TO CONSECRATE NEXT CENTURY TO THE SAVIOR

Services Held at St. Ignatius Church.

SERMON BY FATHER WOODS

SOLEMN HOMAGE TO BE PAID TO THE LORD CHRIST.

The Project of a Universal Expression of Religious Feeling Is Fully Approved by the Pope.

Impressive services were held last night at St. Ignatius Church in accordance with the recommendation of an international committee, with Cardinal Jacobini at its head, organized to bring about, "the solemn consecration of the coming century to Jesus Christ, our Savior and King, by the whole Catholic world." Pope Leo XIII fully approves the project, and agrees with representative men that there should be a solemn and universal expression of religious feeling in connection therewith.

This solemn homage will take the form of services of more than ordinary solemnity in all the churches throughout the world, and the fourth Sunday of the month has been specially set aside in St. Ignatius with that sacred object in view. Solemn benediction was held and delegates from the Gentlemens', Ladies' and Students' sodalities and the League of the Sacred Heart were present, wearing their distinguishing badges.

Rev. Father H. J. Woods preached the sermon on the subject "Christ's Claim Upon Us as Our Creator." He introduced his remarks by explaining the objects of the work in which the whole Catholic world is now engaged. "No one," he said, "ever before heard of the consecration of a century, why then should we be preparing ourselves to consecrate the coming century to Christ?" The world is divided into two camps—the camp of Christ and the camp of anti-Christ. Between the two there is an unceasing war, and believers of the latter think they have gained such advantages as will bring about the speedy ruin of the cause of Christ. They have taken the city of the Popes and made it one of their own capitals. Governments are in a great measure in their hands and education by which they form the minds of the rising generation. Why, then, should they not triumph and that speedily? In this anticipation they claim the twentieth century as their own, not merely the days, weeks, months and years, but the actions that will fill them, the energies of the men who will live in them.

"We see now why Catholics are uniting to consecrate the coming century to Christ. If their enemies hope for triumph it belongs to them under God to frustrate that triumph. If their enemies are bracing themselves to action they must actuate all their own energies in opposition. We are not consecrating the mere succession of time to Christ, for that is his already. We are consecrating our energies, our activities, our zeal and that of our children and of their children yet unborn, to the cause of God, of his church and of its king, Christ Jesus, the incarnate word by whom all things were made, in whom by divine decree all things consist, that in all things he may have the primacy."

The International Council points out that as this solemn homage is an act of Christian faith, an essential part of the preparation for it is an increasing of our knowledge and love of Christ, and it indicates three means of obtaining this increase—preaching, prayer and pilgrimage. As uniformity in the use of these means is desirable, his Grace Archbishop Riordan has offered the following practical suggestions:

One Sunday evening in every month will be set apart in the churches on which will be preached a special sermon directed to the work of preparation. A form of prayer has been issued in this connection to be used during benediction. Sodalities and other societies of a spiritual character should attend the services under the leadership of their officers. Particular pains should be taken to prepare the young for this great act, and a ceremony analogous to the "Saluting of the Flag" will be practiced in our Catholic colleges and schools and in all Sunday schools. The feast of the Most Holy Redeemer will be celebrated with special solemnity on October 23 or on the Sunday following.

The pilgrimage for 1899 is to the Holy Land. The month of October will be devoted to a spiritual participation in this pilgrimage. The congregation will be led in spirit of fervent piety to the holy places of our Lord's birth, life and passion. In 1900 the pilgrimage will be to Loreto and Rome, and should be made in a similar manner.

At Glen Park.

The principal attraction at Glen Park yesterday was a competitive drill by members of the cavalry troops stationed at the Presidio. Private Fizer was awarded first prize and Corporal Mason secured second prize, and Private Noonan third.

Sergeant Moffitt gave an exhibition of high jumping on horseback, and his performance proved to be one of the most interesting parts of the programme.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TUMOR EXPELLED.

Unqualified Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

MRS. ELIZABETH WHEELOCK, Magnolia, Iowa, in the following letter describes her recovery from a very critical condition:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, and am now ready to sound its praises. It has done wonders for me in relieving me of a tumor.

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OPENING OF THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

Preliminary Service at Trinity Church.

BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

OVER 1500 CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE.

An Eloquent and Instructive Address Is Delivered by Rev. Herman L. Duhring of Philadelphia.

Convention week in the Episcopal diocese of California was appropriately inaugurated yesterday afternoon with a united children's missionary service at Trinity Church, on Bush and Gough streets. Over fifteen hundred children, representing the entire strength of the Episcopal Sunday schools in the city, were present.

The Sunday schools represented were: Cathedral Mission, St. Luke's, St. John's Church of the Advent, St. Peter's, St. James, St. Stephens, Trinity and Grace Cathedral, on Stockton street.

The services began promptly at 3 o'clock with an organ prelude by Professor H. J. Stewart. Then the procession of Episcopal divines, led by the combined vested choirs of the various churches, entered, and all the children rose and joined in the hymn being sung.

The address was delivered by Rev. Herman L. Duhring of Philadelphia, and was an informal but instructive history of the Episcopal missions throughout the country. Statistics showing the relative strength of other Sunday schools were cited, and proved an interesting lesson. The life of the Sunday-school teacher was eulogized and the noble character of the teacher of the rising generation was placed before that of all other women in the world.

The formal opening of the convention will be held to-morrow morning at St. Paul's Church on California street, near Steiner. The opening address will be delivered by the Bishop of Salt Lake.

The programme of work to be transacted during the entire convention is as follows:

THE RT. REV. BISHOP NICHOLS.

Monday, January 23, 8 p. m.—St. Luke's Church, Clay street and Van Ness avenue. Services of intercession for Sunday Schools. Addresses by the Bishop of Olympia and the Rev. H. L. Duhring.

Tuesday, January 24, 10:30 a. m.—St. Paul's Church, California street, near Steiner. Opening service of convention, with sermon by the Bishop of Salt Lake. Canonical offering for the convention fund. 8 p. m.—St. Paul's Church, California street, near Steiner. Service in the interest of Daughters of the King, with address by the Bishop of Los Angeles.

Wednesday, January 25, 9 a. m.—St. Luke's Church, California street, near Steiner. Morning prayer—the convention morning prayer, combined with the service preliminary to the consecration. 11 a. m.—St. Luke's Church, Clay street and Van Ness avenue. Consecration of the Rev. William Hall Moreland, M. A., Bishop-elect of Sacramento. The sermon will be preached by the Bishop of Olympia. Afternoon—St. Paul's Church, California street, near Steiner. Business session of convention, 8 to 11 p. m. Occidental Hotel—Reception given by the Bishop of California and Mrs. Nichols.

Thursday, January 26, 9 a. m.—St. Paul's Church, California street, near Steiner. Morning prayer followed by business of convention. 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. Good Samaritan Mission, 246 Second street. Brotherhood of St. Andrew service. Also at 8 p. m., at Church of the Advent, Eleventh street, near Market. 6:30 p. m. Occidental Hotel—Clerical dinner and reunion.

Friday, January 27, 11 a. m.—St. John's Church, Fifteenth street, near Valencia. Annual service in interest of the Women's Auxiliary, with sermon by the Lord Bishop of Columbia. 2:30 p. m.—Woman's Auxiliary service in St. John's Church. 6 p. m.—Supper for brotherhood men, followed by convention of Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Sunday, January 29, 3 p. m.—St. Paul's Church, Oakland. United missionary service for children of Alameda County, with addresses by the Rev. H. L. Duhring and others.

Presidio Notes.

Affairs are exceedingly quiet at the Presidio at present. The Eighth California Volunteers are highly elated at the order mustering them out of the service, which will be done by the end of this month.

Major Whittle, in command of the battalion stationed here, says his three companies will be mustered out by January 31, while the two companies at Angel Island and one at Alcatraz will be relieved from further military duty on the 28th inst.

Construction of the new general hospital at the Presidio will soon be commenced. The lumber for the building is now being hauled to the site, and an imposing structure will be erected, Congress having appropriated $160,000 for the purpose.

Federation for Improvement.

A meeting of the improvement clubs of the southwestern portion of the Mission was held on Saturday evening at the hall of the Fairmount and Glen Park Improvement Company, corner of Chenery and Miguel avenues, for the purpose of forming a federation to improve that portion of the city. An organization was effected, of which J. P. Tuohey was made temporary secretary. At the next meeting, January 28, permanent officers will be elected.

There Was No Honeymoon.

John Ryben was arrested last night and booked at the City Prison on the charges of vagrancy and disturbing the peace.

Three weeks ago Ryben took unto himself a wife and then forgot all about his obligations. He further forgot himself last night and went home, the first time since the assumption of marital bonds. A disturbance of the public peace resulted, and now Ryben is in the City Prison on charges preferred by his wife.

President Jordan Returns.

President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University returned last night from his midwinter vacation and is registered at the Occidental. President Jordan was accompanied by his wife and a number of friends. The party visited many places in Mexico, and had a most enjoyable time.

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WAS THE BRIDE OF AN ARAB ACROBAT

Romance in the Life of the Missing Mrs. Gale.

THE whereabouts of Mrs. Julia Gale, wife of Charles Gale, 216½ Sixth street, whose disappearance was reported in yesterday's Call, is still shrouded in mystery. Neither Detective Anthony nor her husband can obtain the slightest clew to her whereabouts. What makes her disappearance all the more perplexing is the fact that she did not take her jewelry nor the $70 that was in her trunk. She took with her the key of the trunk and the key of the door. Besides she wore only a plain black skirt, a blue and white striped waist and a cloth jacket, and left all her best clothes in her trunk. Gale does not believe there is another man in the case, but the police are inclined to believe that she has deserted him and gone East. She received a letter last Friday, and it might have contained money. She did not tell her husband anything about the letter, and he learned of it from the landlady.

There is a bit of romance attached to Mrs. Gale's life. Her maiden name was Julia Doyle, and she came to New York from Ireland while a young girl to join her sister, a soubrette, whose stage name was Josie Williams. After retiring from the stage Josie started a boarding house for theatrical people, and there Julia met Hadji Tahar, an Arabian juggler and acrobat. They were married, and she traveled with him. He was with Sells' circus when it came here six or seven years ago, and went with the circus to Australia. He left her here stranded with her baby girl, May, and she obtained a divorce from him on the ground of desertion. Gale married her while she was employed in the St. Ann's building, on November 9, 1893. Sie Hassen Ben Ali, manager of the Tow-Zoon-In Arab acrobats, with the female spinningtop, that appeared at the Orpheum about two months ago, used to be Hadji's partner, and while here he took a fancy to little May, who is now 9 years of age, and got her mother to enter into a contract with him, giving him the custody of May for seven years, so that he could train her for the stage. The little girl was sent East, but her father, learning of the contract, took possession of her, and the matter was taken into the courts in New York. Judge Daly decided that the father was not a proper custodian for the child and ordered her into the care and custody of her aunt, Josie, who had married a wealthy New Yorker. The marriage of Julia to Hadji was the cause of an estrangement between the two sisters, but the police think that a reconciliation has been effected through the little girl, and that Josie has sent Julia money to take her to New York and desert Gale.

Mrs. Gale is a little woman, 26 years of age, a blonde, of stout build, and attractive in her manners and appearance. She is about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

SHELL MOUND SHOTS MAKE GOOD SCORES

F. P. SCHUSTER HIGH ON BUSHNELL CHAMPION MEDAL.

Dr. L. O. Rodgers Makes Fine Three-Shot Runs in the Cash Contest. Bullseye Prize-Winners.

It was an ideal day for rifle shooting at Shell Mound yesterday. Most of the time the light was good and there was but little wind to change the natural flight of bullets. As might be expected the attendance was good and a number of fine scores were made. Particular attention was paid to the Germania Schuetzen Club's re-entry matches. In the Bushnell championship ten-shot match F. P. Schuster went to the head with 219 rings. Dr. L. O. Rodgers was top man in the three-shot re-entry match for cash prizes, making two 72-ring scores. The best scores were the following:

Bushnell championship medal, 10 shots, single entry—F. P. Schuster, 219 rings; D. B. Faktor, 213; J. Utschig, 218; E. H. Goetze, 207; A. Strecker, 215; N. Ahrens, 212.

Re-entry for cash prizes, 3-shot scores—Dr. L. O. Rodgers, 72, 71, 72; F. P. Schuster, 70, 71, 70; J. Gefken, 62, 66, 63; A. H. Pape, 69, 66; D. B. Faktor, 72, 66; E. H. Goetze, 63, 64, 61; A. Strecker, 69, 69; J. Utschig, 68, 71; William Goetze, 63; H. Lilkinday, 64; D. Salsfield, 67.

Regular monthly bullseye contest for cash prizes, twenty shots, machine measurement:

R. Stettin 141, F. P. Schuster 223, F. Rust 313, H. Lilkendey 361, G. H. Bahrs 456, J. Utschig 504, D. Salfield 639, J. de Witt 685, N. Ahrens 781, C. Thierbach 805, H. Meyer 878, H. Stelling 963, J. E. Klein 908, D. B. Faktor 945.

San Francisco Schuetzen Club, monthly contest for cash prizes, bullseye target, machine measurement, twenty shots:

A. H. Pape 280, D. B. Faktor 317, O. Lemeke 321, F. P. Schuster 348, H. Stelling 252, J. C. Waller 367, John Utschig 398, W. F. Garms 508, George H. Bahrs 599, Aug. F. Meyer 688, N. Ahrens 692, J. Lankenau 697, Aug. Jungblat 711, H. F. Lilkendey 799, D. Dunker 853, Gus Schulz 902, C. Thierbach 999, F. Pape 1009, F. Brandt 1040, A. Browning 1058.

The regular class medal shoot of the Red Men's Schuetzen Section showed the following high marksmen, 20 shots, German 25-ring target:

Champion class, E. Schierbaum, 386; first class, W. Dressler, 329; second class, P. H. Ruiffs, 315; third class, Captain H. Grieb, 266; fourth class, C. Bolsdorff, 257; best first shot, E. Schierbaum, 22; best last shot, E. Schierbaum, 24.

F. P. Schuster went to the head of the championship class of the Norddeutscher Schuetzen Club with 439 on the German 25-ring target, 20 shots. The high men in the medal classes were the following:

Champion class, F. P. Schuster, 439; first class, F. Koch, 416; second class, D. Salfield, 370; third class, Albert Meyer, 347; fourth class, August F. Meyer, 302; best first shot, W. Glindermann, 25; best last shot, J. Thode, 24.

The regular monthly medal shoot of the Nationals did not bring out many of the musket experts. Their scores of 10 shots, Blunt military target, were as follows:

C. Meyer 43, A. J. Ruddick 41, C. A. Gwynn 28, J. E. Odgers 41, A. H. Kennedy 42, L. W. Grant 35, V. J. Garibaldi 35, R. C. Howe 36, W. P. Mason 39.

There was a good attendance of the Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club's members and a number of good scores were made. All the shooting was on re-entry amateurs, 10-shot scores, Columbia target. Following were the high scores:

Rifle, Glindeman all-comers' rifle medal—A. H. Pape 43,44, 44; F. O. Young 61, 61; E. N. Moor 64, 76; C. N. Daiss 89, 92; G. Mannell 99.

Pistol and small rifle, 50 yards—F. O. Young 44, 49, 54, 61; G. M. Barley 52; J. P. Cosgrave 54, 68; Daiss 22 and 25; G. F. Mannell 25, 30, 41.

GOLF LEADS TENNIS.

The Players of the Scottish Game Welcome the Arrival of Sunny Days.

From the beginning of the new year until a few days ago golfing was rendered almost impossible by the rain. On Tuesday afternoon, however, four ladies competed for the Winslow medal on the Presidio links. Miss Ella Wilcox Morgan winning from scratch with a score of 161. Miss M. B. Houghton, who won the competition for the medal in December, also played from scratch, and was second, with a score of 169. So small a field as four for a handicap event, open only to ladies, seems to show that there is not much enthusiasm among the lady members of the San Francisco Golf Club, of whom there are seventy-five. But perhaps when the weather becomes more settled, the afternoons lighter and the new clubhouse, with its conveniences, is ready for use, more of the ladies will put themselves in evidence on the links.

Next Saturday, January 28, there will be mixed foursomes, at eighteen holes, match play, with handicap. During the last few days J. W. Byrne, H. D. Pillsbury and others have been out for practice. The directors of the Oakland Golf Club are preparing the details of a club tournament to be held at an early date, and certain improvements are being carried out on the course. The distance to the first hole, which is now 200 yards, will be increased to 425 yards, and the distance from the second to the third hole, which is at present 160 yards, will be lengthened to 500 yards. The distance between the third and fourth holes, which is now 237 yards, will be increased a little, and the approach rendered more difficult; the hole will be on the top of a small knoll. The bogey score for hole No. 3 is given as two, but this is scarcely correct, as no player can be sure of driving his ball so accurately on to the putting green as to hole out on his second shot. In fact, if a man reaches the green in two shots and holes out in two more he is playing good, steady golf. The Oakland course, after the above mentioned alterations have been made, will be about 2800 yards, or 600 yards longer than at present.

The Riverside Country Club will hold a tournament among its members next month, and in March will hold an open tournament. The Catalina Island Golf Club will hold an open tournament next month, which will doubtless attract golfers from Los Angeles, Pasadena, Highland Park and Riverside, if not from San Francisco and Oakland.

RACING AT OAKLAND.

The Track Across the Bay Reopens To-Day With a Fine Card of Events.

Oakland track will reopen this afternoon with an excelent card of six well-filled races. The fields have a well-balanaced look, and short prices should not prevail. The entries are as follows:

First Race—Seven furlongs; four-year-olds and up; selling:

526 Henry C	109	551 Billy McCloskey	112
395 Texarkana	109	510 Gratify	109
... Initiator	109	470 Peru II	112
356 Brown Prince	106	527 Eppinger	109
499 Paul Kruger	109	337 Belola	107
360 Joan	107	534 Simmons	109
404 Melkarth	106		

Second Race—Futurity course; selling; three-year-olds:

451 Inola	100	500 Lavator	110
(472) Dunpraise	113	541 Master Buck	107
538 Anchored	113	302 Lothian	110
472 Crossmolina	105	485 Clarando	105
... Racery	100	502 Strongoll	105
472 Peter Weber	107	(481) The Wooer	107

Third Race—Seven furlongs; selling; four-year-olds and up:

550 San Venado	109	436 Recreation	104
486 Dunois	112	505 Cromwell	112
534 G. H. Ketcham	109	432 Whitcomb	109
(442) First Call	109		

Fourth Race—Six furlongs; selling; four-year-olds and up:

486 Highland Ball	114	546 Cyril	111
486 O'Connell	109	501 Midlight	107
482 Etta H	107	482 Rey Hooker	99
(479) Sly	112		

Fifth Race—One and a sixteenth miles; selling; four-year-olds and up:

505 Rosinante	109	306 Magnus	99
557 David Tenny	111	475 Ballister	94
518 Satsuma	110		

Sixth Race—Six furlongs; four-year-olds and up; selling:

469 Averine	109	482 La Parasseuse	89
484 Frohman	106	543 Castake	106
(469) Don Gara	117	552 La Maroma	104
439 Meadowlark	114	(445) Shasta Water	112
480 Free Lady	104	552 Kamsin	114
552 Mel. Burnham	109		

Selections for To-Day.

First Race—Gratify, Paul Kruger, Peru II.
Second Race—Lavator, Clarando, Lothian.
Third Race—Dunois, First Call, San Venado.
Fourth Race—Midlight, Etta H, O'Connell.
Fifth Race—Satsuma, Rosinante, David Tenny.
Sixth Race—Shasta Water, La Maroma, Free Lady.

Those Who Played Handball.

A fine day with expert handball players Made Phil Ryan's handball court at 858 Howard street a lively scene yesterday afternoon. There were nine rousing games engaged in during the day, in which some new faces were present for the first time during the present season. The scores and those who made them were as follows:

M. Maguire and E. Antron defeated W. Hassell and T. Clements; 21—13, 16—21, 21—15.

M. J. Stokes and P. Herrin defeated P. Foley and J. Boyle; 21—18, 14—21, 21—12.

E. McDonough and D. J. Sheehan defeated W. H. Sieberst and J. R. Bockman; 21—20, 17—21, 21—16.

J. Condon and T. Leach defeated J. Smith and A. McVicker; 21—11, 14—21, 21—19.

A. McInnerney and D. Regan defeated M. McLaughlin and J. McCarthy; 21—10, 15—21, 21—18.

G. Hutchinson and P. Kelly defeated M. Dillon and P. Hutchinson; 21—17, 12—21, 21—19.

R. Madden and M. Espen defeated T. Murphy and T. Hanlon; 21—9, 12—21, 21—13.

A. Wittman and J. McGinty defeated E. White and R. Regli; 21—13, 16—21, 21—20.

R. Linehan and M. J. Kilgallon defeated J. C. Nealon and J. White; 21—17, 14—21, 21—18.

Germania Schuetzen Club.

The annual election of officers and distribution of prizes of the Germania Schuetzen Club occurred last night at California Hall on Bush street. Officers were elected as follows: President, A. Ahern; vice president, E. Goetze. Secretary L. Haake and Treasurer F. B. Schuster were unanimously re-elected, as was Shooting Master William Goetze. Fred Rust was also elected shooting master with Goetze. Trustees—L. Seibe, A. Huber and Dr. L. O. Rodgers.

The distribution of prizes followed, at which those who won the annual medals were presented with their trophies. They were: First champion, John Utschig; second class champion medal, L. Bendel; first class medal, F. Rust; second class medal, R. Stettin; third class medal, D. Salfield. After disposing of the election and awarding of the prizes, the members of the club adjourned to the banquet hall where a sumptuous repast awaited them and the usual jolly time characteristic of the shooting clubs was indulged in.

Gas Did Its Work.

Charles Parros, who turned on the gas Friday night at his lodgings, 21 Turk street, died early this morning in the Receiving Hospital. His body was removed to the Morgue.

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Bush and Larkin sts. Swimming, Russian, hot and cold tub baths. Saltwater direct from ocean.

SCHOOLS THAT ARE SLATED TO BE ABOLISHED

One Hundred Classes Will Go.

DIRECTORS ARE IN EARNEST

EIGHT EVENING SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED.

Principals and Vice Principals of Schools Not Affected Must Take Charge of Certain Classes.

SCHOOLS TO BE ABOLISHED.

Mission Evening, four classes.
Fairmount Evening, three classes.
John Swett Evening, five classes.
Hearst Evening, three classes.
Noe Valley Primary, five classes.
Agassiz Primary, twelve classes.
Monroe Primary, five classes.
Cliff House School, one class.
Rincon Evening, five classes.
Richmond Evening, two classes.
Spring Valley Evening, two classes.
Irving Scott Evening, two classes.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the pruning-knife of the Board of School Directors is at work and one by one the schools are falling before it. Twelve schools and their staffs of fifty teachers are known to be marked for the unassigned list.

It is a matter of wonder that some of these did not go long ago, especially the Hearst Evening, which has twenty pupils distributed among three teachers, and the Mission Evening has twice as many children and only four teachers. In the John Swett and Fairmount a congestion of educators and a minimum of pupils were also found.

In every school of the city there will be a sweeping consolidation of classes, and even where the school is not on the abolition list some of their classes are marked for discontinuance and the revolution of economy goes yet further, for even where neither school nor class has lost its status teachers will go out, their work being carried on by principals and vice principals.

The John Swett Grammar, the Horace Mann Grammar, the Lincoln Grammar and the Adams Cosmopolitan have each a principal and two vice principals. Deep cuts will be made into these positions and in some cases the vice principals will be dropped. In fact, the reclassification scheme will level many distinctions among the city educators.

The Horace Mann Evening School will escape, but several of its classes will go. One of these is Miss Gorham's bookkeeping class. The closing of the other two evening schools in that neighborhood, the Mission and Fairmount, will fill the Horace Mann to a saving capacity. It is the intention of the Directors to discontinue every evening school that can be spared, and possibly all will be temporarily closed.

Director Head has been energetically "visiting around," and he is determined that retrenchment shall go down the line until every school has had a touch of condensation. Even the high schools have not escaped notice, and some of their classes are singled out. The Polytechnic School was found to be topheavy with teachers, and their number will grow smaller in consequence.

There will be deep cuts among the little schools in the suburbs. In some cases one school will be bodily merged into another, and not only the salaries of teachers will be saved, but school house rent.

The Mission High School will lose one class, the Cliff House School of one class, taught by Miss A. McLaughlin, will be transferred to the Barrington School at Point Lobos and Twenty-fifth avenues.

A public meeting will be held this evening in Superior Court, Department 6, at the City Hall, by the citizens who oppose the closing of the Normal School. Those who object to the abolition of this institution claim that the pupils are deprived of the latter half of their year's tuition, and that by the shutting down of the school only the janitress' wages—$40 per month—is saved. It is not believed, however, that these arguments will have any effect on the directors, as they appear to have made up their minds. The two teachers, Miss Fowler and Miss Fitzgerald, will in all probability be asigned to other schools. As for the pupils, they may all take the teachers' examination, and so secure certificates just as soon, if not sooner, than if the school was continued.

Many of the principals have been slow in the simple work of reporting on the conditions of their respective schools, and furnishing the requested data for reclassification. This delay has not had the effect of pleasing the Board of Education, and the delinquents will be called upon to hasten in language somewhat severe. Already about seventy-five teachers have been slated for the unassigned list, and the positions of fully twenty-five more are trembling in the balance.

Nor will the reforms strike only the classes. A number of well-paid employes of the department are now earning their last month's wages in that institution. Said Director Holbrook yesterday:

"When we finish our work, if anybody can find any idle people drawing fat money around the San Francisco school domain they will have to search with a magnifying glass. I can tell you that there are some more surprises to follow."

SNATCHED A DIAMOND.

Arrest of a Desperate Thief After an Exciting Chase.

James Merrill, aged 27 years, a cook by occupation, yesterday afternoon stole a diamond stud, valued at $250, from the shirt front of W. G. Robins of 130 Ellis street.

Robins was boarding a car at Haight and Stanyan streets when Merrill sneaked up behind him and snatched his diamond. Robins grabbed the thief, and in the struggle that followed he regained possession of the precious stone. The thief at once took to his heels and disappeared in Golden Gate Park.

Sergeant Duke was notified of the crime, and, with only a faint description of Merrill, he started out to find him. Seeing a man who answered his description sneaking along the brush in the vicinity of the affiliated colleges he called upon him to halt. Instead of obeying his command the thief took to his heels, but was brought to a halt by a shot from Duke's revolver.

Convinced that he was the right man the Sergeant took him to the O'Farrell street station, where he was confronted by Robins and positively identified by him. He was then formally booked on a charge of grand larceny.

VICE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Rev. Dr. John A. B. Wilson Talks of the City's Peril.

At the Strangers' Sabbath Home in the Howard-street M. E. Church last night the pastor, Rer. Dr. John A. B. Wilson, prefaced his sermon with a short statement about the city's peril. He declared there are 1000 girls in Chinatown festering in hopeless slavery that worse than blood money may go to their masters and to those in high places who protect this leprosy for a share in the swag; that every slave girl could be liberated and every gambling den in the city closed in six days did those who had the enforcement of the law determine to do it.

He declared that unblushing vice stalked through the streets with impunity and boys were tempted and going wrong through the pool rooms. The speaker said it was the part and duty of the pulpit to second the efforts of the press to suppress the evils referred to, but that it would not be done until the citizens themselves joined in the agitation and demanded the enforcement of the law.

COMPARISON OF TESTAMENTS.

Interesting Lecture by Rabbi Meyers at the Bush-Street Temple.

"Christians, Moslems and Jewish Sects" was the subject of an interesting lecture by Rabbi Myers last evening at the Bush-street Synagogue. The lecturer maintained that the New Testament belongs to the field of Jewish literature.

"It was written," said he, "as Professor Lightfoot justly observed, 'by Jews, among Jews and for Jews.' The Christian terms 'Faith,' 'Grace,' 'Baptism,' 'Purification,' 'Redemption,' 'Salvation,' etc., were household words with the rabbis. What is called the 'Lord's Prayer' consists of phrases from various parts of the Jewish liturgy."

In concluding the address the rabbi quoted numerous passages to show the intimate relationship between the Talmud and the New Testament.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS.

The housewarming of Golden Gate Council—that is, the change of quarters from the Alcazar to the Foresters' building—was a pleasant event in the history of the council. During the evening there was the installation of officers by Deputy Baker, assisted by the past councilor of Sacramento Council, after which there was a splendid collation in the banquet-room, where there were, during the discussion of the good things, addresses by Grand Councilor Boehm, Grand Recorder Wallis, Councilor Simons and others, and several vocal selections.

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