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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

The following is self-explanatory: REV. AND DEAR SIR:

Our Holy Father, Leo XIII, has directed that in all the churches of Christendom an alms shall be asked of the faithful on the Feast of Epiphany each year, in behalf of the Catholic Missionaries now engaged in the apostolic work of Christianizing the negroes of Africa.

He has also prescribed an alms to be offered on Good Friday, in favor of the Franciscan Fathers who are in charge of the holy places in Palestine.

The Third Plenary Council of Baltimore wished that, on the first Sunday of Lent, a collection should be taken up in the churches of the United States for missionary work at large, one-half of the amount thus received to be sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, having its head-house at Lyons, and the other half to the Archbishop of Baltimore for the religious instruction of negroes and Indians in the United States.

Another collection is proscribed by the same Council for the needs and assistance of the Holy Father himself, now that he is deprived of his temporal dominions, and must, therefore, look to the loyalty and generosity of his faithful children for the support of his office, and of the many burdens necessarily thrown on him.

In churches in which there is no High Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, an opportunity will be given the faithful to present their offerings on the Sunday within the octave. The alms to be given at the Epiphany time and on Good Friday can be put in alms-boxes placed in some conspicuous part of the church, or in the ordinary contribution boxes.

The collection for the Propagation of the Faith and for the American Negroes and Indians, and that for the Peter-pence, will be taken up in the usual manner of such collections, at all the masses on the Sundays named. These alms and collections will be remitted to the Very Rev. Chancellor of the diocese without delay, for transmission to those who are entitled to

tion of diocesan collection for each and every advice, without the Chancellor of the BISHOP. 91. Chancellor.

Union church, ap nece

Rev. John Nelligan, now of Phelps, takes Father Hendrick's place at Union Springs.

Rev. A. M. O'Neil, formerly of Scottsville, and more recently temporary pastor of St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, is appointed pastor at Phelps.

Father Hendrick is a brother of Rev. J. W. Hendrick, of Livonia, and of Madame Hendrick of the Sacred Heart Convent, and was born in Penn Yan 39 years ago. He received his early training in the elementary schools of that place and the Penn Yan academy. At St. John's College, in Fordham, under the direction of Jesuit instructors, he continued his studies, completing the classical course in that institution. Subsequently he graduated at Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey. After this he pursued his theological studies in St. Joseph's seminary in Troy, and was one of the first priests ordained for the diocese of Rochester, entering the priesthood in 1873, soon after this diocese was established. He was assigned to duty as assistant at St. Mary's, Rochester, and afterwards in Charlotte, so he is well known in this city. During his administration in Greece he built the beautiful stone church on the Ridge road. For the last thirteen years he has been pastor of the church at Union Springs, N. Y. In connection with Union Springs, he ministered to the spiritual needs of Cayuga and Aurora, at each of which he has built handsome churches. He is a learned man, a zealous priest and a thoroughly good citizen.

Father Nelligan has been ordained about five years. He is a former student of St. Andrew's preparatory theological seminary and finished at Troy theological seminary. Phelps was his first mission, and he has served it with zeal and fidelity.

Father O'Neil is a young but earnest priest and has endeared himself to all over whom he has been placed in charge. He was first at Scottsville, and for the past few months has been temporary pastor at Seneca Falls.

BANCROFT'S HISTORY.

While not wishing to detract from the merits of Bancroft's history of the United States, we want to impress upon those of our readers now growing up one fact. In the first fifteen editions of the history, the following expressive and manifestly just sentence appears on page 247, volume 1: "Upon the 27th day of March the Catholics took quiet possession of the little place, and religious liberty obtained a home, its only home in the wide world, in the humble village which bore the name of St. Mary's."

In the later editions, when old age was creeping on and his once vigorous mind had weakened, the historian substituted in place of the above quotations the following dull and unreliable sentence: "Upon the 27th the emigrants, of whom by far the greatest number were Protestants, took possession of the land the governor had bought." In inserting this we merely give our young people an answer to those who quote Bancroft's later editions. If Catholics want to read a history of the Church in this country, and, incidentally, a very good history of our Republic, they should read Dr. John Gilmary Shea's. Two volumes are already out and the remaining books will soon appear.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Ash Wednesday is the first day, according to our present observance of the forty days' fast of Lent. The office for Ash Wednesday opens with the solemn ceremony which has given the day its name. After the introit and four collects in which pardon and mercy are implored for the penitent, the faithful approach and kneel at the altar rails, and the priest puts ashes upon the forehead of each, saying, "Memento, homo, quia pulvis es, et in pulverem reverteris." (Remember, man, that thou art dust, and shall return to dust.) The ashes are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. The Lenten pastorals of Bish-

ops, regulating the observance of the season, usually prescribe that the fast on Ash Wednesday shall be more rigorously kept than on any other day of Lent, except the four last days of Holy Week.

The administration of the ashes was not originally made to all the faithful, but only to public penitents. These had to appear before the church door on the first day of Lent, in penitential garb and with bare feet. Their penances were then imposed upon them; then they were brought into the church before the bishop, who put ashes on their heads, saying, besides the words, "Memento," &c., "age penitentiam ut habeam vitam aeternam." "Repent (or do penance), that thou mayst have eternal life." He then made them an address, after which he solemnly excluded them from the church. Out of humanity and affection, friends of the penitents, though not in the same condition, used to join themselves to them expressing in their outward guise a similar contrition; and offering their foreheads also to be sprinkled with ashes. The number of these persons gradually increased, until at length the administration was extended to the whole congregation, and the rite took its present form.

SIGNOR CRISPI'S DEFEAT.

According to the cable dispatches, Premier Crispi of Italy was beaten on a question of finance in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Monday, and immediately tendered his resignation. Strange to say, King Humbert is said to be seriously considering the advisability of accepting it. Judging from passing events, the King of Italy has long wished to rid himself of his prime minister, and this time he may have backbone enough to carry out his desire.

If Crispi is retired to private life, another enemy to the Church will be removed. Bismarck was looked upon as absolutely necessary to German success, yet the Empire seems to progress very well without him. Bismarck was an inveterate hater of Catholics; in the end the Catholics, led by the brave Windthorst, forced the Iron Chancellor down and out. Signor Crispi has been, in his puny way, a greater foe to the Church than Bismarck. It may so happen that "Il Maccherone's" turn has come. We can all say "good riddance!"

The Boston Pilot, under the management of Patrick Donahoe, its founder, who returns to the helm after years of absence, shows the paper is in able hands. It is now considerably more than half a century old, and bids fair to exist as long as newspapers are published. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Donahoe and his able lieutenants, James Jeffrey Roche, and Miss Katherine E. Conway, our distinguished townswoman.

We note with sincere regret the announcement of Dr. Thomas O'Hagan's retirement from the editorial management of the Duluth Northwestern Witness. During his brief occupancy of the position he has won high laurels as a Catholic journalist. His articles were crisp and couched in exquisite language. May success attend him wherever he may go.

Owing to the largely increased sales of the JOURNAL the last two weeks, we have been unable to supply the demand, although we have run off large editions. This week we hope to do better. We shall print an extra edition of 1,500 copies. Those who want them should apply early as we expect an unusual demand.

CATHOLIC Reading Circles are doing a great work just now in proclaiming to the world that there is a vast deal of literary talent among Catholics, even in the laity.

If "Irish-Republican" will forward us his name (not for publication but as an evidence of good faith), we will insert his communication in our next issue.

Regulations for Lent.

All the week days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday are fast days of precept, on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

The Church excuses from the obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat except in special cases of sickness, the infirm, those who are attaining their growth, those whose duties are of an exhausting or laborious character, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, and those who are enfeebled by old age.

The following dispensations are granted by the authority of the Holy See:

The use of flesh meat, as also of eggs and white meats, is permitted at every meal on the Sundays of Lent, and at the principal meal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with the exception of Ember Saturday and Holy Thursday.

The use of white meat is allowed every day in Lent at the evening collation, and also at the principal meal on the days on which the use of flesh meat is forbidden.

A small piece of bread, with a cup of tea, coffee or chocolate, can be taken in the morning.

Where not convenient to take the principal meal at noon, it is lawful to invert the order and take collation in the morning and dinner in the evening.

Dripping and lard may be used in the preparation of the kinds of food which are permitted.

On Sundays there is neither fast nor abstinence, but fish cannot be used with flesh meat at the same meal at any time during Lent.

Those who are exempt from the precept of fasting can partake of flesh meat at every meal during the day when by special indulgence flesh meat is permitted at the principal meal.

At the French Hall.

The operetta "The Interviewer and the Fairies" has met with a real success. Monday and Tuesday evenings the parish hall of the French church was thronged with people. The members of the caste have rendered their respective parts in a most credible manner. The Misses Keyes, as the Queen of the Fairies and the Star Fairy, gave evidence of a thorough training in singing and elocution, and received frequent applause. Dora Marie Lemieux, as the Dream Fairy, could hardly be surpassed, her lines, however many, were those of a perfect little artist. A sweet, expressive voice, an easy, most natural and graceful gesture, called for repeated appreciation of the audience. George Pleau and especially George Minges were very acceptable to the public. Charles Wehring was as good a Skip as one could wish for. Rosebud, only six years old, kept the spectator spellbound with her sweet and artistic manner of dancing. Mrs. Francis Rogers Burroughs, as the Edith, was simply grand. Her sympathetic and melodious voice rang as distinct as ever in the beautiful hall. Mr. Augustine Connelly did full justice to the most difficult part of the operetta. On the stage from beginning to end he received the most flattering appreciation from the large audiences. Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Burroughs, The Misses Keyes, Miss Dona Marie Lemieux and Rosebud Clara Morris received large bouquets of roses.

Tuesday evening Miss Francis M. Lempert, the accompanist and directress of the operetta, was presented a beautiful Japanese screen by Father Notebaert. The Reverend gentleman took occasion to express to the talented directress his grateful feelings and those of the French congregation. Miss Lempert was greeted with an outburst of applause. The children of the French school have made for themselves a beautiful record, and the assistance of the choir has been a most valuable addition.

Wednesday, by a general request, the performance was repeated. Mrs. Marie Ann Ulrich, to whose generous and noble gift the French people owe their most elegant parish building, was present. The lady is 86 years old, but her happiness was such as to give her a real youthful appearance.

Before the third act Father Notebaert made a short address, commending Mrs. Ulrich for her devotedness toward the French people. He expressed his gratitude to the noble giver, assuring her of the parishioners' lasting gratitude. Father Notebaert then presented Mrs. Ulrich with a most exquisite basket of flowers. She was overcome, and acknowledged gracefully the warm applause of her grateful friends.

Auburn.

Miss Tessie Gavigan, who has been visiting friends in Auburn for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Rochester.

Wm. C. Reilly, of Niagara University, is spending a ten days' vacation with his friends in this city.

Thomas Toobil, a workman employed at the thrasher works of W. Stevens & Son, had the thumb and two fingers of his left hand sawed off Monday morning. The fingers were in such a condition that amputation was necessary.

Miss Josephine Dreythaler and Peter Bersch were married, at St. Alphonsus church, at 7 a.m. Monday. Rev. Father Netzel, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

William Leston and Bridget Kelly, of Madison avenue, were united in marriage at St. Mary's church, Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Father McGrath, assistant pastor of the church, officiating. Stephen Griffin acted as groomsmen and Miss Bessie McDowell as bridesmaid.

Miss Katherine Brady, of Skaneateles, spent the past week in Auburn visiting relatives.

One man, nearly seventy years of age was discharged from the prison Wednesday morning, leaving the population of the prison 1,230.

Rev. Wm. Harrington, of Rochester, will lecture on Rome at the Holy Family church Sunday night. Father Harrington is an old Auburn boy, and a large crowd will surely be present to hear his lecture.

Cards are our announcing the marriage of Miss Augusta Ohlheiser to John Rauber, of Rochester. Miss Ohlheiser has sang in the choir at St. Alphonsus church for a number of years, and is one of Auburn's most respectable young ladies. The marriage will take place with a solemn high mass at St. Alphonsus church, Tuesday morning.

Miss Mamie Sullivan, of 33 Franklin street, acted the part of hostess to a number of her young friends on Tuesday evening last. Games, music, singing and a general merry time were the order of the evening. Miss Sullivan and others rendered several excellent musical selections, and Messrs. Stephen Murphy, Martin Hanlon and Martin Cahill displayed their abilities as vocalists. An elaborate spread was served at midnight, after which the merriment was continued until early morning, when the party dispersed, with the assurance that Miss Sullivan could act the part of hostess to perfection.

Caledonia.

On Wednesday morning there was a Requiem Mass, for the repose of the soul of Mrs. James McEnrow.

The young people of St. Columba are making arrangements for an entertainment, to be held here on March 17th.

The marriage of James McGovern, proprietor of the Palmer House, to Miss Mary Carragher, was solemnized on Tuesday morning, at St. Columba's church, Rev. G. J. Eisler officiating. The bride is a general favorite, and will make a charming landlady for the Palmer House.

A debt association has been formed by the members of St. Columba's church for the purpose of paying off the present debt and securing ground for a cemetery. The parish has been divided into sixteen districts, and a collector appointed for each district.

A large amount of interesting reading matter will be found on our inside pages. This course was found necessary in order to make room for the article on Mother Hieronymo which is on the outside pages of this week's issue.

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