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NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1868.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK. Sunday... Dec. 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Monday... Dec. 28—Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC PUBLICATION COMPANY. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17, 1868.

By order of the Board of Directors. T. FITZWILLIAM, Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC PUBLISHING COMPANY. A meeting of the Stockholders will take place at the Office of the "Morning Star," No. 119 Gravier street, between Camp and Magazine streets, on TUESDAY, 29th December, at 7 o'clock P. M.

PRIZES WORTH CONTENDING FOR. Sewing Machines, Clocks, Books, etc., May be Had With a Little Exertion.

Wishing to have the MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER read by every one Catholic and non-Catholic, we will begin, from the first day of January, 1869, to give premiums to those persons who hand us lists of subscribers.

OUR SUCCESS. Our success during the month of December has been highly gratifying.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. We acknowledge the receipt of thirty-two dollars from A. L. Hay, for nine new subscribers in Memphis, Tenn.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION. This feast, which falls on Friday next, is not one of obligation, consequently ordinary pursuits are followed.

MR. HALEY, Commercial Place and Poydras street, has the largest stock of periodicals of any similar establishment in the South.

MR. WASHINGTON. Every lady wishes to have a dressmaker on whose ability, judgment and taste she can rely.

THE CATHOLIC MIRROR. We take great pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement, in another column, of that oldest and best of our Catholic journals, the Catholic Mirror, published in Baltimore.

Our Stockholders.

As is well known, our stockholders are invited to a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next, at this office, for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors.

It is useless here to reiterate the arguments in favor of the presence of a Catholic element in the press of this country.

In New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, Charleston, and many other places of much less importance and means, the necessity of a Catholic journal is recognized, and responded to by the Catholic population.

All these things are already known, and the only additional guaranty that can well be required by the most cautious supporter of the enterprise is some assurance of its prospective success in a business point of view.

We think that the Board now directing the business of the paper will make such a statement of its affairs as to convince the most despondent of its assured success.

Our progress in securing advertising patronage has been equally marked and satisfactory. To those conversant with newspaper business and rates, the twelve or thirteen columns of paying advertisements presented by our pages give the most unequivocal proof of a healthy prosperity.

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St. Alphonsus' Parish.

In this parish we have a living commentary on the old slander of monkish idleness. While the monks of the ages of Faith preserved literature, perfected science, embellished art, and reclaimed deserts to the domain of agriculture, their revilers of more modern days have called them drones and idlers.

ITS BUILDINGS. When the Redemptorist Order took charge of this parish, a few years ago, they occupied an old frame building upon the site of their present residence, and made use of a tent to entertain a few friends who visited them on a 4th of July.

On one side of Constance street stand that noble school edifice, the upper portion of which is known as St. Alphonsus' Hall, and the still more splendid church under the name of the same Saint.

ITS RESOURCES. Whence the means came for all this construction and improvement, is a mystery. The parish, though populous at present, is not to be compared with many Protestant congregations in point of wealth.

EDUCATION. The Redemptorists have six schools—two English, two German, and two French—one of each being for boys, and the other for girls.

SOCIETIES. Besides the universal Society of St. Vincent of Paul, we find the St. Alphonsus' Benevolent Society, engaged in the same good works of practical charity.

Space forbids us from giving more than a list of the charitable and devotional associations which bless and ornament this parish.

Ignorance and idleness of monks. In this parish candid persons can see the difference between falsehood as published, and truth as it exists.

Ignorance against its religious communities. They are pretty safe in their bold assertions with regard to distant countries, for few readers care to inquire further or will ever have the opportunity to see for themselves.

As to idleness, where will be found any collection of business men, in any bank, insurance company or other association of equal numbers, who have accomplished one-half or one-tenth as much for the public welfare and prosperity of the city, as these few venerable priests, whose vows of poverty deprive them of any personal interest in the property they have created.

The Fair. On visiting the Fair now being held at the St. Joseph's Hall, Common street, to aid in building the new Church, we found everything going on in the most harmonious and enthusiastic manner.

The Post-office is amply and efficiently administered by Miss Loftys, who dispenses altogether with the usual red tape impediments of Uncle Sam's officials, and whose males never fail.

SCITABLE PRESENTS.—Yes, suits for presents to men or boys, may be found at B. T. Walsh's No. 119 Canal street, of every grade of excellence as regards material and make.

McGloin & Kleinpeter, attorneys at law, have removed their office to No. 39 Camp street.

W. E. Seebold, bookseller, stationer and newsdealer, 120 Canal street, has a select stock of Catholic Bibles and prayer books, almanacs, etc., which would form suitable presents.

Garthwaite, Lewis & Stuart, 31 and 33 Camp street, have a large assortment of clothing for men and boys, which they are selling very cheap.

Father Foltier's Entertainment.

St. Vincent of Paul's parish was entertained, last Saturday evening, by an entertainment gotten up by Rev. Father Foltier for the benefit of the benevolent association connected with his parish.

This confidence, on the part of his people, was shown by the eagerness with which on this occasion, they crowded into the hall prepared for the performances, and filled it to its utmost capacity, although tickets of admission were half a dollar each.

The first piece was an amusing travesty of the serious drama, and obtained immense applause from an amused audience.

An excellent oration was delivered by W. B. Kleinpeter, Esq., formerly professor in the public schools of the city, and at present a practicing attorney.

This highly entertaining performance was given by young ladies in excellent style, concerning whose merits, however, we cannot give fuller details, owing to the accident above mentioned.

The whole exhibition closed, as we are informed, with a tableau, of which we cannot speak appreciatively, owing to unavoidable absence at an earlier hour.

We must say that the success of the undertaking was in a great measure owing, so far as dramatic performances are concerned, to the address and good taste of Miss B., who acted in the capacity of stage manager.

Thursday last was a day which, if it did not "try men's souls," tested the amount of Nova Zembla cold their bodies could bear and survive.

LIFE INSURANCE.—For a long time deep-rooted prejudice existed against life insurance, and it was deemed a hazardous way to shorten life.

THE NEXT POINT for consideration is the choice of a company. This is an important matter. We have the assurance of reliable persons that the Mutual Life Insurance Company meets every demand which enters into the views of the prudent and cautious, both as to resources, management, promptness, and equitable settlement.

MR. WAGNER, stationer, printer and blank book manufacturer, 56 Camp street, does not stand still though in the stationary business; thus he has removed to a location affording greater scope for the transaction of business.