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ST. MARY'S RECORD

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PARISH BULLETIN.

Office Hours: 8 to 11:30 A. M. 12:30 to 1 P. M. 3:30 to 6:30 and 7:30 to 8:30 P. M. Calls should be made during the time here given and at no other time.

Sick calls will be attended to promptly at any time of the night or day. When there is serious illness, word should be left at the Monastery during the early stages of the sickness, and when possible in the forenoon. (Both telephones, No. 200.)

Confessions will be heard every morning from 6:30 to 8:00, and every evening from 7:30 to 8:30. Sunday and Holyday mornings the confessions of only those persons who live in the country districts will be heard. Monday afternoon, Thursday afternoon before the first Friday of the month, Saturday, and afternoons before festivals, confessions will be heard from 3:00 to 6:00 P. M. and from 7:30 to 10:00 and later. At other times only by special appointment. From 7:30 to 10:00 P. M. of the Saturday preceding the third Sunday of the month the confessions of men only will be heard. Women should not even come to the Church on these occasions. At all times, evenings, the Church will be locked as soon after 9 o'clock as the last penitent shall have been heard.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS.

- I. Sunday: Members of the League and Young Ladies' Sodality.
- II. Sunday: Married Women and Children of Mary.
- III. " Men and St. Mary's Temperance Cadets.
- IV. " Holy Angels Sodality comprising the boys and girls of the last Communion class.

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Nineteen hundred and four is the year of the Golden Jubilee of the dedication of St. Mary's Church. The Church was dedicated Nov. 12, 1854. To commemorate the event, St. Mary's Record will be published monthly during the year 1904. The brochure will be chiefly what its name implies, a record of parochial events past and present. The number of persons whose memory goes back to the earlier days of St. Mary's is getting smaller year after year. Soon none will be left. To collect their reminiscences will be a labor of love. We of today know what is happening; but years hence this very familiar knowledge will be scarce more than a dim memory. In those years to come when the mind and heart live more in the recollections of the past than in current events and ambitions of the future, to read over the pages of St. Mary's Record may be an agreeable living over again the days of a dear auld lang syne.

It is not, however, intended to restrict the pamphlet to a record of parish happenings. As occasions offer other desirable information and opportune comment will be added. St. Mary's Record will be used to bring more minutely to the notice of the parishioners the parochial work which is being done, in order to interest all in the doing of that work more thoroughly. Lack of information about what is doing is sure to be followed by a lack of interest in the work itself. Owing to modern industrial conditions and also other causes, many, especially men, do not attend with sufficient regularity to hear the communications made

from the pulpit Sunday after Sunday ; hence they are apt not to be in touch with what is being done. For these particularly St. Mary's Record will do service as a parish gazette.

The compilers will appreciate very much news items both great and small which may add to the completeness even of the mere details of the records of the past. Written or verbal communications of such information will be most welcome. Owing to the comparatively small amount of direct documentary records of the parish, it will be necessary to supply the deficiency by way of constructive inference, somewhat on the lines of modern "Higher Criticism." Every person at all familiar with books of today knows that the methods of "Higher Criticism" lead up to not a few inferences which must often enough be revised, corrected and even entirely withdrawn. The same, very likely, will be the case with St. Mary's Record. The much more reliable information of persons who tell what they have witnessed will be preferred to information culled by way of constructive inference. The compilers cordially request such criticism.

The publication will be mailed during the week preceding the first Sunday of every month of 1904. One copy will be sent to every family of the parish and to parishioners living apart from their families. The monthly subscription price will be ten cents a copy. Payment should be made by using the specially prepared coin card. Drop this card into the collection box any Sunday of the month ; or inclose it in an envelope and send it by mail to the Monastery. The same card will be used for the monthly 25 cents collection. The names of contributors and subscribers will be published every third month in St. Mary's Record or otherwise.

Ordinarily the pamphlet will number twelve pages. However, more pages will be added when occasion shall

call for it, as happened in this issue. The undersigned will be responsible for all unsigned contributions which may appear in St. Mary's Record. Our Right Rev. Bishop, Charles H. Colton, D. D., permitted the publication of the pamphlet.

REV. MARK MOESLEIN, C. P.,
Rector of St. Mary's Church,
Dunkirk, N. Y.

Jan. 16th, 1904.

EARLY DAYS.

The earliest dated occurrence relating to Catholicism in Dunkirk of which any record has been found until now, is an official visit of the Rt. Rev. John Timon, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo. But even that date is incomplete, only the year being given. The visit was made in 1848. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. Thos. McEvoy. For some unstated reason "no place for Divine service could be had in Dunkirk at that time, the Bishop went to Fredonia, where he preached, said mass and baptized some converts." The chronicler continues: "As there were no railroads, the Bishop who was very poor, borrowed the carriage of Mr. Devereaux." It is, however, far from improbable that French missionaries may have been here at a much earlier date when a settlement in the locality was not even thought of. The exploring expeditions, headed by La Salle (1667--1687), Baron Houton (1687), Capt. Bienville de Celeron (1749), were made up chiefly, if not entirely of Catholics. Hon. Obed Edson in his "Sketch of the Early History of Chautauqua Co." mentions the names of several priests who ministered to the Indians and Frenchmen on their expeditions and otherwise. Fr. Hennepin accompanied LaSalle and kept the journal of the expedition. The Jesuit missionaries, Le Mercier, Ba-

guenan and Brabeuf are recorded as having been active in those days of daring enterprise.

That a goodly number of Catholics settled here prior to the arrival of the first passenger train from New York over the Erie railroad may be fairly assumed from the following data: Bishop Timon's official visit in 1848. In those days of inconvenient and tedious travel, there were so many claims on a Bishop's time and energy, that it is not likely that he came to Dunkirk because time was heavy on his hands. Four priests had been assigned to this mission prior to the appointment of Rev. Peter Colgan in April, 1851. Those priests were Rev. Fitzmorris, Rev. Caragher, Rev. Mallon and Rev. Lennon. Priests at that time were few. Oct. 22nd, 1850, Nicholas and Mary D. Devereaux sold to the Rt. Rev. J. Timon a plot of land on the north side of West Front street between Brigham and Salmond streets, the consideration being one dollar. March 15th, the Bishop bought from Thos. and Mary Emily Fitzgibbons the thirty foot strip of land on the north side of Second street from Robin street to Plover street. Evidently the building of a church was believed to be imperative. The resources of our people are not ordinarily so abundant that they rush into such expenditures needlessly. As a matter of fact the subscription list of 1853 gives the names of more than four hundred and forty contributors, nearly all genuine Celtic names. The largest individual contributor to that subscription was Mrs. Ann M. Devereaux—she gave \$50.

Report has it that Mr. Wm. O'Neil's house on Front street was originally used by Catholics as a place of worship, and that the Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for the first time in Dunkirk in that house. It would be interesting to know the names of the Catholics who brought to the notice of the Bishop the spiritual needs of Catholics living in this locality.

The site of the present St. Mary's Church was purchased in July, 1852, during the pastorate of the Rev. Peter Colgan. On or about the 20th of Sept. of that year "the first load of stones was placed on the Church lot to the great joy of the poor Catholics."

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st 1903.....		\$ 294 68
Plate collections.....	\$ 1,652 80	
Christmas collections.....	217 59	
Coal collections.....	398 50	
Pew rent.....	2,715 00	
Collections from adults at Children's Mass	473 37	
Altar Society.....	5 00	
League of the Sacred Heart.....	78 54	
Poor Boxes.....	44 08	
Children of Mary's collection for Easter decorations.....	25 77	
Donations.....	10 00	
Rebate on policies.....	39 13	
Legacy of Mary Meehan.....	50 00	5,709 78
School Fund Society.....	158 25	
Monthly 25cts collections.....	1,572 10	
House collection.....	508 54	
Regents allowance for attendance of academic pupils.....	71 63	
Contributed by school children for desks and umbrella holders.....	30 00	
Donated by Lyceum.....	20 00	
Tuition.....	5 00	
Berger Mfg. Co. & Alling & Fields.....	25 00	
Sale of old material.....	178 95	
" " desks to Sacred Heart Church and to Convent.....	129 75	
Sale of school supplies.....	57 95	
J. McNeil, $\frac{1}{2}$ of cost of party-fence.....	12 00	
Monastery, account of painting Monastery fence.....	35 20	
P. J. Higgins Estate for returned material etc.	107 65	
" " for hardware charged on Alling and Fields bills.....	26 37	2,938 39
Collection for Indian and Negro Missions..	35 00	
" " Holy Land.....	27 34	
" " Peter Pence.....	45 00	
" " the Catholic University....	25 00	
Orphan's collection.....	145 00	277 34

Single graves and opening of the same...	189 00	
Opening graves in lots.....	157 20	
Reburials.....	44 00	
Sale of lots.....	671 00	
Perpetual care of lots.....	322 24	
Annual care of lots.....	124 25	1,507 69

Loans	\$ 10,727 88	
Total.....	23,817 20	34,545 08

OUTLAYS.

Pastor and curate's salary.....	1,700 00	
Altar decorations on feast days.....	60 50	
Candles and sanctuary oil.....	110 12	
Choirs.....	703 32	
Memorial services of Pope Leo XIII.....	21 94	
Altar wine and altar bread.....	50 00	
Insurance.....	47 50	
Laundry and sundries.....	61 73	
Cleaning church.....	87 95	
Sexton.....	40 00	
Fuel.....	449 72	
Light.....	97 06	
Water.....	27 50	
Livery on occasion of taking up census...	7 50	
Printing and stationery.....	37 30	
Repairs and hardware.....	35 72	
Filter for organ motor (1902).....	50 59	
Apostleship of Prayer, supplies.....	66 60	
" " 20 monthly Masses.....	20 00	3,675 05
Cathedraticum.....	150 00	
Renovation of Bishop's residence.....	50 00	
Indian and Negro Missions.....	35 00	
Holy Land.....	27 34	
Peter Pence.....	45 00	
Orphan's collection.....	145 00	
Cath. University collection.....	25 00	
Infirm Priests' Fund.....	15 00	
Seminary.....	80 00	572 34
Teacher's salary.....	1,926 67	
Janitor.....	260 00	
Extra hired help due to improvements....	59 95	
Lyceum for janitor's hire.....	20 00	
Supplies, books, periodicals.....	89 05	
Light.....	12 86	
Coal.....	355 00	
Repairs.....	41 11	
Insurance.....	147 98	
Plumbing.....	101 55	
Commencement.....	25 70	
Sundries.....	10 85	

Interest on loans.....	59 12	
24 monthly School Fund Masses.....	24 00	
33 School Fund high Masses.....	99 00	3,232 84

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Carpenter work.....	7,174 83	
Masonry, plastering and concreting.....	5,545 96	
Iron construction.....	1,548 09	
Painting.....	1,897 96	
Steam fitting.....	2,257 32	
Plumbing.....	1,214 13	
Lighting.....	933 43	
Play-grounds and sidewalks.....	1,551 63	
Furniture.....	1,959 73	
Sundries.....	261 23	24,344 31

CEMETERY.

Sexton.....	420 00	
Reburials.....	44 00	
Hardware and tools.....	22 76	
Telephone service.....	10 00	
Printing and binding blanks.....	78 80	
Hauling earth, seed, etc.....	18 05	
Purchase of lots.....	37 00	630 61

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT.

J. McNamara for grading and roadway,	700 00	
1791 lin. ft. drain tile for roadway.....	120 08	
Shaping lots, grave plots and pathways...	278 55	
Engineers services on cemetery chart....	83 90	
Grave and lot markers.....	180 75	
Tile, lumber, labor.....	24 13	
T. F. Van der Muelen for trees and shrubs	107 52	1,494 93

Loans returned.....	\$ 33,950 08	
	595 00	

Total outlay.....	\$34,545 08
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SUMMARY.

DR. Cash Jan. 1st, 1903.....	294 68	
Net receipts.....	10,432 20	
Loans.....	23,818 20	
		\$34,545 08
CR. Ordinary outlays.....	8,110 84	
School improvement.....	24,344 31	
Cemetery improvement.....	1,494 93	
Loans returned.....	595 00	
		\$34,545 08

DEBT. Cemetery, purchase of ground, 1902	500 00
Cemetery improvements.....	692 85
School improvements.....	22,530 41
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	\$23,723 26

FATHER MARK MOESLEIN, C. P., Rector.

NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2nd. Candlemas Day is the annual commemoration of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple and of the purification of the Blessed Virgin. As Christ Himself, the Eternal Son of God, submitted to the ancient rites and ceremonies prescribed for the Hebrew child, even to the rite of circumcision, so Mary, His Immaculate Virgin Mother, faithfully conformed with the rite of Purification prescribed for the Hebrew Mother.

The candles blessed and burned on this day are typical of Christ in the light of Simeon's prophecy: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word, in peace. Because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

On the occasion of the Presentation of the Child Jesus and the Purification of his Mother in the Temple the Holy Family made the humble offering prescribed for the poor. On this Feast also the faithful make an offering of candles for the Divine service and retain two candles for religious use at home, especially to honor the Blessed Sacrament, should it be brought to the sick.

On Feb. 3rd the faithful are wont to ask the blessing of St. Blase against maladies of the throat. At this season of the year such a blessing is very opportune. Confidence in this peculiar power of St. Blase with God is based on the fact of his long and cruel martyrdom during which he

astounded even his persecutors by his miraculous cures of bodily ills.

Feb. 9th. The Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of our Lord falls on this day of the present year. It is one of the more important patronal feasts of the Passionist Fathers. During the evening of this day the Monastery community begin their annual spiritual exercises which will continue until mid-morning of the following Tuesday, Feb. 16th. During this time studies and all other occupations which can be suspended, will be set aside. The entire time will be devoted to self-examination, to the hearing of religious instruction, and to the more exclusive consideration of Christ's teachings in their bearing on a more perfect spiritual life. Since the Fathers gladly give their time to the people for the other fifty-one weeks of the year, they request to be left to themselves during this week. No one should call at the Monastery for any business. The only exception made is for sick calls.

Feb. 17th. Ash Wednesday. This day is the beginning of the Lenten Season of 1904. The ceremony of "blessing the ashes" will be before the mass at 8 o'clock. The signing the foreheads of the faithful with these blessed ashes will take place at the same time, and again at 3:30 in the afternoon and after the services in the evening.

In the days of St. Gregory the Great (A. D. 590-604) the Lenten penitential season began on the first Sunday of Lent, making thirty-six days of penance, the Sundays excluded. But as early as the time of St. Ambrose (A. D. 370) attempts were being made to increase the number of fasting days of Lent to forty in memory of the Lord's forty days' fast in the desert. Among the opponents to the increase we find St. Ambrose and the IV Council of Orleans. The reason for the smaller number was the fact that thirty-six is the closest practical approach to the tenth

part of the year with just a fraction over for good measure. Hence Lent was the Christian tithe of the year which believers dedicated to God in more prayer, in refraining from worldly pastimes, in abstaining from the use of flesh meats, in fasting, in pardoning offenses, in the more frequent hearing of religious instruction and sermons and in spiritual exercises generally, especially the reception of the sacraments. The money saved as the result of this penitential living was given in alms to the poor. The main purpose was to bring home more forcibly to the Christian mind and heart the cardinal truth that man's destiny is not the life in time and on earth, but his destiny is the eternal life in heaven. What was the purpose of Lent in those days is its purpose to-day, no matter how much lukewarm and worldly minded Catholics ignore it.

However, prior to the Council of Meaux (A. D. 864) the date of the beginning of Lent was changed to the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday of Lent. The practice was somewhat slow of introduction in places. As late as the eleventh century St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, introduced among her subjects the custom of beginning Lent on Ash-Wednesday. The present Lent of forty days is observed in memory and partial imitation of our Lord's forty days' fast in the desert.

"The administration of ashes was not originally made to all the faithful, but only to public penitents. These had to appear before the church door on the first day of Lent, in penitential garb and with bare feet. Their penances were there imposed upon them; then they were brought into the church before the Bishop, who put ashes upon their heads, saying, besides the words "Memento," &c., "Do penance that you may have everlasting life." ("age poenitentiam ut habeas vitam aeternam.") He then made them an address, after which he solemnly excluded them from the church. Out of humility and affection, friends

of the penitents, though not in the same condition, used to join themselves to them, expressing in thier outward guise a similar contrition, and offering their foreheads also to receive the ashes. The number of these persons gradually increased, until at length the administration of ashes was extended to the whole congregation, and the rite took its present form.

LENTEN SERVICES. During Lent there will be special services as follows: Wednesday evenings at 7:30, Rosary, Instruction and Benediction. Friday afternoons at 3:30, Way of the Cross for school children. Friday evenings at 7:30, Way of the Cross and Benediction. Sunday evenings, the Rosary, Sermon and Benediction.

Important Notice. Owing to the changed conditions of employment for most of our people, the Church is generously indulgent in granting dispensations from the fast and abstinence of Lent. But it often happens that individuals are in doubt about how far they may make use of the general dispensations granted at the beginning of Lent by letters of instruction from the Bishop. Many of these persons fail to have this doubt settled one way or the other, and with a doubting conscience as to the sinfulness of their course, they neither abstain nor fast. It is a moral wrong, it is wicked to act with a doubting conscience, not only in regard to the Lenten laws but also in regard to every other moral act. Persons in doubt should apply to a priest for explanations, and, if need be, for further dispensation. The Bishop empowers the priests of the Diocese to grant to individuals dispensations from the law of fast and abstinence. To obtain either such explanation or further dispensation, it is not necessary to go to the confessional; any other place or occasion will do.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Mass at 6, 8, 9:15 and 10:30 A. M.

Sunday School at 2:30.

Sodality meetings at 3:00 and 3:30 P. M.

Rosary, Instruction and Benediction at 7:30 P. M.

At 7:00 A. M. there is a Mass and Instruction in Italian for the people of that nationality. This may be discontinued in the near future owing to the small attendance and because many Italians prefer to go to some other Mass. The Mass at 9:15 is for school children only.

WEEK DAY Masses are said at 6 and 8 every morning.

The Church is open every day from 5:30 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

During the year 1903 St. Mary's School building met with rather heroic treatment. Not even the olden time familiar name of Columbus Hall was left. It is now in name what it has been in the main from the beginning—St. Mary's School. The new name is more correct, in every way, more loveable and more in harmony with the system of which it is a part—a very considerable and important part. Now all the factors of the parish organization bear the same title,—a name very dear to the Catholic heart is that of "St. Mary's."

It is difficult to say what part of the old building was left intact, the alterations were so many and so extensive. Even the main walls of the structure have been remodelled to such an extent that the building cannot but be unfamiliar to people who carry in their fancy a distinct picture of the Columbus Hall of former days. No less than forty-eight openings have been cut into these walls for windows and doors. While twenty-six of the old window and door openings have been walled up. The entire work was done under the able and honest superintendence of

the much lamented P. J. Higgins; the plans were made by Fr. Mark, C. P. In later issues of the Record a more detailed account of the work will be given. What is of no inconsiderable interest to St. Mary's people at this time, is to learn how much the improvement cost. The subjoined statement will furnish the data:

COST OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

CARPENTER WORK.

P. J. Higgins and P. J. Higgins estate for carpenter work and general superintendence.		
Contract.....	\$ 6,578 58	
Superintendence in cellar prior to letting contract.....	29 00	
Preparing temporary class rooms, in Lyceum, sacristy and chapel	79 15	
Difference between plain and paneled jambs of 18 doors.....	22 50	
Difference between 1244 ft. plain picture moulding and combination picture and electric wire moulding.....	22 40	
Office cupboard and 36 cupboard doors...	38 95	
Additional hardware.....	32 63	
Preparing floor under drinking fountains for concrete, patching roof where old chimneys stood, three fire hose cases, time on stage preparing for metal ceiling, etc.....	21 05	
Changes in 8 windows of south wall.....	41 40	
Changing doors to stage, repairing chairs and library cases, concealed steps to stage	34 48	
Cellar window frames, sash and screens; battery-room door, 38 Tobin ventilator sash for class rooms.....	64 67	
Putting up two sets of metallic letters on outside of building.....	10 25	
Paneled stage front and jobbing in classrooms, building map racks, globe shelves, covering outdoor electric call bell.....	63 40	
Fences; Washington ave., half of party fences between monastery and school, McNeill's and school.....	47 62	
Teaming.....	88 75	\$ 7,174 83

MASONRY AND PLASTERING.

Masonry and brick work was allotted to P. F. Rogan.			
Concreting cellar, toilet rooms and elsewhere inside of building, lathing and plastering was done under the control of P. J. Higgins, the owner furnishing material for both masonry and plastering.			
Stone, 23,960 lbs. furnished by P. F. Rogan	13 98		
9½ cds. of stone	78 87		
Cut stone	49 83		
Brick, 116,300	777 70		
Fire brick, 750; fire clay	16 25		
Building tile, 1,200	120 00		
Lime, plaster, cement	851 00		
Sand, 166 loads	194 00		
Gravel, broken stone and cinders	48 10		
Iron lath for partitions and lathing	291 02		
Wood lath and lathing for deadener	136 60		
Plastering	441 05		
Cutting 50 openings in main walls for windows and doors, tearing down inside walls, building scaffolds, shoring up walls, removing debris	156 13	3,174 53	
Pay roll of masons, bricklayers, concreters and helpers		2,371 43	
		<u>\$ 5,545 96</u>	

IRON CONSTRUCTION.

Ten I beams, area grates, multiplex steel for toilet room floors	265 58		
Metal ceilings for entire building and stage front, Berger M'f'g. Co.	735 58		
Erection of metal ceilings and stage front by Alling & Fields	541 35		
Iron threshold	5 58		
		<u>\$ 1,548 09</u>	

PAINTING.

The entire building, within and without was painted material furnished by owner..			
Work was done by W. I. Harvey			
Material furnished by P. J. Higgins	461 18		
Material furnished by Alling & Fields	347 88		
Pay roll	1,007 70		
Nodusto preparation on floor	81 20	1,897 96	

STEAM FITTING.

A. G. Sippel, contract	2,065 00		
District steam connections, change of boiler location, change of coils from 1½" pipe to 2" pipe on two floors, steps railing to boys' playground	192 32	2,257 32	

PLUMBING.

N. Lennertz, contract	950 00		
New sewers	239 76		
Placing steam coils in temporary classrooms	24 37	1,214 13	

LIGHTING.

Citizens' Gas & Fuel Co., for piping the building for gas	158 88		
F. R. Steger, for electric lighting, placing iron conduits and wiring building	342 00		
Combination electric light and gas fixtures	382 55		
Water Board for two 400 cdl lamps	50 00	933 43	

SCHOOL YARDS AND SIDEWALKS.

P. Meister & Son, contractors			
Concreting two play grounds	1,222 00		
Concrete wall in boys' play ground	50 00		
Concrete sidewalks—in parts	130 39		
87'6" curbing	21 58		
Taking down four old chimneys and relaying stone sidewalks, etc.	127 66	1,551 63	

FURNITURE.

Ehlers & Philippbar, single desks for 440 pupils	1,149 46		
W. Brophy, ten teachers' desks and one office desk	153 00		
J. W. Ware, Regulator, ten secondary clocks and program apparatus	182 50		
Electric supplies for clock programs and call systems, and conduits	95 77		
Window shades and fixtures	93 00		
Two sets of iron letters (St. Mary's School) for outside of building	24 00		
M. J. Donovan, 180 ft. of fire hose	16 90		
World's Bazaar, ten umbrella holders	10 00		
Citizens' Gas & Fuel Co., gas stove	13 00		
Maps and globes, Central School Supply			

House	157 60	
Scientific apparatus, Central Scientific Co.	64 50	1,959 73
SUNDRIES.		
Alling & Fields, hardware and roof repairs	153 76	
Printing and stationery.....	29 40	
Telegrams, freight, hauling, labor, and traveling expenses	69 54	
Hardware, etc.....	8 53	261 23
Total		<u>\$ 24,344 31</u>

HOW PAY THE DEBT?

Many people of St. Mary's Congregation will ask how this debt is to be paid. Heavy outlays like unto those of last year are an extremely rare occurrence in this parish. Hence, what in larger parishes and especially in parishes of more prosperous cities would scarcely attract attention causes wonderment here. This may be partly due to the fact that our people are timid because they are so dependent on the restricted industries of Dunkirk. The recurrence of dull times in the past promotes anxiety about the future. When work is plentiful, debts contracted in dull times must be paid and prudent provision should be made for the days of probable future enforced idleness. It will be different when the promised location of more numerous and more varied industries shall materialize. Be this as it may, at the present time St. Mary's is burdened with a heavy debt and it is a matter of concern how it is to be paid. That it will be paid eventually is a certainty. The ambition of all should be to pay it in the shortest time possible. To do so at once would save the parish an annual interest account of \$970.00. This is an item worth taking into account when you consider the increased annual cost of running our larger and better equipped school.

The only special efforts which will be made until Aug. 1905, will be to complete the individual personal collec-

tion which is being taken up now by priests who go from house to house, and to take up one 25 cents collection once every month in the Church. The parishioners will not be called upon to contribute to fairs, picnics, sociables, contests or other similar methods of raising money for Church purposes. This plan is adopted at this time because it is believed to conform better to the views of our people. It is certainly a method more creditable to the sincerity of faith of thorough-going Catholics.

In view of the carrying out of this plan every one who has completed his or her school life should make the personal contribution which the priests are soliciting as generous as possible, taking into account not only ready money but also the probable earnings during the next few months. Miserly contributions will not be accepted. The least expected from persons in very moderate circumstances who are at all able to give is \$5.00. The monthly collection of 25 cents is within the reach of even the poor.

Instructed Catholics understand that this is not a tax nor an assessment, nor anything to which like names can be applied because there is no way to compell payment. People whose church membership is sincere will bear their share of the parish burden; they will give according to their means regardless of what others give. They do not waste their energy and precious time in discussing what others better circumstanced can do and should do, but fail to do. Sincere Catholics have unshaken faith in their Church and in the work of the Church and they give generously because they realize that they are helping along the work of Jesus Christ. They give to God and for God's sake. They are not satisfied to appear before the Lord always in the guise of beggars forever asking for something, but they appreciate the opportunity of giving to God's work generously out of their poverty or riches.

So far the priests taking up this subscription have rarely

had occasion to be dissatisfied and they trust that the remaining sections of the parish will do even better. In the next issue of the Record will be published the names of contributors and the amount of their offering and subscription. It is desirable that these subscriptions be paid up as soon as possible. All should remember the words of the Apostle, St. Paul to the Corinthians when he urged them to give generously towards a collection which was being taken up at his request: "Now this I say, he who soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly, and he who soweth in blessings shall also reap of blessings. Every one as he hath determined in his heart, not with sadness or necessity, for God loveth the cheerful giver."

THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

Bearing the above name is an organization whose main office is in the Arbuckle Building, Brooklyn, N. Y. City and whose field of labor is chiefly in the United States and Canada. It is in close touch with like associations elsewhere. Its objects are: "to answer inquiries of persons seeking information concerning the doctrines of the Catholic Church and to supply Catholic literature gratis to Catholics and non-Catholics who make request for the same; to correct erroneous and misleading statements in reference to Catholic doctrine and morals; to refute calumnies against the Catholic religion; to secure the publication of articles promoting a knowledge of Catholic affairs; and to stimulate a desire for higher education among Catholic laity and to generally assist in the dissemination of Catholic truth and perform other educational and missionary work." To meet the requirements of this educational work the society publishes at popular prices pamphlets, tracts and books dealing with questions where-

on the position of the Catholic Church is not unfrequently misrepresented. From time to time catalogues of Catholic publications are issued. Among those published so far, two deserve special mention: "Select Catalogue of Pamphlets and Tracts Issued by Various Catholic Truth Societies," and a "Catalogue of Catholic Fiction." It also publishes monthly the "International Catholic Truth Society Bulletin."

The need for such an institution is quite apparent to every well-read Catholic. For centuries past it has been the fashion to ignore the most ordinary rules of literary fair-dealing when matters Catholic were under discussion. Nothing has been too absurd, too vulgar or too obscene to be flung at the grand old Church; and that with an assurance which is simply amazing. Much of it, no doubt, is the product of bad faith and downright malice; but we cannot assume that it is all the fruit of bad faith. Many misrepresent us because they know no better, and particularly because they draw their information from books written by non-Catholics. It is a safe and wise rule: Never go to an opponent for reliable information about an antagonist. It is a rare experience to converse with a non-Catholic who is sympathetic and unbiased on Catholic questions. The most we are prepared to receive is that species of condescending tolerance which is quite compatible with firm faith in the opponent's guilt, equivalent to: The devil is not as bad as he is painted; but for all that he is the devil still: or Catholics are not as bad as they are made out to be; but the less about their Church, the better. Sincere seekers after the truth about us should not go to such sources for information. Catholics themselves should be in a position of easy access to books, pamphlets, etc., written by competent Catholic authors. Hence the necessity and advantage of organizations like the International Catholic Truth Society.

A "Local Committee" of the Society has been established in St. Mary's parish. Any Catholic may be a member. Members will be requested to contribute annually 25 cents and to bring to the Monastery, Catholic newspapers, pamphlets, books, etc., which they may be inclined to devote to the work of the Society. This printed matter can be dropped into a box which has been placed in the vestibule of the Monastery. The Local Committee will meet every Wednesday evening in the office of St. Mary's School, at 8 o'clock.

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