

General Intelligence.

CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS AT ROME.

There are probably few communities in the world which can equal that of Rome in charitable associations. They are called confraternities, and are formed by the voluntary union of individuals, often at high rank, who, in the midst of all the wretchedness around them, devote a portion of their time to its relief. Many of these are never seen by the mere traveller, or their existence even suspected, for their sphere of labour is private; yet it would be difficult to estimate the amount of happiness they must diffuse. One fraternity, for example, is intended to seek out humble but respectable families who would not be likely to apply for alms, and in some delicate way to relieve their necessities. The members of another visit the hospitals, learn the situation of the patients, and often personally attend to them. Others visit the gaols, and furnish comfort and support to prisoners who are without friends or means. Others, by voluntary donations, pay debts which the poor have unavoidably contracted, and thus relieve their minds from trouble. Others seek the sick through the abodes of wretchedness in the city, supply them with food, medicine, and professional assistance, and attend through their illness. Others come in when the last hour is over, defray the expenses of the burial, attend to the performance of the religious rites, and themselves bear the body to the grave. Such are their self-denying labours for the relief of suffering humanity. The wretched need no other claim upon them, except that they share in common nature. No "anniversary" is required to awaken their flagging zeal. No "report" is on the wings of the press, to trumpet forth their doings to the world. No "list of subscribers" publishes their charities through the land. The members, indeed, scarcely know each other, for their visits are made in the dress of the fraternity so that none could recognise the individuals. But year after year they labour on, uncheered by the voice of human praise, their good deeds known only to their Father who seeth in secret.—*Rev. W. J. Kip's Christmas Holidays in Rome.*

BIRTHS RECORDED.

AT ST. MARY'S.

MARCH 6,	Mrs. Holland of a Son.
7,	" Ellis of a Son.
8,	" Stokes of a Daughter.
9,	" Savage of a Son.
10,	" Campbell of a Son.
10,	" Provot of a Daughter.
10,	" Jerome of a Daughter.
10,	" Nowlan of a Daughter.
11,	" Bredgoe of a Daughter.
11,	" Mofcet of a Son.
13,	" Ray of a Daughter.
17,	" Curtis of a Daughter.
17,	" Nugent of a Daughter.
17,	" Egan of a Daughter.
19,	" Doyle of a Daughter.
20,	" Heretage of a Son.
21,	" Gorman of a Son.
21,	" Dee of a Son.
21,	" Barrett of a Son and Daughter.
21,	" Hely of a Daughter.
21,	" Shea of a Daughter.
24,	" Fleming of a Daughter.
25,	" Connelly of a Son.
26,	" Ahern of a Daughter.
26,	" McStravick of a Son.
27,	" Elwort of a Son.
28,	" Reynold of a Son.
28,	" McDonald of a Daughter.
29,	" Tobin of a Son.
29,	" Allan of a Son.
29,	" Johnson of a Son.

MARCH 20,	Mrs. Shine of a Son.
21,	" Murphy of a Son.
21,	" Carey of a Daughter.
APRIL 1,	" McGrath of a Daughter.
4,	" Breen of a Son.
4,	" Buckley of a Daughter.
5,	" Conroy of a Son.
6,	" Castello of a Daughter.
6,	" Doyle of a Son.
6,	" Laughlin of a Daughter.
6,	" Finch of a Daughter.
6,	" Gray of a Son.
6,	" Thenvas of a Daughter.
7,	" McGuire of a Son.
7,	" Whelan of a Son.
7,	" Kennedy of a Son.
8,	" Holland of a Son.
8,	" McKenna of a Daughter.
9,	" McDermott of a Son.
12,	" McCartney of a Son.
12,	" Flinn of a Daughter.
12,	" Monarty of a Daughter.
13,	" Braslow of a Son.
13,	" Alligan of a Son.
14,	" Burns of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

APRIL 7—George Kehoe to Margaret Fahey.
12—Thomas Westcott to Catharine Kennedy.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

MARCH 2—Edmond, Son of Thomas and Eleanor Durney, aged 3 years and 10 days.
21—Catharine, Daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Keating aged 2 years and 2 months.
23—Thomas, Son of Matthew and Catharine Stafford, aged 14 years.
25—Ellen, Daughter of John and Mary Murphy, aged 8 months.
26—Michael Whyte, Native of Ireland, aged 65 years.
29—Patrick Needham, Native of Halifax, aged 18 years.
21—Sarah Jones, Native of Ireland, aged 56.
APRIL 12—Johanna Holit, Native of Newfoundland, aged 40 years.
13—Francis, infant Son of Patrick and Mary McDermott aged 5 days.
14—John, Son of Edward Shea, aged 1 year and 0 months.
15—Anne, Daughter of the late George and Catharine Mulloy, Native of Ireland, aged 27 years.
15—Mary Ann Vegnars, Native of Newfoundland, aged 58 years.
16—Charlotte, Daughter of Martin and Johanna Walsh, aged 16 years.
May they rest in peace!

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