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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,

December holds two great joys for all of us — the joy of keeping the Saviour's holy birth and the joy of observing our Patronal Feast, that of the Conception of Our Lady. On the Feast itself, Monday, December the eighth, I call upon all to receive the Blessed Sacrament at one of the Low Masses and in the evening we shall happily hold our annual Parish Dinner, for which invitations have already been extended to all members of Saint Mary's. On the Sunday in the Octave, December the fourteenth, there will be a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at which Father Hughson, O.H.C. will be the preacher.

You will recall that many months ago a Special Music Fund was created to provide for orchestra as well as organ accompaniment at High Mass on certain holy days. Several hundreds of dollars were gladly contributed to this fund, but after it has paid for the orchestra at the Christmas Midnight Mass the fund will have become defunct unless further contributions revivify it. Those of the congregation who delight in orchestral accompaniment from time to time to the musical setting of the Mass are invited to send contributions to me. We shall hope to continue the happy policy of special music for special holy days that our joy may be the more marked.

The good women of the Guild of Saint Mary of the Cross have earned sufficient money with which to replace our worn out kitchen stove with one that should be a delight to use. This gift actually causes the women of this Guild to share in the salvation of many,
for less religion will now be lost in the preparation of communion breakfasts, retreat luncheons and teas. Our gratitude is great.

Affectionately,

FATHER TABER

CHRISTMAS

A FAITHFUL Catholic makes his confession before and receives his communion at the Christmas Feast.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24
- Church School Festival: 4 p.m.
- Evening Prayer: 6 p.m.
- Midnight Mass and Holy Communion: Midnight

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
- Low Masses: 7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
- Morning Prayer: 7:40 a.m.
- High Mass, with sermon: 11 a.m.
- Evening Prayer: 6 p.m.

The Church School Christmas Festival, Wednesday afternoon at four, takes the form of Carols, Procession to the Crèche and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Christmas party in St Joseph’s Hall.

Cards of admission to the Midnight Mass are mailed to each communicant of St Mary’s and will also be given on application at the Church Office to others who would worship the New-born King at the Christmas altar.

ANGELICAN CATHOLIC DECORUM

A QUESTION often asked is “How can I join St Mary’s?”

When an individual is baptized and later confirmed he automatically becomes a communicant member of the parish whose rector presented him for Holy Confirmation. If he moves away from that parish into another section of the country, he asks his rector for a canonical letter of transfer which he presents to the rector of the new parish of his choice and he is then enrolled as a communicant in the new parish.

Do you wish to join St Mary’s? If you are a communicant of another parish in the Episcopal Church, ask your rector to give you a letter of transfer to the Church of St Mary the Virgin. On receipt of this letter you will be enrolled in the communicant register of St Mary’s. If you have not been confirmed and are therefore not a communicant of any parish, instructions preparatory for Holy Confirmation will be gladly offered you. If you have not even been baptized, preparation for Holy Baptism will be carefully given you, followed by Confirmation instructions. If you have been confirmed in either the Roman Catholic or the Eastern Orthodox Church you will be received into the Anglican Communion, preferably by the Bishop at the time of Confirmation, or possibly by the Rector at another time.

Since the Episcopal Church permits varying types of churchmanship, geographical boundaries are not enforced upon parishes. Members of the Episcopal Church have the canonical right to attend that parish where their souls will be fed. Surely God wishes the souls of His children to be in the best of spiritual health!

SIDELIGHTS OF OLD ST MARY’S

ONE fact emerges from the records of St Mary’s: that the founders believed in the practical and real nature of their religion. They had no idea of putting it on on Sunday, and folding it up in a drawer until the next Sunday — unless Christmas happened to fall between the two Sundays.

Over and over again the archives bear unconscious testimony to the fact that these men and women carried their religion with them wherever they went, and regarded it as a vital and integral part of their lives. Soon after the parish had been incorporated, by-laws were adopted for the governance of its Trustees. The duties and responsibilities of the officers and members of the Board...
are set forth, as well as the necessary provisions for elections, the executive committee and meetings. In the midst of the article dealing with meetings are the following sentences: "The Annual meeting shall be held on the second Monday in December in each year. This will fall on December 8th, or within the octave, and is to be observed as the anniversary of the opening of the Church, December 8th, 1870. The Holy Communion on that day shall be celebrated for the objects of the Parish, and as far as possible the Trustees will be present at such Celebration."

Those words are not taken from an instructional sermon, but from by-laws adopted by the Trustees to govern their own official conduct. They form part of the directions for holding legal business meetings. Those men saw nothing incongruous in praying for guidance in the discharge of their business duties to the parish; and they made no secret of their reliance on such guidance.

At an early date, no doubt moved by the precarious nature of the finances of the parish, the Trustees entered into a long agreement, which must have been very troublesome to arrange. It was made between the holders of the bonds (that is, the people who had put up the money to build the church), the Corporation of the Society of the Free Church of St Mary the Virgin, and John B. Murray, under the terms of which the Altar and "the marble work thereunto belonging" then being erected by John B. Murray, should be and shall be "explicably released from the operation of any liens, mortgages or other encumbrances made or suffered to be made hereafter upon the said Church premises".

Probably the language sounds rather heavily formal today and we may not appreciate the tautology of this long document, which sets forth that no liens or mortgages on the Church are to be considered as covering the Altar, but we cannot fail to admire the reverence of men, hemmed in as these men were by financial difficulties, who would go to such lengths to safeguard the symbol of their faith from contamination.

The John B. Murray referred to in the agreement was the donor of the High Altar in memory of his wife. Most worshippers at St. Mary's know this from reading the inscription on the gradine of the High Altar; but it may not be as well known that the altars in St Mary's form no part of the building and do not rest upon the floor or upon the general foundations. Each is supported by its own foundation, which rises independently from the ground, and none of the altars would be affected if the building were removed. They would remain where they are now, supported by their own foundations.

The significance of this agreement, which seems to justify its inclusion in these notes, is that it effectually prevented the mortgaging of the church property. When one considers that the agreement was executed by the men who best knew the slender resources of the parish; when one also remembers how readily the idea of raising funds by mortgaging comes to the minds of governing boards, one sees clearly that in this case first things were put first.

No doubt much of the credit for adherence to this principle was due to Fr. Brown, who lived and died in the belief that God would provide for His children if they sought to please Him. Fortunately for St Mary's, Fr. Brown had no notion that God could only be pleased by a sad solemnity. He was a firm believer in the joy of religion, and he was able to impart, even to the mean shifts which poverty forced upon him and his people, the glamorous spirit of adventure.

They regretted the things they were not at first able to have, but they went cheerfully on, making do with what they could afford, and getting enjoyment out of their journeying together in the spirit of adventure. When there were no funds to employ a cleaner, some of the ladies of the congregation scrubbed the floor of the Chancel, and one of their number had for years the duty of vesting the boy choir.

This may sound like a pleasant and rather distinguished assignment, but it involved a great deal of hard work. There were no lockers, and the cottas had to be kept in large cardboard boxes, which were stowed away on high shelves in the sacristy. The young lady spent most Saturdays getting down the boxes and arranging their contents. This involved many journeys up and down a step-ladder, which were not rendered the easier by the skirts of those days. Toward evening one Saturday, when the work had been particularly strenuous, the young lady slipped, dropped the box she was carrying, and almost fell off the ladder. Looking down at the rain of cottas on the floor, she indulged in the regrettable expression which used to be indicated by the fourth letter of the alphabet and three dashes. She climbed down from
134 the ladder — and confronted the Rector, who had entered the sacristy as she was juggling the box. She was, to quote the literature of the day, covered with confusion, but Fr. Brown only smiled at her and said quietly:

"Don't worry, my dear, I have said the same thing myself."

FROM OUR PARISH MISSIONARY,
FATHER MANDELL

1015 Calle Magdalena
Manilla, Philippines
12 September, 1947

"The gift from the anonymous donor for three hundred and forty dollars is large. Both the Bishop and I were very happy to receive it. The circumstances under which it was given were most interesting. Since there is no opportunity to thank the donor personally, we are very glad to thank God for him and to remember him.

A little over a week ago I moved my quarters from St Luke's Hospital to the new Seminary building. I was told I could move in on the first of September. The building was not ready, but I took a chance on moving anyway hoping it would hurry things along. It scarcely seems possible that I have been here for over a week. The house is in just about the same condition as it was when I first moved. The Seminarians arrived from all over the Islands on the 8th. We still have no electricity, no plumbing and no stove for the Seminary. The latter will arrive the beginning of next week I hope. The Seminarians are cooking their food outside. Fortunately we haven't started classes yet, so they don't have to do too much reading by candlelight. I am not too hopeful about getting electricity soon. The electric company has its capacity overtaxed. They may not be able to get the necessary transformer for some time. This all reminds me of living up country in Sagada, but there we did not expect any of the luxuries of city life and were prepared to make the necessary adjustments.

It was a joy to get the Chapel sufficiently in order to have Mass. The altar is made, but not the tabernacle. We have a few benches, and the rest will come along shortly. There are about thirty Igorot laborers living with us who came down from the mountains to help construct the building. It is a wonderful experience to have both the Seminarians and the workers at Mass every morning. The workers attend the morning and evening office as well. Nothing has been said to them about coming. They know they are always welcome at every service, and their attitude is that they would not miss a service for the world. Some of them can neither read nor speak much English. They take part in the service in whatever way they can.

Our chapel as you know is furnished almost entirely by the parish of St Mary the Virgin with some things from the New York Altar Guild. Again we wish to express our appreciation.

The Bishop is coming on the morning of the 21st of September for the blessing of the Chapel and the building. There is to be a large service on the evening of the 28th at Solemn Vespers for the official opening of the Seminary. The Bishop intends to invite all the congregations of Manila. Where we will put them I don't know.

I hope you will continue to remember us in your prayers. Several of the students are in rather bad health. I am afraid that one or two may have to drop out for the time being. A few others are on the borderline. It is a great problem to provide the extra things they need for building themselves up and to provide the medicines. St Luke's Hospital is here but they can do only a limited amount for charity."

October 20, 1947

St Andrew's Theological Seminary in Manila opened a little over a month ago. The building was not completed when we first moved in. Unfortunately there was no way of preventing the arrival of the students after a date for opening had once been set, because many of the students come from such remote areas that communication is impossible. For the first week the students cooked and ate out-of-doors. There was no plumbing and there was no electricity. I thought surely that the students would be discouraged over such handicaps, but apparently they were quite delighted with everything, and set to work to make things run as smoothly as possible. We have most of the necessities now. The plumbing was connected and finally inspected by the city authorities. It took almost as long to get hold of the inspectors as it did to put the plumbing in. Everything connected with building has
moved very slowly since the war. It is not surprising since the
city of Manila after its destruction had to start practically from
scratch.

The Seminarians do most of their own work. We have a cook
and a matron who is also a nurse. The rest of the work is taken
care of by the students themselves. They peel the vegetables, wash
the dishes, and keep the building clean. In addition they wash
their own clothes, which is quite a job when you consider the
climate and the dust of Manila. Saturday, which is the day I am
writing this, is the day for general housecleaning. The building
is subjected to a process in which it is nearly demolished and then
put back together again.

On less busy days the Seminarians have been painting the Chapel
and the Library. We had no funds for the purpose, but one of
the local organizations of Christians heard of the need and set to
work to supply the money. It makes all of us here feel very
happy when Filipino churchmen are able to show that they are
sufficiently interested to help. Another fine demonstration of local
support was made recently, not to me, but to one of the members
of the Mission staff who is returning to her work in Japan. The
Woman's Auxiliary of Upi sent her $50 for her work in Japan.
The women are poor, and on the whole there's great antagonism
felt toward the people of Japan.

On Saturday afternoons the Seminarians have begun to do a
very valuable work. They go out in groups to various parts of
the city to locate and to visit members of the Church who have
come from other parts of the Islands to work in Manila or to
join the army. A short time ago they discovered about thirty
Igorot Christians living in a tent who had come to Manila to beg.
Some of them carry forged papers which tell a sad tale of the
destruction of their rice fields and the burning of their homes in
order that they may prey upon the sympathy of the people of
Manila. Others frequent the street corners singing and dancing
hoping to attract a few coins. These people have never shown up
at any of our Churches in Manila, because they are ashamed of
what they are doing. Most of the Seminarians come from villages
near the homes of the beggars. It is a great source of embarrass-
ment to them to see their fellow Igorots in such an occupation.
By persuasion and other means they are attempting to bring these
men and women, boys and girls under the influence of the Church.

At present we have three full-time teachers: Father Abbitt,
Father Spackman and me. In addition there are four part-time
instructors in certain special subjects. The students are kept busy
with classes, study and work. The day begins at six in the morn-
ing with Morning Prayer followed by Mass at six-thirty. There
is a time set aside for meditation which is followed by breakfast
at seven-thirty. Vespers is at five in the afternoon and Compline
just before retiring. In all it makes a full day. Recreation is lack-
ing, but in time I hope that the students will make a playing field.

The parish of St Mary the Virgin has been very generous to
St Andrew's. I received a check not long ago which will give full
support to one Seminarian for a year and another check which will
provide substantially for the support of another man. In addi-
tion the parishioners have sent many smaller contributions which
enable me to provide the necessities which are not included on
our budget. I have used these gifts largely in caring for the men
who have been in precarious health. It should be of interest that
the two men who were in a serious condition a few months ago
are now able to resume their courses. Since we have opened in
Manila only one man has had to return to his station with an
advanced case of tuberculosis. It is difficult for me to tell our
friends at home just how much these gifts have meant to me and
to the Seminarians. I wish I could tell you personally.

The Parish must be very proud of the work of the St Mary's
Guild. By constant effort they have supplied not only St Andrew's
with vestments of all kinds but several other stations as well, such
as Upi in the South, St Luke's in Manila and Besao in the North.
Recently I sent an extra set of red Eucharistic vestments to Japan.
Where the lack of equipment for our Churches is so evident on
every hand, the help of the Guild has been of the highest value.

St Andrew's continues to have the same needs as we have always
had — additional funds for the support of the Seminarians, small
gifts to take care of medicines, funds for various emergencies which
arise from time to time in the families of the married Seminarians.
At present one of our greatest needs is for transportation of some
kind. We are situated far from the center of the city which means
that most of our supplies have to be transported by hand. The
members of the teaching staff who are not in residence at the
Seminary must spend considerable time in getting to and from the
Seminary. For days now I have been trying to get to Bilibid
prison to hear a confession, but have not been able to because of
the time involved. On the whole, convenience and efficiency would
be increased greatly if we had something like a jeep station wagon,
a pick-up truck or almost any means of transportation. The
National Council has no funds for this purpose at present. Since
I have failed so far in finding large gifts to meet our need, I am
hoping to start a fund for smaller gifts which will enable us to
reach our goal.

We are assured of your prayers and interest in our work. I
hope that the parishioners of St Mary the Virgin will continue to
pray for us — for the staff that their life and teaching may assist
God in His will toward the training of these men and for the men
themselves that they may be ready and worthy witnesses the rest
of their lives.

PARISH NOTES

THE Advent Retreat for Women is being conducted by Father
Hughson, O.H.C., on Saturday, December the thirteenth.
The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at eight, with Meditations
at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:30, closing with Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament at three. Those women who desire to keep this Retreat
will kindly notify the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, 133 West
46th Street, BR. 9-3232, before December the tenth that break-
fast and luncheon may be provided.

THE Guild of St Mary of the Cross holds its annual Christmas
Sale and Supper in St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday, December
the third, from three in the afternoon until nine in the evening.
Afternoon tea will be served. There will be tables with groceries,
cakes and fancy and useful articles for sale. The glad patronage
of the members of the parish is confidently looked for that the
women of this Guild may be encouraged in their good work both
for the parish and for the Church at large.

THE monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held
Friday morning, December the twelfth, at ten-forty-five, pre-
ceded by a Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass. At
this meeting there will be a "Christmas Toy Shower" for the
benefit of the children at St Mary's Convalescent Hospital. Miss
Margaret Davis of the hospital staff will speak. The "Mission
Table" will have numerous Christmas gifts for sale.

THE Autumn Meeting of the Guild of Help is being held in
St Joseph's Hall, on Thursday afternoon, December the fourth,
at four. At this meeting an address will be given by Miss Margaret
Stewart, the New Executive Director of the Youth Consultation
Service, and Father Taber will say a word of greeting. Afternoon
Tea will follow at which those present will be the guests of Mrs
William Lee Ward. Every woman in the parish interested in the
Social Service work of Holy Church is cordially invited to be
present.

1948 Ordo Kalendars may be obtained for fifty cents each either
at the Tract Table or at the Church Office. This new
Kalendar bears a fine close-up view of the High Altar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ."
October 31 — John Skelton Hutcheson (Infant)

CONFIRMATION

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit
of God,
whereby ye were
sealed unto the day of redemption."
October 17 — Haig Joseph Nargesian

MARRIAGE

"Those whom God hath joined together let no
man put asunder."
October 17 — Alvin Mason Refitt and Elaine Evelyn Mandragon

RECEIVED BY CANONICAL TRANSFER

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."
October 6 — Mrs Grace Frisby Conklin
October 20 — John Walter Lovering
Mrs Emma Henderson
October 20 — Lillian Colish
Mrs Frances Brandt Guillotte
Jeanne Louise Guillotte
October 22 — Frances Flagg
October 24 — Paul Dodge
October 29 — Mrs Dorothy Blake Ferguson
THE Altar Flowers for the month of December are given in memory of the following:
December 8 — The Patronal Festival. Susanna and John Willis.
December 14 — The Third Sunday in Advent. James and Susan Stoker Kennedy.
December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Founder and First Rector.
December 28 — The First Sunday after Christmas. George Coldham.

Of your charity pray for the happy repose of their souls and of the souls of all the faithful departed. Requiescant in pace.

THE Corporate Communions for the month of December are as follows:
Wednesday, December 3, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.
Sunday, December 7, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross.
Friday, December 12, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary.
Sunday, December 14, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.
Thursday, December 27, 8:00, The Fellowship of St John.
Sunday, December 28, 9:00, The Church School.

WE gratefully acknowledge the following contributions toward the expense of printing and mailing AVE: Anonymous, $5, $2, $1; The Misses Ashley, $2; Mr Mills Baker, $2; Miss Harriet Barton, $2; Miss Marie Berry, $1; Mrs John Bruce, $2; Miss Lillian Clisbee, $1; Mr Roy Cowan, $5; Mr Paul Dodge, $5; Mrs Frederick Fassig, $1; Mr Arthur Fernald, $1; Mrs Marie Gihon, $3; Mrs S. Franklin Gould, $2; Mr Harold C. Hoiel, $5; Mrs Richard Peabody Kent, $6; Mr Walton K. Lentz, $2; Mrs Charles D. MacBride, $2; Miss Patt Virginia Moore, $2; Mrs Vera Mould, $1; Mrs George Paff, $3; Miss Sarah Palmer, $1; Mr George W. Perkins, $2; Mr and Mrs Harlan S. Perrigo, $5; Miss Alice Rodewald, $5; Mrs George E. Schmidt, $1; Miss Martha Townroe, $1; Mrs Ruth Tripp, $2; Mrs Carl Theodore Vogelgesang, $2; Miss Nellie Wheeler, $2; Mrs John Whitely, $3; Mr Edgar Wilson, $5; Mr Oscar Wilson, $5.

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1. M. ST ANDREW, AP., M. Com. Feria
2. Tu. St Bibiana, V.M. Com. Feria
3. W. St Francis Xavier, C. Com. St Birinus, B.C. and Feria
7. Su. SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Com. St Ambrose, B.C.D.
21. Su. FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
25. Th. NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. At 7 Com. St Anastasia, M. High Mass, with sermon, 11.
27. Sa. ST JOHN, AP., EV. Com. Octave.

Days indicated by ☥ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.
MUSIC FOR DECEMBER 1947

7 DEC. — ADVENT II
Missa Secunda Hassler
Motet, O admirabile commercium Handl

Evening
The Litany in Procession Gregorian
Motet, Hosanna to the Son of David Gibbons
O salutaris Rehm
Motet, Adoremus te Perti
Tantum ergo (No. 4) Kodaly

14 DEC. — WITHIN OCTAVE OF CONCEPTION
Missa Sancti Josephi Peeters
Motet, Beata es Virgo Maria Gabrieli

Evening
The Litany in Procession Gregorian
Motet, Ave Maria Bruckner
O salutaris Byrd
Motet, Ave Maria Arcadelt
Tantum ergo Henschel

21 DEC. — ADVENT IV
Missa Cantabo Domino Viadana
Motet, Ecce Dominus veniet Handl

Evening
The Litany in Procession Gregorian
Motet, Rorate caeli desuper Palestrina
O salutaris Schroeder
Motet, Adoremus te Sixteenth Century

25 DEC. — CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT
Carols
Missa brevis Kodaly

CHRISTMAS MORNING
Missa in E Rehm
Motet, Rejoice, Rejoice! Byrd

28 DEC. — HOLY INNOCENTS
Missa Misericordias Domini Rheinberger
Motet, Tui sunt caeli Hilber

Evening
Carols

SERVICES

Sundays
Low Mass 7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.
Low Mass 8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar) 9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel) 10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, with address 8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS
Mass, daily 7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
Also on greater Holy Days as announced
11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Mass, Fridays 12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) 6:00 p.m.
Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis' Altar) 8:15 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday.

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.
Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:
Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Saturdays 9:15 to 1
Closed on legal holidays.
SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

Father Taber: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

Father Jacoby: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

Father Kreutler: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days’ notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God’s law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

SICK CALLS.—Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy, in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted before any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary’s to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr White, the Director of Music.