

Morning Star and Catholic Messenger, NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1877. St. Michael's Fair.

To contribute to the support of religious educational institutions is the universally recognized duty of all denominations. And to the credit of every people be it said, they never shirk the obligation. Catholics are particularly interested in the maintenance of their own schools—not from any feeling of self-gratification or worldly display before the eyes; but from a conscientious regard to the express will of God, solemnly enunciated by our Holy Church. Living in the world and amidst with its affairs in order to secure that living, they cannot personally superintend the education of their children, but gladly delegate that office to the superior capacity of their respective pastors. In the matter, however, of the administration of the school funds, the pastor is but an agent. How all have efficient knowledge of business to know that the principal must furnish the agent with the necessary capital for carrying on the enterprise. But in this affair the agent (that is, the pastor) very often finds it very hard to get the money needed. He would prefer to see the people come voluntarily and privately with their contributions, and thus obviate all recourse to public mediums for collection. For some reason or other the great majority fail to do so, consequently the priest is compelled to have a concert, a tombola, a performance or a fair. Father Heslin, in his pecuniary difficulties brought about by a heavy indebtedness outstanding against the parochial school, has been driven to the last mentioned resource—a Fair. We are sure it would be less onerous and more pleasing for him if the people would give without his having recourse to any public entertainment. We agree with him. It is their duty to support the schools. They should not expect to receive any return in the way of amusement or profit for their pro rata of the parochial assessment. It is a question of right on one side and duty on the other. Right can demand the services of duty without any compensation. The priest has the right to exact money for the support of the school, and it is the duty of the people to conform to his demands. The only return to be expected from him is the judicious outlay of the sums collected. The above is sufficient on this subject. To speak of the Fair itself. Beginning at the upper end of the spacious hall in the school building, and taking the right side in our tour, we noticed the below mentioned tables in the following order:

The Morning Star Table, presided over by Mrs. J. Wilcox. Bowls brimming with punch and lighter liquors are here in abundance. There is also a table on which we saw various articles of great beauty and value. Chief among them is a beautiful Book Cross entwined with ivy, for which Miss Alice McKeigh levies a tax of 50 cents upon all her friends.

The Sanctuary Table, presided over by Miss I. Warner. The visitor will find here a large portrait in oil of Father Heslin. It is a fine work and true to life. A splendid Aquarium, magnificent Bible, a handsome Handkerchief folder, are all elegantly displayed. Messrs. Cornelius O'Brien and John Coakley are contesting for a gold watch and chain. St. Michael's Table, presided over by Mrs. M. G. Lally, Misses McKenna, Dillon, and Farrell. There is a contest for a surprise article between the Misses Hanley and the Misses Cass. Geo. Wheehaban and Geo. Smith are contesting for a gold watch and chain. There is any number of beautiful vases and desirable bric-a-brac at this table. Besides you always find the genial M. G. there to show you everything.

St. Joseph's Table, presided over by Miss Ennis and Murphy. The usual punch bowls here. In fact, no fair seems to be complete without it. Miss Nellie Kennedy and Miss Farrell are contesting for a ladies gold watch and chain. There is another contest at this table between Messrs. Jas. M. Carraber and Dennis Donegan, Jr. St. Patrick's Table, presided over by Mrs. Thos. Haro. The usual display of fancy articles are found here. There is an interesting contest between young Mr. Mullian of Camp street and several other young gentlemen for a gold watch and chain. St. Alphonsus Table, presided over by Mrs. T. Walsu and Mrs. F. A. Sylvester. The eye lingers upon the many beautiful ornaments here exhibited in superabundance. Misses Mollie Conway and Jennie Scanlan are pitted against each other in a commendable struggle for a handsome doll.

The Fair will continue during the ensuing week. (Continued.) Easter at the Church of St. John the Baptist. Easter morning dawned upon us with a sultry air, and the many thousands who flock to the Catholic churches were nearly disappointed in their expectations. But ere the church bells were heard proclaiming glory to God on high and on earth peace to men of good will, the clouds had disappeared and the sun shone forth in all its splendor. Availing himself of this pleasant opportunity, the writer visited the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Dryades street, where High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Pastor T. J. Kenny, assisted by the Rev. J. G. Footie, who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the Resurrection. The choir, under the able direction of Mr. Joseph Miller, Jr., organist, was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: the Misses Bassich, Horne, Seawell, Seantell, Rarebide and Mrs. Fowler, and Messrs. Lancaster, Dix and Von Zender, executed Farmer's Grand Mass in B flat in a manner highly creditable to singers and director. The solos and duets by the Misses Bassich, Horne, Seawell and Rarebide were particularly noticeable, and the choruses were excellent.

An illustrating the piety of the people and the success which has crowned the self-sacrificing labors of the two zealous priests of the church, I will add the fact mentioned to me by a member of the congregation, that eight hundred persons received Holy Communion Easter morning in St. John's. Among the number were the members of St. John's Catholic Total Abstinence Association, who occupied front seats in the church and approached the holy table in a body. They numbered about forty-five.

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Martin F. Tappor Eulogizes the South. [From the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier.]

The following Ode "to the South" was written by the distinguished author and handed to us for publication. We take much pleasure in presenting it to our readers as the frank testimony of an accomplished Englishman to the facts of the past and the truths of our present condition.

TO THE SOUTH. The world has misjudged, mistrusted, malign'd you. And should be quick to seek honest amends; Let us, then, speak of you as we find you, Humbly and honestly, and with true friendliness. Let us remember your wrongs and your trials, Slendered and pondered and crushed to the dust, Draining adversity's bitterest viols, Patient in courage and strong in good trust.

You fought for Liberty, rather than Slavery! Well might you wish to be quit of that ill, But you were sold to political knavery. Reached by diplomacy's sly and crafty hand, And you rejoice to see your banner shed. While the free servant works as well as before. Confident, though many fortunes have vanished, So to recover all—rich as of yore!

Doubtless there had been some hardships and cruelties, Cases exceptional, evil and rare; But to tell the truth—and truly the jewel 'tis—Kindness ruled—as a rule—everywhere! Servants—if sick—were your wealth and inheritance, Born with your children and grown on your ground, And it was quite as much interest as merit behoove'd To make such friends of dependents all round.

Yes, it is slender to say you oppressed them. Does a man squander the prize of his pen? Was it not often that he who possessed them Rather was owned by his servants himself? Caring for all, as in health, as in sickness, He was their father, their pastor, their chief, Age's infirmities, infancy's weaknesses, Learning on him for repose and relief.

When you went forth in your pluck and your bravery, Selling for freedom both fortune and lives, Where was that prospect and where of slavery? Weakening revenge on your children and wives! Nowhere! You left all to secure safe-keeping, And this was faithful and true to the end; Master and servant thus mutually respung' Double reward of the good and the just!

Generous Southerners! I who address you Shared, with too many, belief in your sins; But I recant it, thus—let me confess you— Knowledge is virtue and every where wins; For I have seen I have heard, and am sure of it, You have been slandered and suffering long, Paying all slavery's cost and the cure of it, And the great world shall reap of its wrong!

MARTIN F. TAPPOR.

The Deutsche Reichszeitung says that a great number of Marpingen pilgrims who had been arrested in the canton of Tholey have been acquitted by the tribunal of that little town. This is, within four weeks, the third wholesale police prosecution which occurred against peaceful pilgrims. On the 7th ult. a great many were condemned to fines, one person alone to 60 marks for having lit candles in the wood, thus endangering the life of the royal trees. Immediately before and after Candlemas the influx of pilgrims was enormous, but the conduct of everyone was, as a matter of course, so exemplary that neither gendarmes nor soldiers had occasion to make use of their loaded guns. Everybody is now at liberty to visit Marpingen and the Hartelwood, provided the pilgrims keep to the roads and do not form groups, but walk singly or two and two.

A gentleman happened to be passing a door in a certain street in London before which stood a hack cab. As he passed, an invalid, bearing on his face the eruption of small-pox, came out and entered the cab. The observer followed the vehicle as rapidly as he could and was just in time to see it deposit its fare at a small-pox hospital. Then he saw the driver hailed by a lady and gentleman, whom he vainly endeavored to warn by shouts. They took no notice, got in and drove off. The observer still followed, and was just in time to see the pair descend at the door of a house in one of the best squares in London. Some time after, being again in London, our informant thought he would call at the house. He found the blinds of the house down. The master had died on the previous day of small-pox, and his wife was not expected to recover from the same malady.

The first stirring event of the day—sweetening one's coffee.

Ordinary Notices of Marriages and Deaths will, hereafter be inserted for fifty cents. Obituaries will be charged at the rate of ten cents a line.

DIED: BUTLER—At the Hotel Hotel March 31, 1877, at 5:15 P.M. Mr. John Butler, aged seventy years, a native of Butler's Grove, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and a resident of this city for the past forty-two years. May he rest in peace!

CURLEY—On Friday, March 30, 1877, at 6 o'clock P.M. Bridget Mahony, wife of Michael Curley, aged 84 years, a native of County Limerick, Ireland.

McMANUS—On Friday, March 30, 1877, at 6 o'clock P.M. Felix McManus, a native of Coolanoe, County Sligo, Ireland, aged 72 years and a resident of this city for the last fifty years.

McGLONE—On Sunday evening, April 1, 1877, at 10:1 o'clock. Hugh McGlone, aged 65 years, native of County Cavan, Ireland, parish of Laven, and a resident of this city for the last twenty-five years.

COULON—On Saturday morning March 31, 1877, at 12:1 o'clock, aged 86 years, Mrs. Widow Alexander Coulon, born Mathilde Poupard.

BOYLE—On Saturday, March 31, 1877, at 11:45 P.M. Ellen Donnelly, consort of Charles Boyle, aged 58 years, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and a resident of this city for the last 35 years.

BRIGHT—On Tuesday, April 3, 1877, at 6 o'clock A.M. George Young Bright, in the 7th year of his age, a native of Lexington, Ky., and a resident of New Orleans for the past fifty-four years.

STACK—On Tuesday, April 3, 1877, at 1 o'clock P.M. Thomas Stack, aged 64 years, a native of the County Kerry, Ireland, and a resident of this city for the past 35 years.

COEN—On Monday, April 2, 1877, at 11 o'clock A.M. Patrick Coen, aged 58 years, a native of the parish of Elm, County of Monaghan, Ireland, and a resident of this city for the last 23 years.

REQUIEM MASS: Next Wednesday, April 11, at 7 o'clock A.M., a solemn High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church for the repose of the soul of the late THOMAS LACEY. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DURABLE DENTISTRY. Dr. J. H. MALONEY, corner of Josephine and Camp streets, near Magazine Market, respectfully informs his patients and the public in general that he is performing all operations appertaining to his profession in the most scientific manner. Artificial teeth, with or without extracting the roots, on a new plan. Old sets of teeth remodelled, and a perfect adaptation secured. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of gas or chloroform. Charges with the best of all. [at 77 1/2 St.]

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT. Hall St. Peter's Conference St. Vincent de Paul. The OLD POLES CONCERT, which should have taken place on the 1st inst., has been postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather, and will take place on SUNDAY, April 8th, at 7 o'clock P.M. Parties holding tickets for the 1st inst. are notified that they will be good for this occasion. Ye old folks will be better prepared to sing to ye audience, which they hope will be numerous, to all ye power.

NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of this Association will be held THIS (Sunday) EVENING, at 6:30 o'clock, in the Morning Star Hall 116 Poydras street, corner Camp. Gentlemen wishing to join are invited to attend. THOS. G. RAPIER, President. D. E. BUCKLEY, Secretary.

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—The members of this Society are hereby notified to meet at their hall at 7:15 o'clock SUNDAY MORNING, April 8th, for the purpose of proceeding in a body to St. Theresa's Church, where they will receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 o'clock Mass. Members of other Total Abstinence Societies are invited to attend. The same evening, at 7 o'clock, at the regular monthly meeting, which will be held in St. Theresa's Hall, the Annual Election of Officers will take place. H. R. GIFFNEY, President. A. J. COSTER, Secretary.

ST. MICHAEL'S FAIR. FOR THE BENEFIT OF St. Michael's New School Commencing Easter Monday, APRIL 8, 1877.

The following are the Tables: SCHOOL AND SANCTUARY TABLE—Miss I. M. Warner. ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—Miss K. Murphy and Miss A. Ennis. ST. MICHAEL'S TABLE—Mrs. M. Lally. ST. ALPHONSUS' TABLE—Mrs. T. Walsh and Mrs. A. F. SYLVESTER. MORNING STAR TABLE—Mrs. J. Wilcox. ST. PATRICK'S TABLE—Well-known Ladies from St. Patrick's Parish.

The chief Contents and Contestants will be announced in due time.

GRAND FAIR AT THIBODAUX, LA. With the Assistance and Participation of THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THIBODAUX. To be held in the vast and magnificent GROVE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1877.

The main attractions of the Fair will consist of Collections at all hours. An inexhaustible supply of Hot Gumbo (ala Creole) K-fresh-made all kinds, Soda Water, Ice Creams, Lemonade, Punch, Confectionery, Tomatoes, and a thousand other attractive objects. At the lower extremity of the Park there will be Target Shooting with Parier Rifles and all kinds of sports.

Fixed and mod-rate prices. A Lyrical Performance and Instrumental Music every day. ADMISSION TO THE FAIR—GRATIS. N. B.—A special train of Morgan's L. & T. R. R. will leave Algiers on Sunday, April 22d, at 7 o'clock A.M. Returning, leaves Lafourche Crossing at 11 o'clock P.M. The train leaves New Orleans from the foot of St. Ann street at 7 o'clock A.M. The transportation of passengers by packets from Lafourche Crossing to the Fair grounds.

Price of Excursion Tickets: From New Orleans to Lafourche Crossing and return..... \$1.50 From Houma and des Allemands and return..... 1.00 From Raceland and return..... 0.50 Low Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church a quarter of an hour after the arrival of the excursionists. Tickets for sale at the Morning Star, Box and Propagator offices. [at 8 3/4 St.]

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, For the Benefit of ST. JOSEPH'S ASYLUM. WILL BE GIVEN AT THE OPERA HOUSE, Thursday Evening, April 12, Under the auspices of the following Ladies and Gentlemen: Mrs. Antoinette de Bader, Mrs. Pauline Blanche, Mrs. Pauline Courtade, Mr. Coullor, Mr. George Theard, Mr. Perat. Refreshments served at ordinary prices. [at 8 1/2 St.]

ST. PATRICK'S HALL. ONE WEEK, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1877. McEVY'S GRAND HIBERNICA, HEALY'S HIBERNIAN MINSTRELS, AND BRASS BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

Great Musical, National and Pictorial Entertainment representing a Tour in Ireland, introducing a full IRISH COMEDY COMPANY in original Farces and Danes. Admission—Seventy-five cents. Matinees—Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, [at 8 St.] JULE T. MORSE, Business Agent.

READ! READ! READ! CONTINUANCE OF THE GREAT SALE OF CHEAP DRY GOODS LURING THIS ENTIRE WEEK AT LEVY BROTHERS, 589 Magazine Street.

We will continue to sell during the entire week all Goods on hand at prices never before heard of, and would advise all ladies in want of DRY GOODS to take advantage of this rare opportunity to procure bargains therein: 20 pieces Corded PIQUE, at 10c only. 20 pieces very fine Victoria and Bishop LAWN at 20c. 18 pieces White SWISS, at 15c, and only 10c. 10 pieces Very Fine at 30c. 20 Robine BARK, at 45c, containing 10 and 15 yds. 20 Robine BARK, at 50c, containing 10 and 15 yds. 100 pieces Lonsdale COTTON, at 10c. Elegant Black GRENADE, at 10c. EMBROIDERY in very large variety, at astonishingly low prices. Irish LINEN at 50c. COARSE at 30c. Marcelline Quits, Table Cloths, Napkins, Towels, Handkerchiefs, Piano Covers, etc., etc., to be sold at unusually low prices. New and elegant patterns of ALTONS and WINDOW SHADES at 10c. LEVY BROTHERS, 589 Magazine street. Orders and correspondence from the country receive prompt attention. [at 8 St.]

PONCHARTRAIN CHEAP STORE. J. A. LACROIX, Corner Frenchman and Victory Streets. LADIES', GENTS', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES. Of all descriptions. Always on hand a full assortment of first class goods at prices which defy competition. Call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. MY MOTTO: "Quick sales and small profits." Jackson Railroad cars pass in front of the store. [at 77 1/2 St.]

SPECIAL NOTICES. THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD have constantly on hand READY-MADE CLOTHING FOR SALE. Plain and Embroidered Under-Linen for Ladies; Fine and Coarse Shirts; Plain ones and Overalls for Laboring Men and Mechanics. All substantially made and at low prices. [at 75 1/2 St.]

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\$40,000 Worth of FANCY SPRING SILKS. All styles of BLACK GRENADES, BLACK BOMBAZINES, TAMISES, ALPACAS, DELAINES, etc. AT RUINOUS PRICES. All from the great Bankrupt Sales in the North. GRANDEST ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER SILKS In the city, at only SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS A YARD, Fully worth Double the Money. CALL AND SAMPLE THEM. —ALSO— Received from the recent large sale of Calicoes, Whereat 3,000 cases of Prints were sold to the highest bidder. WE OFFER 20 cases CHOICE PRINTS at 5c. a yard. 20 cases BEST PRINTS at 6c. a yard. The price last week for these same goods was 7 and 8c.

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REMOVAL OF ELDER'S CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE and AGENCY. The undersigned notifies his friends and the public that he has removed from St. Patrick's Hall to NO. 338 CAMP STREET, corner of Krato and immediately in front of ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, where he will continue to supply all articles in his line, and receive subscriptions as usual for all the CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS of this country and of Europe. P. O. Box 204. CHAS. D. ELDER. SPRING DRY GOODS JUST RECEIVED

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YOU CAN BUY FIRST COMMUNION CANDLES, Made of the Purest Wax; FIRST COMMUNION WREATHS, Made of the Very Best Materials, and Prayer Books, Beads and Religious Articles, Suitable for Persons Making their First Communion, at the very lowest rates, of PHILIP ANTON, Dealer in Catholic Books and Religious Articles, Corner Josephine and Constance Streets, Picture Framing done to order. [at 5 1/2 St.]

GREEN OR BLACK TEA, worth 40c., we sell at 35c. GREEN OR BLACK TEA, worth 50c., we sell at 40c. GREEN OR BLACK TEA, worth