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CHRISTMAS

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by

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* The birthday of Jesus brings
* us all great joy, as it was meant

*to do. That God should choose a
* stable for His first home on earth
*fills us with wonder. That He
* should choose poverty in prefer-
*ence to riches for our sake,that
* He should choose cold rather than
*warmth for our sake fills us with
* admiration. There is nothing
*selfish here.

* Since it is His birthday, we
*won't just take everything He
* wants to give us. We want to
*give Him something too, we want
* to do something for Him. The
*best gift we can make to Him at
* any time is to do His will(even
*when it is hard). We must always
* remember that there is never a
*holiday from God's law.

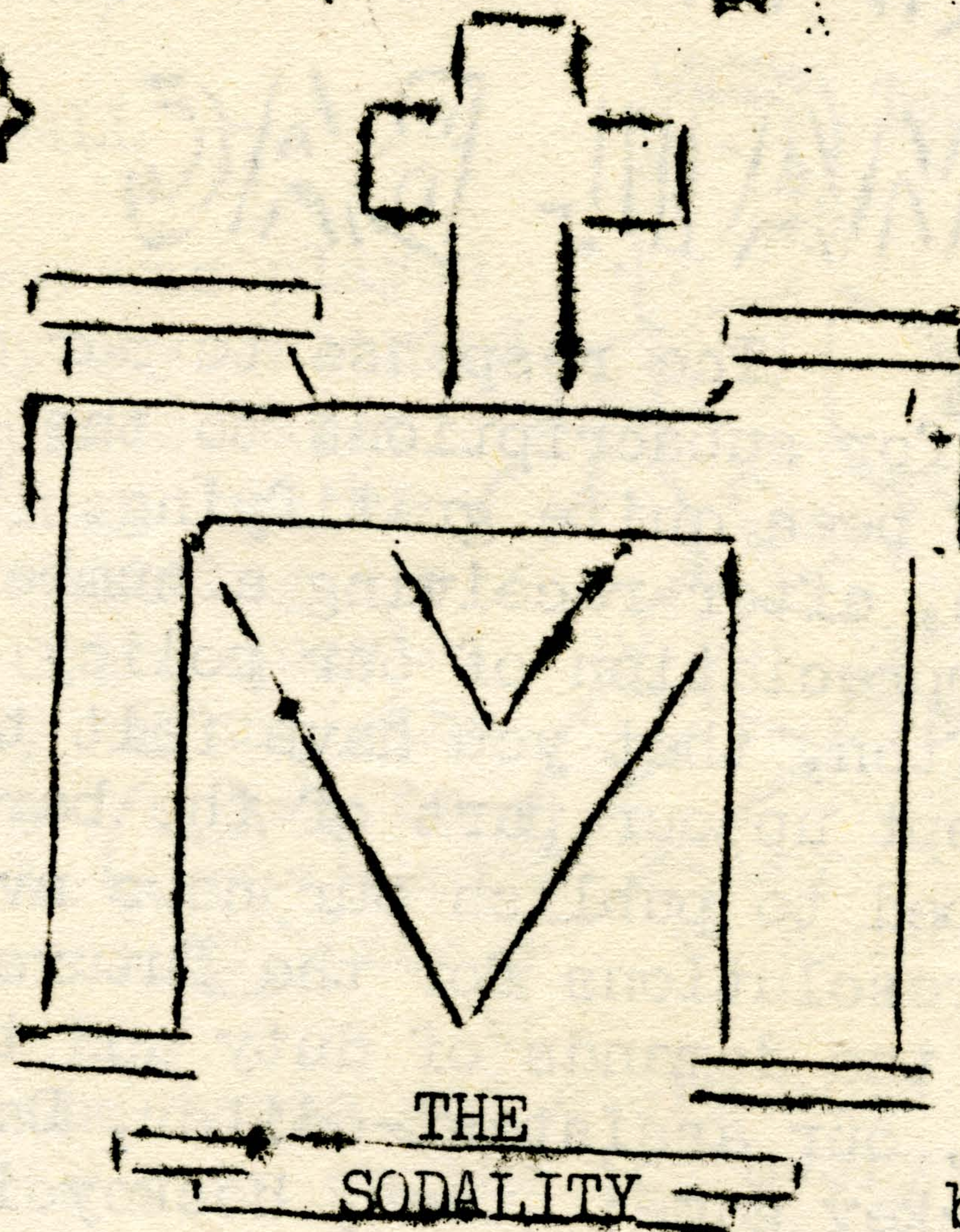
* At Christmas time we want to
*do something special. And here
* we remember that the word Christ-
*mas really means the Mass of Christ,
* that is, the sacrifice of Himself,

* the giving of Himself. We hope
* that you were among the many who
* filled the churches on Christ-
* mas day to help the priest offer
* the sacrifice of the Mass and
* to receive the Christ Child in
* Holy Communion. We hope that you
* found happiness during the holi-
* days by helping others be happy.*
* We hope you brought the best of
* yourselves to your homes, that is
* your kindness and goodness, not
* the worst-your selfishness, your
* complaints, your bad example. We
* hope your family were all really
* glad to have you home because of
* the joy your presence brought
* them.

* We hope that those who stayed
* at Garnier during the holidays
* had a happy time. If you would
* liked to have gone home, it is
* a sacrifice, something you could
* really offer Him.

* No matter who you are, we
* hope, finally, that the stirring
* lesson of Christmastime has made
* a deep impression on you- the
* lesson of Christ's love of you-
* His complete giving of Himself
* for you. That was the constant
* refrain of His whole life. It
* must find an echo in your life
* too, your whole life. All about
* that day of His birth is lovely,
* admirable, innocent and magnif-
* icent, but there might just as
* well not be a Christmas unless
* the lesson of His great love for
* each one is not a moving force
* to guide us away from the path of
* sin and ever higher in a life of
* love for The Christ Child, God-Man.

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by Larry Lavalley

Prior to Christmas, all the Sodality Committees were very busy preparing for Christmas and the other school activities.

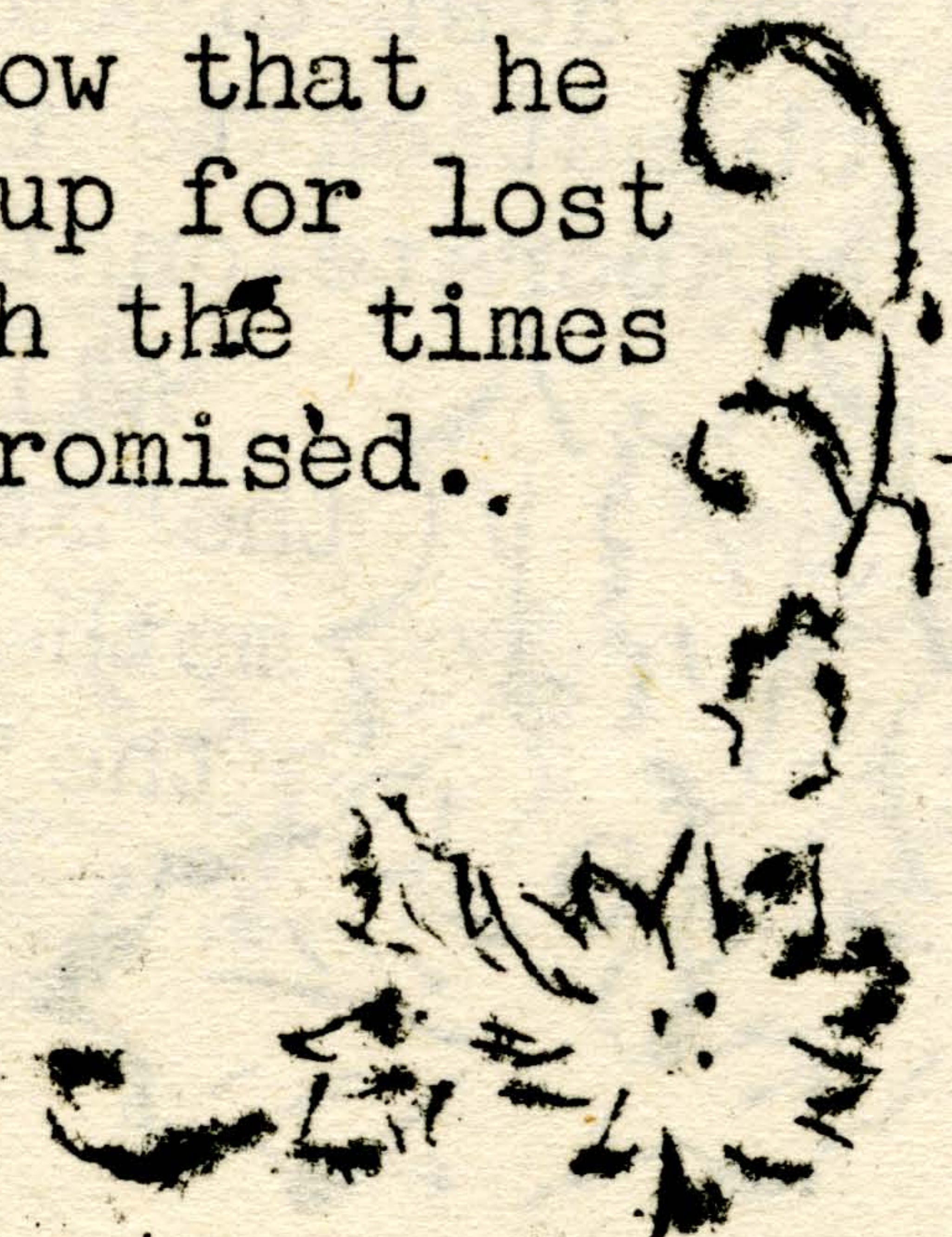
Dramatic Committee - had a busy time preparing for the Christmas concert and the Christmas decorating.

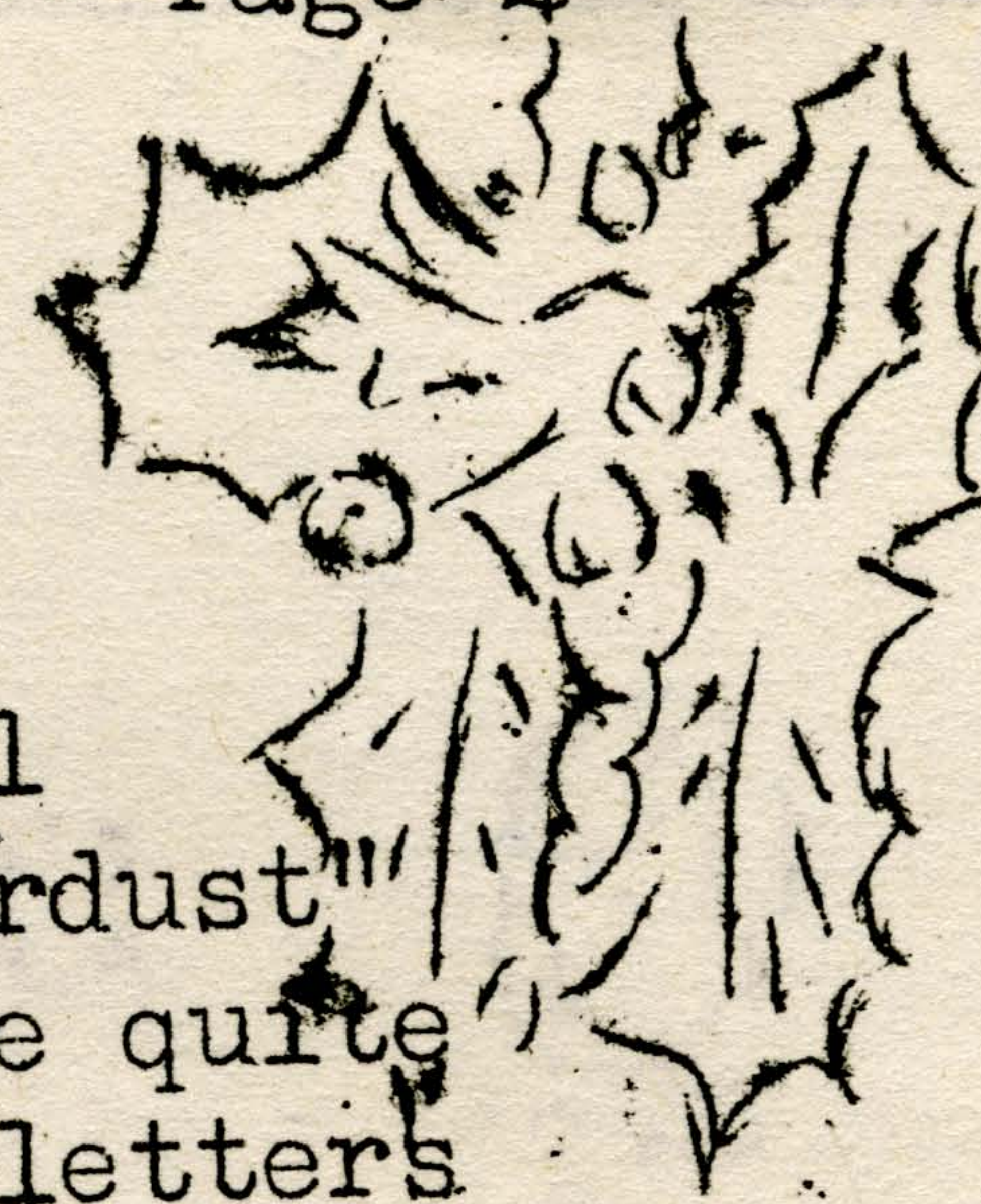
Social Committee - did a very good job of decorating the recreation hall for our Sodality social and dance held on Dec. 11th. The hall was all in blue white and a stage was set up for the orchestra.

Athletic Committee - are busily engaged in carrying out the hockey schedule, flooding the arena, supervising the games and making minor repairs in the arena.

Our Lady's Committee - went all out in setting up the life-size Crib near the grotto.

Publicity Committee - since the Chairman, David Fox, dislocated his shoulder, the news and reports on school activities has lagged somewhat, but now that he is on the mend, we hope to make up for lost time. We'll try to keep pace with the times now and give you the news as we promised.





The response to our appeal for subscriptions to the "Stardust" has been quite gratifying. We are quite sure, after receiving a number of letters of appreciation of our policy of lots of news often, that you have felt that we have not kept up our part of the bargain. Remember! we had hoped to publish our news every two weeks. Now for our excuses and resolutions for the future!

First of all, the demands of duty and the season have been heavy upon us. Then, our assistant-editor, Dave Fox, dislocated his shoulder in a hockey game; then, hockey itself seems to eat up most of our spare time.

Now, we seem to be getting back on our feet and we hope to make up for lost time and really hammer out the news to you.

We cannot help but recall what one subscriber said: "Don't forget, you said every two weeks!" Actually, we said we hoped to put out the "Stardust" every two weeks. We hope to do it for the rest of the year.

Some readers have found some objection to the word "Stardust". Perhaps they are thinking too much of ordinary dust, whereas stardust has the gleam and glitter of the stars. The word "Stardust" was chosen as the title of a popular song a number of years ago, and it still remains as a semi-classical piece of music. Remember the song about Ireland that tells how Ireland got its name..... "A Little bit of heaven fell from out the sky one day.....and they sprinkled it with Stardust just to make the shamrocks grow." Well, let's look on this as a little bit of heaven sprinkled with the dust of our Garnier Stars. We know you have no serious objection to the name. This just affords us an opportunity to elaborate on the name.

All our correspondents have told us that they enjoy the "Stardust" and look forward to receiving it. One mother said it was a good way to keep in touch with the doings of her son.

