

## DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents.

### Auburn.

A number of Auburnians attended the marriage of Miss Margaret Nolan and Thomas Sullivan which took place at St. Michael's church, Montezuma, Wednesday morning.

The members of St. Mary's congregation are making preliminary arrangements for a grand reception to be given their pastor, Rev. William Mulhern, on his return from Europe next August.

Last Friday evening the choir of the Holy Family church assisted by a few noted local singers gave a very successful concert at the Burtis Opera House. The program as rendered was an excellent one and each number received a generous round of applause. The concert was under the direction of Miss Mary Winters.

The Young Ladies' Literary circle of the Holy Family church will give an entertainment in the rooms of Branch 59, C. M. B. A., next Friday evening.

The Knights of St. Alphonsus will give a grand ball at the Genesee Opera House on Monday evening, July 8th. The Knights will make a parade in their new uniforms.

### Fairport.

Thos. Kelly, an old and respected resident of this place died at his home early Monday morning, aged 64 years.

### Genesee.

Miss Minnie Toole has been engaged as preceptress of District School No. 5, for another term at a salary of \$400.

Mr. C. M. Sullivan of this village was married to Miss Mary Devins at Darien, on Thursday of last week.

### Caledonia.

Sebastian English has arrived home from the Seminary at Troy.

Thos. Dougherty returned Monday from a trip to the World's Fair.

### Macedon.

Peter Gratten, Jr., died Wednesday morning, June 21st, aged 52 years. The funeral was held Friday morning from St. Patrick's church.

### Ithaca.

Miss Kate Maloney left Monday for a short stay in Canadaigua.

Miss Kate Burns is visiting at the home of C. Colgan, of Oswego.

Mrs. Thomas Conley nee Anna Murray, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her parents.

Master Morgan J. Burns, of New York, is spending his vacation with his grandparents on Green st.

Miss Katie Leary is spending her vacation with her parents on Plain st. She is assistant book-keeper for her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Hayes, C. E., of Cohoes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dilworth, and the Misses Ellen and Katie Granville are spending two weeks at the Price cottage below Glenwood.

After nine months of labor and success, our parochial school closes this week. Since the school was first opened in 1884 the roll bearing the names of graduates during each following year are as follows: 1885, there were eight; '86, fifteen; '87, thirteen; '88, twenty-one; '89, twelve; '90, five; '91, eighteen; '92, nineteen; and this year's list calls for eighteen.

The following consists of '93's class, Kate Barry, Kate Granville, Nellie Lynch, Lillian Roach, Nora Sullivan, Kate Sullivan, Jennie Hungerford, Sadie Kelly, Mary Considine, Mary Shannon, Maggie McAllister, Maurice Roche, Thos. Tribid, David Troomey, Frank Gibbons, Frank Mone, James Nelligan, John McNamara. The largest class graduated in '88, the smallest in '90 and the smartest in '86.

### Naples.

Rev. Joseph Miller, stationed at Holy Family Church, Rochester, attended this mission last Sunday. He read the Pastoral letter of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and then exhorted all the members to give freely to the collection for St. Bernard's Seminary. The priest took up the collection, which to the surprise of all, amounted to \$131.50. There are only twenty-six Catholic families here in Naples, and this large collection from so few truly expressed the love and gratitude, the good people of Naples entertain toward their Bishop. God will surely bless the good will, manifested on this occasion.

### Lyons.

Henry F. Meyers will represent the Lyons Council, C. B. L. at the State convention to be held at Saratoga, July 12th.

The marriage was solemnized at St. Michael's Church at noon Saturday last, of John J. Finegan, of Baltimore, connected with the firm of C. J. Ryan and Co., contractors and Miss Elizabeth Gertrude, second daughter of Daniel Moran, Lyons. Miss Moran has always lived in Lyons, attending school here, and the Lyons Musical Academy, and later studying at the Sacred Heart convent, Rochester, from which she graduated in June 1892. The wedding party, as it passed up the aisle of St. Michael's church to the music of the Lohengrin wedding march was in the following order: The ushers, John F. Dolan, of New York, and J. G. Hickey, of Rochester; the brides-

maids, Miss Emily Moran, sister of the bride, and Miss Minnie Finigan, sister of the groom; the maid of honor Miss Marie Moran, sister of the bride; and the bride leaning on the arm of her father.

The wedding party was admitted within the sanctuary, and the service was performed by Rev. Father D. W. Kavanaugh, assisted by Rev. Father Stewart, of Rochester who officiated at the marriage of the bride's father and mother. The bride and groom knelt throughout the ceremony, surrounded by those we have named in circular form. The procession returning was much as in coming, except that Mrs. Finigan's arm rested on that of her husband.

The elegant home of the bride's parents was trimmed with the most exquisite taste, and presented a very beautiful appearance, while the table was set with elegance and taste. An interesting feature was the response by Rev. Father Stewart to the toast, "The Bride." The kindly gentleman took occasion to give some good advice in a way that at the same time brought everyone's spirits up. Mr. and Mrs. Finigan took an afternoon train, intending to make an extended tour of the Canadian cities, before going to the city where they will make their home, Baltimore. The presents were displayed in one of the large rooms upstairs and form a wonderful collection. Never has such handsome silver been brought to Lyons. There were two gifts of money, one of upwards of \$1,000 from C. J. Ryan. It would be impossible to enumerate all the articles.

### Danville.

Mrs. Jacob Hubertus is visiting friends in Scranton, Pa.

Miss Minnie Sullivan has gone to Elmira to live. Her many friends exceedingly regret her departure.

Johnnie and Mott McDonald, of Hornellsville, are spending part of their vacation with Ed. and Will Donnelly.

Rev. Father Dougherty has been enjoying a visit from his father, Mr. Patrick Dougherty, and Mr. Murphy, of Waterloo.

Misses Mamie and Anna Loftus spent the latter part of last week with friends in Mt. Morris.

Misses Bell and Margaret Schubmehl are enjoying the sights of Chicago.

Rev. Father Rauber will attend the celebration in St. Peter and Paul's Church in Rochester tomorrow.

### Weedsport.

Mrs. Joanna Callahan, wife of John Callahan, died Sunday afternoon. Deceased had been in poor health about two years and death came as a relief to her. Besides a husband and son she leaves several sisters and brothers. The funeral was held from St. Joseph's Church, Tuesday forenoon.

The game of ball between the Andes, of Lyons, and the Eagles, of this place, last week resulted in favor of the Eagles by a score of 17 to 10.

Miss Julia Blair, Miss Carrie Snyder, Mrs. James Dailey and Mr. Geo. Webb, of East Syracuse, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crissy last week.

John McKeown, of Oswego, spent Sunday with his parents.

Dr. Barnes started for Michigan Sunday evening he expects to be away about two weeks and will visit the World's Fair before returning home.

Miss B. A. Burke, of Seneca Falls, is visiting her parents and friends of this village.

Mr. Ed. Beck of Rochester spent Sunday in Palmyra.

Willie Dolan did not visit us Sunday. He went to see the caravels at Charlotte.

It is reported that Frank Williams refused \$500.00 for the large mastiff that follows his wagon so closely every day. Frank thinks lots of Fido.

### Canadaigua.

Rev. D. English, of St. Mary's Church, celebrated the 35th anniversary of his priesthood at nine o'clock mass Monday morning, June 26th. He is much beloved by his people, and they sincerely hope he will celebrate a great many more anniversaries.

Mr. William Smith, of Alleghany College, is at home for the summer vacation, also Katharine Donnelly, of the Sacred Heart school of Rochester.

Canadaigua will not celebrate the 4th of July. Francis J. Brady, of this village, tried the examinations at West and was successful, also Andrew McIntyre got the third Cornell scholarship, both of these boys are members of St. Mary's Church and well deserve the honors awarded them having worked faithfully.

### Mt. Morris.

Misses Lizzie Brick and Mabel Rhyne, of Nunda, were the guests of Mattie and Mary Fogs this week.

Howard Rice, Fred Hodge and Cleveland Noble, of Perry, were in

### town this week.

Harry Walker, of Danville, was in town Wednesday of last week.

Mary Kiel, of Genesee, has been visiting Mattie Leagv.

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

A type of firearm has been invented in England by which compressed gas is utilized instead of powder as a propelling force.

The combined weight of twin babies borne by the wife of Aubrey B. Chase at Lynn, Mass., is but five and a quarter pounds.

Mrs. Jane L. Fowle of Dedham, Mass., has been awarded \$450 by a Boston jury against a dentist who extracted a sound tooth instead of a decayed one.

Forty-four guns are fired for a national salute, one for each state. The national flag is saluted, with twenty-one guns, the president with twenty-one and the vice president with nineteen.

The temple of Ypsambul, in Nubia, is cut from a solid rock and its entrance is guarded by four statues, each sixty-five feet high, twenty-five feet across the shoulders, the face seven feet long, the ears over three feet.

The famous pine tree which has long been a landmark in Greene township, Pike county, Pennsylvania, has been felled. It towered 372 feet above the soil, and nature's record showed its age to be 462 years. It was sound from butt to tip, and will cut \$2,000 worth of lumber.

There lives a man in Webster county, West Virginia, by the name of Whorton, aged 80 years, whose hair and beard are turning from white to black. He is said also to be cutting a new set of teeth, while his whole appearance is said to indicate a man of about forty years instead of nearly ninety.

A horse in Baltimore grew so hungry that he climbed up a flight of stairs, in a house to obtain a bag of oats that had been stored there. After his lunch the animal thrust his head through a window, carrying away the sash, and was discovered coolly surveying the situation. With difficulty he was gotten down to the street.

An Indianapolis man is the owner of a parrot that is noted for its talking power. Early the other morning the man was awakened by an unusual outburst of profanity, intermixed with screams and ejaculations, the purport of which explained itself when a burglar was discovered making his escape through an open window. The man fired several shots at the robber, without taking effect, but it encouraged the bird to continue to scream in a way which would have shocked a less susceptible person.

### IDEAS AND INCIDENTS.

The South American giant who was over nine feet in his native country had shrunk to seven feet two inches when measured on his arrival in New York city.

Some clever folk as horsemen have come to this country to join a circus. They are a Cossack princess and twelve tall countrymen. They are wonderful riders and very picturesque.

C. L. Krissing of Pittsburgh, who gave a tramp a meal and some change a year ago, has received notice that the tramp has died and left him \$12,000 that he had come into possession of shortly before his death.

An iron meteorite weighing nearly a ton and measuring four feet two inches in length, two feet three inches in width and twenty-nine inches thick was recently found at Youndegin, Western Australia, and has been forwarded to London.

A family residing in Connecticut were visited by some relatives residing some distance off. One of the visitors remarked that there had been a great quantity of bean porridge made in his mother's family; "enough," said he, "to float a seventy-four gun ship. Don't you think so, Uncle John?" appealing to one of his relatives. "Yes, yes," replied that uncle; "and the ship could float twenty-four hours, and not hit a bean."

A Maine man has had the uncommon experience of losing five excellent wives. He was desirous of erecting a headstone for each, setting forth their virtues, but was deterred by the expense. A happy thought struck him. The wives were buried side by side. He accordingly had the Christian name of each engraved on a small stone — "Emma," "Jane," "Mary," "Margaret," "Elizabeth" — a hand cut on each stone pointing to a large stone in the center of the lot, and under each hand were the words: "For epitaph, see large stone."

Two Americans in the employment of the government of British Columbia, last winter accomplished a feat hitherto deemed impossible by crossing the Selkirk mountains in the depth of winter. The object of the trip was to ascertain if it were possible to lay out a pack and cattle trail over the range from Golden to Kalso. The men traveled 150 miles on snow shoes, fifty miles over the wildest mountain country, where glaciers abounded. They found a pass at an altitude of 6,500 feet that is practicable for cattle and pack trains in summer.

### SCINTILLATIONS.

No matter how expensive a watch may be a part of it is always second-hand.

King William is having a row with his cooks. That is, he doesn't like the German diet.

Actors and actresses have no better friend than the bill-poster. He sticks up for all of them.

Jagson says if most men's consciences should talk out loud they would be used for slanders.

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGE.

IT IS A CONTRACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CHURCH.

A System Superior to All Others It Comes in Contact With, Its Character is Unalterable—The Golden Rule of the Inevitable Applies to Matrimony.

Ever since Jan. 1, 1858, when the divorce courts were established in England under Lord Palmerston, we more frequently hear the question asked, "Why should the Catholic church be so stern in her law regarding divorce?" In these days, when the English and the American secular press is so full of the subject and when marriage is being secularized in so many countries, it may be well to remind ourselves of what the great sacrament of matrimony is in the Christian system.

We may rest perfectly assured that if the Catholic church is founded by the Redeemer of man there are many and good reasons for her stern laws. Not the least among them is the necessity to preserve the sacrament of matrimony itself and consequently to assist in her own preservation. At the present day we have the advantage of 1900 years of working to throw light on the science of the sacraments. That light makes clear the gladsome tidings of great joy how in the olden time the Maker of man came on earth to teach and help his weak and erring children.

A church which had no marriage legislation would lack what we should expect from the foresight of a wise man, but a study of the Catholic sacrament of matrimony proves that he who instituted it was divine and perfectly understood the needs of his creatures. At the right moment, in the fullness of time, our Saviour came on earth to set us the example of his life, to teach us the way to the happiness of heaven and to give us gifts of help to be born again.

But these, his entire doctrines and sacraments, he destined to be preserved through the turmoil of all times, and for that purpose entrusted them to an institution which he founded to be permanent amid all possible opposition. As the church preserves his doctrines and sacraments, so the doctrines and sacraments by their nature help to preserve the church. As the sacraments generally are the means by which the soul is prepared for and born again into a better life, so the sacrament of matrimony helps the church herself to be born again to the next generation.

By the union of a Catholic husband and wife an ark is prepared wherein the coming children of the church are sheltered from dangers to their faith, insured Catholic surroundings and secured a reasonable certainty that they will become members of the Redeemer's household.

Protestantism, in its lax guardianship of the marriage tie, has by that neglect alone proved itself not of divine origin, not imbued and penetrated with a principle of self preservation and propagation and not zealous for the interests of Christ's creed.

Lax guardianship of the marriage tie leads to disintegration and breaking up, and that fact alone quite justifies the stern law of the Catholic church regarding marriage and divorce. What, then, is Catholic marriage? It is not merely a contract for the preservation of the home, the family and human society, but it is far more. It is a contract for the preservation of the Catholic church. Out of that contract comes the main body of the next generation of Catholics and of the next generation of bishops and priests.

The Catholic church does not of course depend absolutely on the sacrament of matrimony for her concrete existence, because she gains recruits by her commission to preach and consequent admissions to her fold. But matrimony is one of her own internal means by which she perpetuates herself to a people yet to come, and therefore the reasons for her legislation are many and of vital importance.

If the system is destined to preserve and accompany the main body of the church throughout all time and over all lands, it must be in every way superior to all the opposing systems it will necessarily come in contact with among different nations and from divers forms of government and religion. If it were not superior, it would soon alter in character and rapidly disappear before the influence of the marriage customs and the strength of the marriage laws it would meet with all over the face of the earth and down the centuries of its life.

In the marriage contract there are difficulties sometimes met with, as there are difficulties and disadvantages in every contract for social and business purposes which can be undertaken among the family of men.

Throughout our lives there are misfortunes, troubles, accidents and sickness which will overtake us, whatever our station and whatever our occupation. The golden rule that the inevitable which cannot be cured must be endured holds good of matrimony as well as anything else human. These difficulties which sometimes crop up among the parties to the marriage contract are included in the vow to take each other for weal or for woe, but the Catholic knows that the sacrament gives grace and strength to bear in the proper spirit such trials should they arise.

In bearing them he knows that he strengthens his own heroism and is suffering not only for his family and country, but for the sake and advantage of that church whose founder and builder is God.—Liverpool Catholic Times.

### The Pope's Tiara.

The tiara of the pope, that which is worn on the feast day of the church in St. Peter's, is embellished with many jewels, but surmounting them all at the top is a huge emerald, forming a base, as it were, for a diamond studded cross. The tiara is not the gift of faithful Ireland, as it might very appropriately be, but of no less a personage than Napoleon Bonaparte to Pius VII. from whom it has been handed down.—Exchange.

## AMUSING CHATTER.

A man with a broken leg is apt to do a good deal of darning while the leg is knitting.

Mrs. Minks—Mrs. Leadem is aging very rapidly. Mrs. Binks—Yes, poor thing. She is worrying herself gray trying to look young.

Gent—Why don't you go to work? Tramp—I ain't able to work. Gent—What's the matter with you? Tramp—I was born that way.

Mother—My dear, you will have to chop some wood and bring up the coal. Father—Where is son John? Mother—He's gone to the athletic club.

Uncle Daniel—Mollie is powerful handy about the house, even if she is rich. "What did she do?" "Made me a real comfortable bed out of one of her book-cases."

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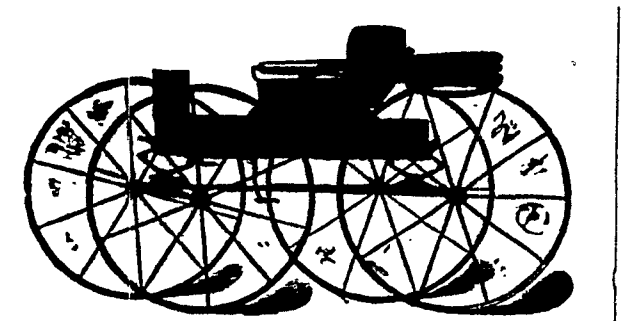
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