THREE CENTS.

NEW YORK CITY. SUNDAY. FEBRUARY 20, 1910.

OUR GERMAN-AMERICAN NEIGHBORS, BY ALFRED 'R. CALHOUN.

organization in Brooklyn. From

any intention of ignoring a very important element of our great German-American constituency. I have been unable to ascertain, even approximately, the number of German Roman Catholics in Brooklyn, and I doubt very much if even the statisticians of that church-and they are usually very careful and competent— the work of improving the property has could give any exact information on that not been neglected, but they have paid subject. In this borough there are 100 Roman Catholic churches and they are, because of their number, even more widely spread than those of any other denom-

As I have said before, we can no longer in the United States, tell the land of a man's birth by his name; the best we can do is to make a good goess at the descent on one side of the house. Of the fivescore Roman Catholic churches in Brooklyn, one-fifth, or to be exact, 19 are presided over by pastors with distinctly German names, and no doubt many of them are German born, but their congregations! names: The Reys: George Kaupert, All mental and physical development. Saints, Throop avenue and Thornton street; Peter Henn, Annunciation, North avenue and Covert street; Francis X. Bet-Deger, Holy Family, Thirteenth street, W. Hauptman, St. Aloysius, Onderdonk become assistant to the new rector. avenue and Stanhope street; W. Gual, St. Alphonsus, Kent street; J. F. Hansel-

manp, St. Barbara, Bleecker street and ber, 1908, at a meeting of parishioners Central avenue; Joseph Traenkle, St. called for the purpose, it was decided to Benedict, Fulton street, mear Ralph ave-nuo; John M. Scheffel, St. Bernard, Hicks This one on Warwick street, already noticed and Rapelye streets; M. Lang, St. Boniand was duly dedicated on the third Sunface. Duffield street, near Willoughby; F. day of January of this year. The Brothers X. Ludeka, St. Francis Assisi, Carroll of Mary have taken over the education of street and Sixth avenue; George W. Mun- the boys, as far as the training given in delein, St. John's Chapel, Clermont avenue, near Greene; Nicholas M. Wagner, olle club has been organized for the St. Matthias, Elm avenue, near Onder- benefit of the members of the parish. donk; P. G. Messmer, St. Michael, 225 much regret that my inability to get Jerome street (this church may be classed about without pain has for the time pre as distinctly but not exclusively German); J. P. Hoffmann, St. Nicholas, Devoe and Oliver streets; Thomas Taaffe, St. Patrick's, Kent and Willoughby avenues; C. ders that have been wrought from begin-H. Donahut, St. Stanislaus, Fourteenth nings so humble, street, near Sixth avenue.

The Capuchin Monastery in East New YORK.

Scattered throughout the country, and notably in Pennsylvania, where the monastery of the Trapplet Fathers, near Pittsburg, has been long famous, there are a number of distinctly German Reman. Catholic orders or communities; but the most interesting to us at this time is the

thoroughly German than it is at pres- of the golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Ger- ascertaining the desirability of establish-ent, the German Roman Catholics, who man Evengelical Reform Church in ing a church at Bay Ridge. to the west of their homes, deterfar to the west of their homes, determined to have a church of their own, and like their Protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named St. Michael's was built. At that time United States, and for a time had charge the past seven years.

In the like their Protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named that time United States, and for a time had charge the like their protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named the like their protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named the like their protestant countrymen under like their protestant countrymen under like their protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named the like their protestant countrymen under like conditions action at once followed resolve. And so in the year named the like their protestant countrymen under like their protest the parish consisted of fifty families, with of a small congregation at Saddle River, fore Christmas he held his first services the Rev. Philip Albrecht, who was also Bergen County, New Jersey. In 1853 he was and established a Sunday school. To be rector of St. Benedict, as paster. Four called to Brooklyn and took charge of the sure, that first congregation was small: lots were bought for \$500. The corner- small organization which subsequently de- it consisted of seven adults; and the Sunstone was laid on April 8, 1860, and on July 8 following Blahop Loughlin dedicated the building, which, without the lots, cost \$2,576. This was not a preten-

O FAR I have said nothing about added the sanctuary to the church and tvise means for meeting the debts the Rev the German Roman Catholic built the children's chapel. After three years of very hard and unorganization in Brooklyn. From usually effective work Father Bonaventura this seeming neglect, it would and his assistant. Father Francis, were be a mistake to infer that I had transferred to another field, and Honora-

their place, and remained for three years, during which time \$20,000 of debts, incurred for most valuable improvements, were paid off. In August, 1903, came the Revs. Casper Lutfring and Theophilas Rlesinger, who accomplished greater off. In this work the women's societies, things than even their hard-working as is ever the case, stood by their pastor predecessors had done. Under these men more attention to enlisting the interested co-operation of their lay associates than did their predecessors.

A Young Ladles Sewing Society, a Kindergarten, a St. Vincent de Paul Soclety and a Ladles Auxillary have been established, and are in a healthful condition. All the neighboring property on Liberty avenue has been purchased for \$12,000, and the school, which is growing, has been furnished with new and improved desks, The new school, which is architecturally a delight to the eye has something over 500 pupils in attendance. In the lower part of the school a casino has been established for the comfort and accommodation of the St. Aloysius Young Men's Society. Here is are German born, but their congregations provided an excellent library, pool tables must be largely American or Irish. It and a well-equipped gymnasium, where will be interesting to give a few of their the members find ample opportunity for

Stability and permanence of machinery but a bleunial change of overseers, would seem to be the rule in the Capuchin Fifth street and Hayemeyer; Bernard order, Since 1906 the Very Rev. P. Gabriel Kurz, Fourteen Holy Martyrs, Central Messmer, O. M. Cap., has been superior of this monastery, succeeding the Rev. P. Casimir Lutfring, who is now the secre-tary. This will be understood when it is bear Fourth avenue; F. M. Schneider, explained that in this and some other Most Holy Trinity, Montrose avenue; the religious orders there is no permanence latter church may be classed as distinctly to an official position. A friar, without German, as sermons are preached in that any approval on the one hand or disap-German, as sermons are preached in proval on the other, may be a superior language; Hermann Mertens, Our Lady of to-day and to-morrow fall back to an in-Sorrows, West Seventeenth street; John ferior position, or that of subject. And Yogel, Degraw and Hicks streets; John so it happens that a former superior has

Large though the parochial school ac-commodations of St. Michael's were, they have been found inadequate. In Decemthe first year's course of our Commercial High School. In addition to this, a Cathvented my acceptance of a courteous inditation from the brother superior to visit the Capuchin Monastery in East New York and see for myself the won-

St. Peter's German Evangelical Re-

pictures of this church and its pastor were given, but I deferred saying anything till the present.

Among some other printed matter left me by Paster Wacker is a booklet bearing this title page: "Oktober, 1853-Okder deutschen evang, ref. St. Petrl Ge-Capuchin Monastery in East New York, meinde, gehalten von Sonniag, den 18, first paster, the Rev. W. H. Steinbicker, which was established August 5, 1897; --- Oktober, bis Freitag, den 23, Oktober, 1903, is still in charge, In November, 1901, Capuchin Monastery in East New York, meinde, genation von Sonning, den 18. Inrst pastor, the Rev. W. H. Steinbleker, which was established August 5, 1897.

Away back in 1860, when the region in der Kirche, ecke Union Ave. and Scholes Str. Brooklyn, N. Y. I make no excuse for giving this in the original for even the reader of English only can be used to the purpose of the Lutheran Missionary Society of the light of the purpose of the booklet tell Brooklyn to canvass with the purpose of the purpose of the purpose of the purpose of the contents of the booklet tell Brooklyn to canvass with the purpose of the purpose o Brooklyn, and of the congregation's Although an entire stranger to the field growth from 1853 to 1903, so it only re-

I. N. Wagner was called in, and he at energy that aroused the flagging spirits of the people. But despite this remarkable man's efforts much of the doprestion of selling the church property to meet the obligations was seriously dis-

in the forefront of the struggle, and to them much of the credit is due and !s By this time the spirit of advance, inspired by success, was in the air of St. Peter's. The congregation grew so fast first structure could not hold them, and the Sunday school was literally overflowing. Under these happily changed conditions a new church was decided on; and decision was followed by prompt action. In 1891 the present church was built and dedicated. This prosperity was dampened when, in 1886, Pastor Wagner, after twenty years of hard work, was forced by ill health to resign. He died a few years after, beloved and

cussed. However, the pastor did not lose

heart, but stuck to it, and in 1872 he had

the satisfaction of seeing the debt paid

mourned by all who knew him. The next paster was the Rev. J. C. Gunther, at the time one of the bestknown, German ministers in Brooklyn, who had been, before taking full charge, assistant at St. Peter's. The church prospered under Pastor Gunther, who was chaseless in perfecting the work of his predecessors. To the sorrow of all he died in 1900, after a brief illness, in his forty-fourth year.

On the death of Pastor Gunther the congregation unanimously chose as his successor the present incumbent, the Rev. George G. Wacker, who up to this time had been assistant in the Reformed Church, Avenue B and Fifth street, Man-Pastor Wacker has demonstrated, is daily demonstrating, the wis-dom of the congregation in calling him, for under his lead the work goes on, though difficulties incident to the location of the church are increasing.

The congregation is out of debt, and the new troubles are shadows compared with those that have been overcome, Pastor Wacker, who is still a young man, was born in Newark, N. J., and entered the ministry from a love-for the calling. His activities are many. He is president of the German Evangelical Home for the Aged, and this makes large demands on is time, but a love for the work lightens

the effort: St. Peter's clders are: George L. Py sr., Michael Martin, Job Leis, Henry Leis, Bernhard Wilhelmi and Val Schueider, with W. Miller, George Spicler, John Werner, H. Rockensies, J. G. Pfluger and Fred Stachler, deacons. M. Mattes is the organist, and since 1897 F. Stahler has cen sexton. The Sunday school has over 500 pupils, with: 35 teachers. Two sessions are held, that in the morning being n German, that in the afternoon in Engish. The officers are: George L. Py., ar. superintendent; William Miller, score tary; Michael Martin, treasurer, and W. Miller and Charles Glodlein, librarians. St. Peter's has its full share of societies, in which the fathers, mothers and chil-dren are actively associated, and it has reason to feel pride in its choir, which usual proficiency. There is also a promising junior choir, consisting of fifteen

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Incarnation.

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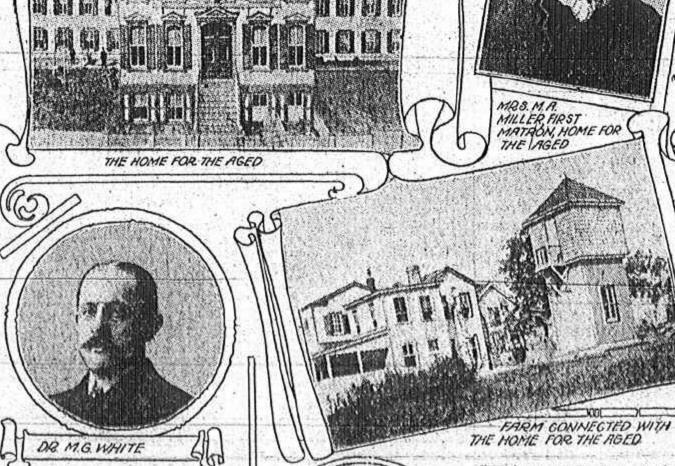
It was not a pretent of the purpose of perfectively was contributed by people that the church became attached to the synod. Six years after taking time the church membership—as it may be called—had increased to 23, and the large people that the church membership—as it may be called—had increased to 23, and the In February, 1861, the Rev. Frank young man and was much beloved by his Sunday school, from such unpromising from the time Paster Steinnicker took school had outgrown their quarters and self, and a young wife whose cheer and president of the college, presided and in-Poine succeded Father Albrecht, and had congregation.

Charge, the congregation secured title to demanded more room. Additions were hope were beyond measure. He at once charge of the parish till July, 1866. Then The Rev. Philip Zapf was the next pas-



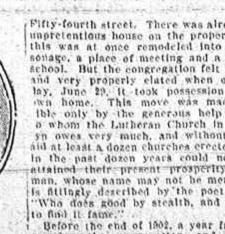
came Fathers Zelinski and Decker, who did much to arouse the German Roman workers were relieved by the Rev. Casper Muller, who served until 1869. Then came Father Oberschneider, who had charge of the parish till 1871. Following him were the Revs. M. J. Michaels and August M. Nieman. The latter greatly enlarged the building, he paid up all debts and added to the church property twelve adjoining lots, and greatly im-proved the old school, which had become

a feature of the neighborhood. energetic Father Bonaventura, for he also ... To harmonize the congregation and de-



DR S FRECKENSTEIN

Father Nieman remained in charge un- tor and served till 1863, when the Rev. til Bishop McDonnell, in March, 1897, II. Hennincke took charge, but retained Fathers, and Father Aleysius Blonnigen the Rev. G. A. Relchenbach, under whom, became the first paster of that order though he was very carnest, the church) stationed in St. Michael's; but he was did not prosper, and the already onero is called away by his superiors the same debt grew till it became oppressive, year and was succeeded by the Rev. P. Many of the congregation became dis-Bonaventura Frey, who became the first couraged and left, but even those who superior of the Capuchin Monastery in sturdily, clung to St. Peter's felt that East New York. He built the new exten-they must have other help. In this emersion to the pricate house, and bought gency they appealed to the North Classic three more lois, on which the new achools of Long Island for assistance. Soon all house was built, on the corner of Libs was given, but it was not sufficient to exerty avenue and Warwick street. This tricate the congregation from its burstricture cost about \$50,000; but it was dens. In this state of affairs Pastor not the only improvement made by the Reichenbach resigned.



Fifty-fourth street. There was already an ed on November 29 of the same year. unpretentious house on the property, and the required courage to creet a building on this was at once remodeled into a parta a capital that consisted principally of the sonage, a place of meeting and a Sunday assets of faith and hope, but after years school. But the congregation felt opulent of hard work these conquered. sonage, a place of meeting and a Sunday asked of faith and hope, but after years and very properly elated when on Sunday, June 29, it took possession of its win home. This move was made possible only by the generous help of one of whom the Lutheran Church in Broaksyn owes very much, and without whose and a least a dozen churches created with in the past dozen years could not have attained their present prosperity. This is first charge at Boonman, whose name may not be mentioned, its fittingly described by the poet as one "Who does good by stealth, and blushes to find it fame."

Before the end of 1802, a year from the starting, the congregation and Sunday faith in the work and confidence in him-

the cramped conditions grew more severe. church were in the paster's mind and a Then a good friend of the work came in, building fund for this purpose was and proposed that a church to cost \$5,000 started. be crecied, promising that if the congregation raised among themselves \$3,775. be crected, promising that if the congre-gation raised among themselves \$3,775. charge of larger and richer congrega-tions, but feeling that the St. John parish for was accepted, and the members went

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On September 8, 1867, a little hand of earnest men met at Union Hall, Manhattan avenue and India street. Williams-burg, at the call of the Rev. II. Hennicke. then pastor of St. Paul's, in the same acc-German Evangelical Lutheran Church, thus becoming the tenth of what has since grown to be sixty-one churches. For some months services were held in Union Hall by pastors of the New York or Steimle synod, to which the congrega-

So severe in those early days was the struggle for existence, both as individuals and as a congregation, that the inportance of keeping a record was not se-riously considered, or if it was, no one acted on it, Within two months of the first meeting, the congregation-still meeting in Union Hall-called the Rev. Oscar Kaselliz to be their pastor. His salary was to be \$899, of which the congregation agreed to pay \$500, and the rest, it was expected, could be made up from the fees of the proposed parochial tchool. How he made out we are not informed. The second place of meeting was in the Christian Mission Church, Leonard street, which was rented for the purpose. At this time there were sixty communicants, a contrast to the present membership of 1,200, and a Sunday school attendance of 600 scholars. The corner stone of a church edifice

was laid on September 20, 1869, on Leonard street, near Greenpoint avenue, and the building was completed and dedicat-

starting, the congregation and Sunday faith in the work and confidence in him- Brennan. The Rev. Brother Jerome, the Hall, Nostrand avenue and Carroll street,

made to the existing structure, but when started in to free the church from debt. the membership had grown to over 100 Even before the last dollar of obligaand the Sunday school had 150 attendants, tion had been met, plans for a larger building fund for this purpose was

needed him, he stuck to it. Lots for the to work, but their efforts were sorely new church building were bought on hampered by the panic of three years ago. Milton street, and at a meeting held Sep-It was not till the spring of 1908 that tember 6, 1890, over \$16,000 was raised. It was not till the spring of 1800 the ground was broken for the new building. The corner stone of the new countries and occur-laid July 26, 1891. The following December the old church property was sold for the beautiful the Hussarian Greek Catholics. In value, but the success cannot be and Pastor Oswald had to pay 50 cents measured by the dollar standard. To-day to see the building rededicated by the there are over 200 communicants in the clery of the new order. The Hungarians congregation and the Sunday school has were very tardy in their payments and a regular attendance of 375.

The debt, when \$1,500 remained, was paid by Bishop McDonnell of the Roman

In 1899 St. John's was renovated, decois now free from debt and in strength is exceeded by but a few Lutheran congre-These men organized St. John's gations in Brooklyn. The services in the Sunday school in Long Island City, a ing Circle, a committee for the poor and the small room adjoining. missions, and last, but not least, two

Some German Charities.

For the present I must defer further notice of the German churches in Brookyn, in the two remaining articles of this series I shall try to sketch a few of the great charities, like the Home for the Aged, and to indicate by a few illustrations what the many clubs and societies

YOUNG ORATORS IN CONTEST.

Pupils of High School Department of Manhattan College Get Medals and Mention.

high school department of Manhattan ine S. Day; directors for 1910, Miss Sadio College took place lest evening in Do American, Misa Adelaide Palmer, Mrs.

ing the decision Judge Sinnoti, the chair-man of the committee, complimented the young orators on the fine showing they made, and said the judges regretted they could not give a prize to each contestant. He then declared Herbert J. McVey to be the winner of the prize. Messrs... Faraci. Brophy and Dugan were awarded honorable mention. The college bandand Manhattan Glee Club rendered some very fine vocal and instrumental musical sclections during the course of the pro-

BARON KIKUCHI TO SPEAK.

Will Address Woman's Municipal League at Its Entertainment on Thursday.

The entertainment for the benefit of the Woman's Municipal League, which is rated and rededicated. The twelve fres- the Woman's Municipal League, which is coes on the ceiling. Illustrating Bible to be given on the afternoon of February. subjects, are much admired. The church 24 in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza, promises to be a most interesting and novel affair. Baron Kikuchi, the Japanese statesman and educator, will deliver English. In addition to the council and an address on "The Position of Woman board of trustees, the church organiza- in Japan," and the Japanese orchestraunder the leadership of Professor Takaort Ladles Ald Society, Young People's So-ciety, an English Sunday school, a Sew-les Circle a committee in

A committee of honor will receive the choirs, the second being the boys and girls choir, and both ably conducted by the organist, Stanley Farrar.

A committee of nonit will receive the baron. Included in this committee are president Butler of Columbia, Dean Russell Dr. Elein, R. L. Gould, the Japanese sell, Dr. Elgin, R. L. Gould, the Japanesa acting consul general, K. Yamasuki, Rob-ert Erskine Ely, William Jay Schieffelin, Mrs. Vladimir G. Simkhavitch, Lawrence Gresser, president of the Borough of Queens, Miss Julia Richman, Frederic B. Pratt, the Rev. Hugh Birckhead, Professor Charles Sprague Smith, Dr. Williams H. Maxwell, Miss Ruutz-Rees, Miss Carso and others, while the Mayor and several of the city officials have also given their

Mrs. Hewitt, the president of the league, will preside, and the list of patronesses includes a number of prominent women. The officers of the Woman's Municipal League are as follows:

President, Mrs. Edward R. Hewitt, vice president, Mrs. Thomas R. French of Brooklyn; secretary, Miss. M. Serena. Townsend; recording secretary, Mrs. Ed-The annual elecution contest of the ward E. Loomis; treasurer, Miss Kather-