

Father Anselm Duell, O. C. C., late Prior of our Monastery at Scipio, Kas. Father Anselm succumbed to a treacherous throat ailment on Dec. 11th, 1895, after a brief illness of two or three days. He was born 52 years ago at Eichelsee, in the parish of Ochsenfurt, Würzburg Diocese, Bavaria. In 1867 his zeal brought him to America, and in 1871 Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville, Ky., raised him to the dignity of priesthood. As a pastor of souls he is well remembered by the host of friends he had gained at Cumberland, Md.; Holy Trinity Parish, Pittsburg, Pa.; Butler, Pa., and vicinity, and Scipio, Kas.; in all of which places it had been his lot to spread piety, devotion, and love of truth. His was a noble character, a deep sincerity of purpose underlying all his works. He was unostentatious, loved retirement, and withal was most cordial and condescending in his contact with his fellow men. At the last Provincial Chapter, held at New Baltimore, Pa., in 1894, he was elected Prior of St. Boniface's Monastery, Scipio, Kas. In him the Order has lost a noble priest, and the Community at Scipio a faithful Superior. His life was the life of a just man before God, and without blame before men. Let us hope that the crown of glory which Carmel's Queen has in readiness for her devoted servants, has been bestowed upon our dear departed Father Anselm long ere these pages will have been printed, as a reward for faithful service in the Lord's vineyard and the garden of Carmel.—Requiescant in Pace!

PUBLICATIONS.

The *Buffalo Volksfreund* publishes an annual called *Der Hausfreund*, which is as pretty an almanac as any of the imported ones. It is out for the new year with beautiful illustrations and excellent stories, printed by "Muhlbauer & Behrie, Chicago."

The *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* begins its 31st year in a handsome new dress. The design of the cover is much more artistic than it has been hitherto. The typography is excellent, and the illustrations are of the best kind of half-tone engraving. The literary contents are better than ever. The *Messenger* is beyond

doubt the most beautifully printed and illustrated devotional magazine published anywhere. The subscription price remains the same, \$2 yearly.

The *Young People* is giving its readers the latest serial story written by Father Finn, S. J. In its Christmas number it publishes a portrait of this genial writer. His face is what we expected. Every genuine Catholic boy who has become acquainted with Tom Playfair and Claude Lightfoot will grow warm at the sight of these kind features.

Charity, the Origin of Every Blessing, is the title of a dainty little volume, published by the Benziger Bros. Sweet charity is here portrayed in all its charms. The most suitable book for Christmas, the season of good will to all men. The low price (75 cts.) makes it a possible present even for the poorest. We are shown in this delightful volume that through charity we obtain wealth, honor, and health, and are delivered from evil, besides receiving all spiritual blessings and eternal rewards.

Of all the many beautiful Christmas numbers of the various journals and magazines, not one was more welcome, than the new illustrated monthly, published at Toronto by J. C. Walsh. The Christmas number is the third issue of this bright venture. It is the only English illustrated magazine published under Catholic management in Canada. We are, therefore, glad of its success. There was a decided need of it, and the confidence of the editor, that it would at once spring into popular favor, seems to have been fully justified. But then he has known how to make his readers believe in him and his promises. The table of contents of this Christmas number includes a most judicious variety of subjects, treated by such popular writers as Eugene Davis, Charles Robinson, Dean Harris, Thos. O'Hagan, Dr. Flannery and others. It has been growing in beauty also, and we are, therefore, quite willing to await the time, when *Walsh's Magazine* will not need to embellish its pages with inferior