

## TWO JUBILEES

The Record and Its Editor Have Occasion to Rejoice.

Very Rev. Father Deppen Has Been Twenty-Five Years a Priest.

Orphans No Longer Have to Depend on Fairs For Support.

## A FEW FACTS FROM HISTORY

At this glad season of the year, when the entire Christian world seems filled with the spirit of Him who brought peace on earth to men of good will, when all delight in giving, and when the recipient appreciates the spirit of the giver as much as the gift, be it great or small, let us remember the orphans, those motherless and fatherless waifs who are forsaken by the giddy, busy world about us. In thinking of the orphans we revert to The Record, the official journal of the diocese of Louisville, and its humble, kindly editor, the Very Rev. Louis G. Deppen, who devotes all his time to the management of that paper in order that the orphans may be fed and clad and educated. In February will occur the silver jubilee of The Record. On Christmas morning Father Deppen celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee. And still his was not a celebration after the manner of the world—no elaborate preparation, no heralding of the event in pulpit or press, no banquet—but instead his three masses at St. Xavier's College, masses of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who permitted his humble servant to serve Him for a period of twenty-five years. That was all. And yet, what an infinity that expresses. The mind of man is too weak to comprehend it. We only know that the mass is the greatest act of thanksgiving that can be offered to God, and we feel that the blessings of the Eternal Father will descend upon Father Deppen and his work.

But Father Deppen would doubtless prefer more known of the work that he is engaged in and less of himself, for he is given to sinking his individuality. The Record was started on its career about February 1, 1878. It was a small sheet, about ten inches square, of four pages, and issued monthly. Some time later it was enlarged to eight pages. For five years it was edited by the late Monsignor Bouchet. In 1883 the Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey transferred charge of the paper and the entire care and support of the orphans of the diocese to Father Deppen. He assumed editorial control and the business management of the paper and entered upon his new duties with the same zeal that has marked all his undertakings. Within three months the circulation had doubled. At that time, too, Father Deppen was a very busy man. He was one of the assistant priests at the Cathedral, Chaplain of the City Hospital, as well as editor and manager of the Record. His strength broke under the immense strain and he was ordered by his physicians to spend three months in the mountains, resting and recuperating. While he was away the editorship and management of the Record reverted to Father Bouchet.

On his return Father Deppen again assumed charge of the paper and enlarged it to six columns. He continued as its editor until 1892, when Father Bouchet again assumed its control and continued in charge until five years ago, when Father Deppen once more took up the burden. He increased the Record to its present size, but has determined to make it no larger.

The Record has done a great work, not only in diffusing knowledge of diocesan and general Catholic affairs, but it has made the annual fairs and bazaars for the orphans unnecessary. It is the best read paper in Kentucky, since it circulates among the entire Catholic population of 100,000 in the diocese. The price is only \$1 per annum, but many send \$5 and \$10 and even more as their annual subscription. Its circulation increases as the Catholic population increases and it is read in religious communities where secular papers are not allowed. Very often its articles are given to the religious as subjects for meditation. Speaking of his work in the Record, Father Deppen said: "I only say in the Record what I would willingly say in the pulpit."

In addition to his editorial duties Father Deppen is Chaplain of St. Xavier's College, where he celebrates mass daily. He not only writes nearly all the matter that appears in the columns of the Record, but he supervises the make-up of the paper and is very careful in placing the various articles. Last week Father Deppen had the happiness to receive the blessing of his Holiness Pope Pius X. It was transmitted through Monsignor Bressan, the Pope's confidential secretary, and reads as follows:

"VATICAN, November, 1903.—With his whole heart the Holy Father imparts the Apostolic blessing on the Very Reverend Louis Deppen, on the approaching Christmas festival, wishing him long life for the benefit of his orphans, whom he also blesses. The Holy Father blesses you and your work and authorizes you to

impart his blessing to the sisters and orphans on that day."

The Record is in a sphere by itself. Instead of interfering with other papers it is an aid to them, inasmuch as it conveys to the reading of moral literature in the homes of rich and poor, and its editorials are sources of inspiration to the editors of Catholic journals which are not wholly devoted to strictly church work.

And now a few words about Father Deppen—he does not like praise, so the reader must be content with chronological data. Louis G. Deppen was born near Fort Nelson, near Louisville, in 1847. He was the son of the late Capt. Henry Deppen, the founder and first President of the German Bank in this city. He received his primary education at St. Xavier's College here, and when he was ten years old was taken to Europe, where he attended school at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. Later he returned to Louisville and in the fall of 1860 he entered St. Mary's College in Marion county. After spending some time there and at a private school in this city he entered the Louisville High School, and after four years he graduated with high honors.

He might have been a politician had not God had other designs for him, for soon after his graduation he was appointed private secretary to Congressman Devin, of New York. While Father Deppen was on his way to Washington to assume his duties Mr. Devin died. The young man returned to Louisville and assisted his father in founding the German Bank and was offered the Vice Presidency and later the Presidency of that institution, but he declined both offices. For several years thereafter he was engaged in the furniture business and during this time visited every part of the United States. However, he had long felt that his life should be devoted to the service of God. In 1875 he determined to study for the priesthood and went to Germany, where he entered the University at Wuerzburg, a celebrated theological school. Three years later he returned home and was ordained at the Cathedral of the Assumption by the Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey on Christmas day, 1878.

For one year thereafter he was an assistant priest at St. Joseph's church, Bardotown, and professor at St. Joseph's College. After that he went back to Europe and entered the university at Innsbruck and took a course in canon law, dogmatic theology, moral theology and Christian art. As his services were badly needed in this diocese, he came home a year before he completed his course. Father Deppen spent some time on rural missions and in 1881 was brought to the Cathedral as an assistant pastor. In 1885 he made a trip to Europe and visited Lourdes, Rome, Loretto, Ireland, England, France, Germany and Italy. On his return he was made Chancellor of the diocese and pastor of St. Mary Magdalene's church. It was the Very Rev. Father Deppen who built the Church of the Holy Name in South Louisville and the church of St. Francis of Assisi on the Bardotown road. He established the Third Order of St. Francis at the Cathedral and transformed the basement of that church into the present St. Francis' Hall. Of his work for the orphans and his conduct of the Record it is unnecessary to add to what has been written. The prayers of the orphans today ascend to the throne of the Most High, asking a long life and many blessings on Father Deppen.

## ALL SALES

Of Property Under the New Irish Land Bill May Cease.

Another cloud has crossed the horizon of hope that a short while ago seemed so fair to the people of Ireland. According to a cable message from London both the Nationalists and the Unionists are discovering serious flaws in Irish Secretary Wyndham's land act, which will necessitate further amendment in Parliament. In the Land Judges' Court in Dublin Monday, after several days' discussion, Justice Ross delivered judgment regarding the sale of Lord Ely's estates, according to which the tenant for life is not entitled to appropriate the bonus under the new act for his own use, but must hold it subject to trusts of settlement. This important judgment, if upheld on appeal, will prevent landlords who are tenants for life from selling, as they would thereby lose the chief inducement to sell under the act. The judgment probably will have the effect of suspending all sales and negotiations to sell until Parliament has taken steps to remove the doubts and difficulties which have arisen in the interpretation of the act.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS.

New Year's day will be the first anniversary of the death of John J. Barrett, the well known undertaker, and a leading spirit in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus. An anniversary mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Washington and Buchanan streets, at 7 o'clock on New Year's morning. The members of Mr. Barrett's family would like as many of his friends as possible to attend the mass.

## MISSIONS IN MOUNTAINS.

The Rev. Father Brasmus, C. P., left Wednesday for Corbin, where he will begin a week's mission on Sunday. From there he will go to Middlesboro for another week's mission.

## EXCELLENT

Work of St. Joseph's Orphans' Society Officers Has Been Appreciated.

President Geher and Others Are Honored by Being Re-Elected.

Annual Meeting Will Be Held On Second Sunday in January.

## ELECTIONS IN PARISH BRANCHES

St. Joseph's Orphans' Asylum at Crescent Hill is sure of another year of prosperity. Nearly all the old officers, including President Frank A. Geher, who so ably managed the asylum affairs during the year about to close, have been re-elected. The election to place last Sunday, and although the contests were very few the German Catholic men of Louisville were all interested in this great charity and turned out in large numbers to re-elect the gentlemen who had done so much for the poor orphans during the past year. The voting was done in the morning at each of the ten German Catholic churches in the city and county. In addition to the election of central officers each parish elected officers for its individual branch of St. Joseph's Orphans' Society. The votes for central officers were canvassed at St. Boniface Hall on Sunday afternoon. The central officers chosen are:

President—Frank A. Geher.  
Vice President—Henry Bosse, Jr.  
Recording Secretary—Bernard J. Geher.  
Financial Secretary—Henry A. Franke.  
Treasurer—M. Poschinger.

The new officers will be formally installed on January 10, when the annual meeting of the society will be held at St. Boniface's Hall. The affairs of the asylum have been entrusted to safe hands and the orphans and the good Ursuline Sisters, who care for them, have occasion to rejoice. The election of officers in the parish branches of the society resulted as follows:

St. Boniface—Clemens Wiegand, President; Sebastian Gast, Vice President; John C. Schildt, Secretary; Edmund Rapp, Treasurer; Bernardin Fritsch, Trustee.

St. Martin's—Joseph Deddens, President; Conrad Killermann, Vice President; Dominick Maier, Secretary; Eugene Zimmerman, Treasurer; Elliott Bohnsen, Trustee.  
St. Mary's—J. Gobby, President; Theodore Evers, Vice President; Joseph Knapp, Secretary; Joseph Nold, Treasurer; Henry Bosquet, Trustee.

St. Joseph's—Frank Bouchard, President; Louis Kissel, Vice President; Jacob Weis, Secretary; George J. Ecker, Treasurer; Martin Kolb, Trustee.

St. Anthony—Vincent Schmitt, President; John Heer, Vice President; J. Ross-koff, Secretary; Joseph Rademacher, Treasurer; B. B. Schiemann, Trustee.  
St. Peter's—Bernard Stoesser, President; Jacob Fries, Vice President; George Maibans, Secretary; John Diebold, Treasurer; Theodore Poppe, Trustee.

St. Vincent de Paul—Herman Blumers, President; William Straub, Vice President; John Dueltlinger, Secretary; Joseph Fenkhus, Treasurer; Henry Harping, Sr., Trustee.  
St. Francis—John H. Sils, President; John Karcher, Vice President; Albert C. Eilers, Secretary; Joseph Karcher, Treasurer; Henry Feldhaus, Trustee.

St. Helen's—Joseph Hartlage, President; Herman Wessel, Vice President; Bernard Gode, Jr., Secretary; John Wurtele, Treasurer; Joseph Mathes, Trustee; Clemens Lukan, Trustee.  
Holy Trinity—Peter Zoeller, President; Joseph Burgl, Vice President; Joseph Zoeller, Secretary; Frank Schwietzer, Treasurer; Frank Schmitt, Trustee; Dominick Zehnder, Trustee.

## AWFUL DEATH.

Benjamin Stoerr Loses His Life in a Basement Elevator.

Benjamin Stoerr, a very exemplary young man of Portland, met with a sudden and awful death shortly before noon last Saturday. He was an electrician and was in the employment of Joseph McWilliams & Co. when he met with the unfortunate accident that resulted in his death. The young man was at work in the basement of the Louisville Trust building at Fifth and Market streets, where preparations were being made to run wires across the street. It became necessary for him to use the elevator intended for hoisting ashes and refuse to the sidewalk. Stoerr raised the elevator to the point which he desired, but when he started to lower it he pulled the rope in the wrong direction. The elevator ascended rapidly and crushed the unfortunate youth against the underside of the stone sidewalk. Several men who witnessed the accident hurried to his relief. He was unconscious when taken out and died a few minutes later while lying in the entrance to the Trust building. An examination showed that his neck had been broken and his skull fractured.

The unfortunate youth was a son of John G. Stoerr, an accountant for R. G. Dun & Co., and lived with his parents at 3125 Portland avenue. He was also a nephew of Henry Stoerr, of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company's freight department. The funeral took place from the Church of Our Lady in Portland on Monday morning. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. The Rev. Father Conniff was celebrant of the mass, while the Rev. Father William Gausepohl was deacon, and the Rev. Father Erasmus sub-deacon. In his sermon Father Conniff paid a fitting tribute to the exemplary life of the deceased. He told how much Benjamin Stoerr was interested in his faith, in his services in the choir, and how he had never missed going to communion once a month. Father Conniff also told of the young man's struggles to become an electrician, and how he had secured employment a short time before his death. On the Sunday preceding he had approached the sacraments as an act of thanksgiving to God for giving him such a favorable opportunity to advance himself. The life of this young man was held up as an example for his associates to follow. The bereaved parents and family of the deceased have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the untimely death of their hope and pride.

## "TONY THE CONVICT"

To Be Produced by Clever Amateurs at St. Joseph's Hall.

Everything is in readiness for the performance of "Tony the Convict," which is to be given at St. Joseph's Hall, Washington and Webster streets, on Monday night. As has been announced, this dramatic performance will be given under the auspices of the Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America, and whatever funds may accrue will be devoted to the purposes of the Central Committee. Preceding the drama the Rev. Father Prospekt Stehmann, pastor of St. Joseph's church, will deliver a short address. The drama deals with the career of a young man who suffers for his brother's crime, but after years of hardship is vindicated and virtue reigns triumphant. Ben Spenser, who is the manager and guiding spirit of the company, is well adapted for the part of Tony, in which he has a chance to blend comedy with pathos. Samuel Goodman will have an excellent comedy part as Weary Wayside, the tramp. To John V. McDermott falls the unenviable task of playing the heavy villain, James Barclay, while that talented young amateur, Thomas D. Clines, will shine as Philip Warburton, the social leader. Michael Reichert will make a dignified Judge of the Supreme Court in the part of Van Cruger. E. Huelmann is cast for the Warden of Sing Sing prison, and the part of Peter Jackson, the negro footman, will be taken by Peter J. Schreck. Among the ladies Miss Lena Schickel will essay the roll of Lena, the reputed daughter of Judge Van Cruger; Mrs. R. M. Wathen will appear as Mrs. Van Cruger; Miss Josephine Robart will have a difficult role as Miss Sedley, who takes a delight in being disagreeable, while Miss Rosa Stoehr, as Sally, a girl with a soul above hash, will aid in the comedy work. Incidental to the action of the drama the convicts will sing several songs in the first act. Those who will take the part of the convicts are Messrs. A. Tschan, Clegg Brooker, John Gleisner, Sam Merrifield, Peter Schreck, Ben Spenser and Sylvester Grove. Between the first and second acts Miss Ada Cunningham will entertain with songs and dances. During the third and fourth acts the Aeolian Quintette will sing several of their latest selections. Messrs. Spenser and Reichert have spent a great deal of time in training and rehearsing the performers, but everything points to a creditable performance and a large attendance.

## NEW OFFICERS

Elected by Members of Phil Sheridan Council, Y. M. I.

Phil Sheridan Council, Y. M. I., at Bellevue, and one of the banner councils of the order in Kentucky, held its annual election last Sunday. The new officers are:

Chaplain—Rev. Father Boerman.  
President—Jacob F. Jonas.  
First Vice President—John W. Finn.  
Second Vice President—Henry Grulich.  
Treasurer—Louis Heister.  
Recording Secretary—Edward Trimbur.  
Financial Secretary—William T. Grollich.

Corresponding Secretary—Joseph A. Cassidy.  
Marshal—J. B. Inthum.  
Inside Sentinel—A. B. Inthum.  
Outside Sentinel—F. X. Inthum.

Executive Committee—John Kean, Jr., Lawrence Waechter, Val Blackboard, M. J. Stolle and John Cella.

## NONPAREIL CLUB'S DANCE.

The Nonpareil Club will give a dance at the New Masonic Hall, Fourth and Chestnut streets, on New Year's eve. At midnight it will be changed into a Leap Year dance, thus having the first Leap Year affair of the season.

## MONUMENT

Should Be Erected to Memory of Commodore John Barry.

Father of the American Navy Should Be Fittingly Honored.

Sketch of This Half Irishman, Half Yankee, Hero and Seaman.

## WHAT THE HIBERNIANS ARE DOING

Irishmen in every part of the United States are interested in a bill which has been introduced by Congressman Michael E. Driscoll, of Syracuse, for the erection of a monument to the memory of Commodore John Barry, known in history as the father of the American navy. The bill reads as follows:

"That the sum of \$50,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the erection in the city of Washington, D. C., of a monument to the memory of Commodore John Barry, under which shall be inscribed the words: 'Erected to the memory of John Barry, Father of the American Navy.' Said sum shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy or such officer as he may designate, and in such sums as the work may require from time to time."

A monument to savior Jack Barry should have been erected many years ago, but since it was not done then the Irish in America should see that it is done now. Concerted action by the Irish people now will have the desired result. A matter of fact the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians deserve the credit for agitating the matter and making the passage of such a bill a possibility. In Erie county, N. Y., every member of the order has clipped a copy of the bill from the newspapers and has mailed it to their Congressmen, the Hon. William H. Ryan and the Hon. D. S. Alexander, with the request that they support the bill in Congress. Of course their requests will be complied with. It is more than probable that the example of the Erie county Hibernians will be followed in every district in the United States where a division of the Hibernians has been established.

Local Hibernians have taken up the matter and the four divisions in Jefferson county will unite in asking Congressman Swager Sharley to vote for the bill and to do all in his power to hasten its passage. Covington Hibernians will likewise petition their representative, the Hon. Daniel Linn Gooch, to favor the bill.

Who was Barry and why should he be honored with a national monument? are questions that our American friends may ask. It behooves every Hibernian to be able and willing to answer this question.

Commodore John Barry was born in the County Wexford, Ireland, in 1745, and was consequently thirty-one years old when the American colonies declared their independence. As he had lived near the ocean from infancy it was only natural that he should desire to enter upon a seafaring life. When only fourteen years old he shipped on a merchantman plying between Philadelphia and ports in Great Britain. He made steady progress as a seaman and at twenty-five was captain of a merchant vessel. When the war of the American Revolution broke out the Black Prince, a ship of which Barry was captain, was purchased by the revolutionary party. Barry at once offered his services to his adopted country, and at the close of 1776 he was entrusted by Congress with the work of fitting out the first American fleet. After he had organized the fleet Barry was placed in command of the Lexington, thus being the first officer appointed on the first vessel purchased by the Americans for war purposes. In the following April he captured the Edward, the first vessel captured by an American cruiser. When winter came on the severity of the weather kept Capt. Barry and his fleet in the harbor at Philadelphia. Washington and his ill-clad and half-starved army were traversing Delaware with the British in close pursuit. In that dark hour Thomas Fitzsimmons, a Philadelphia merchant and a signer of the Federal constitution, and Capt. Barry, both Irishmen and both Catholics, each organized a company of volunteers and hastened to the aid of Washington. Both Barry and Fitzsimmons were with Washington when he crossed the ice-blocked Delaware and did their duty as heroes and patriots in the battles that won victory for Washington at Trenton and Princeton.

Again, after the British had taken possession of Philadelphia Barry was unable to get out of the harbor with his flagship, the Effingham. One night he manned four small boats, and with muffled oars set out to patrol the river. The city of Philadelphia was reached, and the expedition was almost passed when the sentries on one of the British vessels gave the alarm. A few shots were fired at the brave men, but they bent to their oars and were soon out of distance. When day broke Barry's men were far down the river. At Port Penn, Barry spied a large schooner, mounting

ten guns. With her were four transport ships, loaded with provisions. Though the sun had risen Barry ran his boats alongside the schooner, and before the British suspected their presence Barry's brave men were clambering over the rails. There was no resistance. The victorious Americans ordered the transports to surrender and triumphantly captured all five and 150 prisoners. Barry's conduct in this enterprise won for him the admiration of friends and foes alike. Sir William Howe, Commander of the English forces, offered the daring Irish-American \$100,000 and the command of a British squadron if he would desert the service of the United States. To this base proposal the "Father of the American Navy" replied: "Not the value and the command of the whole British fleet can seduce me from the cause of my adopted country."

For this Gen. Washington wrote to Barry saying: "I congratulate you on the success which has crowned your gallantry. Although circumstances have prevented you from reaping the full benefit of your conquest, yet there is ample consolation in the degree of glory which you have acquired."

In June, 1780, Capt. Barry was placed in command of the Alliance, a vessel named in honor of the alliance made with France. On the first voyage Capt. Barry captured the British ship Alert of twelve guns. He then proceeded to France, and returned with his vessel laden with arms and clothing for our American patriots. En route home Barry, with the Alliance, captured two brigs, the Mars and the Minerva, on April 2, 1781; on May 3 the Kessler, and on May 28, after a fierce battle, the Atlanta and the Trespasy. In the following year Capt. Barry, in command of the Alliance, captured eight more British vessels. It was in March 1783, that Barry, en route from the West Indies to the United States, was followed by three British frigates. One of the British officers hailed the Alliance and asked: "Who are you?" He answered: "The United States ship Alliance, savior Jack Barry, half Irishman, half Yankee. Who the h—l are you?" When the battle that followed was over savior Jack Barry was the victor in the last, as he had been in the first, naval battle of the war. For his services he was made Commodore in the navy. He died in Philadelphia in 1803.

## GRAND MUSIC

Added to the Solemnity and Beauty of Christmas Services.

St. Louis Bertrand's church was ablaze with myriads of lights on Christmas morning. Candles, flickering gas jets and electric lights seemed to vie with each other in making this stately edifice a fit dwelling place for the Christ Child. To add to the natural beauty branches of holly and mistletoe were hung about in profusion. The church was crowded when the first mass began at 5:30 o'clock. Scores of acolytes preceded the officiating priests into the sanctuary. The Very Rev. Father Volz, O. P., was celebrant of the mass, and was assisted by two other Dominicans as deacon and sub-deacon. The splendid choir, under the direction of Prof. Charles Weiss sang, Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and additional grandeur was lent to the scene by the presence of Prof. Morbach's full orchestra. It is doubtful if the Christmas music at St. Louis Bertrand's church has ever been surpassed in Louisville. The other masses were celebrated at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 o'clock. The last was also a high mass and at its conclusion benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament was given.

At St. Patrick's church the first mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock. The choir under the direction of Prof. James Perry sang Mozart's twelfth mass. The choir was made up of Misses Nellie and Bettie Lincoln, Mary Corcoran, Lizzie King, Julia Kelly, Mary Keenan, Bessie Reynolds, Mary Burke and Mrs. R. J. Smith, and Messrs. Frank Zuerner, Andrew Eschrich and William Hodapp. The late mass at 10:30 o'clock was also solemn high, and the same musical programme was rendered.

The beautiful church of the Sacred Heart was tastefully decorated for Christmas. The first mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Walsh at 5 o'clock. Splendid music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Miss Lula Mattingly, the organist. The music at St. Mary's Magdalene's church was of an elaborate and beautiful character. Mrs. Fred Harig, Jr., the organist and choir director, had made special preparations for the great feast of Christmas.

First mass at St. Michael's was celebrated at 5:30 o'clock, the Rev. John Sheridan officiating. "Adeste Fideles" was sung before mass. The choir under the direction of Miss Angela Perry rendered LaHache's "Missa Pro Pace." St. Michael's choir is made up of the following well known vocalists: Mesdames Mary Gleeson, Thomas Bennett, Rose McGuire, and Misses Mary McElliot, Mary McBride, Lullie M. Gatto, Lillie Schulte, Katie Morris, Katie Gleeson, Lizzie Guthrie, Mamie Quill, and Messrs. M. Rickelman, William Schussler and William Bax, and Miss Angela Perry, organist. The late mass at 10 o'clock was also a high mass, and the musical programme was the same as at 5:30 o'clock. At St. Charles, Holy Name and Holy Cross the programmes were equal to those of the larger churches.

At the Cathedral, St. Bridget's, the Church of Our Lady, St. William's, St. Cecilia's, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Boniface's and St. Mary's special attention was paid to the music.

## INSURANCE

Feature of Division 2 Is Sure to Meet With Popular Favor.

Splendid Attendance at the Last Meeting and Many Matters Discussed.

Important Letters Read and Their Sentiments Fully Indorsed.

## WORKING HARD FOR NEW MEMBERS

Division 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held one of the best attended meetings in its history on Friday night of last week. The members sincerely regretted the absence of President Con Ford, but their regrets were somewhat softened by the dignity and ability with which Vice President John J. Sullivan presided. William Nash, one of the quiet workers in the ranks, made an excellent Sentinel pro tem. The application of Ernest Downs was received. He was proposed by Joe Lynch, who is doing some lively hustling to increase the membership of the division.

The interesting circular letter from County President Pat T. Sullivan was read and his suggestions, principally the one calling for a union initiation on Sunday, December 27, were concurred in. Another communication from National President Dolan was read and was listened to with attention. The members heartily approved the sentiments expressed therein. Edward White, a faithful member of the division, transmitted a communication that met with approval. More than a month ago White met with an accident, in which he sustained a fractured ankle. In his communication he thanked the members for their promptitude in paying his sick claims, but stated that the society was giving him more assistance than he was willing to accept. The spirit of the communication was heartily approved. Messrs. Keaney, Keiran and Meehan reported that the death claim of Patrick Conroy had been promptly paid. The national per capita tax called for by the national officers was ordered forwarded at once.

State President Keenan and State Secretary Meehan reported that they were in correspondence with people in various parts of the State in an effort to establish new divisions of the order, and that several letters of an encouraging nature had been received in reply.

It was decided to introduce a new insurance feature in the division from January 1. When a member dies, each surviving member of the division will be assessed \$1 and the money will be turned over to the family of the deceased. At present there are sufficient funds on hand to meet a death claim in case any member should be so unfortunate as to die. As soon as a death occurs the money will be immediately turned over to the deceased's family and the members will be assessed \$1 each. This money will be placed in the treasury to offset the funds withdrawn. No other assessments will be levied against members. Division 2 has been very fortunate in this regard, as only three of its members have died in the last seven years. The new insurance plan promises to meet with great favor.

State Secretary William T. Meehan delivered an eloquent and pointed address on the duties of members to their division. It was decided to request the Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan and O'Grady to say three masses each for the repose of the souls of deceased members. Ong and all pledged themselves to make herculean efforts to increase the membership during the next three months. Messrs. Joe Lynch, Dan Brown and Thos. McKenna were appointed a Literary Committee and instructed to arrange for a euchre and entertainment on January 15. The matter of urging our Congressmen, the Hon. Swager Sharley, to assist in raising a national monument to Commodore John Barry, "the father of the American navy," was discussed. The local divisions of the order will take concerted action on this movement.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

A Christmas-tide festival and banquet will be given under the auspices of St. George's parish in the school hall, Eighteenth and Magnolia, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 29 and 30. The doors will be open at 4 o'clock each evening. Admission to the hall will be free, but tickets entitling the holders to supper will be sold for twenty-five cents each. The street abutting the church property has just been improved, entailing a heavy cost on the parish. In casting about for ways and means to meet the emergency the Rev. Father Weiss determined to hold this Christmas festival. No doubt his endeavors will be encouraged by a large attendance both on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## TRINITY'S OPEN HOUSE.

Trinity Council, Y. M. I., will keep open house for its members and members of other councils from 2 till 6 o'clock New Year's afternoon. A good time is assured all who participate of Trinity's hospitality.