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GLORY TO GOD

On High and On Earth Peace to Men of Good Will.

Thoughts Suggested to a Reverend Clergyman at This Joyous Season.

An Infinite Offense Made Necessary An Infinite Atonement.

USE MEANS GOD PROVIDES US

On next Thursday we will again be called upon to celebrate in an especial manner these joyful tidings announced by the angels, for on this day a Savior was born unto us, who is Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. This happy event, for which the world waited during that long period of 4,000 years, has at last become a reality, and that which the Prophet Isaiah foretold of the coming of a Redeemer has been accomplished.

"For a child is born to us and a son is given unto us, and the government is upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, God the Mighty, the Father of the World to Come, the Prince of Peace. His empire shall be multiplied and there shall be no end of peace."—[Is ix., 6-7. Nineteen hundred years have passed and gone since the fulfillment of this prophecy of Isaiah's in the birth of a God Man, Jesus Christ, whose advent into the world threw open the gates of heaven so long closed against the human race on account of the disobedience of our first parents in eating of the forbidden fruit. For in the beginning, when God made man, he made him to his own image and likeness and placed him in a paradise of pleasure, under certain restrictions, that he could partake of everything therein except the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and he commanded him not to eat of this tree under penalty of death, not only for himself, but also for his posterity. What followed is known to the whole Christian world. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, did eat of the forbidden tree, they were cast out of paradise, heaven's gates were closed against them and they were condemned to death. Nor was this punishment to affect them alone. No, it must necessarily extend itself to the whole human race. For as Adam was made the procurator of the whole human race, and as in obeying God the whole human race would receive the reward promised, so also in the disobedience of Adam the whole human race were subjected to the same punishment as Adam himself. But perhaps some one will say this offense of Adam was light when compared with the punishment; yet if we only consider that Adam was constituted in the state of sanctifying grace, that he was free from concupiscence, sorrow and death, gifts undue to his nature, we can easily see how he could have conformed himself to God's command and thereby merited eternal glory. Adam did not do this, but on the contrary he withdrew his allegiance to God for some created object and criminal pleasure and gave a blind preference to the creature, thereby committing a grave offense against God—a crime which could not be atoned for unless by the incarnation of some divine person, if we suppose that God wished the satisfaction to be in proportion to the infinite offense given to him by Adam. A finite creature, such as man, could never satisfy for an infinite offense, and hence it was that God, the Father, thus ordained that this his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, whose nativity we are about to celebrate, should come down from Heaven, from the bosom of his Eternal Father, with whom he was co-eternal and co-existing, in order that he might redeem us and reconcile us with his Heavenly Father, from whom we were estranged by the sin of Adam. Oh! how incomprehensible is the love manifested in this mystery. A God, the creator of all things, descending from Heaven and taking upon himself human nature with its infirmities in order to become our friend and brother. Nay, he even permitted himself to be born of an humble Virgin in a stable at Bethlehem, where there was neither heat nor comfort, but rather the damp and chilly air of a cold December's night.

Was this all this sweet baby had to endure? No, the clothes in which his tender body was wrapped were poor swaddling clothes. What would the people of our own time say were such a thing to occur in a civilized community? Would they not consider it cruel and barbarous under the circumstances, if no effort was made to make both mother and child comfortable? Yet this was what happened to the babe Jesus and his Virgin mother, born in Bethlehem in a state of poverty and abjection. He whose birth was celebrated by a multitude of the Heavenly army, praising God and singing "Glory to God on high, peace on earth to men of good will," was born without any external pomp. He, by whom the angels praise the majesty of the Almighty Father, whom the dominations adore, the powers hold in awe, the heavens and the virtues of the heavens and the blessed seraphim celebrate with united joy. He was not decorated with any title that could distinguish him from

other men. He whose name was above all others, for at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, whether in heaven or in earth or in hell, and who alone had power to inscribe the names of his elect in the great book of life, permitted his own to be inscribed among the most obscure of the subjects of Caesar. None paid homage to him unless simple and ignorant shepherds, although every created thing was dependent on him. In a word, everything that was calculated to confound human pride was exhibited at his birth. And why was it that this babe permitted himself to suffer such ignominies? It was because he wished on account of his infinite love for man to teach us from his cradle the love of poverty, of mortification, of humility, and this being that true peace to man and that true glory to God which was proclaimed by the angels to the shepherds, "Glory to God on high and peace on earth to men of good will." That glory which proud and ignorant man had tried to usurp for himself is now secured to God through the infant Jesus, and that peace which man had hitherto been a stranger to is now secured to him if he will only use the means within his power to acquire it, that is prayer and the sacraments. This done, we may be sure that God will bless us and make our Christmas a merry one and our New Year one of happiness.

EARNST WORKERS

Elected by Branch 4, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America.

Branch 4, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, held its annual election of officers last week. It resulted as follows: President, Miss Rachel Timmons; Vice President, James Hogan; Recording Secretary, Miss Mollie Burke; Financial Secretary, John K. Baker; Trustee for three years, Miss Mary A. O'Sullivan; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miss Brigid Hanrahan; Trustee for two years, Miss M. Conroy; Medical Examiner, Dr. T. L. McDermott.

St. Michael's Branch 642 held its largest meeting of the year last Wednesday evening. Messrs. Harry Veeneeman, James O'Connell and F. Mayer received a vote of thanks for their excellent work in securing new members. By their efforts this branch captured the second prize offered by the Central Committee for the largest increase in membership. The other branches in the State will have to hustle to beat them for the prize offered by the State Council. The election of officers resulted as follows: Spiritual Director, Rev. J. Sheridan; President, Thomas Sheehan; Vice President, James O'Connell; Recording Secretary, Hugh J. Higgins; Financial Secretary, James Welsh; Treasurer, James McBride; Sergeant-at-Arms, Peter Linskey; Sentinel, J. Rietman; Delegates to Central Committee, Harry Veeneeman, F. Mayer, J. O'Connell, M. Pahey and E. J. Sheridan.

Branch 45, of St. Mary's church, met this week with a good attendance and elected the following officers: Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Westerman; President, Will Norton; Vice President, L. S. Steiner; Recording Secretary, J. H. Middendorf; Financial Secretary, C. A. Hill; Treasurer, Herman Wessels; Sentinel, J. B. Herms; Trustee, H. O. Junker.

All have been long in the harness, especially Messrs. Hill, Middendorf and Wessels, the first named having been re-elected for his twelfth term, and the other two for six. This is a progressive branch and is in excellent condition.

CAPABLE OFFICERS

Elected by the New Albany Division of Hibernians.

At the last meeting of Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Albany, Ind., the following officers were elected:

President—Daniel Walsh.
Vice President—Thomas McGuire.
Recording Secretary—John Gouling.
Financial Secretary—James O'Hara.
Treasurer—John McBarron.
Marshal—Michael Welsh.
Assistant Marshal—Harry Welsh.
Standing Committee—William Matthews, John Winn, M. C. Thornton, James Flynn and John Connell.

The installation of officers will take place Tuesday night, December 30. After the installation there will be a smoker and each member is allowed to invite a friend. Of course there will be good music and short talks from the members. John Herley and Charles Leshar were elected members and three applications for membership were received. William Thomas has received his commission as State Organizer and will enter upon his duties at once.

MARTIN HIBBITT HOME.

Martin Hibbitt, a justly popular Irish-American, has returned home after a three months' visit to Ireland. Mr. Hibbitt looks well and declares he greatly enjoyed his trip and will give the Kentucky Irish American a more extended account of it at an early date.

COLORED CHILDREN.

St. Augustine's church will have a Christmas tree for the Catholic colored children on December 28. Rev. Father Felton, the energetic pastor, is making every endeavor to make the little ones of his parish happy at this joyous season of the year.

DEDICATED.

Impressive Ceremonies at the New Catholic Church of St. William.

Handsome Structure Due Mainly to Efforts of Father Murphy.

Bishop McCloskey Blesses Edifice and Celebrates the First Mass.

DISTINGUISHED CATHOLICS PRESENT

The new church of St. William at Thirteenth and Oak streets was solemnly dedicated to the service of God last Sunday, preceding the late mass at 10:30 o'clock. The Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey officiated at the blessing of the handsome new structure and then celebrated Pontifical high mass. He was assisted by the Right Rev. Monsignor Zabler and the Very Rev. Paul Alf, O. F. M., as deacons of honor; the Very Rev. James P. Cronin, Vicar General, as archdeacon; the Rev. B. J. Boland as deacon and the Rev. Joseph P. Welsh as subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. George W. Schuhmann, who was also master of ceremonies.

Father Schuhmann spoke feelingly of the hard work done by the Rev. Denis Murphy, pastor of the new church, and of his efforts night and day among his new but rapidly growing congregation. The reverend speaker described in graphic words what the house of God should be and how Catholics should glory in making it beautiful. The entire ceremonies were most solemn and imposing, not the least important adjunct being the musical programme. A splendid choir, made up of the leading singers of the city, rendered Haydn's Imperial Mass. This choir was under the direction of Mrs. Katie Carr Costigan, to whose good judgment those present can thank for the musical treat.

Many of the priests who attended the dedicatory services remained at the new and handsome rectory and dined with Father Murphy. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the children of the parish were instructed in catechism. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening solemn vespers were sung by a trained choir. After vespers Rev. Joseph P. Welsh, assistant to the Very Rev. Father Bax at St. John's, at Clay and Walnut streets, preached a sermon on the Catholic church. The new church was crowded both in the morning and in the evening. There was only one disappointment during the day and that was the absence of the Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, N. Y., who had been invited to preach the dedicatory sermon. Both Father Murphy, pastor of the new church, and his assistant, Father Boland, were prepared for the priesthood. Unfortunately events so shaped themselves that the Bishop of Rochester could not reach Louisville.

St. William's is a handsome structure of brick and stone, fifty-five feet wide by 117 feet long, with the dome finished in natural wood after the manner prevailing among the mediaeval English abbeys. This dome will in time be decorated with handsome frescoes. The interior decorations of the new church are beautiful now, but are by no means complete. Miss Marie Costigan is the very capable organizer of the new church. Four masses will be celebrated every Sunday. The parochial school numbers 170 pupils and is under the direction of the Rev. Father Boland. The inhabitants of this parish who have built this church are poor but hardworking people. They are indebted in a great measure to Father Murphy, the zealous young Irish-American priest who came among them last year and began to celebrate mass in a little cottage where Bishop McCloskey had established a Catholic kindergarten three years ago. All praise to Father Murphy. He is one of the ablest priests in the diocese and his friends are not limited to his parish, which is destined to grow rapidly.

Among the out-of-town people who were present at the dedication, were Charles Murphy, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Alice Leavitt, of New York. Liberal contributions for the new church were made by Miss Leavitt and by Mrs. Dan Hanna, of Cleveland, O.

HARD AT WORK.

Men of St. John's Congregation Honor Their Beloved Pastor.

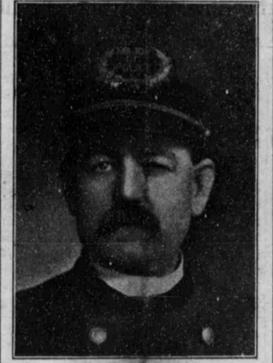
The married men of St. John's congregation held a very important meeting in their hall last Thursday evening, December 11. Up to the present date \$612 has been subscribed toward embellishing St. John's church for the coming golden jubilee celebration of their beloved pastor, Rev. Lawrence Bax. The following members have been given books and authorized to solicit for this grand and noble cause: E. J. Mann, J. T. Garrity, L. D. Bax, W. L. Bax, John Hargadon, L. J. Veeneeman, H. F. Wrocklage, Charles Neumeyer, John Albert Hemmerle, W. F. Stuckenborg, John Holland, C. J. Jesse,

John Wiest, Ben F. Hund, Joseph J. McCloskey and A. F. Martin. Each of the books is signed by Rev. Joseph P. Welsh, assistant pastor of St. John's. The meetings of these gentlemen are held every Thursday evening in St. John's Hall, on Walnut street, above Clay. The Executive Committee of the congregation, of which E. J. Mann is Chairman and A. F. Martin Secretary, invite all the friends and former members of St. John's congregation to attend and help make this affair a success. The Executive Committee meets every Sunday immediately after vespers in the school hall, and would be glad for any of the friends of Father Bax to be present.

ACTING CHIEF.

Major Pat Ridge is Making an Excellent Executive Officer.

Major Patrick Ridge, who has been acting Chief of Police since the illness of Col. Sebastian Gunther, is filling in every particular the predictions of his friends



as a model head of the department. Quiet and unassuming, yet thoroughly firm and business-like, Major Ridge is indeed a credit to the department. Just at present there is a controversy between the city government and the management of the Louisville Railway Company relative to the heating of street cars. Major Ridge has carried out the orders of the Board of Safety in this matter in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and yet without giving undue offense to the street railway officials. More power to you, Major.

MIDNIGHT AT CHRISTMAS.

Hark! Hark! From temple and from tower,
Soundeth Time's grandest midnight hour
Blessed by the Savior's birth.
And night put off the sable stole,
Symbol of sorrow and sign of dole,
For one with many a starry gem,
Who comes without a robe or diadem,
And all turn toward the holy East
To hear the song of the Christmas feast.

Four thousand years earth waited,
Four thousand years men prayed,
Four thousand years the nations sighed
That their King so long delayed.

The Prophet told His coming,
The saintly for Him sighed;
And the star of the Babe of Bethlehem
Shone o'er them when they died.

Their faces toward the future—
They longed to hail the light
That in the after centuries
Would rise on Christmas night.

But still the Savior tarried
Within His Father's home;
And the nations wept and wondered why
The promised had not come.

At last earth's hope was granted,
And God was a child of earth,
And a thousand angels chanted
The lowly midnight birth.

Ah! Bethlehem was grander
That hour than paradise;
And the light of earth that night eclipsed
The splendors of the skies.

Then let us sing the anthem
The angels once did sing,
Until the music of love and praise
O'er whose wide world will ring.

Gloria in excelsis!
Sound the thrilling song!
In excelsis Deo!
Roll the hymn along,
Gloria in excelsis!

Let the heavens ring;
In excelsis Deo!
Welcome, new-born King,
Gloria in excelsis!

Over the sea and land;
In excelsis Deo!
Chant the anthem grand,
Gloria in excelsis!

Let us all rejoice!
In excelsis Deo!
Lift each heart and voice,
Gloria in excelsis!

Swell the hymn on high;
In excelsis Deo!
Sound it to the sky,
Gloria in excelsis!

Sing it, sinful earth!
In excelsis Deo!
For the Savior's birth,
Thus joyfully and victoriously,
Glad and ever so gloriously,
High as the heavens—wide as the earth,
Swelleth the hymn of the Savior's birth.
—[Father Ryan.

This is the season when we should do something for God's poor.

Y. M. I.

Lexington, Newport, Lebanon and New Haven Councils Elect Officers.

Grand Secretary George Lautz Receives Encouraging Reports.

The Grand Officers Preparing to Organize Several Councils.

LIVELY TIMES FOR NEXT MONTH

The various councils of the Young Men's Institute have elected their officers for next year, and the reports received by Grand Secretary Lautz are very encouraging. From all sections of the Kentucky jurisdiction come reports of substantial gain in membership, and in many towns new councils will be organized by the grand officers. The newly elected officers will be installed the first of the new year with imposing ceremonies, which will be witnessed by the general public at several places. A look over the list of names will show that only the best known and competent men have been selected for officers, which means still greater success for the Young Men's Institute.

Barry Council, of Lexington, has elected the following officers, many of whom are well known here: President, Richard J. Colbert; First Vice President, John J. Galvin; Second Vice President, Michael Dowd; Recording Secretary, William P. McNally; Corresponding Secretary, C. T. Sheridan; Financial Secretary, James McGurk; Treasurer, John Grant; Marshal, J. Bernard Wallace; Medical Examiner, Dr. William J. Foley; Inside Sentinel, John Colbert; Outside Sentinel, Ernest Welsh; Executive Committee, John E. Fitzgerald, James T. McCarty, James J. O'Brien, John J. Luby and Fred Fister.

Lafayette Council, of Newport, seems destined to take prominent place in the ranks under the leadership of the following officers: Chaplain, Rev. James McNeerney; President, James A. Reardon; First Vice President, David Keaney; Second Vice President, John B. Read; Recording Secretary, Gerald Connolly; Corresponding Secretary, John Keane; Financial Secretary, Theodore J. Geisler; Treasurer, M. F. Kennen; Marshal, Julian Kramer; Sentinel, Frank Noonan; Executive Committee, James Delaney, John F. Pryor and John Meagher.

St. Catherine's Council, of New Haven can boast of their officers, who are among the most prominent men in Nelson county. They are: Chaplain, Very Rev. William Buckman; President, Edwin C. Dawson; First Vice President, F. X. Dawson; Second Vice President, Thomas J. Cecil; Recording Secretary, W. J. Dawson; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. James Greenwell; Financial Secretary, Francis M. Hagan; Treasurer, William H. Greenwell; Marshal, Bernard Greenwell; Outside Sentinel, James H. Pottinger; Executive Committee, Frank Boone, Edmund Bell and James G. Barry.

De Fraunce Council of Lebanon, as progressive as any of its sisters, elected officers as follows: Chaplain, Rev. Joseph A. Hogarty; President, F. L. Ballard; First Vice President, C. C. Boldrick; Second Vice President, Frank Corcoran; Recording Secretary, R. B. Lancaster, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary, John J. Kelly; Financial Secretary, F. A. Elder; Treasurer, James Bunnell; Marshal, W. F. Madden; Inside Sentinel, Charles Fry; Outside Sentinel, A. J. Caskey; Executive Committee, J. A. Smith, R. A. Hipp and S. A. Noe.

Phil Sheridan Council, of Covington, elected a set of officers who compare favorably to those of any fraternal organization. They are as follows: President, Louis Heister; First Vice President, Harry J. Buelter; Second Vice President, Henry M. Grollich; Financial Secretary, Joseph A. Cassidy; Recording Secretary, Edwin Trimbor; Corresponding Secretary, John Cella; Marshal, Fred Imthum; Executive Committee, Jacob Jonas, John Owen, Joseph Nilling, F. Von Zuben and Charles Nolte.

GOOD TIDINGS

Of Great Joy Brought to People Not Able to Help Themselves.

Even the infidel, if it is possible that such a creature has ever existed, must enter into himself at this joyous period of the year, and say in his inmost heart: "There must be a God and His promise of peace on earth, good will towards men is being fulfilled." Here, there and everywhere people are hurrying and scurrying in search of presents for their children and friends and kindred. This custom has become so universal, in America at least, that even the Jews send presents to their Christian friends on Christmas day.

Then there are the so-called soulless corporations who make presents of turkeys or money to their employees. Of

course these generous corporations are exceptions rather than the rule. But there are corporations and even combines that go further. By accident a representative of this paper heard that the Brewers' Exchange was preparing Christmas donations for a number of charitable institutions. He investigated and found out that not only were liberal donations ready to be forwarded to all the Catholic institutions like St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's orphan asylums and the Little Sisters of the Poor, but to every Protestant charitable institution and even to the Rescue Mission and other places of a similar character. Now this is as it should be. These institutions are all doing good work and any help extended them will be properly appreciated.

By the way, Col. John H. Whallen and his brother, James P. Whallen, every year give away thousands of dollars' worth of Christmas presents. This year their expense account for Christmas gifts to various charitable institutions, friends and employes amounts to \$7,000, and it is given cheerfully. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

VERY ELABORATE

Musical Programmes Being Arranged For Christmas Day.

The Christmas music at all the Catholic churches this year will be elaborate. At every church in the city there will be at least three masses. It must be remembered that Christmas is the only day of the year when a priest has the privilege of celebrating three masses. So in churches where there are two priests six masses will be celebrated. Of course at the Cathedral, St. Louis Bertrand's, St. Patrick's, St. Boniface's, St. Martin's, St. Anthony's, where there are many priests, masses will be going on continuously from 5 o'clock in the morning till noon.

Thus far only one musical programme has been sent the Kentucky Irish American. It is for the first mass, 5 o'clock Christmas morning. It will be solemn high mass at St. Louis Bertrand's. Very Rev. Father Fowler will officiate.

The splendid choir will be assisted by Professor Morbach's complete orchestra. At the offertory "O Holy Night" will be sung by Mr. Philip Stark, Miss Gertrude Thome and Mrs. Katie Newman. The second offertory piece will be "O Sing to God" by Gounod, Mrs. Daniel Doherty, soloist and chorus.

The singers will be as follows: Sopranos—Mrs. Philip A. Stark, Mrs. Daniel Doherty, Mrs. Katie Newman, Misses M. Scally, Nellie Lincoln, Katie Green, Josie Kelly, Katie Weterick, Mrs. M. Finegan and Mrs. Will H. Price.

Altos—Misses Gertrude Thome, Mary Ramser, Ada McCann and Mrs. A. Muselman.

Tenors—Phil A. Stark, Henry Doherty, Fred Zuerner, F. Lousburg, H. Bigley and Charles Rogers.

Bassos—John Gruesser, Joe Ramser and James J. Roche.

At the Church of Our Lady in Portland the music will also be of a superior order. The organ has been repaired and retuned. The sanctuary, the most attractive feature of Our Lady's church, will be more beautiful than ever. To add to the beauty of the scene the thirty-five well trained altar boys will be on hand at the first mass at 5 o'clock. There will be other masses at 7:30 and at 10 o'clock. At the 5 o'clock mass Rev. Father Conniff will preach a sermon full of meaning, as he did on the occasion of the St. Vincent de Paul's Society's recent visit to his church.

SENATOR WELER

Has Formerly Announced as Candidate For Circuit Clerk.

State Senator William L. Weller has formally announced his candidacy for Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Weller was for years in the County Clerk's office and has also served as Revenue Agent for Louisville under the State Auditor. He has friends all over the State as well as this city. In addition to his own personal popularity, Mr. Weller has promised a good place in his office to Frank Adams, who is Corresponding Secretary of Mackinac Council. Mr. Adams will add a great deal of strength to Mr. Weller's chances.

MERRY MILKMAIDS.

The Choral Society will present "The Merry Milkmaids," a tuneful operetta, under the auspices of the St. Louis Charity Club on Friday evening, January 2, at 8 o'clock. The operetta will be produced in Bertrand Hall, Sixth street, between St. Catherine and Oak streets. Tickets are now on sale.

DINNER FOR FRIENDS.

Year after year Val Leister, the popular saloonist at 442 West Green street, sets a great dinner for his patrons and friends the day before Christmas. Val is one of the few saloon-keepers who close their places of business on Christmas day. He expects his patrons to spend that day at home, and therefore takes the above method of entertaining them at this season. He is a prince of hosts and his dinners can not be surpassed.

MONUMENT

To the Irish in America Will be the New Hibernian Hall.

Men of Our Race in New York Are Giving Aid Liberally.

Archbishop Farley Presided at Meeting and Lent Encouragement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING

Thousands of men and women of Irish birth and descent met in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Sunday night, December 7, to aid in the erection of a building to be known as the Hibernian Institute. The building is to be for the use of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish organizations, and is meant for a monument of the achievements of the Irish race in America. A site in One Hundred and Sixteenth street has already been purchased at a cost of \$100,000, but there is a mortgage resting upon it which the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians desire to pay off before proceeding with the building, which it is estimated will cost about \$250,000.

At the meeting referred to more than \$5,000 were promised. Among the largest subscribers were P. J. McNulty, \$1,000; Archbishop Farley, \$500; W. Bourke Cockran, \$500, and John D. Crippins, \$500.

Archbishop Farley presided over the meeting. He was introduced by Mr. Cockran, who intended sailing for Europe Saturday, but postponed his journey to attend the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Charles McCready called the meeting to order. After announcing the purpose for which they had come together he introduced W. Bourke Cockran, who said:

"I shall confine myself to the discharge of the task allotted to me, to unlock the door to that intellectual enjoyment which awaits you, by presenting now for the discharge of his functions as the Chairman of this gathering that honor of the priesthood, that flower of American citizenship, that newest addition to the hierarchy of which he is destined to become a shining ornament, the Right Rev. John M. Farley, Archbishop of New York."

The Archbishop was greeted with applause which lasted for several minutes. When he could be heard, he said:

"It is needless to assure you of the pleasure it gives me to preside at a meeting for the purpose for which you have assembled here. It is high time that the numerous and influential body of Irish-Americans should be represented in this, the largest Catholic, and I might add Irish city in America, by some monument worthy of the name of Ireland. I am happy to see that the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the first to take the step to raise that monument. It is not the first mark in this country to show the love of the Irishmen of this country for religion and higher education.

"Some years ago the members of the organization presented to the Catholic University at Washington the sum of \$50,000, and I remember with pride and pleasure that I listened to your representative as he presented that offering. It is natural that all should wish to leave behind us some monument, and to cry 'Lord, keep my memory green.' It is but the natural wish to live in the memory of our fellow-men.

"If any order has the right to cry 'Lord, keep our memory green,' it is the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This enterprise I look forward to as being the instrument of great good to the Catholic people of New York, and I wish it God speed."

Hon. Thomas J. Gargan, of Boston, followed with an address on "The Irish in America before the Revolution." Monsignor Joseph T. Mooney, Vicar General, spoke on "Irish Moral Influence on American Character." Other addresses were made by Secretary of State John McDonough, Thomas Addis Emmet Waddock, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo and Major William T. McCrystal.

The new Hibernian Hall of New York, the plans for which have been completed, is to be at Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Sixteenth street. It will be a massive structure. The building itself is to be of limestone, the four columns and the figures surrounding them of Connemara marble, and symbolic of the four provinces of Ireland, while the seals of the principal counties and cities are to be carved on disks under the cornice. The building, with its basement, will be six stories high and will have roof garden. In the basement are to be a rathskeller and bowling alleys. This is to be the finest in the building, extending through two stories, and finished in Irish green and gold. Surrounding it on the floor will be wine and supper rooms, while on a level with the boxes will be the lodge rooms of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.