

# The Catholic Journal.

—THE LEADING DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER—

Seventeenth Year, No. 51.

Rochester, N. Y., Friday, Sept. 21, 1946.

\$1.00 Per Year, 10 Cents Per Copy

## "THE FAIRY STROKES."

An Irish Story.

By William Powers.

Many years ago Tim Flannigan, who rented a small farm on the verdant banks of River Nore in Kilkenny, was returning home late one night from a fair. As the fair had been held a long way off and the roads in those days were bad, it was then nearing midnight when all good people, except ghosts, fairies and sheep-stealers were sleeping soundly in their beds. Two miles of lonesome road still lay between him and his home. After passing a turn, what was his surprise to see before him, by the roadside, a fairy castle brilliantly lighted. He heard musicians playing lively airs, and could see the dancers flitting to and fro. The entrance was large and portly. A great iron gate guarded by a fairy sentry led the way to the castle. Between the gate and the castle lay a green, velvety lawn also well lighted, and containing fountains, beds of shrubbery, flowers, and roses all in full bloom. In the lawn and castle Tim could count the fairies by the thousands; they were holding a grand reunion which occurs every ten years for—

There were—  
Fairies there from Limerick, from Dublin and Kildare, Donegal to Cove of Cork, from Ireland everywhere.  
One would naturally think Tim was afraid, but as he often told his neighbors, "No one need be afraid of the fairies who never spoke ill of them; on the contrary, anyone who ever did this was sure to get a painful throe some time."

Tim was a man in the prime of life, strong, healthy and good-looking, but he had one imperfection, a big hump on his back, and as for singing and dancing he had no equal for miles around. When Tim saw the dancing he wanted to get there by hook or by crook, but without the password the sentry would not let him in.

Tim was there but a short time when he heard the following song of welcome from the castle door sung by Jerry Carty, a local fairy, who was also the composer and who well knew the beauties of the Nore:

### The Song.

You fairies all of Erin's Isle that love  
your country dear  
I bid you all a welcome with a good  
and hearty cheer;  
I bid you all a welcome as I often did  
before  
To this, our grand reunion on the  
lovely banks of Nore.

At games and dance enjoy yourselves,  
as all good fairies know,  
Alas! our time is very short be-  
fore the roosters crow;  
Our cellar here is full to top with  
potteen good galore,  
Then drink and all be merry on  
the lovely banks of Nore.

All through the lawn on seats and  
benches were groups of old fairies  
telling funny stories. Tim heard the  
following Leprechaun story told by a  
big fairy near the gate:

### The Story.

Tom Murphy who lived near  
Castlecreever one day was searching  
the hills for some sheep that strayed  
away from him, when suddenly he  
came upon a Leprechaun with a purse  
of gold in his hand.

Now, there was no one in all Kilkenny who needed gold more than Murphy. The summer was wet and cool, so his crops were very poor. In a month his rent would be due and no bank account to meet it. If he could only get the gold from the Leprechaun all would be well. He tried every way to get the purse from him, and even threatened to pound him into smithereens, but the wily Leprechaun was undaunted and tried to throw Murphy off his guard by inducing him to look around. He said, "Look at the mad dog back of you; look at the wild bull going to gore you." But Murphy would not look around. At last he said, "Look at the big fairy back of you with a club in his hand." Murphy being afraid for the moment forgo: himself and looked around, but the Leprechaun and the purse of gold were gone.

Shouts of laughter followed the recital of the story.

To the right of the castle lay a big level field. Here they were enjoying themselves at games of all kinds, from a simple game of quoits to the most exciting and disastrous to life

and limb,—football. Tim witnessed a game of cricket between Ballydehob and Ballanacra, and as Tim wished and expected, Ballydehob was victorious. The next was a game of football between Connaught and Far Downs. This was a hotly contested game. The Far Downs won the first two goals; then the Connaught fairies made extra efforts and won the next goal. By this time Tim's presence became known in the castle, for someone in authority in a loud, clear voice called to the sentry, "Who's outside?" The sentry in the same tone answered, "A man with a hump on his back." Again the same voice called to the sentry, but this time in Gaelic, "Boulea" (Strike him). The sentry did strike Tim on the back and behold! his hump that was there for years and spoiled his manly form, was gone—never to return. Words could not express Tim's joy at parting with his hump. He thanked them a hundred times, wished them a good time, bade them good-night and proceeded on his journey home.

Next morning news of the fairy's stroke and Tim's good luck spread for miles around. Among those who heard it was Tom Collins, a friend of Tim's, a blacksmith who lived four miles away and who also had a hump on his back. He resolved to visit Tim to find out the particulars and if possible have his hump taken off also. The visit was soon after made. Tim gave him all the information he could, but asked him if he ever made fun of or spoke disrespectfully about the fairies. Collins answered he had, but it was years ago. Tim advised him if that was the case not to go near the fairies. Collins, however, did not heed Tim's advice. After several unsuccessful visits to the place at last he saw the fairy castle. The castle indeed was there with its portly entrance and green lawn; the dancing was as good as ever, but the fountain, flowers and roses were all gone, and the number of fairies was greatly diminished, so that instead of counting them by the thousands as Tim did, Collins could have easily counted them by dozens.

Collins enjoyed the music and dancing for some time, when his presence too became known in the castle. As before someone called to the sentry, "Who is outside?" The sentry answered, "A man with a hump on his back." Again the command was given the sentry, "Boulea." The sentry struck Collins on the back, which stunned him for some moments.

When Collins recovered himself he put his hand on his back expecting to find his hump gone, but it was there still with a new one to keep it company.

To say Collins was disappointed and angry is too mild. With fire in his eyes he turned to the sentry to vent his ire on him, but he was gone with the castle and all the fairies.

Collins returned to his home a sadder but a wiser man; and during the rest of his life he never spoke a good word for the fairies.

### AUBURN, N. Y.

St. Mary's Church was the recipient of several articles for the furnishing of the altars of the church during the past week. The gifts were purchased by Father Mulheron when he was in Germany on his late tour and were donated by the parishioners of the church. The gifts consisted of chalices, vestments and other articles to be used for the divine services.

The different choirs of the city are having rehearsals for several new masses to be sung during the present year. St. Mary's choir will have several new singers during the coming season and the already good reputation of the choir will be further sustained.

The Willing Helpers club of the Auburn asylum will resume their weekly parties for the benefit of the club the week after next. These parties will be held in the C. M. B. A. Hall in Franklin Street, where they were held last year. The committee on rooms in the club are thankful to the members of the C. M. B. A. for the generous use of the rooms in the past year.

The work on the St. Haycynth Church is progressing at a rapid rate and the beautiful edifice will be finished before the cold weather sets in. This church will be one of the most complete in the city, having school house, church and living rooms for the sisters who will teach the school.

## Around the Globe

### Catholic News From Many Places

At the recent consecration of the corner-stone of the Cathedral of St. Boniface, Winnipeg, Manitoba, sermons were delivered to the assembled people in English, French, Polish, German and Ruthenian.

A beautiful and impressive ceremony took place last week at the convent of the exile French Dominican nuns of Baltimore, on the Frederick road, Irvington, when Miss Eberle, a niece of Rev. Mother Rose, prioress of the convent, who left France expressly for the purpose of joining the order, received the habit from the hands of Cardinal Gibbons. The Cardinal gave her the name in religion of Marie Elizabeth.

Preaching at Lancaster, England, the other day, Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., declared that England's great sin was apostasy from God. The Government, intoxicated with success, was attempting to turn Christ out of the schools. Christianity without dogma being Christianity without Christ. Was this part of the entente cordiale, or a lesson learned from infidel France? To tear Christ out of the souls of the little ones was nothing short of spiritual murder.

Not long ago the Catholics of Lincoln, Neb., purchased the building of the First Church of Christ and began to remodel it, expending about \$50,000 in the work. The edifice was destroyed by fire the other day, and the blaze was doubtless of incendiary origin, kindled by a fanatic, as the church authorities had been warned to guard against just such an event. Fortunately, the loss is quite covered by insurance.

A special cable despatch to the Sun (New York) says assurances have been received by the Vatican that the Spanish Cabinet does not intend to continue ecclesiastical reforms, so called, and that the concordat shall remain intact. The appointment of a Spanish Ambassador to the Vatican will, it is said, be made at once. Furthermore, the scheme of a visit by King Alfonso to Rome has been dropped.

On Saturday, September 8, in St. Patrick's (old Cathedral) Convent, New York, Sister M. Romana, of the Sisters of Charity, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her entrance into religion. Sister Romana has had the happiness of spending 42 years in old St. Patrick's. In this her case is almost unparalleled, few Sisters having the pleasure of living such a length of time in one place. His Holiness Pius X. sent her his apostolic benediction through Mr. Kearney, who also presented her with a gold medal blessed by the Pope.

The Passionist order has lost one of its most distinguished ornaments by the death in Glasgow of Very Rev. Cornelius McGrath, vice rector of St. Mungo's, in the same city. Father McGrath was a man of extraordinary gifts, and his influence on Scottish life was incalculable. A native of County Wicklow where he was born 57 years ago, he was ordained to the priesthood in Dublin in 1875, and was for years engaged in missionary work, especially in Great Britain.

Father Kolosinski, the Polish priest who headed a schism among Polish Catholics a few years ago which threatened serious injury to religion, has submitted to the church, and has been fully reinstated in Detroit. A few years ago he coquetted a little with the Protestant Episcopalians; but the wisest among these discouraged his overtures, satisfied that Poles must be Catholics or nothing. Every one who loves the cause of God will be glad to know that Father Kolosinski is back where he belongs, for he is an able man. The Rev. Dr. Baart, of Marshall, Mich., is credited with the work of reconciliation.

Receiving recently the Bishop of Ogdensburg, the King of the Belgians spoke very frankly on the Congo question. "They say," he remarked, "in the United States that we are cruel and wicked in the Congo. You, my Lord, know that it is not true." "Yes, sire," answered the Bishop, "but the charges made cannot be substantiated, and they are absurd. Abuses will be corrected. We have had our say in defense of the truth in the United States." The Bishop by this referred to lectures directed against Congo atrocity stories, which it is believed in America have found their way over from Great Britain. The monarch's further reply was interesting: "You must say more. They are about to attack us again."

And his Majesty reiterated with emphasis his repudiation of the charges.

There are 516 Catholic veterans in the State Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind., the total number being 2,200. The national home at Dayton, Ohio, has 5,000 inmates and nearly 1,200 of them are Catholics. The national home at Milwaukee, Wis., has 2,300 members, 900 of whom are Catholics. It is apparent from these figures that there were a large number of Catholic soldiers engaged in the Civil War.

Although nuns are not supposed to exist in Mexico, the Governor of Colima has just paid a warm tribute to the Josephine Sisters, who have a hospital at that place in which he says they receive the poor and unfortunate without regard to creed or race, and care for them like veritable mothers. It is a shame, however, that even a Governor must refer to such noble women as "Benignitas Josefines."

Mother Katherine, formerly Miss Drexel, of Philadelphia, who presented to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Carlisle, a parochial educational institution, known as St. Katherine's Hall, while in Carlisle recently decided to close the hall's career as a parochial school and reopen it September 3 as a Catholic institution of learning for the training of negroes with which design, it is stated, Mother Katherine originally built it.

More than a dozen high dignitaries of the Catholic Church in Canada will travel to Rome to take part in the chapter of the Oblates to be held there this month. This chapter has been called ahead of time in order to discuss the religious situation in France. Among the Canadian clergy going there will be Archbishop Langevin of Manitoba, who is virtually the head of the Church in the great Northwest of Canada; Monsignor Legat, Bishop of St. Albert; Monsignor Grouard, Bishop of MacKenzie; Monsignor Breynt, Bishop of the Yukon; Monsignor Pascal, Bishop of Prince Albert, and a number of other prominent priests.

### CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were offered Sunday for Mrs. Frank Carson, of Rochester and Mrs. Catherine Holloran Riley, of Buffalo, recently deceased.

The young ladies will receive Holy Communion next Sunday. It is also School Collection Sunday.

Married, Wednesday morning, James M. Walsh and Della Treacy. They will live in Rochester.

The work of the St. Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle was resumed last Monday evening. Officers were elected as follows: J. Frank Caplice, president; Mary Martin, vice president; Nellie Buckley, secretary; Bessie Doyle, treasurer. It was decided to meet Friday evenings and take up the study of Irish history with "The Story of Ireland" by Johnson and Spencer as a text book.

A mission by the Paulist Fathers will be opened the first Sunday of December at our church and will last two weeks. These Fathers have just concluded a mission at Seneca Falls, where a large amount of good has been done, including the pledging of 400 total abstainers. Father Dougherty attended the closing exercises Sunday evening and witnessed 800 men renew their baptismal vows.

John J. McGary, of Shortsville, was buried here Wednesday morning. The Month's Mind for Lawrence Gavin will be celebrated Thursday morning.

Entrance to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

## Washington Letter

### Catholic Chaplains in the Army and Navy.

(Special to The Journal.)

There are at present eighty chaplains in the service of the Government, 56 in the army and 24 in the navy. Of the 56 army chaplains all are Catholics. This is about one-fifth of the whole number. In the navy there are six Catholic chaplains, or one-fourth of all. It may be added that religion has been sadly neglected in the navy, for, while there has been a large increase in the number of men employed, there has not been, since the year 1914 a single addition to the number of chaplains. There has been some talk of a general revision of all salaries, but it is hardly probable that Congress will take any action during the coming short session.

Up to last winter the chaplains suffered under a peculiar indignity, of holding on rank and receiving the pay of the rank of several grades below. How such a glaring mistake could have been made without exciting adverse comment is one of the mysteries of congressional legislation. The relief afforded last winter was, however, only partial, and what was accomplished is largely due to Senator Dick, of Ohio, who introduced the amendment to that effect and fought it through the Senate. In the House there was some resistance to the amendment, but it had many energetic friends, and was after all enacted into legislation. The representatives who deserve special credit for their active interest in this timely relief measure are Mr. Ford of Illinois, Mr. McCleary of Minnesota, Mr. Wacker of Maryland, and Mr. Dawson of Iowa. The following is a list of the Catholic chaplains:

Army.—Revs. Patrick Hart, San Francisco, Cal.; Edward J. Fitz Gerald, Fort McDowell, Cal.; Albert J. Bader, Manila, P. I.; Timothy P. O'Keefe, Fort Ogish, Cal.; Francis B. Doherty, Fort McPherson, Cal.; Patrick P. Carey, Whipple Barracks, Alaska; James A. Dalton, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; John A. Ferry, Fort Seward, Alaska; Andrew O. Murphy, Manila, P. I.; Francis P. Joyce, Fort Walla Walla, Wash.; Joseph Casey, Manila, P. I.  
Navy.—Revs. H. L. Ratney, Hancock; Louis P. Reynolds, Franklin; Edward J. Brennan, Navy Yard; Eugene E. McDonald, Naval Training Station, Newport; Matthew C. Gleason, Missouri; Joseph M. McGinty, West Virginia.

Catholic University Receives \$15,000.

Through the generosity of Father Anthony H. Walburg of Cincinnati the Catholic University of America has received another donation of \$15,000 toward the establishment of a Chair of German. Within the past two years Father Walburg has given the university \$20,000, and it is expected that within a similar period he will complete the \$50,000 necessary to establish the Chair. Father Walburg has been in Cincinnati forty years, and is much interested in educational matters. He has manifested a deep interest in the work of the university, and is anxious that a German Chair should be established. Officials at the university are much pleased and encouraged by Father Walburg's gift, and when the Chair is established it will add another important department to that institution.

R. L. SCHWARTZ

### BLESSING OF GRAVES.

#### Annual Ceremony at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Cemetery Sunday.

The ceremony of blessing the graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be held Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. This is an unusually interesting ceremony, and thousands of people attend it every year.

Bishop McQuaid will officiate at the ceremony, and will be assisted by the clergy of the city. It is with the blessing of the graves that the dead in the cemetery are blessed, which there is a procession of students of St. Bernard's and St. Mary's seminaries, the Bishop through the cemetery, blessing the graves of the dead, and prayers are said for the souls of those whose bodies lie in the cemetery. After the procession the graves will make an address from near the chapel.

The Rochester diocese has given frequent aid and comfort to the wish to take part in the ceremony, and have any fast food and accommodations.

Rochester's Catholicity will be evidenced at the cemetery.

### St. Bernard's Seminary

The following students of St. Bernard's Seminary will be in the diocesan examination in the Seminary Chapel.

For the examination of the students of St. Bernard's Seminary, the following students will be in the diocesan examination in the Seminary Chapel: Joseph Albert, O'Connell, P. I.; John J. McGinty, West Virginia; Charles J. Bader, Manila, P. I.; Edward J. Fitz Gerald, Fort McDowell, Cal.; Albert J. Bader, Manila, P. I.; Timothy P. O'Keefe, Fort Ogish, Cal.; Francis B. Doherty, Fort McPherson, Cal.; Patrick P. Carey, Whipple Barracks, Alaska; James A. Dalton, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; John A. Ferry, Fort Seward, Alaska; Andrew O. Murphy, Manila, P. I.; Francis P. Joyce, Fort Walla Walla, Wash.; Joseph Casey, Manila, P. I.

The following students of St. Bernard's Seminary will be in the diocesan examination in the Seminary Chapel: Joseph Albert, O'Connell, P. I.; John J. McGinty, West Virginia; Charles J. Bader, Manila, P. I.; Edward J. Fitz Gerald, Fort McDowell, Cal.; Albert J. Bader, Manila, P. I.; Timothy P. O'Keefe, Fort Ogish, Cal.; Francis B. Doherty, Fort McPherson, Cal.; Patrick P. Carey, Whipple Barracks, Alaska; James A. Dalton, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; John A. Ferry, Fort Seward, Alaska; Andrew O. Murphy, Manila, P. I.; Francis P. Joyce, Fort Walla Walla, Wash.; Joseph Casey, Manila, P. I.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.

The funeral of James J. McGinty, who was killed in the recent explosion at St. Michael's Church, will be held Sunday with the Rev. Father J. McGinty officiating.