

A DAY AT ST. JOHN'S BELOVED BY ITS PEOPLE.

"Observer" Finds Deep Regret and Sorrow at Abandonment.

So much having appeared in the papers lately about the closing and probable demolition of St. John's Chapel, Observer made up his mind to attend service there last Sunday morning...

With such thoughts making for reverence, the high-toned and open gates of the chapel were greeted by St. John's as never more happily and gratefully in its majestic contour and "slow decay."

There had been 235 present at the morning service, a number of course, like Observer, attracted by the current interest in St. John's affairs.

By this time we had reached St. Luke's, about a mile north of St. John's. It was formerly St. Luke's Church in Greenwich Village, and in truth it looks like a country church—something over eighty years old, devoid of grace or architectural embellishment.

As we surveyed the diminutive building, silently contrasting it with the temple below, my companion observed bitterly, that perhaps the vestry wouldn't mind anyway if half the St. John's congregation didn't unite with St. Luke's, for the building wouldn't hold them all.

As Observer parted with his informant in St. John's Lane, back of the chapel, he saw the active priest in charge, and he saw the active priest in charge, and he saw the active priest in charge.

Observer presently looked up with silent curiosity at the stone image of Commodore Vanderbilt, whose Midas-touch had long since transmuted that earthly paradise, into gold, but by gold into the ugly pile of brick that belches forth a daily din of noise and confusion.



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MUSIC PUCCINI'S FIRST OPERA.

A large and tiresome portion of last night was wasted at the Metropolitan Opera House on the production of "Le Villi," an opera composed some twenty-four years ago by Giacomo Puccini.

The subject of "Le Villi" is not admirably cut out for a pantomimic ballet, but not at all for an opera. A drama might have been made of a very ingenious infusion of contrabrio incident.

"Le Villi" alone that the cost of admission was advanced last night, but because Signor Bondi sang in one opera and Signor Caruso in the other.

"The poor people around in this part of the city that will suffer," said one member of the congregation yesterday when he heard the announcement.

According to members of other churches, notably St. Alphonsus's Roman Catholic Church, at West Broadway and Canal street.

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Deaths.

Death notices appearing in THE TRIBUNE will be republished in the Tri-Weekly Tribune without extra charge.

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