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mence a new feature in our Prize
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ment will contain each week puzzles,
conundrums, enigmas, missing word
contests and prize questions. To those
sending in correct answers, valuable
prizes will be given each week.

This feature will be of particular
interest to our young folks and many
older members of the family will find
much interest and valuable infor-
mation in answering our Prize ques-
tions. This is only one of the many
improvements that THE JOURNAL can
promise its readers in the near future
as it is the purpose of the publishers to
make THE JOURNAL one of the bright-
est and most readable of the Catholic
papers. In doing this we must have
the assistance of our readers. Many
of those who are receiving THE
JOURNAL regularly are in arrears on
their subscriptions. The matter of
one subscription is a small one but
when the number runs up to two or
three hundred it becomes more serious.
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to limit our contest to those of our
subscribers who are paid up. If you
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part in any of the contests, send with
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subscribers a choice of one of our
valuable premiums mentioned on an-
other page. Try our General puzzle
this week. It can be found on page
57.

NO SOCIETY PHYSICIANS.

The physicians of the city of Spring-
field, Mass., says the Tribune, have
all agreed to decline further services
for any society after April 1. The
subject has been discussed for some
time, but it was only within the past
few days that a unanimous agreement
had been reached. Many and various
are the reasons given for such action,
the principal one of which is that just
at present everybody wanted to be a
"joiner" and it was a rare case to
find a man who didn't belong to some
organization. The consequence was
that there was but little practice for a
doctor outside of the organizations,
especially among the men. And in
some of the organizations the members
of the family had to be treated at half
price, the Knights of Malta, for in-
stance. Therefore, as a matter of self-
protection, to the physicians' opinion, it
was necessary that some such action
should be taken. It is to be regretted
that the action wasn't taken earlier,
before the first of January, when the
election of society physicians gener-
ally takes place, or deferred until next
January, when they need not accept
such a position. Some consideration
should be given the societies. As in-
dividuals the doctors are not to blame,
and there is no other alternative but
for them to notify their respective
societies, but as a united body they
could have made easier and pleasanter
terms if they deferred the matter un-

TRUE WOMANHOOD.

Preaching in the Baltimore Cath-
edral on a recent Sunday on St. Agnes'
Cardinal Gibbons made the following
reference to woman's duties and her
proper sphere as Christian wife and
mother. The Cardinal said:

"Every impartial student of history
is obliged to admit that woman is in-
debted to the religion of Christ for the
elevated station she enjoys in social
and family life. In pagan countries,
before the advent of Christianity, wo-
man had no rights which the husband
was obliged to respect. She was in a
state of perpetual bondage or per-
petual tutelage. And even to-day in
countries where Christianity does not
exercise a dominant influence she is
the hewer of wood and drawer of
water."

"In a recent official report to our
Government on 'Irrigation in India,'
by Robert M. Whson, we find that the
work of draining and canal building in
India is chiefly relegated to woman,
with wages at four cents a day.
"But let us look at woman in our
own country and in the light of our
American civilization. What is the
condition of woman among us as soon
as she closes her eyes to the light of
the Gospel? She is not indeed here,
as in India, a beast of burden, but is
she not too often the victim of pernicious
principles and of moral degrada-

tion?
"I regard 'woman's rights' women
and society leaders in the higher walks
of life as the worst enemies of the fe-
male sex. They rob woman of all that
is amiable and gentle, tender and at-
tractive; they rob her of her innate
grace of character, and give her nothing
in return but masculine boldness
and brazen offensiveness. They are ha-
bitually preaching about woman's rights
and prerogatives and have not a word
to say about her duties and responsi-
bilities. They withdraw from her
those sacred obligations which prop-
erly belong to her sex and fill her with
ambition to usurp positions for which
neither God nor nature ever intended
her."

"Under the influence of such teach-
ers we find woman, especially in higher
circles, neglecting her household du-
ties, never at peace unless she is in
perpetual motion, never at peace un-
less she is in a state of morbid ex-
citement. She never feels at home un-
less she is abroad. When she is at
home, the home is irksome to her. She
chafes and frets under the restraints
and responsibilities of domestic life.
Her heart is abroad, it is exulting in
imagination, in some social triumph
or reveling in some scene of gayety and
dissipation. Her afflicted husband
comes home to find it empty, or occu-
pied by a woman whose heart is
empty of affection for him. She is ill
at ease. Hence arise disputes, quar-
rels, recriminations, estrangements or
the last act in the drama is often di-
vorce! I speak the sober truth when
I affirm that for the wrecks of fami-
lies in our country woman has a large
share of the responsibility.
"Where will woman find the charter
of her rights and dignity? In the
Gospel. The Catholic Church, follow-
ing the teachings of the Gospel and of
the Epistles of St. Paul, proclaims wo-
man as the peer of man. But it is
chiefly by vindicating the sanctity of
the marriage bond that the Church
has upheld the dignity of the female
sex. The holiness and inviolability of
marriage is the palladium of woman's
honor while polygamy and divorce
would involve her in bondage and de-
gradation."

"Whatever may have been the con-
stitutional rights of Mr. Roberts of
Utah I think that his exclusion from
the House of Representatives was a
most righteous act. Had he taken his
seat in Congress as a legislator for our
country his presence there would be
an insult to our common Christianity,
an insult to every Christian woman in
the land. It would be construed as a
quasi apology or sanction of polygamy,
and would be a fatal step toward wo-
man's moral degradation. These
words of a poet illustrate the subject
very well:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then em-
brace."
"There is a higher law than that
which lifts a Congressman into his
seat in the halls of national legislation.
It is the law which declares that wo-
man shall not be dragged down from
the lofty pedestal on which Christ has
placed her."
The Cardinal concluded, saying:
"Christian women, when your hus-
bands and sons return to you in the
evening after buffeting with the waves
of the world, let them find in your
homes a haven of rest. Do not pour
into the bleeding wounds of the heart
the gall of bitter words, but rather the
oil of gladness and consolation. Be
fond of your homes. Be attached to
your homes. Make them comfortable.
Let peace and order, tranquillity and
temperance abound there."

A memorial to the late Bishop Neely
of Meath will be a Virginia chapel and
altar in the new cathedral of Mullis-

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke viii, 4-15.
Sexagesima Sunday.—At that time:
"When a very great multitude was
gathered together, and hastened out
of the cities unto Him, He spoke by a
similitude: A sower went out to sow
his seed: and, as he sowed, some fell
by the wayside and it was trodden
down, and the fowls of the air de-
voured it. And other some fell upon a
rock: and as soon as it was sprung
up, it withered away, because it had
no moisture. And other some fell
among thorns, and the thorns growing
up with it, choked it. And other
some fell upon good ground, and
sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred-
fold. Saying these things He cried
out: He that hath ears to hear, let him
hear. And His disciples asked Him
what this parable might be. To whom
He said: 'To you it is given to know
the mystery of the kingdom of God,
but to the rest in parables: that see-
ing they may not see, and hearing
they may not understand. Now this
parable is this: The seed is the word
of God. And they by the wayside are
they that hear: then the devil cometh,
and taketh the word out of their
hearts, lest believing they should be
saved. Now they upon the rock are they
who, when they hear, receive the word
with joy; and these have no roots,
who believe for a while, and in time
of temptation fall away. And that
which fell among thorns are they
who have heard, and going their way,
are choked with the cares and riches
and pleasures of this life, and yield
no fruit. But that on the good ground
are they who in good and perfect heart,
hearing the word, keep it, and bring
forth fruit in patience."

What is meant by the seed, and
who was the sower?
The seed is the word of God, the
teachings of the Gospel, and the sower
is Jesus Christ, who once in person
sowed this seed of holiness, and who
continues to sow it to the end of time
by means of his ministers, who are
charged with the office of His eternal
priesthood

Weekly Church Calendar.
Sunday, Feb. 18.—Sexagesima Sunday—
Coop. St. Luke viii 4-15—St. Simplician,
bishop, martyr.
Monday, 19.—St. Conrad confessor—
Tuesday, 20.—St. Ursula and Comp.
martyrs.
Wednesday, 21.—St. Felece virgin.
Thursday, 22.—St. Margaret of Cortona.
Friday, 23.—St. Peter Damian, bishop, con-
fessor, doctor.
Saturday, 24.—St. Matthias apostle.

Siberian Uniform.
The monthly uniform drill was
much shorter than usual on account of
the death of Mrs. P. Cullen. The
rifle company, after a preliminary
drill, was brought to an "order," and
"Capt Quillivan, in a few impressive
remarks, said he regretted to have to
announce to the company the death of
Mrs. P. Cullen, the wife of the vice
president of Division No. 1 and a
former officer of this company, and as
a mark of respect the drill would now
cease and the company go to the home
of Bro. Cullen to show their sympathy
for him in this the hour of his sad be-
reavement. The company then re-
turned to the armory, and under the
charge of the officers went to Bro.
Cullen's, where they viewed the re-
mains of the dead there lying in state,
and offered their sympathy and fervent
prayers for the repose of the soul
of the one just departed; and may her
soul rest in peace, for she was a loving
mother, a faithful wife and a practical
Catholic."

During the coming week the mem-
bers of the company will have all their
spare time more than engaged in at-
tending to the invitations now on file
and accepted. On February 20th
they are invited to attend the first re-
ception given by company D, Knights
of Division 4, and on Friday, 23d,
they are invited to a card party to be
given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Di-
vision No. 3, in the Durand building;
hence there is little time for anything
other than visiting all the coming
week.
All the members were pleased to see
Comrade Conway back in his place
again and in uniform, also Comrade
Slattery; still we regret to have to say
that Bro. Thomas B. Mason is con-
fined to his home with inflammatory
rheumatism, but we hope before the
next regular meeting he will be back
again.

Knights of Columbus.
The first degree under the new
ritual was exemplified to seven candi-
dates last Wednesday evening. State
Deputy John W. Hogan of Syracuse
was present and took part in the cere-
monies.

At the pedro party Feb. 9th, held
by the Knights of Columbus, thirty
tables were filled.
Council 18, C. R. & B. A., are to
hold a pedro party Tuesday evening,
Feb. 27th.

"That Isle Beyond The Sea."
Have you heard the taking Irish
ballad, entitled "That Isle Beyond
the Sea"?

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INDEPENDENT TELEPHONES.

WHAT THE NEW COMPANY MEANS
TO ROCHESTER.
Many Advantages Which Rochester Fa-
mily Will Enjoy by New Service—
Buildings and Plant Rapidly
nearing Completion.

The independent telephone business
is to-day by far the most active branch
of the electrical industry of the United
States and capital no longer hesitates
to go into the business.
A large number of new exchanges
are being established, while existing
ones are being extended and in all
quarters the independent movement
is gathering strength. The number
of first-class paying independent ex-
changes throughout the country is
proof of the unqualified success of the
movement.

The exchanges now in operation
rival in quality of construction; per-
fection of mechanical and electrical
details and efficiency of service any of
the Bell plants. By the opening of
spring trade Rochester will have the
finest independent telephone plant in
the country.

In a recent interview with Mr.
Stinson, in reply to the question "what
progress is the new company making?"
stated that all the principal streets
and avenues have been equipped with
underground cables, and the work is
being pushed as rapidly as possible.
One hundred and fifty thousand
feet of cable, or seven-eighths of the
total amount is completed. We have
erected 400 miles of wiring on pole
lines and completely wired to all floors
from a cable terminal located in each
building at some point most con-
venient for distribution, the following
building: Granite, Chamber of Com-
merce, Wilder, Powers, German In-
surance, Ellwanger & Barry, Triangle,
Cutler, Liberty, Elwood and Ex-
change Place Building.
"Can you state when you will com-
mence putting in telephones?"
"About March 1; as work on our
new building on Stone street is near-
ing completion, and immediately after
our switchboard is finished we shall
give full service—2,000 telephones by
May 1. This means that each sub-
scriber will have his own private met-
alling line, avoiding all delays in get-
ting connection with the subscriber
called for, and assuring rapidity of
communication with accuracy and
clearness of speech."

"How many subscribers have you
now?"
"We have at present 2,800 con-
tracts and the orders are coming in
daily. Many business houses and
residences which have never had tele-
phones will avail themselves of our
improved service and low rates; hence
the hearty support we are receiving
from those who have long had tele-
phones, as they are quick to appreciate
the advantages of an up-to-date im-
proved service. We are making pro-
vision for and in the near future ex-
pect to have 3,600 subscribers, which
is about double the efficiency of the
exchange in operation up to the forma-
tion of the Rochester Telephone Com-
pany. Our Subscribers' Record will
show classified lists of subscribers."

"Will long distance service be fur-
nished?" "Yes, as soon as the
weather will permit toll line construc-
tion will commence and we expect to
have the system in operation July 1
and will furnish more satisfactory ser-
vice at lower tariff than has hereto-
fore been obtainable."

Through the courtesy of Mr. Stin-
son the reporter was shown through
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bot Smith..... \$1 50
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