

A POLISH HOLIDAY.

Patriotic Celebration of the Revolution of 1831.

To-day the Polish colony in this city will celebrate the fifty-sixth anniversary of the outbreak of the Polish revolution of 1830-31. At 11 o'clock Father Szhuitz, a Polish priest, will celebrate a solemn requiem mass at St. Bridget's Church for the repose of the souls of those who fell in the struggle for independence. A sermon will also be preached in Polish by the officiating priest. The service will be attended by the Polish society in a body, and in the evening the celebration will conclude with a banquet, at which patriotic addresses will be delivered. The society, under the auspices of which the celebration will be held, was founded about thirteen years ago by a few patriots residing in this city, who, to use the words of the secretary, "conceived the common idea of founding a society which should concentrate the scattered elements of the Polish race into one focus, to preserve and sustain our national traditions, to afford aid to our compatriots in case of sickness and for other benevolent purposes." "The Polish element is somewhat scanty in this State," continued the secretary. "You see, our people, belonging mostly to the agricultural classes, do not emigrate much to California. They prefer such States as Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska, where there are regular Polish agricultural colonies established. The Polish emigrants to America come principally from Lemberg, Cracow, Warsaw and Posen."

The Polish society, which has its rooms at 1235 Market street, has managed to collect during the thirteen years of its existence a fine library consisting of 500 classical Polish works and books in other languages. There is also a reading-room which is supplied with numerous Polish, foreign and American papers. The society—which has as officers a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer—holds meetings on the first and second Sundays of the month. Dr. Pawliski is President of the society and Alexander Bedhowski, a Polish veteran of the war of 1830 and of the American civil war, is Secretary.