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Sun. Dec. 14—Third Sunday of Advent.
Gospel St. John, 1, 29-28. Bl. Andrew
Bobola.
MON. 15—St. Florence, Abbess.
TUES. 16—St. Alice, Empress.
WED. 17—St. Olympia, Widow.
THURS. 18—St. Gatian, Bishop, & Con.
FRI. 19—St. Nemesion, Martyr.
SAT. 20—St. Christian, Bishop.

PARNELL.

When Parnell stood before the world, a self-confessed adulterer, the shock was great. The bishops and priests of Ireland declared that on moral grounds such a man could not be the recognized leader of a people remarkable for its love of the sanctities of the married life; forty-five members of the Parliamentary party took the same ground; five of the six envoys sent to America to advocate the cause of Ireland, in a manifesto of wonderful power and feeling, ranked themselves on the side of virtue and morality; Every Catholic paper in the United States, except one, took the same side; even strong Nationalist papers, such as the Boston Pilot and the Irish World, discarded as their leader the man who had dishonored a holy cause and a virtuous people. The entire American secular press spoke in the same sense.

It was reserved for the Monroe County Land League to antagonize the above representatives of Irish sentiment and American thought and range it self on the side of filth and social impurity. The name of the Monroe County Land League, a reputable society, is used and smirched by the use made of its name. But the offending body is the Rochester Camp of the Clan-na-gael. It is the same clique which, at the time of the Phoenix Park murder, refused to disavow that horrible crime. In this refusal they were consistent. Their oath justified the assassination of an informer. In the Monroe County Land League they are open-mouthed Home Rulers; in the Camp of the Clan-na-gael they are Revolutionists, aiming at the establishment of a Republic in Ireland. So their oath reads.

Verily the cablegram sent to Parnell by the 13 Clan-na-gael men sounds peculiarly like the proclamation of the tailors of London town.

TOTTEN POINTS.

The Superintendent for the State of the teachers in last Saturday's address in the writer's talk, but faintest on the was not certain to the state me to make of

absolute secularization in the State schools.

He dilated on the large amount of money spent the past year for new school buildings in New York State, but said never a word about the large amount the Catholics have been compelled to expend in order that they may have schools in which their children can be educated in accordance with Divine command.

Mr. Draper told how many children are at present in attendance upon the State schools, but forgot to mention the many Catholic children who are debarred their advantages.

The Superintendent claimed "education is something the State is bound to give a child," but neglected, or thought it a waste of time, to state that in that education no reference is made to the Ruler of the Universe, even though the parent, whose right to educate his child is God-given, one of the creators of that State, objects to such omission.

It is quite probable Mr. Draper did not think these points worthy of notice, but they are of more than passing moment to Catholics.

The conviction that the Catholic Church is a great moral agency is steadily growing among those who disagree with the religious belief she inculcates. Only the other day a non-Catholic remarked to the writer: "The confessional has done more than anything else to keep the lower classes pure and honest." This gentleman, however, ascribed this to the "superstition" of the people themselves. He was mistaken. What he mistook for "superstition" was a firm belief that only through the Catholic Church could be found a sure way to Heaven. As a consequence her members never fail to submit themselves to her authority.

"Mother Xavier (Delchanty) the venerable Sister who for many years had been at the head of the Sisters of Charity at St. Mary's Boy's Orphan Asylum, Syracuse, N. Y., died November 17." The above reliable extract is from the "general news column" of the Catholic News. How such a mistake could have been made by our contemporary puzzles us. It is in the habit of locating the JOURNAL in Syracuse, but we cheerfully forgave such inaccuracy. However, when it comes to locating one of Rochester's time honored institutions in Syracuse, and making one of the Flower City's most respected inhabitants go to the Saline City to die, we do decidedly object, especially when there is no earthly excuse for such a glaring error.

Various lawyers and other interested parties are exerting all their powers to invalidate the election of Hosea H. Rockwell as Member of Congress from the 28th Congressional district, composing the counties of Seneca, Chemung, Schuyler and Sullivan and seat his opponent, Col. H. T. Noyes. Motions for stays, mandamuses, etc., have been made indiscriminately before the courts in Rochester and other cities of the State. The probabilities are that the next Congress, being overwhelmingly Democratic, and having the dangerous precedent of the present House as an example, will seat Mr. Rockwell. Judging from the merits of the case, it would appear that Mr. Rockwell's election could only be accomplished by a veritable "steal."

The large amount of advertising placed with the Journal this week makes it necessary to condense our reading matter somewhat. We trust our readers will overlook this and remember it is but once or twice a year that newspapers reap such a harvest. Our advertisements are all from reliable firms, and we advise our readers to look them all over carefully. They may save you money.

The Catholic News has entered upon its fifth year. We extend congratulations, and hope Dr. John Gilmary Shea, its editor, will be spared to continue his good work many years.

GENEVIEVE.

Beautiful Operetta to be Given at St. Mary's Hall.

This operetta will be presented at St. Mary's hall during the holidays by the school pupils. Its music and airs are very beautiful, and it is nearly twice as long as "Laila," which was given last year.

ARGUMENT.

The scene of this operetta is laid in, or near, one of our large cities, a few years previously the happy home of Genevieve, with her father and her sister Isadore. The family at that time visited a distant city, where Genevieve, while out for a walk with Isadore and their maids, was decoyed into an alley by the wicked Roxana and Theresa and hurried out of sight before her loss was observed by her protectors. She was taken by the former to their rude home, taught by them to forget her name and friends and to assimilate herself by her new position as their servant. Being wandering in their habits, they, in a few years, take up their abode in the suburbs of Genevieve's native city. After fruitless endeavors on the part of Genevieve's father and sister, to recover her, they returned home, and, after the death of her father, Isadore, now a young lady, lives with her maids, sole mistress of her mansion. True, however, to the memory of her sister, she still mourns her loss and daily prays for her restoration.

Act I—The friends and schoolmates of Isadore, formerly of Genevieve, while enjoying their recreation in a park near town, are petitioned by a flower-girl who approaches in her humble dress and manner, to buy the flowers which it is her occupation to sell. They gather about her with interest, and, on questioning her, recognize her to be Isadore's lost sister, Genevieve. The latter, intent upon her labors, hastens away before she is made aware of the fact, and the girls, observing where she lives, make haste to tell the joyful news to Isadore.

Act II—Isadore is discovered alone in her beautiful home, singing her pensive twilight song, "The Shades of Night are Stealing." Her two maids enter, light the lamps, draw the curtains, and soon, as is their custom, join in their evening prayer. Then the two maids playfully entreat Isadore for a ballad, which she in a playful mood commences, when they are alarmed by the abrupt and noisy entrance of the girls, who bring the wonderful news. When Isadore comprehends its nature, she needs no urging to hasten to the place where she hardly dares to hope she will find her long lost sister.

Act III—The scene is laid in the rude cottage where Genevieve lives, a servant to the cruel Roxana and Theresa. The act opens with the entrance of Genevieve, weary and dispirited, who setting down her basket containing a few withered flowers, sings the plaintive song, "They bid me call it all a dream." At its close her mistresses enter, and severely chide her for the noise she is making, and for her idleness in not selling all her flowers. They then go out, leaving her to do menial work in their absence, and warning her to be diligent. While at her work she sings, "If the world were mine to give." During the last verse Isadore, having approached with the others, is observed—unseen by Genevieve—carefully watching to see if she recognizes her as her sister. As Genevieve, in pronouncing the words, "If all alone," comes forward in plain view, Isadore, convinced of the truth, flies to her, embraces her, and the others following cry "It is Genevieve!" The latter, bewildered, thinks herself dreaming, but soon assured of the truth, yields to the enjoyment of the moment, and with Isadore joins in the duet, "All sweet hour, by angels blest!" Her tyrannical mistresses enter and endeavor to disperse the crowd. Regarding them, they are about to go away with Genevieve when Roxana and Theresa seize her and hurry out with her. Isadore now advances and boldly claims her in the name of a sister. Intimidated they release Genevieve, who running to Isadore, is embraced by her, and the others forming a circle around them with joined hands sing the closing chorus.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Mr. Edward Frye, who has been the traveling agent for the CATHOLIC JOURNAL for the past few months, has discontinued canvassing for the present, and accepted another position.

Auburn.

We have discovered that a number of persons, principally residents of Auburn, who subscribed for the JOURNAL some time ago, have received but one or two copies. Any of our readers knowing the names of those who have ordered the paper but not received it will confer a favor by sending the same to us.

The organ opening concert at St. Mary's church Sunday evening was a grand success. The new organ was heard the first time at High Mass, when Pr. f. Barckoff and Miss Alice Purdy had command of the instrument. In the evening Prof. Flagler of this city, presided at the organ and brought out all the music contained therein. One of the selections played was his own composition, and fairly captivated his listeners. A full chorus choir and the following vocalists deserve great credit: Misses M. Winters, E. Murphy, A. Ohlerson, A. Murray, and Mrs. Condor; Messrs Frank Huebner and John Winters. The "Tantum Ergo," by John Winters, and the duet "Quis est Homo," by Miss Ohlerson and Mr. Huebner deserve more than common mention. The organ is one of the finest in the diocese. After the concert Rev. Father Mulheron served the singers with supper in the Young Ladies' library. The musical programme will be repeated Christmas.

The annual election of officers of Branch 105, C. M. B. A., was held Thursday evening. Afterwards a general good time was indulged in by the members.

Mrs. Mary Quigley died at the family residence on Clark street last Friday. She has been for many years a resident of this city. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church Monday, and the funeral mass read Tuesday.

Penn Yan.

Branch 125 has elected the following officers: Pres., Peter Curran, 1st vice-pres., Wm. Costello; 2nd v. p., Frank McNiff; rec. sec'y, Jas. Meade; asst. rec. sec., J. C. Caviston; fin. sec., P. J. Barry; marshal, John Birmingham; guard, Michael Ovaugh; trustees R. B. Mahar, F. McNiff.

Mt. Morris.

Miss Julia Flaherty is visiting friends in Auburn. Miss Lizzie Evans, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Phelan. Miss Katie Phelan will visit Newark this week. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Noonan attended the wedding of Robert Skillin and Miss Boyd of Gowland this week.

Geneva.

The marriage of Miss Abbie Hawkins, sister of Trustee Thos. Hawkins and A. Hawkins to Wm. Healy is announced to have occurred at Salem, Mass.

Michael O'Malley's claim for loss at his late fire was \$4,950. He settled with the adjusters for \$4,900 and the salvage in the ruins.

Dansville.

\$1,000 was the whole amount realized from our fair.

John Finn, an old and respected citizen of Dansville, died at his home on Clay street Wednesday last. He was a devout Catholic, a loving husband and indulgent father. A wife and seven children mourn his loss. His funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Saturday.

The Forty Hours' Devotion opened in St. Patrick's church Sunday and closed Wednesday.

Lyons.

Lyons Council, No. 185, C. B. L., of Lyons, N. Y., has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, H. F. Myers; vice-president, Victor Knittel; secretary, M. T. Bradley; orator, J. P. Boyle; collector, E. P. Boyle; treasurer, M. J. Keane; chaplain, Rev. D. W. Kavanaugh; marshal, Aldice Lewis; guard, John Walsh; trustees, Daniel Moran, Stephen Mackin and I. A. Whitman; representative to State Council, James McNamara; alternate, James Robinson; auditing board, A. M. Ehart, M. T. Bradley and I. A. Whitman.

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