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**PROFANE ALTARS.**

In "Why I Left the Church of Scotland," the work just published by William Hodge & Co., of Glasgow and Edinburgh, for Mr. John M. Charleson, till recently minister of Thornliebank, there is a passage which we strongly recommend Ritualists who imitate Catholic practices to read and ponder on, says the London Catholic Times. Mr. Charleson had been struggling towards the light of Catholic truth. He had studied the Fathers and been convinced that in a unanimous voice they directed his steps towards the Catholic Church. With not less earnestness he questioned history, and its teaching was to the same effect. He turned to the Papal claims, examined them, and considered them reasonable. As convictions grew upon him they gave color to his ritual. But one day, reading the works of St. Cyprian, he was struck as with a thunderbolt. That holy Bishop, in the early days of persecution—the first half of the third century—denounced Marcian, the Novatian heretic, and in doing so used these words: "He had attempted to erect a profane altar, and to set up an scilicet throne, and to offer sacrilegious sacrifice opposed to the true priest." If, thought Mr. Charleson, schism makes an altar profane, and the Bishop's throne adulterous, and what is meant for the Blessed Sacrament to be instead a sacrilegious sacrifice, then what was he doing outside the Catholic Church but committing this terrible profanity? And he became a Catholic. The words of St. Cyprian, which conveyed such a tremendous warning to him, should impress the same lesson on the mind of many a minister who sets up an altar over against the Catholic Church.

So trifling a thing as a straw may indicate the course of a current. But it is no small sign that has just been afforded of a happy change in public sentiment down in Cincinnati, which used to be a hotbed of A. P. Aism, says the Ave Maria. One may be prepared for all sorts of surprises, still one's amazement grows to find the Municipal Reform League, whose highest officers are Protestant ministers, sending out fifty thousand circulars in opposition to a Republican candidate for the Legislature, and to ensure the election of a Democrat, who is known to be a practical Catholic, prominently identified with Church organizations. The Reform League represents the Baptist Young People's Union, the Christian Endeavor and the Epworth League. Mr. John F. Ankenbauer is to be congratulated. The recommendation to vote for him was made without his knowledge, but his supporters stated that they had "looked him up" and felt safe in putting him forward. We have only to say that if all Catholics in politics were of Mr. Ankenbauer's stamp, and all non-Catholics politicians were like the gentleman who worked so hard for his election, politics would quickly be purified. There would be good government everywhere, and an end of the hoodlum and "grafting" which disgraces so many of our cities and States.

Milwaukee has a Catholic Italian Mission Association. A few days ago it held its regular annual meeting. The treasurer's report was read and approved. It shows a balance in the treasury of \$3,000, the result of one year's work. This balance constitutes the building fund. Of this fund, T. J. Meehan contributed \$1,000; the Italian Mission Association \$1,000, besides defraying the expenses of the mission. Such activity is worthy of emulation in other parts of the country where the Catholic Italian colony exists.

respects to Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science: "She is the vilest of pantheists, say what you will. The whole thing is folly from beginning to end. It is all blasphemy; it must naturally lead to pessimism. She pretends the opposite, but it is not true. It also leads to dualism and Manichaeism, and as well to many of the other gross and exploded errors. Shame on that woman—miserable—but I'll spare her. Think of destroying love and happiness and in that hallowed name—Christian. She turns God into an infinite and absolute liar."

Because she renounced Protestantism and embraced Catholicism. Madeline Cordella Shepard is cut off with a hundred dollars in the will of her father, John L. N. Shepard, the capitalist and pioneer manufacturer of chemicals, who died October 30th at his home in Berkeley, California. The will contains a long explanation from the testator as to his reason for disinheriting his daughter, the burden of which is that she changed her religious views in opposition to his wishes some time previous to the making of the instrument on January 2, 1887.

**PERFECT LOVE.**

I dreamed that I was seeking far and wide  
 The source of perfect love: the fount that never  
 Can cease to flow, whose mighty waters bear  
 The freight of human hearts upon their tide.  
 Beneath the ocean wave I thought to guide  
 My search, unvelled the secrets of the air,  
 And drank from out the spring of friendship rare,  
 Each time I said: "It cannot here abide."  
 And wearied still with earthly sight and sound,  
 I wept before His throne who doth impart  
 The gentlest rest, and lo! my search was crowned,  
 For 'neath the burning lamp whose shadow dart,  
 Was flickering o'er me soft, at last I found  
 The source of Perfect Love was in Christ's heart.  
 —Edwin Harford.

**CATHOLIC NOTES.**

Congregational singing has been made a part of the services at St. Brigid's church, New York.

Six young Paulist priests will be ordained by Archbishop Corrigan on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

By the will of the late Mary Corrigan, filed in Chicago Nov. 7, the sum of \$16,000 was left to the House of the Good Shepherd, and \$12,000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Mother Moran, R. S. H., has been appointed superior of the Sacred Heart Convent at Sault au Recollet, Canada, and vicar of the Canadian province of the Order. She has been, for some years, in England.

Sister Benedicta, the first Sister Superior of St. Joseph's Orphanage at Dallas, Texas, has gone to Louisiana to take charge of the leper colony. She volunteered her services and they were accepted.

Rev. Father Bernard, O. S. B., of Nebraska, who has volunteered for the missions in China, expects to leave for his new field of labor before the new year.

Princess Elizabeth, who was married in October, 1900, to Prince Albert, heir presumptive to the throne of Belgium, gave birth to a son a few days ago, who received the name of Leopold at baptism. Belgium rejoices at the prospect of another Catholic king.

The large addition to St. Joseph's Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., is rapidly nearing completion. It will be one of the largest and finest charitable institutions in the South.

At present there are flourishing missions among the colored people in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Sisters of the Poor have made arrangements that the members of their convent in Omaha, who die shall be buried in a vault just built within the grounds of the institution.

**A HOLY IRISH FAMILY.**

The death of the Rt. Rev. Martin Crane, D. D., O. S. A., of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia, who was called to his reward recently, draws attention to a truly Levitical family. No less than four of his brothers were also members of the Order of St. Augustine (one of whom is the Rev. Peter Crane, O. S. A., of Lawrence, Mass.), while a fifth belonged to the Oblate Order, and his only sister was a Carmelite nun. The record of this holy Irish family (for Bishop Crane was a native of Carrick-on-Barrow, parish of Ballymitty, County Wexford, and was born in 1816), is hardly surpassed by that of the famous Vaughan family of England, one of whose members, Cardinal Vaughan, is the primate of the Church in that country. Seven sons, including that prelate, became priests, while several daughters embraced the religious life.

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**FIVE MINUTE SERMON.**  
**SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A SEVENKIND FATHER.**

Gospel—St. Matthew, xi, 2-10—John sends his disciples to Christ.

According to the predictions of the prophets the expected Messiah was to appear when the nations of the East had fallen under the power of one great empire, when the seventy weeks of years spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, were completed, and when the sceptre of absolute dominion had passed from the kingdom of Juda, as foretold by Jacob. Now, in the time of Christ all these predictions were fulfilled. The nations of the East had fallen under the power of the Roman empire, the seventy weeks of years were ended, and the sceptre had passed from the land of Juda, and the Israelites groaned under the yoke of the stranger. The Jews, therefore, had good reason in the time of Christ to expect the coming of the Messiah.

In Him and in Him alone they should have recognized the Messiah. In Him the most minute circumstances regarding the Messiah were verified. And if the Hebrews, instead of expecting and desiring, through a misunderstanding, a warrior, a conqueror, an earthly and powerful prince, had given attention to what was foretold of His birth, growth, habits, actions, of His humiliations, sufferings and death, they would have been compelled to recognize Him as the Messiah.

This gospel teaches us to be always zealous followers and disciples of Jesus Christ; to cause His holy name to be praised; by laboring constantly in His service; not to be subject as needs to every wind of temptation; to flee from the luxuries of life and the pomps of this world, and to show forth in our own lives the life of Jesus Christ.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.**

In looking over the last number of "The Hospital News" we notice the number of Charity patients, and now we urge our readers to think of the great number of "Wants" for those poor people. Old clothing for men and women, infants and children, clothing, underwear, night dresses etc.

As Christmas is near at hand we hope St. Mary's Hospital will not be forgotten by its friends. Gifts of rugs for wards and private rooms, bedding, towels, pillow slips, drinking glasses, dishes, fruit (fresh or canned), vegetables, pickles, magazines, books, in fact, anything you can spare or wish to give will be acceptable.

The ladies of The Perpetual Help Society are working like beavers to help fill the "Wants" (New members are always welcome). Through the kindness of Mr. J. R. McLaughlin, president of the Lisk Manufacturing Co., of Canandaigua, the hospital has received a "Veritable Treasure Box" of anti-rust tin and enameled ware that was most welcome.

"The Hospital News" is entering on a new year, try and help on its success by sending fifty cents for one year's subscription.

**A PUPILS' RECITAL.**

Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy, assisted by Misses Thomas, Neulane and Parkinson, gave an invitation recital at her studio, 673 Powers building, Monday evening. A varied programme, consisting of violin, piano and vocal solos, interspersed with recitations and duets was rendered in an excellent manner and was thoroughly enjoyed by the two hundred people present. The participants, pupils of Miss McCarthy, were Misses Anker-Scherpf, Genevieve Poirier, Madelon Schuyler, Daisy E. Tanner, Blanch Driscoll, Irene Jessorer, Josephine Neulane, Helen Dady and Mr. Chas. Case.

"The Ave Maria," from Cavaleria Rusticana, with violin obligato, was rendered by Miss Driscoll in a faultless manner. "The Return," with violin obligato, by Daisy E. Tanner, was also well rendered, as was "Forget Me Not," by Genevieve Poirier, and the Grand March de Concert by Miss Anker-Scherpf. In fact the whole programme is deserving of praise. Miss Helen A. Thomas in her recitations added much to the occasion. Miss McCarthy was the recipient of several boxes of handsome flowers.

**NAZARETH ALUMNI**

Annual Election of Officers and Arrangements for Banquet. The semiannual meeting of the Nazareth Alumni Association was held at Nazareth Convent last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Miss Katherine Hogan (re-elected); first vice president, Miss Shanley; second vice president, Mrs. George Noth; treasurer, Miss Donnelly; secretary, Miss Mary Stupp. The following out-of-town vice presidents were appointed by the president: Miss Helen Cook, New York; Miss Kathryn O'Neil, Peoria Ill.; Miss Gertrude Long, Auburn N. Y.; Miss Teresa Kane, Belmont, N. C.; Miss Jennie Ryan, Grand Island, Neb. The members of the alumnae were invited to attend a requiem mass in the convent chapel next Saturday at 8.30 A. M. for Miss Kathryn Hughes, a member of the association who died during the past summer. After a short discussion on the annual banquet to be held in January, the meeting adjourned to Sunday, December 23, when all arrangements for the occasion will be completed.

**SOCIETIES**

A New Branch of the C. M. B. A. Instituted in St. Augustine's Parish.

The 18th branch of the C. M. B. A. in this city was instituted at St. Augustine's parish on Chilli avenue, November 29th. Brother Charles H. Crowley of Branch 139 organized the new branch, and through his efforts 18 young men enrolled their names and appeared for initiation. Brother Paul J. Lechleitner grand deputy for the diocese of Rochester, instituted the branch, assisted by Grand Officer Lawrence G. McGreal and Grand Trustee Charles P. Mead. There was present besides the officers named Grand Officer John R. Galen, Deputy Cauley, Brothers Schneider, O'Neil and Driscoll, as well as a large number of brothers from different branches of the city. Rev. Father Goulding, assistant pastor of the parish, who will heartily support the new branch, was also present at the temporary organization. Brother Mead presided. Brother O'Neil acted as first and Brother Driscoll as second vice presidents and Brothers Cauley and Schneider as recording and financial secretaries respectively.

After the branch had been organized in due form the election of officers took place with the following result: President, James E. Martin; first vice president, Frank Heeg, sr.; second vice president, Vincent Schubert; recording secretary, Edward C. Rogers; assistant recording secretary, A. B. McAviny; financial secretary, O. B. Daley; treasurer, Frank Heeg, jr.; marshal, Martin Schafer; guard, Hugh Cook; trustees, M. J. Callahan, A. B. McAviny, Arthur Monaghan, Frank Heeg, sr.; John Dunn; delegates to Central Council, M. J. Callahan, Jas. E. Martin, O. B. Daley, Edward C. Rogers, Frank Heeg, jr.

After the installation of officers Grand Deputy Lechleitner explained the workings of the association as well as the duties of the officers. Brothers Mead, McGreal, Cauley and Schneider followed with words of advice and encouragement, after which the meeting adjourned. The regular meetings will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. The name of the new branch will be St. Augustine's Branch, No. 240.

The County Board will meet with Division 6, on December 18th. Delegates to the State Convention to be held next August, at Saratoga, will be elected by all divisions at the first meeting in January.

Rochester Council, No. 178 have elected these officers for 1902: Grand Knight, Edw. S. Gurry, Deputy Grand Knight, Ralph J. Bendon, Chancellor, Patrick Cauley, Rec. Sec'y, John T. McIntyre, Fin. Sec'y, M. D. Kavanagh, Treasurer, E. J. Esser, Lecturer, William Allen, Advocate, Wm. H. Driscoll, Warden, J. J. McInerney, Inside Guard, J. J. Higgins, Outside Guard, P. Cooper, Trustees, J. H. Lenahan, Dr. L. J. Somers, J. H. Howe, T. H. Breslin, Dr. Jas. T. McGovern.

The Knights of St. Eustace, commander 39, Knights of St. John, have elected the following officers for the coming year: Spiritual adviser, Rev. William Kessel; president, George W. Gaeb; first vice president, Joseph Twitchell; second vice president, Ed. Bach; recording secretary, F. F. Rice; financial secretary, Joseph A. Engert; treasurer, Fred Klutznick; captain, Fred Wegman; first lieutenant, V. Delsenroth; second lieutenant, E. Leinen.

Branch 134 C. M. B. A., of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, have elected the following officers: President, Charles A. Hudon; First Vice President, J. Jaeger; Second Vice President, J. Schmeiser; Treasurer, W. Gendreau; Recorder, L. G. Bernard; Financial Secretary, E. Donnette; Marshal, F. H. Buskey; Guard, Frank Buskey, Jr.; Trustees, two years, F. Colby, J. Schmeiser, S. Gendreau; Central Council, J. Schmeiser, F. H. Buskey.

Council No. 40, C. R. & B. A.—President, James M. Nolan; first vice president, William H. Gallagher; second vice president Mrs. Floyd; recording secretary, Helen Garvey; financial secretary, Margaret Kinsley; treasurer, May C. Finn; marshal, Winnie Whitty; guard, Mrs. Burke; delegate to supreme convention, James M. Nolan; alternate, William H. Gallagher.

**DIVISION 7.**

Division No. 7 are one of the most progressive divisions in the city. Last Tuesday evening the degree team went through the new ritual in their gorgeous robes for the first time for the edification of the members and a few invited members of the order. State Director W. H. McDonald and County President Cauley were both present and spoke of the good work Division 7 was doing and of the progressive spirit that prevailed in the division. At the next meeting it is expected to initiate several candidates, and members of the order desiring to see the new ritual performed in an excellent manner should visit Division 7 on that evening.

MILLS' SELECT DANCING ACADEMY. In Cox building, first floor. Beginners' class Friday; social class, Thursday; children's class Saturday, at 2:30 o'clock. Hall and music can be secured for private clubs or societies for \$25.00. For particulars, call at office of Cox Building.

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**Many New Toys This Year.**

Santa Claus has been of an inventive turn of mind the last year and has ever so many out and out new things in the way of games and toys for Christmas.

The Big Basement never presented so much to delight the little folks as it does to-day.

May we urge fathers and mothers to come early, as well as the little folks. Christmas choice now while everything is new and fresh, and assortments complete, is best choice.

Electric railways, all complete with track, cars, stations, bridges, etc., from \$3 to \$12. You will find them in operation here.  
 A splendid line of game boards, including crockinole boards from \$1 to \$4.50; four surface combination boards, on which may be played a hundred games, \$4.  
 Pool tables from \$3.35 to \$28.50  
 Numerica solitaire, 25c.  
 Driving horses, \$6 75.  
 Doll furniture of every description, including enameled iron beds complete with woven iron springs, hair mattress and down pillows.  
 Children's desks from \$1.25 up  
 Bent wood chairs, rockers, settees etc., \$1.50 to \$8.  
 Reed rockers from 96c to \$4.  
 Flying machines, 38c and 50c.  
 Magic lanterns from 25c to \$9.50  
 Top tea and dinner sets, 10c to \$2.50.  
 Hill climbers—trolleys, engines, automobiles—greatly improved with steel stampings and ball bearings.

**FELT FOOTWEAR.**

Alfred Dolge's warm felt footwear will be remembered with affection by everyone who has ever experienced its comfortable warmth. It is absolutely the best made, and it is the kind that our Shoe store supplies.

Remember this fact for Christmas, remember it for yourself. Ladies' fur trimmed romeos, in black and red, \$1 a pair.

Ladies' fur trimmed romeos, in black, brown and red, with bow and buckle, \$1.25 a pair.

Ladies' fur trimmed velvet romeos, black and wine, \$1.50 a pair.  
 Ladies' felt slippers, brown, black and red, \$1 a pair.

Ladies' ripple eiderdown chamber slippers, satin bound, with bow, pink, red, gray and blue, 50c a pair.  
 Children's felt slippers, 45c a pair.  
 Misses' felt slippers, 50c a pair.

Infants' fur trimmed romeos, 60c a pair.  
 Children's fur trimmed romeos, 65c a pair.  
 Misses' fur trimmed romeos, 75c a pair.

**SPARKLING CUT GLASS.**

Scarcely a Christmas shopping list but has an item or two of cut glass on it.  
 You'll find no place where you can buy a choice bit of sparkling crystal so advantageously as in the Crockery store.

Nappies, \$1.50 to \$3.  
 Spoon trays, olive dishes and plates, \$3.  
 Tumblers, from \$3.25 a dozen upwards.  
 Vases, \$1.98 to \$13.  
 8 in. and 9 in. bowls, \$3.50 to \$11.50.  
 Oil bottles, \$1 to \$3.50.  
 Water bottles, \$1.50 to \$6.  
 Water pitchers, \$5 to \$11.25.  
 Sugar and creams, \$5 and \$6.  
 Salts and peppers, 50c.  
 Mirrors with or without standards, \$1.50 to \$3.50.  
 Sherbet cups, \$3.75 to \$16.50 a doz.  
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Our stores are filled with a very complete stock of goods suitable for Xmas gifts. Never before have we carried so large and varied an assortment. To enable us to move the goods rapidly, we have decided to offer a special Christmas discount on all presents and we shall be glad to store your purchases until time for delivery.  
 The following is a list of the articles that we are anxious to close out before taking out January inventory.

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| Students Rockers   | Parlor Tables        | China Closets          |
| Gold Chairs        | Ladies' Desks        | Baby Robes             |
| Old Uph. Pieces    | Book Cases           | Foot Rests             |
| Library Tables     | Carpet Sweepers      | Oak and Mng. Pedestals |
| Combination Cases  | Shaving Stands       | Ornaments for Dens     |
| Jard. Stands       | Pictures             | Artificial Flowers,    |
| Rugs               | Jard. Bowls          | Cake Plates            |
| Easels             | Albums               | Plated Ware            |
| Palms              | Lamps                | Cuckoo Clocks          |
| Carving Sets       | Dinner Sets          | Wall Pockets           |
| Tea Sets           | Fancy Vases          | Cut Glass              |
| Salads             | Childs Morris Chairs | Oil Heaters            |
| Morris Rockers     | Turkish Rockers      | Mirrors                |
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