

Church Universal

LAST LINK TO CHURCH.

Attendance on Sunday Mass Vital to Faith of Catholics.

The editor of the English Messenger does not hesitate to trace the beginning of the ruin of many souls to the habit of neglecting Sunday mass. A persistent neglect of Sunday mass, says Father Boarne, is a certain cause of apostasy. When a Catholic's Sunday becomes a mere blank holiday we have reason to fear the worst. The breaking are the too true stories that many a parish priest can tell of the direct consequences of a neglect of Sunday mass. In a case of many a prominent young man, a neglect of the breaking of the Sunday precept has led to almost irretrievable ruin. With bitter tears a man's mother will tell you that she was well with her son until he turned his back upon the altar of God. Jail chaplains hear the like almost every time they interview a Catholic prisoner. It is the same deplorable truth that every preacher of missions hears again and over again. Sunday mass is for some the last tie that binds them to the body of the church. When that tie is broken their condition is indeed most pitiful; while that bond remains whole a there is always abundant ground for hope. To put himself off from such a means of grace is one of the most serious mistakes that any sinner can possibly make. Regarded only as an external profession of faith, the hearing of mass is a matter of the greatest importance; but even to the most careless it is always so much more than a profession of faith. It is well-nigh impossible for a Catholic to come within range of God's altar without making some kind of act of sorrow for sin. Pitiful indeed is the state of that Catholic who through his own fault fails to be present at Sunday mass.

The Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ was intended to be the church of the poor. The Savior himself left no money to erect costly fabrics, or million-dollar cathedrals. The apostles made no effort to establish grand colleges and universities, for idle men to assemble in, and split up words and phrases; for the purpose of smothering the simplicity of the old doctrine taught by Jesus and his equally simple followers. His condemnation of the rich man, who squandered at the proposition, of selling all that he had, and dividing it with the poor, stands out as an answer for all time, to those who gather up wealth on the pretense of offering it to God. The apostles sought no recompense for their work. Peter worked at his trade in Sessaria. Paul boasted that he supported his living by the labor of his hands, and so of the other disciples. Wealth began to injure the church in the very first century. Greedy men sought high places, and the men propagated heresies. Looking abroad upon France, Spain and Italy, as well as among the Spanish nations of this continent, we see nothing but gloomy prospects in the future. Who is to blame for this state of things? The teachers of the people? It is not our province to decide, but the great of money is at the bottom of it all.—Chippewa Falls Catholic Sentinel.

Three Golden Thoughts.

The cross, therefore, is always ready and everywhere waits for thee. Thou canst not escape it wherever thou turnest, for wherever thou goest thou carryest thyself with thee, and shalt either find thyself.—Thomas a Kempis.

To the intellectually well-furnished man there is, indeed, no such thing as solitude. His inner world is thronged with life. He gets away from the crowd that he may understand it. This explains partly the love of solitude of the great saints.

The closest possible study of the life of Christ will not reveal one single instance of his having measured any work in pounds and pence, but the New Testament is replete with instances of his having lauded gifts and deeds which were backed by love or the fullness of capability. And the fact that men and times have changed does not warrant us in expecting any change in the standard set by the Master.

Jesu, Dulce Memoria.

(This was one of the hymns of the second crusade; its fifty Latin stanzas were sung by the knights of the cross as they guarded the holy sepulcher. It was written by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and this translation appeared in "Lyras Catholicas" in 1848. It is the work of the Rev. Edward Caswell, and English clergyman, who became the friend and adherent of Matthew Arnold on Catholicism.

Catholicism is that form of Christianity which is the oldest, the largest, the most popular. It has been the great popular religion of Christendom. Who has seen the poor in other churches as they are seen in Catholic churches?

Catholicism envelops human life, and Catholicism in general feel themselves to have drawn not only their religion from their church, but they feel themselves to have drawn from her, too, their art and poetry and culture. Her hierarchy, originally stamped with the character of a beneficent and orderly authority springing amidst anarchy, appeared as offering a career where birth was disregarded and merit regarded, and the things of the mind or soul were honored in the midst of the iron feudal age which worshipped solely birth and force. And if there is a thing specially alien to religion, it is division; if there is a thing specially native to religion, it is peace and union. Hence the original attraction toward unity in Rome, and hence the great charm when that unity is once attained. All these spells for the heart and imagination has Catholicism for Catholics, in addition to the consciousness of a divine cure for vice and misery.

They Are Not Isolated Cases.

The editor of the Guldon of Manchester, N. H., relates a personal experience with a Catholic society. "Not long ago we listened to an address by a member of a Catholic organization. He said the society was of immense benefit to the church, because it made practical Catholics of its members. This same person lives directly opposite the church and never goes to mass! Another society has for one of its officers a man who is known to be living a sinful life. These are not isolated cases. The members of all societies are known in the communities in which they live. If men who lead dishonest or scandalous lives are not expelled from the organization, the name 'Catholic society' is a mockery, and the influence exerted must be for evil and not for good.—Catholic Transcript.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

The Convent of the Holy Child Jesus.

(Special Correspondence.) The usual monthly distribution of reports took place in the school hall on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of last week. In the elementary division those attending the first places were Master John Dooly; in the second, Miss Annie Coniglin; in the third, Master Frolow Lombri; in the fourth, and Master Hilario Floreza in the fifth. The little ones recited "The Three B's" remarkably well, and the recitation "Grandpa's Spectacles" by the pupils of the third and fourth showed that they pay much attention to their education lessons. In the grammar grades, Master George Eddy, in the sixth, Miss Edyth Cateel of the eighth made the highest averages in their respective classes. The children of the fifth and sixth grades sang in parts "My Old Kentucky Home, Good Night," and were accompanied by Miss Mary Ellis on the piano and Miss Ida Welsh on the violin, both of whom did their parts well. In the High school department the first place in class was secured by Miss Lucile Emery in the first year, Miss Marie Coyne in the second, Miss Maria Leahy in the third and Miss Julia Brown in the fourth. Those who gave musical selections and showed greatest promise were Miss Mary Cervantes, Miss Ora Murphy, Miss Rena Tuhey, Miss Ethel Warlaumont and Miss Gertrude Goddes. "A Legend" was nicely recited by Miss Clara Trubey, and Miss Mary Crow read a poem on "Adrian's Salvation" which spoke well for her powers of composition. Holmes' lesson "My Aunt" was recited by Miss Catherine McCabe and greatly amused all present. On the afternoon of Dec. 8 four young ladies—Misses Helen Keefe, Mary Keogh, Maria Leahy and Rena Tuhey—were received into the Children of Mary's Sodality. The Right Rev. Bishop came for the ceremony, which was more soul-stirring than usual on account of the beautiful address given by his lordship. The choir, our earthly paradise, pretty at all times, looked more beautiful than ever with the numerous lights and flowers arranged to best advantage and the devotional singing and prayers which accompanied the ceremony. Days like this one live long in the memory of school girls and girls alike. In future years to encourage us in working for God and His holy church. After the benediction service was over the Socialists had the honor of having supper with the Right Rev. Bishop and of being heartily entertained the while with many humorous anecdotes.

An exhibition of physical culture exercises was given in the convent hall Sunday afternoon for all to see. They were well done and showed earnest efforts and careful training on the part of the pupils, and will add to their other attainments in promoting their health and strength.

RHYOLITE, NEV.

Work of construction was started Wednesday of last week on the new Catholic church, P. R. Ellis having the contract. The cost of the building will approximate \$2,000, and the same will be built according to plans and specifications brought from Salt Lake by Father Ryan, the same having the endorsement of the bishop. The church is building on lots 15 and 16 in block 22, the location being on Claybourne avenue between Broadway and Esmeralda. This splendid site was donated to Father Ryan and the church committee by the enterprising real estate firm of Murphy & Vardach. The work will be rushed, with the idea of occupying the church by Christmas.

The Catholic ladies of Rhyolite and Bullfrog met Thursday afternoon of last week with Mr. Thomas Kilker and organized an Altar society. The attendance was large and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Frank P. Manox, president; Mrs. A. J. Lynch, treasurer; Mrs. F. R. Ellis, secretary. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, at the residence of Mrs. P. A. Busch. All Catholic ladies of the district are cordially invited to attend.

Father Ryan celebrated holy mass in Miners' union hall Sunday morning, Dec. 9, at 8 o'clock.

BOISE, IDA.

Theresa Veronica Gibbons Hawley, the four-months-old bride of Jesse B. Hawley, a well known young attorney of this city, died at 4 o'clock last Friday evening after an illness with typhoid fever lasting two months.

Mrs. Hawley was born at Broadhead, Wis., Aug. 20, 1880. She graduated with honors from the Jameville High school and then took up the study of music under the most skillful teachers obtainable. She came to Boise on account of her health in June, 1905, and spent the summer here. It was during that summer that she met Mr. Hawley and the romance began which led up to their marriage last July. After spending the summer here she went to Denver, where she was engaged as musical instructor in the Weiser academy.

Mrs. Hawley was married July 31, at her home in Jansville and after spending several weeks in the east the happy couple came to Boise and left a few days later for Payette lakes. It was there that she was stricken with the fever which resulted in her death.

Deceased was 26 years of age and leaves a loving and sister, besides the husband, Miss Mary Gibbons, her sister, arrived last week and was at her bedside when she passed away. Mrs. Hawley was conscious to the last and was planning for her sister's entertainment during her stay here.

Jack Riley of Hailey spent Sunday in the city, leaving for home on the evening train.

Miss Mary Teresa returned to Weiser Saturday morning. She came up to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hawley.

Mrs. Ed Matheson and daughter, Edna of Marysville, are spending a few days in the city.

Miss Colla Coleman, who has been clerking at the Golden Rule for four months, has returned to her home at Kuna.

ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

F. J. Barton and J. S. Bryan have returned to Rock Springs and are employed in the clothing department of the New York Racket store.

After the joy which springs from right-doing, the purest and sweetest is that which is born of companionship with spirits akin to our own.

BUTTE, MONT.

Edward O'Flynn, a Butte boy whose parents reside at 714 North Wyoming street, won the annual oratorical contest at the University of Notre Dame last week, a telegram to the Inter Mountain conveying the news. Ed O'Flynn is in his third year at Notre Dame, and this is the second year that he has carried off the honors in the oratorical contest. A bright and enthusiastic lad, O'Flynn entered the employ of the Hennessy Mercantile company as a cash boy four years ago, and soon discovered an opportunity to employ his spare time in the evening acting as agent for a magazine which offered a scholarship in any college to the person securing a certain number of subscribers. O'Flynn in his canvass of the city endeavored himself to the hundreds of persons he called on and at once became a prime favorite, with the result that when the time expired for the closing of the contest he was the winner of the college scholarship by a handsome majority over hundreds of competitors. O'Flynn chose the University of Notre Dame, and three years ago entered that institution. He spent his holidays in this city with his parents the past summer and occupied his time working in the office department of the Hennessy store. James O'Flynn, a brother, is a grocery clerk in Hennessy's.

Work on the Daly monument is progressing slowly at intervals, and it is said that no effort will be made to prepare the statue for unveiling until spring. It was expected that the work would be completed before the advent of cold weather, but delay in securing stones have caused numerous cessations in the erection of the base of the monument.

Mrs. John Noyes and Mrs. W. McC. White were the hostesses at a dinner given Thursday evening of last week in honor of Miss Hester Lavelle. The decorations were in pink carnations. The following guests were present: Misses Lavelle, Roach; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holbrook, Dr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lacy, Messrs. Tom and Ralph Hodgins, Woodward, Falkner, Welch, Berrian and Byrne.

Mrs. F. T. McBride was the hostess of a luncheon Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Hester Lavelle. The table decorations consisted of roses. The guests were Misses Hester Lavelle, Nell Lloyd, Frances Leavitt, Alice and Annie Lowry, Louise Horgan, Agnes Doty, Emma Buel and Mrs. Mary Bush.

Miss Ella Driscoll was the hostess at a skating party Tuesday evening of last week, which was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett. At 8 o'clock the party went to the home of Miss Driscoll, where it was served with a supper. The table decorations were in red carnations. The following were the guests: Misses Christine Nisley, Edith Blackford, Louise Horgan, Nell Lloyd, Ethel Berry, Nell and Kit Fair, Helga Henningson, Din's Leavitt, Hester Lavelle, Alice Roach, Alice and Annie Lowry, Margaret Corbett, Agnes Doty, Fulton Evans, Eliza Russell, Emma Buel, Madge Mackie, Margaret Driscoll, Messrs. Guy Davidson, Ed Evans, Alf Kremer, Jim Gillie, Norman Stockert, Harry McGuane, Harold Dinchart, I. Vaughn, M. McDaniels, Arthur Berry, Ed and H. Hedleyman, C. Sullivan, J. Dohy, Hodgens, Berton Braly, George Roddewig, Eugene Milburn, C. T. Pigot, George Clark, Richard Howard, Welch, Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the rectory of the Church of the Sacred Heart, when Miss Maude Terry became the wife of Mr. Edward A. Sullivan. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Carr. Miss Mabel Terry, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Harry Nankivell, a former partner of Mr. Sullivan, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan will be at home at 30 West Copper street after Dec. 20.

ANACONDA, MONT.

Garry Nugent went over to Butte Monday morning.

Pat Grogan has gone to San Francisco.

John Whalen and wife of Butte were in Anaconda Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Carmichael and Mrs. F. Kidney of Basin are in Anaconda the guests of Mrs. Carmichael's mother, Mrs. L. E. Beaudry.

T. J. Murphy received word last night that his sister, Mrs. Kate Kelly, was dead in Superior Wis. She was also a sister of Dan Murphy of Butte and M. J. Murphy, state organizer for the Woodmen of the World.

A letter from Michael Cosgrove to his wife from Salt Lake states that his brother, John, was buried in Salt Lake last Friday. His body was taken here from Cononah, and was accompanied by the widow and Michael Cosgrove, who went from Anaconda to attend the service.

HELENA, MONT.

Father Victor Day went over to Butte Monday.

Major Martin Macginnis, Dr. C. B. Mackie and E. Blake, members of the board of managers of a soldiers' home, have returned from Columbia Falls, where they went to attend a regular meeting of the board.

Mrs. Randolph Thompson and daughter, Alice, left on Wednesday for a month's visit in Salt Lake City.

POCATELLO, IDA.

Mrs. W. N. McCarty and Mrs. A. Igo left for Salt Lake at noon today for a couple of days' visit.

E. J. Cashin of Omaha, one of the Swift company's hustling representatives, is in the city interviewing the trade. He is quartered at the Pacific.

The Catholic Lady Foresters met and elected officers last Friday, as follows: Mrs. Thomas McCabe, president; Mrs. William Worrel, vice president; Mrs. Frank McCall, recording secretary; Miss Gilmore, financial secretary; Mrs. J. H. Danziger, treasurer; Mrs. James F. Kane, Mrs. H. K. Higson and Mrs. M. McMullen, trustees; Mrs. Dr. Castle, senior conductor; Mrs. James Knowles, junior conductor; Mrs. P. Durban, inside guard; Mrs. A. Merchant, outside guard; Mrs. W. C. Raddy, organist.

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