

Catholic Parochial Schools of Omaha



LITTLE GIRLS IN THE PROCESSION AT THE DEDICATION OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

WITH the opening of the Sacred Heart parochial schools Tuesday, the ninth of eleven Roman Catholic parishes in Omaha has complied with the rule of the church, requiring schools in which the faith is taught. The new schools, which are located at Twenty-second and Binney streets, were dedicated last Sunday and represent an expenditure of about \$17,000, and long and incessant work by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Judge, who is one of the leading exponents of Catholic education in the city. On the opening day the schools had an attendance of 150, which was increased by fifteen Wednesday.

The nine parochial schools in Omaha, exclusive of Creighton university, St. James Orphanage at Benson and convents, have a total attendance of 1,800, and are conducted by forty-three sisters of various religious orders. The first parochial school in the city was established many years ago in St. Philomena's parish, and still flourishes. Others have followed rapidly until there are only two parishes not supplied. At some schools the room and facilities are becoming inadequate and must be enlarged. In the state there are 7,399 young persons in Catholic schools of various kinds, according to reports. Of this number 2,623 are in Omaha.

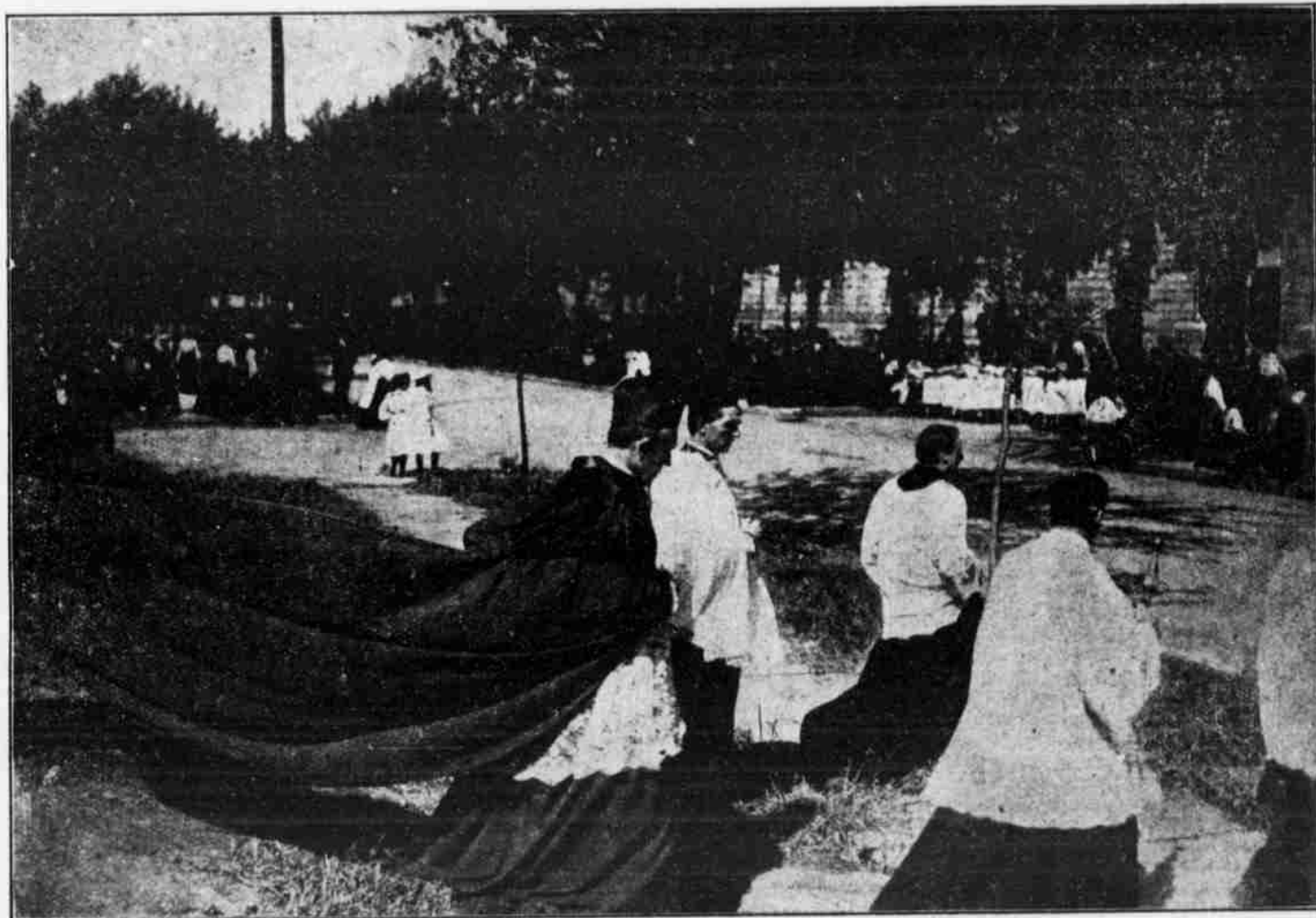
Father Judge, who is resting after completing for the time being his labors for the schools of his parish, is one of the clergymen who believe that the day is coming when the state will assist denominational schools of all sects by per capita appropriations from the school funds. He thinks this fair and just and due religious believers who cannot conscientiously send their children to schools where their faith is not taught. He is willing that the sectarian schools should be under state supervision and inspection and the teachers and buildings subjected to proper examinations.

The new Sacred Heart schools are in two buildings situated in large lots with plenty of room for enlargement which it is anticipated will be necessary, and which has been planned for. The grade school is a frame building of two stories with four large class rooms and one small one and cost \$5,000. Both boys and girls attend here and receive instruction up to the eighth grade.

The other building is constructed of brick and is practically four stories high. It is intended to serve as an academy, or high school for girls, and a domicile for the eight Dominican sisters who have charge. This order is new in Omaha and some of the best teachers in other cities have been sent here. The building cost \$12,000. In the basement are placed the kitchen, laundry, refectory and vegetable cellar; on the second floor five class rooms and a music room; on the third floor, community room, chapel, sick room and sewing room, while the top floor is divided into two large dormitories.

Father Judge personally superintended the construction of both buildings. In the case of the frame one he arranged for the labor and material and dispensed with the services of a general contractor. Such close detail saved money but has worn him out and he was able to witness only a part of the dedication ceremonies and was compelled to forego, by orders of his physician, the pleasure of seeing the classes assemble on the first day. The frame building already has proved too small. As soon as possible it will be replaced by a large structure made of gray stone, the same as used in the new Sacred Heart church, just across the street.

St. Philomena's parochial school, the first in the city, has a large brick building at Ninth and Howard streets for a habitation.



BISHOP SCANNEL CROSSING FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER AT THE DEDICATION OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL.—THE WIND IS BLOWING HIS ROBES ABOUT.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

It is presided over by three Sisters of Mercy, and the last reports showed 123 pupils attending.

The school of the parish of the Holy Family, at Seventeenth and Izard streets, is located in the rear of the church. It is called St. Aloysius school, is in charge of three Sisters of Mercy, and has 125 pupils attending.

The school of the Immaculate Conception, at Twenty-fourth and Bancroft, is held in the church building, which is of frame. It is the Polish parochial school of the city and is conducted by six Sisters of St. Francis. Three hundred children make up the attendance.

The school of St. John's parish, at Twenty-sixth and California streets, is in a handsome new brick building recently built. It has 255 pupils and is looked after by five Sisters of Mercy.

The German school belongs to St. Joseph's parish, at Sixteenth and Center. It is in a brick building and a frame annex. Eight Sisters of the Precious Blood are in control and have 399 children to instruct.

St. Patrick's parish has a large school in the basement of the church at Fourteenth and Castellar. There are three Sisters of Mercy in charge and 165 pupils.

St. Peter's school, at Twenty-eighth and Leavenworth streets, is in the church, and has three Sisters of Mercy and 120 pupils.

The Bohemian Catholic school is that attached to St. Wenceslaus' parish, on South Fourteenth street. One hundred and eighty-five children are taught by four Sisters of Mercy.

Only the parishes of St. Mary Magdalene, at Nineteenth and Dodge, and St. Cecilia, at Fortieth and Burt, are without schools. Both are small and hardly capable of supporting such institutions.



LAST IN THE PROCESSION.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

He Felt Much Obligated

Honesty has had to be its own reward in more than one case. At Manhattan Beach yesterday a clerk in the bathing pavilion had checked a patron's watch and jewelry and a ring belonging to his wife. After his bath the husband tore open his envelope, took out his own possessions and threw the half of the envelope containing his wife's diamonds on the counter among many similar pieces of paper. Then he looked at himself in the mirror and went to join his wife.

But he came back on the run.

"I left a diamond ring worth \$500 in that envelope," he said, "and I would not lose it for anything. I am certain—"

"Here it is," answered the custodian of valuables. "I found it in a corner of the envelope."

There was an expression of immense relief on the man's face. Then it changed suddenly as if he did not want to look too much delighted.

"Much obliged," he said, edging toward the steps. "I am really more indebted to you for your kindness than I can say. I'm really much obliged."—New York Sun.