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MORE OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

More Complete Description of the Memorial Windows.

(By FATHER BRADLEY)

As a supplement to your very excellent account of the dedicatory services and description of the new memorial windows in St. John's church I wish to give for the benefit of your readers a more detailed description of the windows.

The first window on the epistle side beginning from the altar, represents a figure of Christ as the good shepherd, and was given by the bishop of Lincoln and by priests of the Omaha and Lincoln dioceses as a token of esteem and affection for Father Carney, late pastor of the church. It contains an inscription in Latin setting forth the fact, which is translated as follows: "To the glory of God this window was placed by priests, his friends, to the memory of the Very Rev. Thomas J. Carney, V. E., who, after he had for well-nigh twenty years borne the care of this parish, fell asleep in the Lord, on the second day of July, A. D., 1903. Pray for him."

For the accommodation of those who are unacquainted with the Latin language a translation has been written and affixed to the wall, beside the window. As the window is a memorial by priests to a priest it was thought to be fitting that the inscription be in the language of the church; hence the use of the Latin tongue.

The next window on the epistle side contains the figure of St. John, the Baptist, the patron saint of the church. It is inscribed: "To the memory of John Stigl. Pray for him." And the expense was defrayed by a legacy left by Mr. Stigl for the adornment of the church.

Beginning from the north, on the gospel side, the first window is dedicated to St. Helen. Through her zealous efforts the cross upon which our Savior was crucified, which had long been vainly sought, was at length found; hence she is represented bearing the cross. The window is dedicated as follows: "In memoriam, Helena Maria Egenberger. R. I. P." It is given by Mrs. A. H. Weckbach and brother, Mr. Fred Egenberger, in memory of their mother, deceased. Whilst all the windows are beautiful this and the Father Carney memorial window surpass the others in artistic execution.

Next to St. Helen's window on the same side of the church comes St. Henry's. This saint lived a noble life, and his reign was signalized by enlightened labors for the spread of religion and morality and by his magnificence in works of public utility. This particular saint was chosen by the donor of the window, Mrs. A. H. Weckbach, who placed it as a memorial to her late husband, Anton Henry, more commonly known by his second Christian name of Henry. The inscription reads: "Pray for the eternal well being of the soul of Anton Henry Weckbach."

The circular window over the main altar, which measures five and a half feet in diameter, was given by Mrs. John Habscheidt and another lady. It is without inscription and contains an "Ecce Homo" representation of the thorn crowned head of Christ. The windows are all beautiful and as stated in the Journal on the day they were dedicated, they surely add a hundred per cent to the beauty and churchliness of St. John's. The donors are to be congratulated and their worthy examples others will do well to emulate.

The hitching posts placed on the side streets are highly appreciated by the farmers. They are placed there especially for their accommodation.

INSPECT RIFLE RANGE SITE

An Ideal Place in Which a Permanent Range May Be Located.

H. E. McMaken, Frank Schlater, C. A. Rawls and E. E. Hilton went out to the proposed rifle range sight near Oreapolis this morning. The reason for going was a letter received by Mr. McMaken Tuesday stating that if the people of Plattsmouth want the rifle range they will have to at least say so.

The gentlemen found a piece of land ideal in every way for a rifle range. There is a 1500 yard stretch of perfectly level ground with a sixty foot bluff at one end to act as a catcher for the bullets. Nearby is a beautiful grove of trees affording ample shade, and level, open fields, where tents may be pitched and ball games played.

It is doubtful whether there is another piece of ground in the country equal to this in every way for a rifle range.

Word has come that the decision will soon be made in favor of some one of the several locations offered by different towns in the state. The range, wherever it is located, will probably be made permanent by the next congress, which is expected to appropriate \$1,000,000 for rifle ranges throughout the country. This will mean from 100 to 2,000 men stationed here continuously from April to October. It is needless to point out how much money that will mean for Plattsmouth.

Who's a Liar?

J. M. Teegarden, assessor of Cass county, is just at present engaged in sending out Mr. Pollard's circulars over his own signature, which are as misleading in statement as they are untruthful in intent. Now we reproduce a section of Mr. Pollard's statement, and also that portion of Mr. Brown's circular to which he refers, that the readers of the Journal may judge who has lied about the matter. Pollard's henchman, Teegarden, says:

"The democratic nominee is a man of wealth and is opposed to Mr. Roosevelt's plan to give the interstate commerce commission unquestioned power to regulate railroad rates. He believes in the present rate making system and that there is no need of legislation along the lines demanded by the president. He is one of the largest lumber dealers in the state."

Now here is what Mr. Brown has to say:

"I will vote and labor to the end that the tariff wall around this country shall not be so high as to permit men to extort unfair prices from the government; I shall insist also that the rule which Mr. Roosevelt has, in the Taft order, laid down for the benefit of the government, shall be followed for the benefit of the individual consumer. I shall favor a law which will give the resident authority to remove the tariff from any article which after proper inquiry, shall be found to be the subject of trust agreement or the product of a combination coming under the definition of 'conspiracy in restraint of trade.'"

"As a business man and an extensive shipper, I know the importance of a law prohibiting rebates and giving to the interstate commerce commission the power to fix rates. During my business career in Nebraska I have paid in freight more than one-half million dollars and have not received one dollar rebate. I shall vote and labor for a bill to abolish rebates and to give to the interstate commerce commission the power to fix rates. That bill should provide that when the rate is fixed it shall go into effect immediately, and so remain unless it is destroyed by the supreme court. I shall strive for action on this subject at the coming regular session or at the special session should a special session be called. At all events, I shall protest against delay and shall do my part to obtain relief for the public at an early day."

Highly Entertained.

Miss Fern Greenslate and sister, Mrs. Swearingen, of Plattsmouth entertained Saturday evening at the pleasant home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Greenslate, in honor of Miss Lucile Bates, of Plattsmouth. Miss Bates, Mesdames Swearingen and Gamble made the evening pass quickly with delightful vocal music while Miss Edith Perry is first-class as an elocutionist. Dean Greenslate also helped to enliven the evening with his violin. Those present were Miss Lucile Bates, Mrs. Dr. Neely, Miss Edith Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bicknell, Mrs. Gamble, Miss Vesta Eaton, Miss Fern Greenslate and Messrs. Chester Deles Darnier, Joe Nichols, Willard Clapp, Dean Greenslate and W. A. Hill.—Elmwood-Leader-Echo.

Pioneer Passes Away.

Mrs. A. E. Streight died at South Bend last night at the age of 87 years. Mrs. Streight had been in failing health for several weeks, largely due to old age.

Four sons and two daughters survive her, viz.—H. J. Streight, Plattsmouth; O. M. Streight, Lincoln; Thad Streight and C. E. Streight, South Bend; and Mrs. A. H. Whittier, and Mrs. Viola Long, South Bend.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at South Bend. The body will be brought to Plattsmouth on the morning train and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery. Dr. J. T. Baird will have charge of the services at the cemetery.

MURDER COMMITTED IN 1880

Henry Hoffmeister, Who Was Killed at South Bend Sunday Morning, the Murderer.

"Henry Hoffmeister, who was killed by the cars at South Bend last Sunday morning," says our old friend, Conrad Schlater, "formerly resided in Louisville, and worked at his trade of shoemaking, and there, in 1880, killed a man who was rooming at his house. It was midnight when the shooting occurred, and the murdered man had been employed at a stone quarry near town. Being sick the man had gone out of doors and was shot dead by Hoffmeister. Having business in Louisville I went to town early in the morning. When I heard of the killing I went to Hoffmeister's house, on Main street, and found the dead man lying on the pavement near the kitchen. I met Hoffmeister, who appeared terribly excited, and asked him all about the shooting, and from his statement I took it for granted that he had fired the fatal shot, and in plain words told him so. He denied the charge, and said the same to some boys who had done some shooting late in the evening."

"We telegraphed for the sheriff and Coroner P. P. Gass," continued Mr. Schlater, "who arrived with Dr. Hall of Plattsmouth. A jury was impaneled by the coroner, of which I was a member, and Doctors Hall and Hase-meier conducted the post mortem examination. The bowels and breast were opened to find the cause. It was soon ascertained that his breast was perforated with shot from a shotgun. The shot were taken out and Sheriff Wm. Hayes compared the same with shot that were in the house and they were the same. Hoffmeister was called to the witness stand to testify, and positively denied doing the shooting which had killed the man. After his testimony his wife was called to the stand. This was more than Hoffmeister had expected, knowing full well that her testimony would convict him."

"He became more excited than ever," said Mr. Schlater, "and asked the authorities to let me go out of doors with him as he desired to talk with me. The coroner gave his consent for me to go with him and hear what Hoffmeister had to say. We went to a secluded spot nearby, where he informed me that he had killed the man by shooting him with the shot gun. He had taken the victim, so he said, for one of the boys who had bothered him. I took him back to the jury room, and informed the coroner and jury of what he had told me. He was recalled to the witness stand and reported what he had said to me. He was brought to Plattsmouth and placed in jail until his trial at district court, in which he was acquitted on account of the boys bothering him, which they had continued for quite awhile."

"The man that Hoffmeister killed," continues Mr. Schlater, "was a hard-working man, his wife and children living near Greenwood, and in order to earn money to pay for his home he labored in the stone quarry at Louisville. His wife arrived during the coroner's inquest, and the scene was heartrending. We buried the body at 12 o'clock at night. The wife and a few others, among whom was my son, Frank, and Howard Zink, our school teacher, conveyed it to the Catholic cemetery where interment was made. It was a sad funeral."

A Hundred Years Hence.

"I often wonder how things will be around here a hundred years from now," said a Plattsmouth boy this morning. "I suppose the same number of chumps will be on hand to go to the barber shop to get their hair cut on Saturday night. Dogs will lie around asleep all day and then begin to howl about the time you get into bed. Trains will be just as late when you want to go away and the letter that you look for will never come. The man who knows it all will be on hand to tell you when you are wrong, and the lady with the crying baby will have a seat just in front of you at church. When you want to go out walking some pleasant evening with a young lady you will find some other fellow has beaten you to it, and when you want to take her in and get a dish of ice cream she will be tagged by three or four girl friends who refuse to break away. Things will be so much the same that I don't believe I care to come back. It might be a pleasant pastime to look down over the battlements and watch the fellows who succeed you here on earth wading through their troubles, but that is about all. When I look back over all the trials and tribulations there are on a journey through this vale of tears I come to the conclusion that once is enough for me."

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