# Portage Lake News.

#### Young Men's Catholic Club of Hancock

Has Almost 200 Members.

New Quarters Being Furnished for the Institute-Cheral Society Concert.

The local branch of the Young Men's Catholic Institute, while it has not yet joined the national organization of that name, is growing fast and when ready to oin will take in over 200 members. The number enrolled is now 155, with some prospects that by the first of the year the number will be over the 200 mark. The aim of the organization is similar to that of the Y. M. C. A., to provide a pleasant place for young men to congregate where they will always be under good influences, and the club rooms are now being fitted up in the basement of St. Patrick's church. The space at the disposal of the institute is very large, being the quarters formerly occupied by St. Patrick's school before the convent was built. This space was divided by temporary partitions and these are now being changed to suit the basement's new

In front will be a large room which will be fitted with a stage for entertainments. Other rooms will be fitted up for a ladies' parlor, for every day in the week will be ladies' day, smoking, billiard and bowling alley rooms. The latter improvements will not be added at once, for they are expensive, but will be put in as the finances of the institute permit. Work has been under way a week and a portion of the quarters will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Schermann recital, by members of the Hancock choral society at Y. M.C. A. Hall last evening, was enjoyable for the fortunate friends of the members who attended by invitation. Miss Isova Jenkins prepared the audience for the music of the great composer by an interesting paper on the "Life and Compo sitions of Robert Schermann," Among those who took part were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright and Miss Louise Dehli in vocal numbers and Mrs. F. W. Nichols with a piano selection. The opening and closing numbers were choruses led by the director of the society, Mr. F. W. Nichols.

The society has proved a success from its organization about two months ago, and the entertainment last evening is the first of a series of such recitals to be held during the winter. The membership includes the best local loyers of music and the members are deriving great benefit from the weekly practice,

Everyone is interested in electricity and a lecture on that subject is of more interest to the public at large than could one on any other science. Prof. McNair has prepared a popular lecture on the every day manifestations of the mysterious agent the world has harnessed for its use, and will give it at the monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening, illustrated by apparatus from the Mining School. His lecture will also include a talk on optics and the large expensive lantern recently added to Prol. McNair's department will be used. The admission will be only 10 cents to persons not members of the association, and members will be admitted free.

The Houghton A. O. U. W. lodge elected officers Tuesday evening as follows: Master Workman-R. J. Hill. Foreman-Ed Haas. Overseer-Rock Grignon. Recorder -- E. J. Dube. Financier-H. A. Krellwitz. Receiver-George J. Seifert. Guide-Fred Fesing. Inside Watch-Joseph Dietler. Ontside Watch--Casper Brand. Trustee-F. W. Stoyle. Medical Examiner -- W. P. Stott. Representative -- F. W. Stoyle.

Alternate-E. J. Dube.

Six of the Upper Peninsula members of the next house of representatives, Messrs, Billings, Connors, Rulison, Smith, Fuller and Chamberlain, met at Isbpeming Tuesday evening and yesterday. It is understood that the principal object of the meeting was to discuss the organization of the house and matters generally pertaining to the welfare of the Upper Peninsula.

The bond of the register of deeds was lacking from those presented to the board of supervisors Tuesday for approval. This was remarked at the time, but it is learned that the bond, for \$3,-000, is to be approved by the county treasurer only and filed with him. It is the same with the bond of the county surveyor.

It is possible that M. J. Dwyer, formerly of Hancock, now living at Marquette, may make a match at catch-as-catch-can wreatling with Rhypard Schott, hailing from the Pacific coast, and who has been writing up through this section trying to make a match.

The estimate before congress for ex-penses of the coming year includes \$5,500 for a fog signal at the mouth of Portage

River, and a lighthouse and fog signal at Rock of Ages at the west end of 1sle Royale at the cost of \$50,000.

The Hon. Thomas B. Dunstan will address the young men in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at their 4 o'clock meeting on the subject of "Elucation" next Sunday. Prof. Langier will play a violin solo and John E. Penberthy will sing a vocal solo.

Company A. Hibernian Rifles, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Captain—M. M. Foley. First Lieutenant—John Holland. Second Lieuvenant-John T. Ryan. Clerk-James Shney. Secretary and Treasurer-Enos McCauley.

Invitations were issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Lizzie Barkell to Mr. Augus R. MacDonald, which will take place the evening of Tuesday, December 22, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. Barkell.

The only engagement yet made for St. Patrick's Hall during the holiday season is by the K. O. T. M. Tent. They will give their annual ball on New Year's night, as has been their custom for years.

Lost-On Wednesday evening, between the Y. M. C. A. building and the smelting works, a purse containing a small sum of money. Owner would oblige by returning same to Washburn & Co.'s store.

The Hancock council went through its regular routine of business yesterday afternoon at Clerk Finn's office. Part of the board met, not a quorum, and adjourned for one week.

The members of the Hancock whist club will meet this eyening at Dunstan & Hanchette's office to consider the reorganization and plans for the winter.

Mr. R. H. Breisford was yesterday reported in a much worse condition. He is suffering from pleurisy in addition to his other ailments.

The funeral of Mrs. B. S. Eyerest was held yesterday afternoon. Deceased's mother, a resident of Ishpeming, arrived Tuesday.

Sheriff Donn is about half moved to his residence and his family now eats at his official residence and sleeps at his unoffi-

Quincy Lodge, F. & A. M., will elect officers at the next regular meeting, to be held the evening of December 15.

The condition of Mr. Frank Haun, of Dollar Bay, was yesterday reported as considerably improved.

J. R. Carroll's drygoodsstore, has been connected with the telephone exchange.

Hancock Lodge, A. O. U. W., will elect officers at the meeting this evening.

Mr. John S. Dymock was in town yesterday on business.

#### Block Island.

The hum of the spinning wheel is still a familiar sound on Block island, a quaint and interesting resort in summer and a miniature world in winter, in which the habits and customs are those of 150 years ago. The island is 15 miles off the Rhode Island shore and almost directly south of stormy Point Judith.

There are times during the winter when the wind sweeps across the tree-less land at a velocity of 84 miles an hour, and women take their lives in their hands when they venture out of doors. The isolation of the island is al most complete.

John Schofield established the first woolen mill in Connecticut near Oakdale, where the carding was done by power cards. In 1798 the Block islanders began to send wool to the mill to be carded into rolls, and generation after generation have kept up the practice. Formerly many bags of grain accompanied the wool, and grist and woolen mills were kept running day and night, while the fishermen and farmers enjoyed themselves in the quiet Connecticut village until the work was done, -New York Herald.

### Decorations and Orders.

"What is the a fference," asks a cor respondent, "between a yellow jacket, a button or a peacock's feather on the one hand, and a thistle, a bath or a garter on the other? Why do we lavish so much ridicule on the importance attached to the first set of emblems by the Chinese when we ourselves set just as much store by the second set?" There is much force in these questions, and I commend them to the attention of the wags in the press who are always poking fun at Li Hung Chang's yellow jacket and peacock's feathers. Looking at the matter impartially, it seems to me that a yellow jacket, or a glass button, or a peacock's feather, is more suitable for decorative purposes than either a bath or a garter. I do not say a thistle, because, no doubt, that is an object highly appropriate to many of those on whom it has been conferred. -London Truth.

They Like Chinamen. The black cannibals of northern Queensland are exceedingly partial to Chinamen. The reason is said to be that the flesh of the Chinese is peculiarly tender and palatable owing to rice be ing their staple article of diet. There is now a numerous Chinese population in the north of Queensland, and scores of them who have ventured beyond the confines of civilization have been captured and devoured by the natives. London Standard.

If an oil can is not at hand to remedy a creaking hinge, the noise can often be stopped by using a soft lead pencil. Moisten the lead point and rub it into all the cracks and crevices that can be

## GIFTS FOR HOLIDAYS

SIMPLE BUT HANDSOME HOMEMADE PRESENTS.

How to Make Objects of Use and Ornament-Suggestions That Will Be of Service to Willing Hands-The Spirit and the Letter of Giving a Tea Cozy.

[Copyright, 1896, by the Author.] Almost every woman excels in some simple decorative art. If she cannot paint, she can embroider. If neither the brush nor the needle appeals to her, she can do a little amateur poker work or fire etching. If even that popular work be a sealed book, she can make some object of use and ornament it with fancy stitches. In some way she can put a bit of herself into her gifts, and when she has done that she has made the best possible offering for a friend. Intrinsic worth is far from being the test to be applied to gifts made at Christmastide. The spirit of kindliness that suggests them, the good fellowship they imply, the fact they are the embodiment of the spirit of "good will toward men," all make them of value, and often the simplest becomes the best because of the love that prompted it, the thought and consideration involved or even its perfect fitness.

This year, when hard times have made money scarce, there seems an additional reason for the manufacture of gifts. No one likes to feel that his or her friend has put strain upon himself or herself in order to send a greeting on Christmas morn. If, however, that greeting can come without any such thought involved, it brings with it only love and peace and satisfaction. There lingers behind not one jot of regret or of unpleasant obligation.

The list of objects from which to choose is as long as the individual ingenuity allows and is limited only by one's own powers.

If the friend in question be a housewife, the range of choice literally knows no end, for she never has a superabun-dance of dainty painted china, and a new design in embroidery is always sufficient excuse for another center doily or teacloth. After the delft designs the newest for either of these is the jewel work, and a very good effect can be gained by using such stones as



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the gorgeous carbuncle and topaz in connection with a conventional design executed in gold colored silk, which acts as a setting. Their very richness of color, however, is often a drawback, as it throws that of delicate china into the shade, and for that reason some less ornate decoration is often preferred. Pale, tender green is extremely fashionable and harmonizes with almost everything else. A cloth showing a wreath of maidenhair is always delightful, always good and, like many another thing, can be trusted to hold the affections long after the craze of the hour has become wearisome to the eye. Round doilies are the accepted ones for all uses, and a center cloth showing fringed edge, with a circle of purple and yellow pansies, can scarcely be outdone for beauty of No breakfast table is nearly complete

without its tea cozy, yet we of America are too prone to overlook its benefits. One made even simply becomes a gift sure of a welcome and can be enriched as much as one may choose. The one shown in the illustration is a example of what can be done with jewel work, which, being the feature of the season, requires to be given due prominence in any suggestions for needlework. The foundation is cream white satin. The gems are all amethysts and the pattern or setting is outlined in gold colored silk. Gorgeous in color it assuredly is, but for a tea table or with a silver breakfast service it becomes decorative without overelaboration. Should quieter taste prevail, however, combinations can be suggested by the score. Soft toned olive silk on which is outlined in gold couching the familiar "We'll take a cup o' kindness yet for auld lang syne, finished with a band of velvet at the bottom, is simple and effective.

The mechanical part of the work requires no description. Patterns can be purchased and with them come full directions. The one essential is an ample supply of wadding that they may do their work well and insure a hot cup of ten or coffee, for while ten cozies they are by name, they serve equally well for the stronger, more usual breakfast drink.

Fire etching is popular and is good when artistically done, but to be at its best requires free band drawing. The use of stencils or of stamped designs means lack of artistic quality. Yet most of the work offered for sale is of the poorer sort. One great element of its value for gifts lies in the fact that it can be made individual and need never beme a mere copy. For elaborate work the etching tool

is essential, but small pieces can be done with a bit of pointed iron heated redhot. One clever woman, who lives far from the center of supplies, had her curling iron ground down by the village blacksmith and has done some charming bits. Whitewood and either sole or poze leather are the best materials for the work, and of them all the coze is the easiest to handle. A charming little trifle designed for masculine use is an ordinary ivory paper cutter with the addition of a handle of leather. To make it is required only the cutter and the bits of soft leather. Cut each of these to fit the handle end as far as the blade proper. Get the shoemaker to punch holes along the sides and the curved bottom or, better still, burn with the hot iron. On each bit etch some simple



A TEA COZY.

design. Then place one on each side of the ivory, after having mucilaged the inner sides, and lace them together with a tiny strip of the leather. Finish with a simple knot. The result will be an elegant trifle and one of daily use. Every reader has known the annoyance of the sharp edged, slippery ivory handle. This simple device obviates both difficulties and leaves the blade free. As a gift it is excellent and, while suggested with special reference to those men whose needs are so difficult to supply, it would with equal certainty find a place upon a woman's desk.

On each is made, either with the pen or brush, one letter of the alphabet. The 26 make up the list of pages. The covers are cut of the exact size, then laid one over and under the pile of envelopes. Six places along the back of the cover are then marked, and at each point is punched a small round hole. Each of the 26 envelopes is marked and punched in the same way as is the under cover. Then all are bound together by thongs of the leather passed in and out of the holes. When finished, it makes a decorative trifle and is of such evident service as to require no exploiting. Clippings, business memoranda-all sorts of things -can be kept in order and ready at one's need. Busy men and busy women will find it of daily use, and the housewife can turn it to account for the safe storage of bills.

A key rack is certain to find a place and to fill a need, whatever the state of the recipient may be. A useful as well as ornamental model is made in heart shape of whitewood etched. The wood is one-half an inch thick, and into the edges of its rounded sides are screwed small brass books. At each extremity of the upper portion is attached a bit of brown satin ribbon, by which it can be hung in place. The decoration can, of course, be anything individual taste may prefer. The suggestion given has been found effective and is not beyond amateur skill. Variations, however, are certain to suggest themselves by the score. Indeed the design need not even be confined to whitewood and etching, for the foundation can be covered with some suitable material, decorated with the needle before making up if etching seems too troublesome or too unfamiliar a task. The one and only advantage of the suggested style is a sense of fitness and durability.

A circular beveled mirror set in a circular frame of etched wood is extremely bandsome and not difficult to undertake. The frame can be made by the nearest carpenter for a small sum and the mirror can be obtained from any dealer in looking glasses. The etching, if at all artistically done, makes a most striking effect and costs only time and labortwo commodities not apt to be considered by the manufacturers of their own gifts. A model which might well be copied shows a wreath of wild roses executed with skill but without elaboration, the etcher believing that simplicity is an important factor in these smaller bits. Any simple flower is good or conventional designs can be used if one prefer. Where the skill is sufficient heads can be relied on to give satisfaction.

In these days of many scarfs for both men and women the gift is acceptable



NOVEL KEY HACK.

to both alike. It should be lined with silk and tufted with cotton, perfumed if for feminine use, for, no matter how fondly the girl may cling to her golf or her tennis, how eagerly she may pursue her Greek, she is a girl still and will find pleasure in delicate scents. A bit of real Italian orris root can be trusted to suggest the sweetest of sweet violets and to pervade her various scarfs and cravats without ever becoming vulgar or ag-CLARE BUNCE gressive.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. ULSTERS IN MANY

LESSON XI, FOURTH QUARTER, IN-TERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 13.

Text of the Lesson, Prov. zziii, 15-25. Memory Verses, 19-21 - Golden Text, Prov. axiii, 21—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

15. "My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice—even mine." In listening to this father entreating his son we must think of our Heavenly Father entreating His emidren, for all the love of parents to children is but the faintest shadow of the love of our Father in heaven. As physically, so spiritually, the heart is everything, and without a healthy heart the body cannot have perfect health, so without a new heart we cannot have spiritual health. Out of the heart are the issues of life (Prov. iv. 23). Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Math. xii, 34). Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts and all uncleanness, for it is desperately wicked (Math. xv, 19; Jer. xvil, 10).

16. "Yea, my veins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things." The sub-stance of our conversation indicates the condition of our heart, and if we thought of this we might be more careful of our words. The Lord looks upon the heart, and not only so, but upon the imagination of the thoughts of the heart (I Sam. xvi. 7; I Chron. xxviii, 9), and perhaps this may help us to understand "the veins." Parents may well rejoice in their inmost being when their children speak right 17. "Let not thine heart envy sinners.

but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." A new heart is a heart in which God dwells; it is put in us by God Himself that He alone may occupy it. It is a new spring to our actions, words and thoughts, a new motive for everything, even God working in us those things which are pleasing in His sight. Such a heart will not envy sinners, but will rejoice in the Lord alway, and, abiding in His love, satisfied with His goodness, will fear to grieve Him lest it lose this fellowship, which is heaven on earth.

18. "For surely there is an end, or reward, and thine expectation shall not be cut off." See this repeated in chapter xxiv, 14, and add Jer. xxix, 11, "I know the thoughts I think toward you," saith the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an end and expectation." The expectation of the return of Christ, and the righteousness that shall then be seen, the wrongs that shall be righted, and the glory that shall be revealed, is the most helpful truth which I as a redeemed soul have ever seen. Do not the words "end," "reward," "expectation," all point to it? Well has it been written, "He that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself even as He is pure" (I John iii, 3).

19. "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way." Our Lord said, "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Math. x, 16). And in Jas. iii, 17, we read of the nature of true wisdom, that it is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocricy." Surely this is none other than Christ Himself, and as to the way, there is none but He. He is wisdom, and He is the way, and Christ in us is the hope of glory, the glory which rectifles our life here and purifles from all un-

cleanness.
20. "Be not among wine bibbers; among riotous enters of flesh." This sort of thing belongs to the wisdom of earth, which is sensual and devilish (Jas. iii, 15). The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. xiv, 17). The word for the believer is "Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. v, 18). Any method of reform short of that which looks to a new heart, a new fountain within, will prove unavailing. The old nature is incurably corrupt in the sight of God (Rom. viii, 7), and though it may be ma moral and somewhat temperate, it never can enter the kingdom. Only that which is born from above can enter (John iii, 3, margin).

21. "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." Whatever may become of the drunkard as to this life it is written that drunkards cannot inherit the kingdom (I Cor. vi, 10). As to the glutton he was, according to law, to be stoned with stones (Deut. xxi, 20, 21).

22. "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee and despise not thy mother when she is old." One would think such commands wholly unnecessary if we did not know the wickedness of the human heart, but God, who knows the heart, has written it. Let each one ask himself, "Am I clean before God in this matter?" Then how much more should we hearken to Him who ha of His own will begotten us with the word of truth (Jas. i, 18), who pitieth like a father and comforts as a mother (Ps. ciii, 13; Isa. lxvi, 13), who says, "Incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live" (Isa. lv, 3).

23. "Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, instruction and understanding." Omitting the word "also," which is in italies, we learn that the truth is these three things, or that Jesus Christ, who is the truth, is the sum of all wisdom and understanding. Isa. lv, 1; says we can buy without money and without price. We certainly cannot in any sense give an equivalent for what we get as we do in ordinary buying and selling, but there is a giving up or laying down of our own thoughts and opinions that He may be our wisdom and our righteousness. "Lay thou thy and our righteonsness. "Lay thou thy treasure in the dust and the Almighty shall be thy treasure" (Job xxil, 24, 25,

R. V.). greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him." Just wise child shall have joy of him. as with earthly parents some children are a great joy and some are a great sorrow, so a great joy and some of God some are a joy among the children of God some are a joy to Him and others a grief. We read of some who "rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit" (Isa. lxili, 10), and of some who must have the flesh destroyed by satan that the spirit may be saved, and of some whose works will be burned up and they saved me by fire (I Cor. v, 5; iii, 15).

works will be burned up and they saved as by fire (I Cor. v. 5; iii, 15).

B6. "Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that hare thee shall rejoice." Thus our lesson begins and ends with the joy of parents in wise children. We turn to Him of whom the Fahter said, "This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," and who could truthfully say of Himself, "I do always those things that please Him," and of whom it is written that He never pleased Himself (Math. iii, 17; zvii, 5; John viii, 29; Rom. zv. 3), and we say, "Lord, make me as far as possible such a child to the Father as thou wast." If He sees that we mean it, He will take us in hand to subdue the self life and make manifest in us His own life, for He is able to subdue all things unto Himself (II Cor. iv, 11; Phil. iii, 21). We must be willing, and He will surely do it

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