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Death of Rev. Martin J. Hendricks of Penn Yan.

Was a Priest For 42 Years.

Penn Yan, Nov. 23.—The Rev. Martin J. Hendricks, aged 65 years, since 1899 rector of St. Michael's Church of this village, died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning in the parochial residence in Liberty St. He was born in County Wexford, Ireland, the son of Patrick Hendricks and Ellen Klönick. In 1852 he came to America with his parents, who lived for three years in Mendon, Monroe county. Then the family moved to Lima, where the old homestead is still occupied by his brother, John Hendricks.

He was educated in the public schools, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, St. Charles College and received his final preparation for the ministry at St. Bonaventure Seminary in Allegany.

In 1873 he was ordained to the priesthood and his first appointment was in Penn Yan, where he served for three months during the absence of Father McGowan. During the same year he was assistant at the Seneca Falls Church and at St. Mary's in Auburn. Late in the same year he was placed in charge of St. Agnes parish in Avon where he served for twenty-six years. During his service in Avon the Catholic Church edifice there was completed and later under his direction extensively remodelled.

In 1899 he became rector of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan and so continued until his death. Soon after he purchased the Lewis and adjoining property in Liberty street, the Lewis home became the parochial residence. With the greatest enthusiasm he began the erection on this property of the church edifice which will long stand as a monument to his perseverance and consecration to the task. He personally supervised every detail of the construction of the building and in 1901 it was dedicated.

About five years ago failing health compelled Father Hendricks to give up some of his duties, and the Rev. John R. Fitzsimons became his assistant.

Father Hendricks was greatly beloved by his parishioners which include nearly all the Catholics in Yates county and was held in the highest esteem by all. Besides being a theologian and a preacher of fine ability, he was a close student of politics in the high sense. He was a devout patriot and had an abounding faith in the opportunities and destiny of his country.

He leaves two brothers, Patrick and John, both of Lima.

The funeral was held from St. Michael's Church on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey of Rochester officiated, several out-of-town priests were active bearers and laymen of the church acted as honorary bearers. The remains lay in state in the church from Thursday afternoon until the time of the funeral on Friday morning during which time members of the Holy Name Society acted as guards of honor.

Thursday evening the office of the dead was chanted. Interment was made in St. Michael's cemetery, Penn Yan.

PLAN FOR NEW GUILD HOUSE

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the second of the bi-monthly meetings of the new St. Elizabeth Social Circle was held at St. Elizabeth Guild House, where about fifty charter members took up one of the special line of work for which they have organized, namely, sewing for the various needs of the Guild House. Already sufficient linen has been made to care for the immediate needs of the thirty rooms that are being furnished for working girls and the women devoted themselves to making sash curtains for the west windows. They expect at the next meeting on December 7, to utilize the entire top floor, known as the ball room, which will serve admirably for the circle's needs.

After two hours' work light refreshments were served in the dining room, where Bishop Hickey and Rev. J. F. O'Hern, who happened in were welcome guests Mrs. C. E. Ives, recording secretary, read a paper on the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the patroness of the guild. These papers will be a feature of each meeting. Announcement was made of the donation of an oil painting of St. Elizabeth to the Guild House by Rev. Simon Fitzsimons, M. R.

Bishop Hickey briefly outlined the scope and purposes of the Guild and thanked the women for their active interest in this latest object of Catholic endeavor in the city. The Guild House is now in running order, with its rooms handsomely furnished and a matron and housekeeper in charge. Six young women are registered and new applications are being filed daily.

Knights of Columbus Hold Reception in Honor of Archbishop Hanna at Powers Hotel.

Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hanna, archbishop of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in Rochester Tuesday afternoon and immediately went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. T. Bassett, 55 Prince street, where he will remain until the end of the week. While in the city he will be the guest of his sister.

Bishop Hanna is accompanied by Rev. M. J. Connolly, of San Francisco. The two priests have visited Washington and Philadelphia and stop in Rochester on their return trip to the Pacific coast. In Philadelphia Archbishop Hanna attended a reception in honor of Cardinal Gibbons.

On Friday night a reception in honor of the former Rochester priest was held at the Powers Hotel by the Knights of Columbus, which he once served as chaplain. The committee of arrangements were composed of James P. Jones, chairman; William E. Dwyer, William F. Shafer, J. Henry Howe and James P. Hanna.

The reception was arranged because it was realized that many friends would be unable to renew acquaintances with Archbishop Hanna unless a public event was announced.

Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree was exemplified at the Onondaga Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., Sunday afternoon, November 21. The parlors on the mezzanine floor were engaged for the occasion, and at 6.30 o'clock, at the conclusion of the degree work, a banquet was served in the hotel ball room.

The degree was conferred on a class of one hundred candidates presented by the councils of the Fifth New York district, which comprises the counties of Onondaga, Monroe, Cayuga, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Oswego, Yates and Livingston. Steuben assembly hall, Syracuse, had nearly seventy candidates.

The work was in charge of William T. Connor of Rochester, master of the Fifth district.

John F. Barrett officiated as toastmaster at the banquet and the principal speakers were: Mr. W. T. Connor, district deputy; John J. Maney of Batavia, Rev. William M. Dwyer of Clinton, J. David Enright of Syracuse, and Eugene J. Dwyer of Rochester. Three hundred members attended the degree and banquet.

A Popular School.

The attendance at the L. L. Williams Commercial School is steadily increasing and its shorthand department is especially popular. Two court reporters have been developed this year, as well as a large number of excellent stenographers not ordinary, cheaped amanuenses, but real stenographers. There is a special call for male stenographers. Come and let us prepare you to supply this call. As the instruction is largely individual, any day is a good day to begin. Both the Osgoodby-Pitman and Gregg systems are taught by teachers who know how. 27 Church street. Both phones.—Adv.

The Practical Social Spirit of the Middle Ages.

Recent Work on Economic Problems Points to This Fact.

The Reason For This State of Affairs.

The University of Chicago Press has recently issued a collection of extracts on economic problems, edited by one of the professors of that institution, Walton Hale Hamilton. In the first division of the book quotations are given from various authorities on "Antecedents of Modern Industrialism," dealing with conditions in the Middle Ages. We learn of the "Gospel of Stewardship" from the great Summa of St. Thomas Aquinas, and of the denunciation of unjust business dealings, not in general phrases but in detailed explanation, from the sermons of the famous Berthold von Regensburg. It is most refreshing to hear this great preacher, for example, tell those who deal in the selling of meat and drink: "If thou offerest mealy or rotten flesh that thou hast kept so long, until it be corrupt, thou art guilty, perchance of one man's life, perchance of ten; or if thou offerest flesh that was unwholesome before the slaughter or unripe of age, which thou knowest well and yet givest it for sale, so that folk eat it into their clean souls—which are so dear a treasure to Almighty God, then dost thou corrupt the noble treasure which God has buried in every man; thou art guilty of the blood of the folk." ("Current Economic Problems," 1915, p. 25).

From the original ordinances of various merchant and craft guilds we learn of the religious spirit which permeated these organizations and from the accounts of non-Catholic writers and students we are informed of what this spirit produced in actual practice. William J. Ashley and William Cunningham, the able historians of this period, in detailed fashion, relate the ideal of social justice which influenced the practical actions of the medieval public bodies and associations. Fair wages were aimed at, fair dealings in business, the protection of the consumer. "The use of the cheap labor of women was regarded as a rule with disfavor." (p. 30) The articles of the spurrers of London, assented to by "the good folks of the trade," requiring that members of their trade should not be allowed to work at night because of the "many persons of the said trade who compass how to practice deception in work," taking advantage of the night to "introduce the false iron, and iron that has been Fifth New York district, which cracked, for tin," and "to put comprises the counties of Onondaga, Monroe, Cayuga, Wayne, ed," might be quoted as an example of the public morality of the time.

The spirit of solidarity in the medieval town is dwelt upon at some length by the editor, and the reasons are given for this splendid spirit: the necessities in which these growing towns found themselves, and the social teachings of the Church. "The influence of medieval thought in promoting the spirit of solidarity is not to be wholly overlooked," says the non-Catholic Hamilton. "The town was born in an atmosphere saturated with the spirit of Medieval Catholicism. Brotherhood and equality had long been preached by the Church, Vertical, or inter-class equality was never realized, either in Chivalry or in the Church. But many medieval institutions presented a fair semblance of horizontal, or intra-class equality. It was under the influence of ecclesiastical precedents that the towns established their new organizations. A study of the characteristic features of the guilds show how great was the number of things which they were indebted to religious institutions, and how few were the real innovations springing out of the newly created urban life. Influenced by such habits of thought and freed from the obstacles opposed by an already stratified society, the merchant

guild legislated with the end in view of placing social interests above class or individual interests." (p. 24)

Thus we are furnished with another evidence of the salutary social influence of the Church upon economic conditions, as shown in the medieval era. At times, in superficially studying the social phenomena of various periods of history, we may be tempted to think that our age in its fundamental considerations and in its thought for the good of the people is the same as another and that the evils of one time are likewise much as at another, changed in form, of course, by the changing material progress. But the careful reading of the testimony of somewhat impartial writers or of those naturally likely to be prejudiced in another direction, in regard to the Middle Ages must convince us that in that time there did exist a public spirit of social solidarity and justice which other eras have not shown. And the fundamental reason for this is plain: the teachings of Catholicism were responsible. It is these teachings which we need today to give life and vitality to the modern social movement, at present so materialistic and purely humanitarian in its tendencies.

G. B. of C. V.

Weekly Church Calendar

- First Sunday of Advent.
- Gospel, St. Luke xxi., 25-33
- S. 28. St. Gregory III., P. C.
- M. 29. St. Saturnus, M.
- T. 30. St. Andrew, Apostle.
- W. Dec. 1. Bl. Ed. Campion & Comp., M.M.
- Th. 2. St. Bibiana, V. M.
- F. 3. St. Francis Xavier, C.
- S. 4. St. Barbara, V. M.

Bishop O'Doherty writes us these pithy words from Zamboanga:

"When you remember that in my diocese I have one-third of all the Philippine Islands and nearly all the pagans, you will feel like helping me. I am trying to finish one Catholic hospital, in opposition to several proselytizing ones; if you meet a wealthy patron, tell him I find it very hard to accomplish the task."

Leprosy Claims Another Victim, This Time a Nun.

Mgr. Leray, Vicar Apostolic of the Gilbert Islands, sends us sad news regarding one of his faithful nuns. He says:

"Recently the government doctor officially declared one of our Sisters to be affected with leprosy. This nun has been twenty years in the islands and has fallen a victim to her devotion in caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the Gilberts. She spent every Sunday afternoon in splendid spirit: the necessities in which these growing towns prefer the patients in the last stages of decay.

"A little hut has been constructed for the sufferer and a native woman has consented to remain with her out of love for her former teacher and friend. A priest comes once a week and says Mass in a little chapel constructed near the enclosure where she lives. As there are no asylums for white lepers on the islands, she is obliged to exist in this complete isolation, awaiting the slow ravages of the disease. Such a life is a real martyrdom for this active woman, but her sufferings cannot fail to bring a precious blessing from Heaven upon our poor missions."

Difficult Corea.

Fr. Kleinpeter, P. F. M., who left Japan to take charge of the Christian Japanese of Corea, spends much of his time traveling over his district, striving to keep his scattered flock in touch with their religion. This is not

easy to do. In one place in the north of Corea he found Catholics who had not seen a priest for four years; they greeted the missionary with joy and begged him to come soon again.

In this same place he heard the confession of a man who had not been able to perform this act for ten years. Hearing that a priest was in the region, he hastened to seek him out, and with tears in his eyes received absolution for his sins and went to Communion. Many of the Japanese in Corea are very fervent; they desire the missionary's presence and feel deeply the poverty which prevents them from building chapels and securing the consolation of the Faith.

Catholic News Notes

DOMESTIC.

The diocese of Toledo has just issued an "Official Year Book and Seminary Report" for the year ending October 1, 1915.

The dedication of the great marble Cathedral, and the enthronization of the new Bishop of Buffalo will probably be simultaneous events before the expiration of the year.

There are 19,000 priests in this great nation of about 100,000,000 souls.

Two day nurseries are to be opened in Newark, N. J., one by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the other by the Ladies' Sewing Guild.

The "Catholic Women's Scripture Class" of Cincinnati has been reorganized as the "Catholic Women's Study Class." This year's course will include 12 lectures on philosophy.

The centenary of the death of Archbishop Carroll of Baltimore will occur this year on December 3.

In the recent storm at New Orleans many churches were wrecked and immense damage was done to church property. Church spires were blown down; St. Cecilia Church was completely demolished; the Good Shepherd Convent suffered much; the roof of St. Vincent Orphan Asylum was blown off and some churches demolished.

The Rev. Catholic Chaplain of the New York Police Department, Father Francis J. Sullivan, while seated in a barber shop, was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage and died within an hour. His funeral was attended by 2,000 policemen.

The Benedictines in Oklahoma in union with the Abbey of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, contemplate the foundation of a university.

Two Paulist Fathers from New York and Chicago will have the care of the Catholic students at the University of Minnesota.

In the Catholic Home of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Philadelphia, are 261 children.

At Spokane Bishop Schinnerer laid the corner stone of the new monastery of the Poor Clares.

FOREIGN.

In the Trappist monastery at Kokkaido or Hokokaido, in Japan, are 22 native Japanese. The Trappistines in Japan have eleven native Japanese.

Before 1870, Rome was a city of magnificent external ecclesiastical celebration. From time to time St. Peter's was outwardly illuminated, attracting the attention and admiration not only of Rome, but of the world. Since then, Rome has been in external darkness.

News From Ireland

The Belfast Guardians have accepted with regret the resignation of Robert Davis, who is leaving the city. He was a member for thirteen years and acted as chairman of the board for two years.

The Belfast Harbor Trust has re-appointed John Sinclair their representative on the committee of commerce and industry in the Queen's University.

At the mid-monthly meeting Durgan Town Council decided to reduce the number of lamps lighted in the town during the present winter by fifty, owing to the increased price of gas.

The death in his 78th year has occurred at his residence, Killynure House, Armagh, of Thompson Brown, J. P.

Joseph Murphy, auctioneer, put up for sale the lands of Castlegrace, the property of Mrs. Murphy, of Tullow. The farm was not sold, the best bid being £700.

Married.—At the Church of the Holy Name, Backwood Avenue, by the Rev. Father Hogan, P. P., Joseph L. Tighe, Annville youngest son of Michael Tighe, Ranelagh road, Dublin, to Delia only daughter of the late Bernard Coyle and Mrs. Coyle, Lathone, County Cavan.

Died.—At his residence, Muncelta, Stradone, Owen Smith, aged 66 years.

Witnessed Mary in fact at the death of Sister Mary Clement Corcoran at the convent of St. Mary, Ennis. The deceased religious was formerly of Roscommon and was a sister of Rev. Father M. J. Corcoran, C. C., Nenagh.

Some forty members of the O'Connell club conveyed Mr. O'Neill to the railway station on his departure from Kinnis.

Died.—At Tivoli Terrace, Lidoonvarna, Mrs. Mary Glynn, aged sixty-seven years.

The Kinsale Guardians and R. D. C. adjourned their meetings as a mark of respect to the memory of the late R. Neville, J. P. The community of the Presentation Convent, Middleton, is the poorer by the death of Mother M. Ursula Delahunty, a beloved member of the Order.

Dr. Dundon was by a majority appointed surgeon to the North Infirmary, Cork, at a meeting of the committee.

The Newry Port and Harbor Trust and the Newry Nursing society passed votes of condolence to the relatives of the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill.

Miss Monica McCann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCann, Dublin Road, Newry, has passed the matriculation examination of the National University of Ireland.

Married.—At the parish church Killarney, Barnaderg, J. J. Curley, eldest son of the late Patrick Curley, Ballagh View, Ballinacloe, and Miss M. D. Heaton, only daughter of the late T. Heaton, Barnaderg.

M. Halvey, Kilkerrin, Galway, has been appointed magistrate for the county. He has been a district councillor for a number of years.

The Listowel race committee have unanimously elected D. J. Flanagan, J. P., permanent chairman of that body and D. H. Leane, L. P. S. I., honorary secretary, in room of W. McElligott, C. P. S., resigned.

The death occurred at his residence in Claremorris of Connor O'Kelly, ex-M. P. for North Mayo at the age of 42. He was a native of Claremorris and represented the North division of his native county from 1900 to 1910.

Died.—At Derrynacanna, Ballintubber, J. McDermott.