked a number of years at his trade, that of a carpenter. He then carried on



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL.

structors are the school sisters of Notre Dame, who are women of the broadest intellectual culture. The course of study pursued is equivalent to that of the grammar schools of New York state, and commences in the primary department. It is under the direction of the regents, and many pupils pass the regents' examination every year. The school is under the personal supervision of Father Hargather and his assistant, Father Scheffhorn, who takes great interest in the school work, and ably second all efforts of the pastor in behalf of the school.

the business of building until 1888, when he entered the restaurant business, which he successfully managed until 1891, when he retired from active business. He was appointed overseer of the poor by the common council April 27, 1888.

KNIGHTS OF ST. MICHAEL.

John B. Nickel, the present pastor of the Knights of St. Michael, was born in Neukirchen, Bavaria, in 1842, and graduated college in America in 1864. He came to this country in 1872. He is connected with a German society.

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