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With next month's issue we intend to open a query column. Catholic subjects only will be treated. Anonymous communications will not be heeded. Each communication must have the signature of the sender attached. Name will not be published.

The Rev. P. Ryan has been transferred by the Rt. Rev. Bishop from Bodie to the Cathedral in this city as assistant pastor. Father Ryan was formerly stationed in Sacramento for a short time. He is succeeded in Bodie by the Rev. Fr. Molyneux, late of Placerville.

Rev. Fr. Grant, who recently returned from a trip abroad in improved health, has taken up his duties as assistant pastor at Placerville.

The Rev. Fathers Horgan, of Nevada, were in Sacramento on a brief visit last week.

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REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM

A prominent New York minister, Dr. Newman Smyth, expatiated to his congregation at Christmas on the signs of the re-union of Christendom. He sees plainly that “it is all over with Protestantism.” “In the past hundred years,” he is quoted as saying, “it has done nothing but break up creeds, and seems to have lost its hold upon men.”

On the other hand, he noticed since 1870, a greater vigor in the Catholic Church in dealing with things spiritual and moral, in other words increased unity of spirit in Catholicism.

In the same State of New York, a representative learned body of Episcopalian clergymen go much further with the same subject. They live according to the austere rule of St. Francis of Assisi. All their energies, spiritual and intellectual, are centered on bringing back the whole Anglican body into communion with the seat of Christian unity, Rome, from which they were torn by the enactments of Henry VIII. and his successors.

This movement marks the culminating period of the Oxford movement, which brought so many historic characters into the Church, in the latter portion of the last century. The Anglican community at Graymoor, New York, has for years contributed with the Catholic world at large, Peter’s Pence, for the maintenance of the Pope and the Roman Congregations. Often and well have they written of the prerogatives of St. Peter. At the present moment they, with their friends and adherents, are engaged in a novena of prayer for light and grace, as one of themselves puts it, “in the very critical period of the Anglican Church.”

Such earnest desire for truth, gone about in so Christian a manner will,
in God’s own time, bear abundant fruit.
The following letter to one of the local clergy from a distinguished clergyman of that Anglican community may prompt the reader also to comply with the request made therein:

Graymoor, Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Epiphany, 1908.
Rev. and Dear Father:
We are just now passing through a very critical period in the Anglican Church and we know not what a day may bring forth. I enclose a copy of the circular letter we have sent out to the Anglican Clergy of the pro-Roman School. Will you observe the Church Unity Octave with us and secure as many prayers and Masses for the object as you can. Only God knows what blessed results will follow.
Yours faithfully in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
PAUL JAMES FRANCIS, S. A.

Friendly notices of The Tidings by Catholic contemporaries in several sections of the country are naturally very gratifying to the publishers. The Monitor of San Francisco has been especially considerate in this way. St. Joseph’s Record of Berkeley, which is one of the most cleverly edited of parochial publications, has been saying nice things, too, in a characteristically nice way.

Father Tubman, at Reno, is pushing the work on the handsome new church at that place. The people of the city are enthusiastically co-operating with the pastor in this enterprise. Both non-Catholics and Catholics evince the deepest interest in the development of the splendid structure, which will be a distinct ornament to Reno architecturally, and a lasting monument to the zeal and faith of the pastor and people of the parish.
Comparatively few people, even among the Catholics of the city, are familiar with the attractions and advantages of St. Joseph's Academy, which takes rank with the foremost educational institutions of the State. The Academy occupies a fine site in the heart of Sacramento, affording every advantage and convenience of such a location. The spacious grounds, covering a city block, are handsomely laid out in gardens. Beautiful shade trees and luxuriant shrubbery lend a rural charm to the setting of the large and substantially constructed buildings consecrated to the diffusion of learning. The school itself is admirably conducted and is equipped with every up-to-date adjunct for the effective training of girls and young ladies in both the useful and practical branches and the polite accomplishments that constitute a well-rounded out education. As teachers, the Sisters of Mercy have no superiors in that important field of activity. St. Joseph's Academy enjoys a well-deserved fame throughout Northern California for the thoroughness and high character of musical culture imparted. Pupils in both vocal and instrumental music possess exceptional advantages and many of the most clever and brilliant performers in this part of the State and elsewhere owe much to the skillful and painstaking direction of these teachers. This department of the Academy is largely patronized by young ladies of Sacramento and vicinity not otherwise affiliated with the institution. There are at present about forty boarders, and two hundred day scholars enrolled in the various departments of the Academy. A practical commercial course, including typewriting, bookkeeping and modern business forms, has recently been added to the curriculum, enabling pupils, who so desire, to acquire a sound working knowledge of the require-

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ments of office routine and thus fit themselves for a business career if they so elect. While the moral and intellectual requisites are carefully considered, the physical are by no means neglected. A fine tennis court now supplements the other means of outdoor exercise of which the pupils are encouraged to avail themselves. Appreciation of the benefits of wholesome moral environment combined with enlightened and progressive methods of mental cultivation and the practical inculcation of that refinement of manner which comprises one of the chiefest charms of noble womanhood, has led many non-Catholic parents of the community to entrust the training of their daughters to the efficient faculty of St. Joseph's Academy.

The members of the Children of Mary Sodality of the Cathedral parish have arranged for a card party to be given on the 31st of this month. A charming Valentine party will follow under the same auspices. It is the design of the young ladies to hold a series of social entertainments during the season. Great success has uniformly attended their efforts in that direction.

Cathedral Sodality Officers
Director, Rev. P. J. Hayes; Prefect, Wm. Douglass; First Assistant Prefect, James Riley; Second Assistant Prefect, F. J. Sumner; Secretary, A. Readman; Treasurer, Rev. J. Ellis; Consultants, Frank Duane, Wm. Gormley and Chas. O'Neill.

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The Madonna in Art

One of the largest meetings of the Tuesday Club held for a long time was that of Tuesday, the 21st Inst., at Elks' Hall, when the members and their friends were regaled with a delightful intellectual treat by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Capel, who lectured on "The Madonna in Art." The mastery of the subject evinced by the speaker and his graceful and charming fluency in presenting it, won the enthusiastic acknowledgement of his appreciative and discriminating audience. The latter included the most prominent socially and many of the cleverest women in Sacramento, all of whom followed with closest attention the Monsignor's brilliant discourse which lasted for nearly two hours.

The club for young men recently organized by Father Laffan is progressing finely and promises to result in great benefit to the Catholic youth of Sparks, intellectually and otherwise. Among the features of the institute is a Rugby team, which, under the able coaching of Father Laffan, who is expertly adept at the game, may be expected to develop some skillful players. Rugby is among the most healthful and wholesome of outdoor athletics, and its introduction has created a great deal of interest among the younger set at Sparks.

Both councils of the Y. M. I. 11 and 27, have agreed to become one—a step in the right direction. It will save expenses, make the new council vigorous, the meetings large and enthusiastic.

St. Stephen's Free School

A new class room has been added to the flourishing free school conducted in connection with St. Stephen's Church of this city. The Rt. Rev. Bishop who fitted up the school at his own expense has assumed the cost of this needed improvement. The institution is in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis, five in number, with Sister Henrietta at their head. The enrollment is two hundred and forty, although the school is little more than a year old. The attendance is remarkably cosmopolitan in character. Half a score of nationalities are represented among the pupils. The influence of the school is gradually, but surely moulding the children of many diverse stocks into a homogeneous whole of bright young Americans. The constituency of St. Stephen's affords an interesting and instructive study in the assimilative potency of a common faith and juvenile association in the parochial class room. The younger set of the school are a mentally alert and bright-eyed aggregation and have in them the germ of efficient and honorable manhood and womanhood. The school, which is quietly accomplishing a distinctly valuable service to the community, apart from the purely intellectual and moral training of hundreds of little citizens, is furnished in a very complete and wholly modern manner, thanks to the Bishop's generous zeal for the welfare of those lambs of his flock. One of the most recent additions to the equipment and one that elicits the liveliest interest of the pupils, is a big mechanical chart of...
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Rev. M. Coleman celebrated the 20th anniversary of his pastorate of St. Joseph's Church, Marysville, last Sunday. The day was also the fortieth year of his priesthood. No special services were held in honor of the event because Father Coleman did not wish any public celebration of the occasion. The parishioners of St. Joseph's, however, did not fail to make a mental note of the anniversary, and we may be sure that devout prayers were recited petitioning for their esteemed pastor many more years of fruitful service. St. Joseph's parish dates back to '49, when the first religious services of the young congregation were held on a boat in the river. The present beautiful church was begun in 1855. During Father Coleman's pastorate great progress, both spiritually and temporally, has marked the Marysville parish.

The officers of Sacramento Council No. 27, Young Men's Institute are:
Rev. Father Hayes, Chaplain; Frank Duane, President; Thomas Scollon, First Vice President; M. A. Burke, Second Vice President; George F. Burke, Financial Secretary; Tom Cody, Recording Secretary; J. P. Dunnin, Treasurer; Charles Waters, Marshal; H. Lang, Inside Sentinel; Frank O'Connell, Outside Sentinel; William Longshore, H. J. Carragher, William Douglass, Executive Committee; Dr. T. J. Cox, Medical Examiner.
After the regular order of business on Tuesday evening, January 14th, the members of Grace Institute, No. 17, enjoyed a “Grab Bag.” A very pleasant time was had and much praise is given the committee by whom the affair was arranged. Refreshments were served. A committee has been appointed to look after the details of the Shower Party to be held in honor of the Institute’s 19th Anniversary on the fourth Tuesday in February, the regular meeting night of the Society. A jolly evening is looked forward to. Elaborate preparations are making for the annual ball of the Institute, which will take place at Turner Hall on February 21st, the eve of Washington’s Birthday. This will be a “Betsy Ross” party in which many new and delightful features will be introduced. The young ladies of the Institute are very active in the conduct of pre-Lenten social festivities. The interest of the membership is not permitted to flag. The officers of the organization are: Past President, Lucy Genis; President, Mrs. Lynch; First Vice President, M. Farrell; Second Vice President, Mrs. H. Rothwell; Recording Secretary, Lucy Genis; Financial Secretary, Lizzie McMorry; Treasurer, Mrs. John Kent. The Institute meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Serra Hall.

Institute No. 48 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Red Men’s Hall. The officers are: Past President, Mrs. M. Boothby; President, Mrs. Josie McGee; First Vice President, Miss Molly Sweeney; Second Vice President, Mrs. Julia Gimor; Recording Secretary, May Taylor; Financial Secretary, Mary Mahoney; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Tavoris.

Jan Kubelik, who enraptured a critical audience at the Alisky January 19 with his wonderful power over the violin, is, with his family, a devout Catholic.
A Deserved Tribute

Angels' Sodality of the Cathedral elected the following officers at its recent meeting:

President, Loretto Farrell; Vice President, Eva Rickard; Secretary, Kittie McMorry; Treasurer, Julia Devine; Seraphim, Agnes Hayes; Cherubim, Mary B. Harrison; Thrones, Annie Schmorlez; Dominations, Margaret O'Brien; Virtuous, Clara Jackson; Powers, Cecil Rhodes; Principalities, Adeline Daroux; Archangels, Lucy Rickard; Angels, Kittie Fitzgerald.

Miss Edna Farley, who for several terms acted as President of the Angels' Sodality, left at the beginning of the year to pursue some special studies at a private school in Oakland. Under her skillful management the Sodality attained a large and active membership. A beautiful silk hand-made banner and other regalia were purchased and a double tennis court with all its appurtenances erected at St. Joseph's Academy from entertainments put on the stage by Miss Farley while in office. The Sacramento people will be pleased to hear that throughout the year entertainments similar to those that made the Angels' Sodality so noted in the past will be given. Miss Farley has not cut herself off from the Sodality, and she expects to find time enough to return at intervals to take charge of these affairs. The best wishes of the members of the Sodality go with her to her new field of activities.

Children of Mary Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality of St. Stephen's Church of which Father Hayes is spiritual director, is officered as follows:

Past President, Jennie Keirnan; President, Grace Borel; Vice President, Mary Kominsky; Secretary, Irene Sanderson; Treasurer, F. McSweeney. The Sodality meets the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, is amongst the earliest of Fraternal orders organized in this city, having filed Articles of Incorporation March, 1870, and has had a continuous and prosperous existence over those many years. Its motto: "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity," being comprehensive enough to admit of a wide field of usefulness to its members. On the first Tuesday in January it installed its officers for the ensuing year, County President W. J. O'Brien being installing officer. Division President, P. F. McMorry; Vice President, T. K. Diviny; Recording Secretary, E. C. Sheehan; Financial Secretary, D. W. Galvin; Treasurer, W. F. Gormley; Sentinel, J. W. Sullivan; Sergeant-at-Arms, L. Hannigan; Standing Committee: E. Kelly, P. Ryan, P. H. Kearns, Jerry Carroll, J. F. McQueeney; Chaplain, Rev. Father Ellis; Medical Examiner, Dr. G. W. Duffley.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies a substantial banquet was served in the lower hall, and songs and recitations rounded out a pleasant evening.

The Order will give its customary St. Patrick's Ball on the evening of March 17th, being its thirty-eighth annual ball. Look out for program in next issue.

Ladies' Auxiliary A. O. H.
The officers of this Society which meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Serra Hall, are:

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This Council is noted for the enthusiasm displayed in any cause which it undertakes, and the citizens of this community will shortly be apprised of the various functions in view, some of which will enable the public to judge of the hospitality and gallantry which their name implies.

On the 19th inst. a large number of the members of the local Council made a pilgrimage to Vallejo where the degrees of the Order were conferred by San Francisco Council, No. 615. As usual, those who attended report having had a very enjoyable trip.

An event which is looked forward to very anxiously is the proposed trip to Chico on Sunday, February 13th, the occasion being the conferring of the degrees on Chico Council by the officers of Sacramento Council.

An excursion is planned, which will be joined by a large delegation from the Bay County Councils.

Reception to Grand President
The reception extended by Capital Council No. 11 to Grand President Queen of the Y. M. I. on the occasion of his first official visit to this city, in December, was a brilliant social function. The honored guest expressed himself as greatly pleased with the showing made by No. 11. In the course of his address he referred optimistically to the prospects of the order in this section and throughout the State based upon the growth and enthusiasm of the membership of the Councils already visited. After the formalities of the official visitation were concluded, a banquet was enjoyed, which added immensely to the pleasure of the occasion. The menu left little to be desired gastronomically, but even the excellence of that feature of the entertainment was overshadowed by the flow of soul that succeeded the more material feast.

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Altar Boys Banqueted
The members of the St. Aloysius Sanctuary Society of the Cathedral were guests of the Christian Brothers last Saturday evening at a sumptuous banquet given in their honor. The affair was arranged at the college, the refectory of which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Covers were laid for fifty and the attractive spread was hugely enjoyed by the boys. Everything, or nearly everything, that appeals to the healthy palate of youth was included in the menu, from roast turkey with trimmings to ice cream and bon bons.

It would have been impossible to find forty happier and more contented lads in all of Sacramento, when at the conclusion of the feast the altar boys of the Cathedral settled back to listen to the after-dinner eloquence of their hosts, and one or two invited guests, whose presence graced the occasion. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Capel in his usual winning manner captivated his young hearers in a brief but delightful talk that went straight to the heart of each. The Brother Director also made a hit with a happy speech. Father Ellis was present, but was unable to remain for the feast of reason which succeeded the discussion of the more substantial good things. The boys voted the occasion a triumphant success, and are already anticipating the next annual gathering with eager expectancy.

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