

A Week's Anniversaries

(By An Occasional Contributor.)

This last week of November is as full as any of the previous weeks with anniversaries of a most interesting character. So numerous are they that we will have to run over them in a rapid manner, without any lengthy comments. Had we a whole pamphlet at our disposal each week we could fill it well and instructively with the mere mention of the anniversaries that deserve mention. But having only a column to use we are obliged to skim over what would merit a lengthy and detail treatment.

After this little preface we will turn to this past week's anniversaries.

Sunday last, the 22nd November, was the anniversary of the death of Pope John XXIII., which event took place in 1419. On the 22nd November, 1791, the great massacre at San Domingo took place—and we may add that this very week a revolution in the same place is to be recorded. On the 22nd November, 1852, the Empire was again declared in France. In 1861, on the 22nd November, the great preacher, Father Lacordaire, closed his life in death.

On the 23rd November, 1780, Fort George, in New York State, was captured by the Americans. In 1804, on the same date, Franklin Pierce was born. On the same date, in 1812, John Dunlop, printer to Congress, died. He was the first man who printed the Declaration of Independence, and published the first daily newspaper in the United States. He was an Irishman, native of Strabane, County Tyrone, where he was born in 1747. He was a printer and publisher, in Philadelphia, under Ben Franklin. On the 23rd November, 1863, the battle of Chattanooga was fought. The most important anniversary commemorated on the 23rd November, is that of the Manchester Martyrs—Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien—a full account of which celebration will be found in this issue in another column.

On the 24th November, 1572, the famous John Knox, the great thunderer of Scottish reform, died. On the same date, in 1713, Lawrence Sterne, the Irish author, was born. On the same date, 1798, took place the arrest of Naper Tandy, while in 1867, on the 24th November, James Stephens escaped from Richmond Prison, Dublin. In 1848, on the 24th November, Pope Pius IX. made his famous escape from Rome, and accompanied by his devoted follower Fillippini, and the French Ambassador, took refuge at Gaeta. It was on the 24th November, 1807, that the famous Indian chief, Joseph Brant, died. And on the same date, in 1863, the battle of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, was fought. These are anniversaries sufficient for one day, and any one of them might furnish subject matter for a lengthy essay.

The 25th November was the feast of St. Catharine, a day that has ever been commemorated in this province, both as a religious feast and a family one. In 1185, on the same date, Pope Innocent III. died. In 1764, on St. Catharine's feast, Hagarth, the Irish sculptor, died. In 1775, on the same date, Charles Kemble, the actor, was born. In 1783, on the same date, took place the evacuation of New York city by the British.

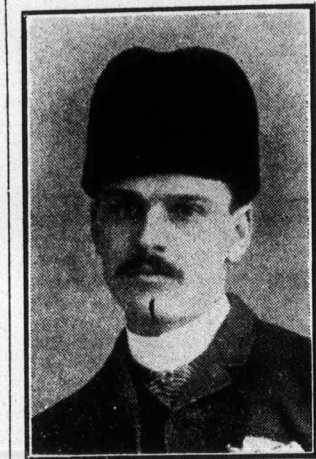
On the 26th November, 1594, was born Sir James Ware, one of the most eminent historians that Ireland has produced. Although a Protestant, he was most conscientious and patriotic. In 1799, on the same date, the famous Irish chemist, Joseph Black, died. In 1851, died, on the 26th November, Napoleon's renowned general Marshal Saut. We have omitted to mention that the same day is the anniversary of the death of Queen Isabella, of Spain, the consort of Ferdinand, and the first patroness of Christopher Columbus. Her death took place in 1504.

The 27th November, was the anniversary of the death of the poet Horace, who died in the year 8 before Christ. In 1198, on the 27th November, Roderick O'Connor, the last King of Ireland, died. On the same date, in 1725, was invented the system known as stereotyping.

The 28th November, this day com-

memorates the death of Pope Gregory III., which took place in 741. In 785 died Virgilius, the Apostle of Corinthia, one of the most famous of the Irish missionaries who preached the Gospel in Germany about the middle of the eighth century, along with St. Boniface. His name was Feargal, but he was commonly called Virgilius, and was the most learned man of his time. In 1680, on the 28th November, Bernini, the sculptor, died. On the same date, in 1776, Washington crossed the Delaware. In 1803, on the 28th November, the State of Ohio was admitted into the American Union. And, finally, on the 28th November, 1859, the famous writer, Washington Irving, closed his brilliant and fruitful career. We might say that this writer has been to America what Scott was to Scotland. He peopled the hills and valleys of his native land with a hundred creatures of fiction all of which will live as long as American literature lasts.

Catholic Sailors' Club.



MR. GEORGE H. CARTER.

The last concert of the year was held under the auspices of the James McCready Co., Ltd., of which Mr. Charles F. Smith is the president. Needless to say that with such an army of intelligent and enthusiastic workers as are to be found in the service of that most prosperous commercial organization, the concert was a fitting close to one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Club.

The President of the Club, Mr. McNamee, prior to introducing the chairman of the evening, thanked the audience for their attendance in such large numbers. It was very gratifying to the Catholic Sailors' Club to know that the concert of this year had been a greater success from a financial point of view, than any proceeding year in the life of the institution. He hoped all friends would continue to support the Club in the future as they had in the past. It was the duty of all right thinking people, possessed of a true Christian spirit, to render all the assistance in their power to institutions of this kind.

He also took occasion to thank the numerous organizations who contributed to the support of the Club during the season just closed, and also the societies who had rendered assistance the previous year, although they had fallen from grace, but that was a human weakness with which all are afflicted.

Mr. George H. Carter occupied the chair, and made a capital speech which aroused much enthusiasm.

The programme was varied and much enjoyed. Among the contributors were: Miss Boyle, Miss Katie Cregan, Miss Lyons, Miss Mabel Parker, Miss McMarra, Miss Dora Parker, Miss Broderick, Messrs. Geo. Taillefer, L. D. Laroché, T. J. Murphy, J. D. Laing, W. Kennedy, R. Aubourne, A. S. Lavallee, A. Biggs, F. O'Neil, P. Allyn. The McCready Band rendered some choice selections during the evening. The sailors were represented by two of the crew of the steamer Toronto, who sang some of their comic songs, which were loudly applauded. Miss Orton was the accompanist. A very successful season was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

TRUE MODESTY.

Modesty is one of the sweetest and most desirable qualities one can possess, and yet too much modesty hinders advancement. When this quality is over-developed, it antagonizes aggressiveness, without which no great success can be attained.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SAVED BY A "HAIL MARY."

Instances of remarkable escape from danger and of preservation of life through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin are so frequent among her devout clients that it would require many pens to record them all. There is hardly a pious Catholic family that does not preserve the memory of some such favor at the hands of Mary Immaculate. The following incident occurred in the home of a physician residing in Boston, who writes: "I have often felt as though I were under an obligation to make this known outside of my own circle of friends. The favor was so signally granted that I think others might be edified in hearing of it, and thereby have their devotion to our dear Mother increased. I send the narrative to you, and you may publish it if you deem it worthy, only I prefer not to have my name made public.

We are glad to make the favor known to our readers, and we hope it will be with the good effect the pious writer desires. The incident is related in his own words:

It was on the 4th of January, 1878. The day had been very warm, with a heavy rain, until four o'clock in the afternoon. At this hour the wind, in true New England style, suddenly changed to the north, and the rain turned into snow. The temperature rapidly sank, until, at seven o'clock in the evening, it was far below freezing point, with a heavy gale blowing. The mother of the family had been ill for a month, and was only just beginning to sit up. It has always been our custom to have night prayers in common, and so on this evening three little children, with the father, knelt about their mother's bed to recite them. Just as the devotions were finished, the mother suddenly spoke to the children these words, which we shall never forget, "O children, say an extra 'Hail Mary' to-night for protection; if not, we shall surely be burnt up." The extra "Hail Mary" was said, and the children went to bed. The mother cautioned me to look well to the house, and seemed very uneasy, the idea of fire running through her mind. At ten o'clock the others retired, and slept soundly all night.

At six next morning I was called by the nurse, who informed me that the water was running over the kitchen floor. I got up, and on entering the kitchen, which was in an upper part of the house, great was my surprise to see that the apartment had been on fire during the night; there was a large hole burnt through two thicknesses of board on the floor. The wall on the side had also been on fire, and all the woodwork was turned into charcoal. Along the wall ran a water-pipe, and this had burst just in the right spot; the water had poured on the fire and extinguished it. Members of the fire department visited the house during the day, and all, even an infidel, said it was a miracle. Had the fire not been extinguished so soon, the whole house, which was of wood, would certainly have been destroyed, and loss of life would have been almost inevitable, as we all slept upstairs.

We shall never forget this event, though it may look insignificant on paper. We have always attributed our narrow escape to the intercession of the Mother of God, in answer to that "Hail Mary" and we still continue to say it. When the children are summoned for their night prayers, they always say, "Don't forget the extra 'Hail Mary' for protection during the night!"

PRACTICE OF POLITENESS.—There is one thing which every really nice boy and girl will be careful about, and this is the practice of universal politeness. This is one of the cardinal virtues, you know, and marks the true gentleman or lady. Rudeness is akin to boorishness, and the boy or girl who is guilty of it can never be really kind-hearted or refined; neither will he or she win the love or the liking of desirable people, and if it is allowed to govern the manners, will inevitably stamp the offender as underbred.

No boy can be a true gentleman, no girl a lady, who is disrespectful to older persons, and most of all to those whose white hairs should lend them dignity and honor. It is the duty of every boy and girl to be especially careful and considerate of the aged, and whenever I see a small man or woman doing or saying something pleasant for or to old people, I immediately decide that he or she

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In this hurrying age a boy may sometimes find it difficult to always be polite, but if he is so, it will be all the more to his credit, for it tells his sterling quality and is the hall mark of his gentility. There is always time for the practice of the graceful and gracious things which make so much of the happiness of life, and if a boy only opens a door or places a chair for an elderly person, and does it with a smiling face, he is doing something to build up a fine character. So with the girl who pauses long enough to perform some gentle act or to speak some kindly word to the aged, the poor, or the unfortunate.

It is the small things, after all, dear children, which make up the sum of life, and if you do them well, the great ones will also be properly done, and success will follow. Let no boy or girl think for a moment that he or she can afford to be rude, careless, or inconsiderate, for the tiny fault of to-day may become the great crime of to-morrow, and the little unkind deed, the great wrong to one's neighbor. Lend yourselves, dear children, to the daily practice of the things which make others happy, and you will not only grow into noble men and women, but into a state of happiness which nothing can take away.—Young Catholic Messenger.

A MATTER OF TASTE.—A woe-begone specimen of the tramp tribe made a call at a rural residence the other day to ask for aid. The door was opened by an impersonation of Hood's "masculine lady in curls," a female of angular proportions, severe demeanor, and uncertain age and temper.

She said: "I shall not give you anything. If you had been wise you would not have come here. Do you know who I am?"

The weary wanderer said he did not.

"Well, I am a policeman's wife, and if he were in he would take you."

The tired tourist gazed at her a moment from head to toe and replied: "I believe you, ma'am. If he took you he'd take anybody."

'Twas well for him he had two seconds' start in the race.—The Gael.

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do not understand either domestic or international acy. But if the expression taken in the common, even I have considerable experience matter and may talk, or it. Supposing, then, the door" does mean an entrance to a house, I say in connection there gin with China, I slightest hesitation in at they may keep doors w year round, all day and the Celestial Empire. In place, they have no there, and, in the second doors and windows con in the wall with curt over them. Between open huge mosquitos, and odors, they can well without doors, as they without clothing. But story when you come and especially between N March.

SOME OBSERVATIONS
many peregrinations, gnomes, and elsewhere with some strange cases. Last winter I had occasion family in the north end having had some business father of the family. W there I found that the cold was ill. The mother four weeks in bed and dren were suffering all and four of them from nesses, in addition. The me a very sad story of bled they were having. Bu told me that she could stand how they could h colds, since not one of the been outside the house snow fell, and they neve ther doors or windows, that she had given me best possible reason why ill, and why she was si You should have gone house and experienced h in the atmosphere that had been breathing for was not a matter of po had more than the ord saries for comfort. They thing, except fresh air, possibly required. But th the air, like the absence done its evil work. I H said deadly work. Decided been very warm all win would not like to say th comfortable—for it is no comfortable to be ill. I clined to give the good l of my mind; but as I w medical man, nor a he nor one particularly inter domestic affairs of the thought that I would be thanked if I were to keep ions and my advice to m no such feelings stand in my now expressing them nest of others. The idea was that by opening the windows of the house, the winter could come in, mal chilly and give them all could there be such a mis Suppose it did make the for a brief space, there is way, by means of fire, in furnace, to counteract it, necessary to so air a hou has to be made like a r There are generally more one; and while one room ed the others may be kept warm. The room that is can be vacated for the But what is the use for into all these details? It say that I have learned f varied experience that th amount of sickness is to the winter time, and tha to the fact that people h bears instead of living li sense Christians and enj using God's gifts.

THE CLIMATE.—Go will and you hear talk of ing climate. Abroad the loves to vaunt his clear, wintry atmosphere. He w stranger of all the health