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## POWERS

### Of the Pope Are Limited Purely to Conduct of Spiritual Affairs.

### Catholics Owe Him No Allegiance in Political or Temporal Matters.

### What Leading American and English Thinkers Have Written.

## CHURCH AND STATE SEPARATE

Every now and then people who ought to know better, in their tirades against the Catholics, insist that the Catholics must obey the Pope in temporal as well as in spiritual matters; that the Pope governs Catholics in matters purely political as well as ecclesiastical. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and it has been so demonstrated time and again by eminent dignitaries of the church in every age and clime, and within the last fifty years especially emphasized by leading thinkers of the church in the United States and England.

American Catholics owe no obedience to the Pope as a temporal sovereign. He is King only of that part of Italy which rightfully belongs to Papal territory. His authority over us is limited to matters of religion, and even in these it is definitely restricted. The Pope is simply the Bishop of the Bishops in the Catholic church. He has the primacy of jurisdiction over the universal Church. This primacy is a spiritual power. It relates exclusively to faith and morals, to the discipline and regime of the church throughout the world. That supremacy of the Pope does not extend over politics so as to make him the supreme temporal ruler of the world. But the church instructs us to be well as individuals in the moral laws.

In 1855 the late illustrious and Most Rev. Martin John Spalding, a Kentuckian by birth, the second Bishop of Louisville and later Archbishop of Baltimore, wrote as follows: "The obedience which Catholics owe to the Pope is confined to religion and spiritual things; he neither claims, nor do we allow, any jurisdiction over us in temporal matters affecting our civil allegiance."

Long before that Archbishop Carroll, the first Bishop of Baltimore in the United States, in a pastoral letter to the Catholics of Baltimore wrote: "There would indeed be a foundation for the reproach intended by the words 'foreign jurisdiction,' if we acknowledge in the success of St. Peter any power or prerogative which clashed in the least degree with the duty we owe to our country or its laws. To our country we owe allegiance and the tender of our best services and property when they are necessary for its defense; to the Vicar of Christ we owe a purely spiritual, happily there is no competition in their respective claims on us, nor any difficulty in rendering to both the submission which they have a right to claim."

The Bishops of the church in the United States who assembled together in 1842 for the sixth provincial council of Baltimore, wrote to the faithful in those days, saying: "It is unnecessary for us to tell you, brethren, that the Kingdom of Christ, of which the Bishop of Rome, as successor of Peter, has received the keys, is not of this world; and that the obedience due to the Vicar of the Saviour is in no way inconsistent with your civil allegiance, your social duties as citizens, or your rights as men."

Church and State both derive their authority from God. Each is supreme within its own exclusive territory. In purely civil and political matters, having a temporal end, the State is supreme. In purely religious matters the church is supreme.

"The circumference of State jurisdiction and of Papal are for the most part quite apart from each other," wrote Cardinal Newman to the Duke of Norfolk. "There are just some few degrees out of the 360 in which they intersect. And Mr. Gladstone, instead of letting these cases of intersection alone, till they occur actually, asks me what I should do if I found myself placed in the space intersected. If I must answer then, I should say distinctly that did the State tell me in a question of worship to do what the Pope told me not to do, I should obey the Pope, and should think it no sin if I used all the power and the influence I possessed as a citizen to prevent such a bill passing the legislature and to effect its repeal if it did. But now, on the other hand, could the case ever occur in which I should act with the civil power and not with the Pope? Now here again, when I begin to imagine instances, Catholics will not cry out, as Mr. Gladstone in the case I supposed, cried out in the interest of the other side, that instances never can occur. I know they can not. I know the Pope never can do what I am going to suppose. But then, since it can not possibly happen in fact, there is no harm in supposing what I should hypothetically do if it did happen. I say, then, that in certain (impossible) cases I should side, not with the Pope, but with the civil power."

In our own time Cardinal Gibbons in his splendid work, "The Faith of Our Fathers," wrote concerning the authority of the Pope: "He is tied up and limited to the divine revelation and to the truths which that revelation contains. He is tied up and limited by the errors already in exist-

ence and by the preceding definitions of the church. He is tied up and limited by that doctrine, divinely revealed, which affirms that alongside of religious society there is civil society, that alongside of the ecclesiastical hierarchy there is the power of temporal magistrates, invested in their own domain with a full sovereignty and to whom we owe obedience and respect in all things morally permitted and belonging to the domain of civil society."

So it is clear that in religious matters we obey the church, and that in purely civil matters we obey the State. We obey them in their respective jurisdictions out of obedience to God. Our obedience to one does not conflict with our loyalty to the other. Just as our fidelity to Christ does not clash with our duty to our government. Indeed we obey Christ when we give Caesar the things that are Caesar's just as truly as when we give to God the things that are God's.

## SOGGARTH AROON.

### Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo's Will Celebrate His Jubilee.

If the Rev. Father Charles P. Raffo lives until June 15 he will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. Among the many popular priests in this diocese none are more beloved than Father Raffo. He is honored because he is a priest; because he conducts himself with priestly dignity; because he is and has been the counselor of the poor as well as the wealthy.

Father Raffo was born of Italian parents, and like the sons and daughters of Germany, France and Ireland, he was born here and is an American. No stancher defender of Kentucky or of American institutions can be found than Father Raffo.

In his school days he loved a game of base ball, and as a pitcher he had few equals. He loves the game yet, small wonder then that he can best advise the small boy how to mend his torn mitt. He has been doing it for nearly twenty-five years.

The broken gloves are not the only things that Father Raffo has mended. Broken hearts, bereaved parents, grief-stricken children, mothers left with parentless orphans and husbands with parentless children, all have been comforted by his counsel.

Last Sunday Father Raffo was called to Bowling Green to assist his friend and colleague, Father Hayes. The Rev. Father Leo Grenlich, pastor of St. Anthony's church, officiated at St. Charles. The people of the congregation took advantage of Father Raffo's absence to organize for the celebration of his jubilee. Possibly they might have had his approval, but there are some people who do not deal in possibilities. These people organized and will see that the silver jubilee of Father Raffo is an event in Louisville's history.

The men of the congregation named the following officers: Charles J. O'Connor, President; P. M. O'Reilly, Secretary; John E. Stieckler, Treasurer, and Edward Tierney, Secretary of the Press Committee. The ladies named the following officers: Miss Beatrice Small, Chairman; Miss Nellie Holland, Secretary, and Miss Mattie Stieckler, Treasurer.

The exact nature of the celebration has not been determined, but it is safe to say that the parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo's will not be alone in their endeavor to honor their soggarth aroon.

## LOVE OF COUNTRY

### Is Stronger When United With Devotion to the Church.

Monday was a gala day in Rome for the French pilgrims who went thither to assist at the beatification of the Blessed Joan of Arc. The solemn ceremonies took place on Sunday, but the venerable Bishop of Orleans headed a large deputation of the pilgrims, who were granted an audience by the Pope on the following day.

His Holiness thanked the pilgrims for their devotion and exhorted them to remain united. Their reward, he said, would be the welfare of their country, because it was religion that guaranteed order and prosperity in society, and the interests of both religion and society were inseparable. Pope Pius X. vigorously denied that the church desired the faithful to become enemies of their country. On the contrary, he said, love of country was stronger when it was united with devotion to the church. Continuing the Pontiff said: "To politicians who declare war on the church, to sectarians who do not cease to calumniate with a hatred worthy of hell, to the false paladins of science who try to render her odious by sophism, and to Reactionaries who are enemies of liberty, civilization and intellectual progress I reply boldly that the Catholic church is the mistress of the soul, the queen of hearts and the dominator of the world because she is the wife of Christ. The depository of truth, she only can bring back the people to veneration and love."

## NOVENA OF PASSIONISTS.

The Passionist Fathers began a novena at the Sacred Heart Retreat last Sunday in honor of St. Paul of the Cross. The novena followed the vespers service at 3:30 o'clock. Each evening during the week appropriate prayers were recited at 7:30 o'clock. The feast of St. Paul of the Cross will be solemnly celebrated next Wednesday.

## COL. WHALEN HOME.

Col. John H. Whalen returned to Louisville Tuesday evening after a month on the Pacific coast. His health is much improved, and the Colonel is ready for a siege of hard work.

## VULTURES

### Of Europe Are Waiting to Tear Turkey Into Little Pieces.

### Every Power Wants a Leg But Not Enough to Go Round.

### Map of the Continent Will Be Materially Changed Ere Long.

## IRISH ARE NOT WORRYING

The British Parliament resumed its sessions last Monday after the Easter holidays, and the serious part of the session has begun. Nobody knows what the result will be. In the present state of the rival parties, the Welsh question, Lloyd George's budget and Birrell's bill jostle each other for a place. The session will last until September or be renewed in November, because either Birrell passes his Irish land bill or resigns.

While the Irish people are anxious for the speedy passage of the bill, they realize that the war clouds gathering over Europe are becoming denser. When the Balkan imbroglio appeared to be settled the fire broke out in a new place. It is Turkey now that causes the trouble. Subjects of the Sultan are in revolt. Christians are being massacred in Ireland, the English Lion, the Double Eagle of Germany and the various cormorants that are symbolical of the Triple Alliance are sitting on the figurative fence and waiting for a chance to get their portions of that once feared Southeastern Empire of Europe.

To the other European powers it means a Turkey dinner at a feast of children. Each child wants a leg. The poor bird is not a centipede, so what are they going to do about it. Nothing, it seems, until enough Christians are massacred to call for American intervention. Then the European buzzards will hasten in their efforts to effect alliances with America. Uncle Sam sends his supply of Turkey for Thanksgiving day. Maybe he will be able to get along without it this year.

All joking aside, it would seem that the map of Europe is soon to be changed most materially. The dissolution of the Sultan's power seems near at hand, if it has not been taken away from him before this appears in print. Christians are being massacred by the thousands. Russia is afraid to interfere lest Germany takes advantage of the opportunity. England learned a recent lesson by attempting to play dictator in the Balkan matter. France has internal troubles. Austria is just recovering from an acute attack of Balkan inflammation. Christians in Turkey must await preservation and death. When the Powers settle who gets the legs and the wishbone, what will be left for the Turk and the Christian?

While the other Europeans are worrying about what will happen on the Continent, the Irish people are enjoying the finest kind of a time entertaining Hon. Matthew Cullinings, National President of the A. O. H., and the Rev. Father P. H. O'Donnell, of Boston, Mass. These two went to Ireland a few weeks ago to aid in bringing about peace between the warring factions of the Hibernian in Ireland. At a meeting held to raise funds for a new church at Dublin last Sunday, Father O'Donnell made an address, in which he said that it was the poor Irish who built the churches of the United States. National President Cullinings declared that if, following the efforts of the mission, the troubles of Ireland were not lifted by next Sunday it certainly would not be his fault or Father O'Donnell's, and he added that the blame must fall where it belongs.

## AMERICANS

### Assisted in Beatification of the Maid of Orleans.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 French pilgrims, many residents of Rome and visitors from the United States and other countries thronged St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, last Sunday to assist in the ceremonies attendant upon the beatification of Joan of Arc. Soon after daybreak streams of pilgrims began to arrive in every imaginable conveyance. They crowded the great edifice, and at 9:30 o'clock myriads of electric lights burst out and the organ thundered. The long procession of Cardinals took their places. In the special galleries were the Duke of Alencon, the sisters of the Pope and a host of French and Italian nobilities.

The Basilica presented a fairy-like appearance. It was hung with red velvet draperies, and everywhere strings of electric lights were artistically arranged. Huge pictures, representing the miracles of Joan of Arc, and her statue were placed over the high altar, but they were veiled. The ceremony began by the reading of the brief at the last word of which the veils fell. The statue appeared framed with electric bulbs; the bells pealed forth and the massed choirs intoned the Te Deum, which was taken up by the vast throng. Many of the pilgrims, overcome by the excitement, burst into frantic cheers, which were immediately suppressed. The Bishop of Orleans then said

the first Pontifical mass in honor of Joan of Arc, which ended the first portion of the ceremony. In the afternoon the ceremonial was no less impressive. The Holy Father passed through the ranks of kneeling pilgrims, followed by his court and picturesque guards, to the altar. After the singing of the liturgical hymn the advocates for the beatification presented to the Pope the traditional gifts of a basket of flowers and the life of Joan of Arc, magnificently bound.

Pope Pius X. officiated at the solemn benediction, which replaced the ceremonies of the veneration of relics of the benefactor, Joan of Arc. Because she was burned at the stake there are no relics of the prospective candidate for canonization extant. The Most Rev. Bishop O'Connell, of Boston; Monsignor Seton, of New Jersey, titular Archbishop of Heliopolis; Monsignor Kennedy, Rector of the American College, and Monsignor Farrelly, Bishop-elect of Cleveland, represented the United States at the ceremonies.

## ETERNAL REST

### Is the Portion of Beloved Lady of St. Mary's Parish.

Mrs. Agnes Weiss, one of the oldest and most beloved ladies in Louisville, died at her home, 647 Eighth street, last Saturday morning. She was born in Germany eighty-five years ago, but



had spent the greater part of her life in Louisville. Her husband, Prof. Charles Weiss, who died a few years ago, was for twenty years organist at St. Louis Bertrand's church, and had more than a national reputation as a composer and an interpreter of church music.

Mrs. Weiss is survived by one son, the Rev. Father George Weiss, pastor of St. George's church, and two daughters, Mesdames William Nold and Philip Stark. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church on Monday morning. St. Mary's was a real shrine to Mrs. Weiss. It was within its walls she became a bride more than fifty years ago, and it was there that her children made their first communions, where husband and children had presided at the organ, and where she attended mass daily until the stress of old age overtook her. The funeral was largely attended and within the sanctuary were many of the local clergy.

## NORTHERN BROTHERS

### Meet in Social Session and Form the Maple Leaf Club.

Louisville has a new social and patriotic organization in the Maple Leaf Club, which was formally organized at the Seelbach on Friday night of last week. The club is composed of those residents of Louisville who are either natives of Canada or who lived in that country for a year. Among the charter members and speakers were the Rev. Father William Gausephel, for years a resident of Canada; Gordon Murray, manager of one of Louisville's largest dry goods stores; Attorney J. M. Chatterton and Edward A. Jonas. The club will give a banquet on May 24, and expects to have a distinguished Canadian as the principal speaker.

The following officers were elected: President, Norman Rushton; First Vice President, G. R. Burton; Second Vice President, J. M. Chatterton; Third Vice President, Thomas E. Barr; Treasurer, W. E. Warren; Directors, A. T. McDonald, Charles Mohr, Thomas Hastings and J. H. Ellis. The object of the Maple Leaf Club is two-fold, to promote social relations among the members and to foster closer relations between the United States and Canada.

## HONORED IN IRELAND.

A cablegram from Dublin to the New York Times announces that P. F. Collier, of New York, now sojourning in Ireland, has accepted the Mastership of the Kildare foxhounds for next year, and Isaac Bell, velvet draperies, and everywhere strings of electric lights were artistically arranged. Huge pictures, representing the miracles of Joan of Arc, and her statue were placed over the high altar, but they were veiled. The ceremony began by the reading of the brief at the last word of which the veils fell. The statue appeared framed with electric bulbs; the bells pealed forth and the massed choirs intoned the Te Deum, which was taken up by the vast throng. Many of the pilgrims, overcome by the excitement, burst into frantic cheers, which were immediately suppressed. The Bishop of Orleans then said

## SEVERELY INJURED.

Richard Kennedy, a well known foreman for the Indiana Manufacturing Company, is lying at his home, 515 Illinois avenue, Jeffersonville, suffering from severe injuries sustained by accidentally falling from a platform at the Indiana Reformatory on Tuesday.

## COMEDY

### At the City Hall Is Tragedy to the People Who Pay.

### Check, Like the Cat Came Back to the Office of City Buyer.

### Who Is Who in City Administration and How Placed.

## ONE NEW FIREMAN'S HISTORY

There are political fans in Louisville just as there are base ball fans. They may not perform on the diamond, but they understand the good points of the game when they see it played. Just now they are wondering who is coaching Mayor Grinstead in his run around the bases for love and duty toward the citizens of Louisville. The fans admire his courage, but condemn his judgment. They can not understand why he is coached to play the rightness game when so much crookedness is apparent in the administration of city affairs. Here are a few instances that are very apparent:

City Buyer Otto Yost received a check from the Drummond Manufacturing Company for \$1240 Monday. It is said to have represented the amount necessary to make good the covers for weights on sewer cups. On Saturday Mr. Yost said he had been too busy to advertise. On Monday after he received the check he said it was all a mistake. City Buyer Yost is one of Mr. Grinstead's appointees and staunchest supporters.

The police department is another joke in the Grinstead administration. A negro burglar enters an East End home in broad daylight and in a thickly populated district, binds and gags the mistress of the house and gets away with whatever he change there is lying around loose. The officers in charge of the district are an hour late in arriving on the scene, because they did not think it was important. The negro got away, but the police are not even censured. On the other hand Patrolman John Welsh missed a sand pile on his beat and was dismissed. Some Irish wags said: "If there had been a red lamp on that sand pile the Irishman would not have overlooked it."

But this is not all! Watch how the people's money is being squandered. See who is handling it. Mayor Grinstead does business with the Bank of Kentucky. It is a good bank, a sound financial institution, but note the conglomeration of incidental coincidences that connect Mayor Grinstead and the Bank of Kentucky. Oscar Penley is President of the Bank of Kentucky, and has succeeded Peter Lee Atherton as Chairman of the Louisville Sewer Commission. Sebastian Zorn is President of the Louisville Board of Water Works and a Director in the Bank of Kentucky. C. C. Mengel is also a Director of the Bank of Kentucky and a Director of the Louisville Board of Water Works. Funny, is it not?

What has Mayor Grinstead done for the humble taxpayer? Whose cause has he espoused? Who is his adviser? Answer the last question first, and you will almost answer them all. Attorney David Fairleigh is undoubtedly the Mayor's closest adviser; he is head of the Republican party in Louisville, and he is the hired attorney of the Cumberland Telephone Company, the Louisville Railway Company and several other corporations.

It is all right to favor legitimate corporations working under legitimate laws, and neither of these aforementioned corporations have been proven guilty of wrongdoing, but what has the Grinstead administration done for the poor man?

Thereby hangs a tale, and the tale, while not absolutely proven, bears many earmarks of authenticity. As Mother Goose would say: Once upon a time Mayor Grinstead sent a note to Judge Wheeler McGee, in which he held him the revenue from the Police Court was not large enough. For a moment the message was a blow to the defender of the "boundling, boyish tiny Tim" and "Javert" of Louisville, but the learned Judge recovered in a few minutes and replied that he was Judge of the Police Court; that the Police Court was created to deal out justice, not to create revenue.

That seems to have been the end of the tale. Of course nobody believes that the epistolary exchanges between the Mayor and the Judge were genuine, but there are many who would rather believe the story than made through the correspondence.

Not long ago Col. Haeger was notified by the Board of Public Safety of its intention to put a certain man upon the police force. The Colonel was arrested in mysterious murder cases, and had been convicted of stealing a barrel of whisky from a railroad car. His picture is in the rogues' gallery here and elsewhere. Col. Haeger pleaded not to have the man thrust upon him. His plea was availing. Instead of making him a policeman the board made a fireman of him, and he is now on duty in a popular residence district.

## VENERABLE CITIZEN DEAD.

George Ritman, one of the oldest dealers in sand and gravel in Louisville, died at the family residence, 1412 South Bank street, on Monday morning. He was born in Germany seventy-three years ago, but came to Louisville with his parents when a child. His family was among the

## LEXINGTON

### Will Soon Have a Banner Division of the Ancient Order.

### Louisville Hibernians Royally Received Before the Conference.

### Guests and Hosts Highly Pleased With Result of Recent Visit.

## CHARTER ROLL TO BE FIVE SCORE

It was a happy party of Hibernians that returned from Lexington to Louisville last Sunday evening, and they left their prospective brethren in the Bluegrass capital as happy and as enthusiastic as themselves. The Louisville visitors were State President George J. Butler, County President Patrick Welsh, State Secretary William J. Connelly, Patrick T. Sullivan, William M. Higgins, editor of the Kentucky Irish American, Dr. John T. Chawk and William Chawk. As a result of their visit and conference with leading Irish-American citizens of Lexington it was determined to establish a division of the A. O. H. in that city without delay.

The Louisville delegation reached Lexington at 11:10 o'clock and was met by a committee at the depot and escorted to the Leland Hotel, where Hon. William Klair played host in true Kentucky style. For an hour or more after dinner the visitors were shown points of interest in the city, and then returned to the Leland Hotel for the conference, which began about 3 o'clock. Two large double parlors were placed at the disposal of the conference committee.

The delegates to the conference from Lexington were Nicholas Ryan, J. B. Donahue, William McHugh, James C. Rogers, Pat Mooney, Chief of Police J. J. Reagan, Michael R. Fox, John F. Nunan and Eugene Daly. While all of these gentlemen helped to entertain the visitors, there were others. John Hines, Dennis Hickey and Hon. William Klair were on hand before and after the conference to keep them company and to see that they wanted for nothing.

The conference was informal, inasmuch as there was no presiding officer, but State President George J. Butler was the recognized leader in all that was said and done. He pointed out the aims and objects of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and told what it had accomplished for people of the Irish race in the East, and what it was doing in the West and South. Other visitors who spoke were State Secretary Connelly, County President P. J. Welsh, Patrick T. Sullivan, President of Division 3, and William M. Higgins. The various speakers talked along the same lines as Mr. Butler, but each one struck an individual note on some phase of the organization.

Its motto, "Unity, Friendship and Charity" was lauded. What the old members did to build up this mighty society of Gaels was told by another. Others still expounded the history of the order, the lessons it installs, recounted its works of charity, its methods of procedure, and the good feeling that results from membership. Still others told what Hibernianism had done for the cause of religion. William J. Connelly, the State Secretary, told how gratified the State officers and Jefferson county officers were to meet with such a cordial reception and to find so many interested Hibernians. William M. Higgins said among other things that the question had been frequently asked: "Why is there not a division of the Hibernians at Lexington?" He said that he had asked the same question on his arrival here, and found none able to give a satisfactory answer, unless it was that the proper feeling had been aroused until the present time.

On behalf of the hosts James C. Rogers made a brief talk, in which he said he was impressed with what he heard during the conference, and he saw many good reasons why Lexington should have a division. John Nunan's remarks were encouraging, and he pleaded with his colleagues to secure a big charter list. It had been explained to them that a division could be formed with a charter list of fifteen. He pleaded for more. On the recommendation of Chief of Police J. J. Reagan it was decided to secure 100 charter members. The work of enrolling will begin immediately, but the charter roll will be allowed to remain open for thirty days. When all is in readiness the State officers will be notified and a satisfactory county degree team will visit Lexington to inaugurate the new division and initiate the new members. It is probable that Paris, Maysville and Covington will also send delegations to the festivities.

## ALMOST SIX SCORE.

Mrs. Catherine Leonard died last month near Cappamore, County Limerick, at the age of 118. She had a faint recollection of the Irish rebellion of '98. Her father's house was burnt by the yeomanry, and the family had a narrow escape. She often told about Daniel O'Connell and his eloquence, and she was so devoted to him that she called her fourth son Daniel. Mrs. Leonard had fourteen children. Two sons were killed in the American civil war. One boy, daughters, who is still living, is ninety-five years old, and a grandson is sixty years old.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

### Will Organize Musical and Dramatic Club for C. K. of A.

The Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America met Friday night of last week with a splendid attendance and President John Schalda presiding. Harry Ritman, member of the Membership Committee, told what was being done by himself and colleagues and reported that as a result of the visit of President Schalda to Branch 36, sometimes called St. Anthony's Branch, that body had decided to send delegates to the Central Committee. William T. Meehan reported that the Ritual Committee was ready for the new initiatory exercises and was prepared to exemplify the degrees when the occasion offered. In behalf of the Employment Committee, Chairman Reichert said that all of the Knights who had reported out of work were re-employed and that several vacancies were yet to be filled. All of these reports were received with applause and adopted. Thomas Feely, a veteran member of Branch 4, announced that he had secured several new members, and urged his colleagues to get out individually and go after the young men. It was the addition of young blood, he said, that would strengthen the order.

Ben Speaker urged the formation of a musical and dramatic club. There was lots of talent, he said, in the order, and among the sons, daughters and nieces who had reported out of work were re-employed and that several vacancies were yet to be filled. All of these reports were received with applause and adopted. Thomas Feely, a veteran member of Branch 4, announced that he had secured several new members, and urged his colleagues to get out individually and go after the young men. It was the addition of young blood, he said, that would strengthen the order.

Delegate Charles Hill invited the Uniform Rank, the Central Committee and the several branches to St. Mary's church on the morning of the first Sunday in May, when Branch 45 would approach holy communion in a body.

The Entertainment Committee's report, though not complete, showed that its efforts were crowned with success.

## "BACK TO TOWN"

### Chorus Will Play Very Important Features in Way.

The large class which is to take part in Aulic Kanston's latest musical chatter, "Back to Town," is rapidly rounding into splendid shape. The chorus is made up of twenty-four charming girls and sixteen clever boys, and with these go many of the best voices in the Falls Cities. The choruses of Mr. Kanston's operettas have always proven popular, but in "Back to Town" Mr. Kanston has arranged by the addition of more difficult drills, fancy dances and solo work to specialize the choruses. The presentation of some very pretty pictures, and stage pictures are one of Mr. Kanston's strong points.

Those who have witnessed the rehearsals predict that the show will be a greater success than anything ever given by Mackin's Choral Club. These connoisseurs have commented favorably on the fresh beauty of the young girls in the chorus, and it has been remarked that they will indeed complete a chorus that may justly be called one of real beauty.

During the past productions of Mackin Council's Choral Club, "The Dreamers" and "A Mile From Town," it has been necessary to give an extra performance in addition to the original three performances, but for "Back to Town" the committee has arranged in advance for four performances, with the understanding that there will positively not be a repetition.

The four performances will be produced at Maculey's Theater on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 19, 20 and 21, with a matinee on the afternoon of Saturday, May 22.

## SHOWED CHRISTIAN SPIRIT.

Every Protestant congregation in Saranac Lake, N. Y., has through its minister in charge offered the use of the St. Bernard's Catholic church as its place of worship to the congregation of St. Bernard's Catholic church until such time as a new church may be built to replace the edifice destroyed by fire. The Methodists were the first to make the offer and were quickly followed by the Presbyterians and Episcopalians. While deeply grateful for the proffered assistance, the priests of St. Bernard's have arranged to have services in the opera house so long as temporary quarters are necessary.

## CHARITY OF ELKS.

The recent benefit given by the Elks of Sacramento, in behalf of Catholic charities of the capital, netted over \$1,900, a larger sum than was ever before realized from similar entertainments in the past.