

the basement where last winter more than 5,000 quarts were at first sold, and after the severe frost set in given away, to the poor of the parish.

N. OR M.

In answer to the enquiry of a correspondent, the editor of the *N. Y. Church Journal* thus explains the meaning of these letters as used in the Common Prayer. In the Catechism, "N" stands for the Latin Nomen (name); and "M" which is the abbreviation of NN, for Nomina (names). In the Marriage Service, the letters are reversed, "M" coming first, and "N" second, but there they have an entirely different meaning; "M" standing for "Maritus" the bridegroom, and "N" for "Nupta" the bride.

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