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LOCAL CALENDAR: -

\$at. Dec. 18. Expectation of Bl. Virgin.
\$un. '' 19, 4th Sunday of Advent.
Mon. '' 20, St. Christian.
Tues. '' 21, St. Thomas.
Wed. '' 22, St. Zeno.
Thurs. '' 23, St. Victoria,
Fri. '' 24. Christmas Eve. Fast.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.— Monday, 18, Novitiate of Brothers of Charity; Wednesday, 22, Grey Nuns, Motherhouse; Friday, 24, No-witate of Christian Brothers; Sun-day, 26, Juvenate, Terrebonne.

sented last Sunday, the object be-ing the early closing of saloons, to which was appended many signa-tures, which goes to show that the temperance movement is spreading greatly. May the good work go

LECTURE ON IRISH MUSIC.—Rev. Father M. Callaghan will de-liver a lecture on Irish music in St. Ann's Hall on Tuesday next. The lecture will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections. The ability of Father Callaghan as The ability of Father Callaghan as a lecturer is widely known, and the subject—one dear to the Irish heart—will be in the hands of a master, so that those who desire to enjoy a thorough treat on the nature and history of Irish music should not fall to be present in St. Ann's Hall on Tuesday next.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT ST. MICHAEL'S.—Immediately after the High Mass on Sunday last, the largest meeting ever held at St. Michael's convened to endorse a resolution from the parish school board maintaining their independence and appointing the pastor, the Rev. J. P. Klernan, ito appear before the School Commissioners to express their views.

In connection with the Board of Control the following three gentlemen were appointed as delegates: Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, Mr. Patrick Murphy, Mr. Edward O'Grady.

NO. 2 DIV., A.O.H., ELECTS OF-FICERS.—At the regular meeting of Division No. 2, A.O.H., held in FICERS.—At the regular meeting of Division No. 2, A.O.H., held in their hall on Bichmond street, on Dec. 9th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Bro. Quigley; vice-president, Bro. Walsh; financial secretary, Bro. P. Ryan; recording secretary, Bro. Donohue; treasurer, Bro. Hogan; sentinel, Bro. Donnelly; marshalls. Bros. M. Mullins and Hamnay. Atter the meeting one of their regular scheduled games of eucher took place, which was very much enjoyed by all. The contestants were No. 4 vs. No. 2, resulting in a win by a few points vy the visiting Brothers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The ollowing officers were elected for particular of of officers.—The collowing officers were elected for the ensuing year at the regular meeting of Division No. 5, A.O.H., held on Friday evening, Dec. 10.

Chaplain—Rev. T. F. Heffernan. President—Bro. P. Malorsy. Vice-President—Bro. J. Bremnan. Rec. Secretary—Bro. J. Brophy. Fin. Secretary—Bro. W. E. O'Fla-party.

Treasurer—Bro. J. L. Devine.
Medical Examiner—Bro. J. J. McGovern, M.D.
Marshall—Bro. P. Tracey.
Finance Committee—Bros. H.
Tracey, chairman; J. Delaney, J.
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Chairman: T. Lane, J. Dowling.
Literary Committee—Bros. J. Brenran, chairman: B. Munday, D.
Downey, P. Transy, J. Brophy.
This Division is making great

preparations for the increasing of their present membership during the coming winter, and by the programme outlined the membership will not only be doubled but trebled, as the series of entertainments are up to the standard and with such an excellent body of officials presents are beington. such an excellent body of officials prospects are bright.

> RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. At the regular meeting of Branch 1024, L.C.B.A., held on Monday, Dec. 13, the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Sister Anstacia O'Donnell.

Whereas, It has pleased Almightv God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from our midst our beloved sister, Anastacia O'Donnell, and

Whereas, in her death the Branch sustains the loss of one of its charter members, and an earnest worker and her husband and children a loving and devoted wife and mother;

BLESSING OF STATIONS.—Or Sunday evening mext, at 7.30 o'clock, there will take place at St. Michael's the solemn blessing of Stations of the Cross, the gift of a parishioner.

EARLY CLOSING OF SALOONS.—A petition from the temperance workers of St. Michael's was presented last Sunday, the object being the early closing of saloons, to which was appended many signatures, which goes to show that the temperance movement is spreading greatly. May the good work go

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.—We hope to have a long list of benefactiors to delight the readers' eys the next time we have occasion to speak of this unpretentious little institution. The following will show that Christmastide in a properties of the state of the The following will show that Christmastide is approaching and Father Holland is thankful to those who are thinking of his proteges and his efforts. Mr. T. McArulty, twenty dollars: Mrs. Daly, seven dollars to buy a ton of coal: A friend, two dollars: Mrs. Sam Rowan, three dollars: Mr. Sam Rowan, three dollars: Mr. Levine, three dollars: Mr. Jas. C. Shanahan, two dollars: Mrs. Jas. Kelly, two dollars, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Connolly, one dollar each, and Mr. Donoghue one bag potatoes. Mr McCarthy of McCord street did a job of necessary plastering gratis.

St. Louis de Drance; Rev. J. H. S. Rosconi.
Processions—Vice-Presidents conjointly: Rev. A. V. J. Piette, P.P., Villeray; Rev. T. F. Heffernan, P.P., St. Thomas Aquinas; Rev. A. Deschamps, Almoner Deaf and Dumb Asylum; Rev. A. Martin, Almoner Providence Convent.
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Members—Rev. H. Bedard, P.S.S., Rev. L. J. Bouhier, P.S.S., Rev. E. Colclough, S.J., Rev. L. Desjardirs, secretary Laval University; Rev. O. Gauthier, St. Leo's: Rev. V. Hudon, S.J., Rev. Abbé Luche, P.S.S., Rev. Father Piché, P.S.V., Rev. Father Pitre, S.S.S., Rev. Father Raymond, O.S.F., Rev. N. A. Troic, P.S.S., P.P. Notre Dame: Rev. C. G. Villeneuve.

General Committee—Hollorary President, His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate.

President—His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi.

IS ENGLAND **CHRISTIAN?**

Father Vaughan Startles a Fashionable Audience by His Question and Masterly Reply.

We take the following timely sermon of the Rev. Bernard Vaughan from the Catholic Times, the lessons it teaches being so applicable to

ourselves: Having opened his discourse with an explanation of his plan of mons, Father Vaughan said must start by answering the ques-

IS THE MIND OF ENGLAND CHRISTIAN?

You will ask me, he continued, what are the chief characteristics of the mind of a Christian, in what respect does it differ from the mind that is not Christian, what are its dominant principles, what its laws, its outlook, its aim and aspirations? In answer to these questions, I me say that the Christian mind real desire on the secretary and the treasurer show the institution to be in a very hopeful condition. This Club is constantly carrying on an eminently good work, and ever ready to add those coming within its range. The full account of the year's doings was veered until the third Thursda- in any, 1910, when detailed retailed and work and were ready to add those coming within its range. The full account of the year's doings was veered until the third Thursda- in any, 1910, when detailed retailed are the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the full account of the year's doings was veered until the third Thursda- in a very hopeful condition. This club is constantly carrying on an eminently good work, and ever ready to add those coming within its range. The full account of the year's doings was veered until the third Thursda- in a veere than the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led forward to. Memgrand work may be it is taken in the last year's business led for the last In answer to these questions, I may say that the Christian mind realizes as no other mind does or can that mar belongs to God absolutely, and depends upon God entirely. The preacher than gave a vivid description of the true Christian's devotion to God, and continuing, said the Christian mind, then, is bent upon, and occupied with not temporal things most of all, but things eternal; its motto is borrowed from Stantislaus: "Non caduca, sed acterna." Having sketched the thoughts, the projects, and the ambitions of the mind of a true Christian, Father Vaughan proceeded: For a moment, let us pause to ask ourselves, is this the mind of the average Englishman whom we meet to-day in this twentieth century?—or, to put the question less directly, a little more in the abstract, is

but for what is clean and whole-some and instructive in the natural order itself. What Alexandre Du-mas once told his Parisian audience I might with some truth say to an English audience, that "the only books which make a sensation are bad books," bad as regards questions of faith or morals, or both.
"The modern novel and the modern play." says a recent writer "take play," says a recent writer, "take infidelity as their text. They are destroying the nation's life." This, I take it, is too sweeping a denunciation, but there is an element of truth in it.

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE:

The following Resolution of condelence was passed by Division No. 5, A.O.H., to Bro. J. L. Devine, Treasurer of the Division, on the death of his mother:

We hope he will not have to death of his mother:

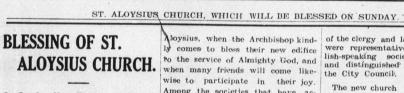
We take the following official list of committees of Eucharistic Congress, that a pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness to call to her eternal reward your most beloved and respected mother;

Resolved, that we tender to you and to the family our most sincere serrow and sympathy;

Be it further resolved, that while bowing down in humble submission to His divine will, we pray that Almighty God may console her sorrowing family and grant them grace and strength to bear with fortitude and they have suitaired; would lead you to suppose there was no God at all. Not that it denies the existence of a personal Deity, but because it undertakes to explain all occurrences without even the mention of His name. It is a daily record of daily events, and its discourses are wholly devoted to the interests which belong to time and sense. It takes no cognizance of revealed truth, it professes no knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven; it is silent about the future of the immortal soul. If the Press is non-Christian, the reason of it is that the mind of its readers, the people of England, is not Christian. It grieves me to say that in our seething modern cities there is an ever-increasing population "drinking at Stygian pools of foulness, feeding upon the offal of literature and learning, the language of shame."

And now to come to the drama. Whatever may be said in praise of it, we cannot pretend that it could define its mission as the dramatic method of drawing people to put eternity before time, Heaven before earth, and the soul before the hody. On the contrary, theatres, music-balls, and other places of amusement provide entertainments best calculated to fill a house. They exist to supply a demant; they reflect the mind of the country, and like the book and the paper.

THE THEATRE AND MUSIC HALL



On Sunday Next Pastor and People Will Witness Happy Consummation of Their Hopes.



REV. M. L. SHEA. Pastor St. Aloysius Church

say it is anti-Christian, like the mind of France, but I cannot refrain from declaring it is non-Christian. With Card of Newman we might say: "Some visible idel is taken as a substitute for God." We all know how heavily handicapped in its race for readers is the high-principled paper, advocating what is right. The bournal most sure of circulation is the one "recording facts which never happened, to please readers who never think." Father Vaughan went on to ask his readers to examine their consciences with a view to testing their spiritual whereabouts, and concluding with a brilliant peroration, said: My message to yeu this

Sunday will be a joyful day

wise to participate in their joy. Among the societies that have accepted invitations to be present are the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and the A.O. H. In the sanctuary with the Bishop will be the pastors of the English-speaking parishes and representatives of the religious communities of the city. The solemn High Mass will be chanted by the Rev. Father Donnelly, pastor of St. Anthony's, who will be assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Father Doyle, S.J. A specially augmented choir under the direction of Mr. J. S. Shea, will render the Mass of St. Therese with orchestral transfer in prass. all wise to participate in their joy. of Mr. J. S. Shea, will render the Mass of St. Therese with orchestral accompaniment.

The parish of St. Aloysius was The parish of St. Aloysus was formed by His Grace the Archbishop less than two years ago, and its progress has been aindeed remarkable. A temporary chapel was opened in the basement of St. Joseph's School, Desery street, on Feb. 2nd, 1908, and the pastor with his small congregation consixteen months.

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On Sept. 1st, 1908, ground was broken for the new church and-fairly good progress has been made since then. The corner-stone of the new edifice was faid by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Racicot on Nov. 1st, in the presence of a large gathering

low the snow-line of the eternal hills not to feed your minds on food stuffs that can only make them worldly, tethering your thoughts to earth and things earthly. Rise to the full height of your Christian manhood or womarhood, and forget not that it is not "the bewitchings of vanity," but the teaching of Christ that forms the Christian mind. Be persuaded that it is not by what it knows but on what it believes that the mind of men grows great and good. Well saith the Christian poet:

loysius, when the Archbishop kind- of the clergy and laity among whom ly comes to bless their new edifice to the service of Almighty God, and when many friends will come likewise to participate in their likewise to bless their new edifice the content of the content o

sized statues, and a Communion rail of neat design in brass, all gifts of generous friends, will prove highly effective eccles/astical orna-

The pastor and parishioners of St. Aloysius are to be congratulated on the realization of the long and fond cherished hopes for a church of their own and for the wonderful success achieved during the short period of the parish existence.

After the blessing of the Church, and the Holy Mass on Sunday, the ladies of St. Aloysius have organ-ized to give a dinner to all those who may wish to attend. The pro-ceeds of the dinner to be devoted to the fund for furnishing the sanctua-

morning is an exhortation from the Master, not to be conformed to this world, not to be dragged down be-

low the snow-line of the eternal hills And rise or sink as we aim high or RETREAT AT THE PALACE—His Grace the Archbishop and house-hold are on retreat all this week. Mgr. Latulippe vicar apostolic of Temascaming, is in the city and is following the exercises at the Pa-