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THE LEGEND OF THE HEATHER

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On the mountain blooms the heather,
Never haughty, proud nor grand,
Mild and kind in every weather,
Heather of my own sweet land.

Will you list its savor like glory
As embalmed in pages old,
And illumined by hermits hoary
In their script of ethi gold?

In a valley dwelt together,
Sisters unadorned and plain,
And the shamrock and the heather
Were, I ween, the sisters twain.

Long they liv'd and loved together,
Side by side as sisters true,
Caring naught for wind or weather,
What the sun or storm might do.

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But there came from o'er the ocean
When our tires adored the sun,
One who spoke with strong emotion
Of a new God, three in one.

Plucked the shamrock when decried,
Held it up their gaze before.
Three in leaf yet undivided—
And 'twas blest for evermore.

Hung its head, the gentle heather,
Brooding sadly o'er its fate,
Nevermore could dwell together
Hallowed with unhallowed mate.

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Never haughty, proud nor grand,
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Heather of my own sweet land.

But at eve when Patrick bled him
To the mountain-top to pray,
There the heather stood beside him
Bent beneath him where he lay.

Long his vigils were and bloody
With alternate scongs and psalm,
Blood 'twas made the heather redder
On its rose, yet felt no balm.

And his annals speak of promise
Which old promise still is kept,
Pain and care are taken from us
On the couch where Patrick slept.

Oh, my blessing on the heather,
Never haughty, proud nor grand,
Mild and kind in every weather,
Heather of my own sweet land.

B. QUINN.

Moravia, N. Y.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Geneva.

Miss Julia Welch and Miss Margaret Donavan, of Auburn, have been in the vicinity of Mrs. C. Lynch and family, of this place, a few days past. Misses Welch and Donavan attended the ball given by the Young Men's Social Club in Moulder's hall, Wednesday evening, and spoke very highly of this society of young men and hope they may have the pleasure of attending more of their parties in the near future.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Gideon Henry Townsend, of Penn Yan, to Miss Elizabeth Sparrow, of Geneva, at St. Francis De Sales church, Tuesday, Nov. 24th, at half-past eleven a.m. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents on North avenue, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Charles McCurdy, who has been in Rochester for the past few months, has returned to Geneva, and has accepted the position of foreman on the Geneva and Waterloo electric road. Mr. McCurdy and a large force of men are busily engaged in the extension of the electric road to Waterloo. Mr. McCurdy has hosts of friends in Geneva, who are glad to welcome him back, and hope he has come to stay with us now.

Daniel McGraw died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Patrick Hanlon, Tuesday at 12 o'clock aged 38 years after an illness of three months. He was the only brother of John H. McGraw, grocer, on Exchange St. His funeral was held at St. Francis De Sales church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

A two weeks retreat opened at St. Francis De Sales church Sunday evening, at 7:30 1st week for the ladies, 2nd week for the men. Services are held every evening at 7:30 and mass is celebrated mornings at 8 o'clock.

Michael O'Donnell and sister Jessie, relatives of Mrs. Patrick O'Connell, Main St., have gone to Ireland to spend the winter months.

Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hart have moved into their new house.

S. McGuire has severed his connection with the Willard State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Keenan are now living in their new house, which has just been completed.

Miss Rose Mackin, formerly of Willard, has returned from Iceland, where she has resided for the past three years.

Owen Mackin left for Ireland last week Tuesday where he will make his home.

Caledonia.

On Tuesday morning another disastrous fire visited this village. About four o'clock fire broke out in Bundy & Davis' store. In a few minutes the whole building was in flames and setting fire to the adjoining buildings. On one side burning the saloon owned by B. W. Blackburn, saloon owned by Michael Lee, barber shop owned by Charles Bundy, grocery store owned by John Marshall, dwelling house of Mrs. Robert Hull, dwelling house of Andrew Edgar. On the other side, dwelling house owned by Daniel Burgess and two stores occupied by Fred Christie, clothier, and A. K. Fowler, druggist; also the new Burgess hall in which were Mr. Chase's jewelry store, Dr. Stevens' dental office, the post-office and ladies' circulating library. The flames were there subdued, leaving Place & Foote's store the only remaining one on the street.

Mr. Patrick Cunningham died at her home in this village on Monday morning, aged 66 years. She leaves two sons, Andrew and James, and one daughter, Mrs. Daniel Cashman, to mourn her loss.

Weedsport.

M. J. Scanlon, of Auburn, spent Sunday last with his parents.

Mr. J. Call, of Auburn, was in town Sunday, visiting friends.

Thomas Lawlor, of Geneva, was the guest of his parents Sunday last. Miss Josie Scanlon is in Auburn, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Beggs and daughter Emma spent Wednesday last at Auburn, visiting friends.

Stephen Campbell spent Thursday last in Clyde.

Peter Quinn was in town Sunday last.

Mr. John Riley, of this village, has returned home from New York, and was in town Tuesday for election.

Shortsville.

Misses Nellie and Mary Maney, and Delta McClark, of Seneca Castle, spent Sunday with Mrs. K. Dunn.

Mrs. Tobin, of Geneva, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kinsella.

Mr. Carl Oants, of Waterloo, is visiting his brother.

Mr. Christ Baas has moved into his new house on Booth street.

Mr. Jacob Keller has bought the Warfield house on Seymour street.

Rev. Father Ferrin, of Clifton Springs, is preparing the children for confirmation.

Honeoye.

Michael Lowery and Mrs. Amelia Stacey, both of Honeoye, were united in marriage Friday, Nov. 9th, by the Rev. S. M. Day.

Barton Struble, of Canadice, died Monday morning of brain fever. He was buried in Lake View cemetery.

Daniel Parson, formerly mail carrier of Honeoye, died of heart trouble on the road between Canandaga and Honeoye, Nov. 9th.

Trumansburg.

Dr. O'Connell, of Buffalo, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Connell.

Mrs. Frank Handlan spent Tuesday in Ithaca.

Miss Mary Wagner was in Ithaca the fore part of the week.

Mr. John Conners, of Hudson, was the guest of his brother-in-law, John Wets, last week.

Phelps.

Miss Anna Dunn who has been visiting friends in Phelps for some time has returned to Sing Sing.

Mrs. J. P. Fitzgerald who has been visiting in Rochester has returned home.

An entertainment and festival will be held in Gibson Hall Wednesday evening Nov. 28 under the auspices of St. Francis' church. The drama "Out of his Sphere," will be given by local talent. Musical selections will be rendered by a Geneva male quartette. After the entertainment there will be a ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barry of Clifton Springs have been visiting at the home of R. E. Connolly.

Friday evening occurred the death of Frank Brophy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Brophy, of diphtheria. He was 13 years of age, an altar boy and a lad who had many friends. The death was a very sad one inasmuch as his brothers and sisters were not allowed to see him. The burial took place Saturday afternoon and a High Mass of requies was said Monday morning for the happy repose of his soul.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Two Distinguished Members of the Supreme Council of the C. M. B. A.—Other Interesting Society Notes.

C. M. B. A.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday—Branches 99, 121, 134

Wednesday " 88

Thursday " 89

Friday " 97

Supreme President Brennan,

Michael Brennan, who was recently elected Supreme President of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, is a member of the firm of Brennan, Donnelly & Van De Mark, one of the oldest law firms in this State.

Mr. Brennan came to Detroit when a child with his parents, and his home was here ever since. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1872, and for a year thereafter remained in the office of Hon. Dan M. Dickinson as an assistant. He then formed a partnership with Mr. John O'Donnell, which has continued to the present time.

Mr. Brennan, although an active worker in the Democratic party, has never sought office for himself, preferring the surer, if less attractive, field of professional work. He is a director in and attorney for the Fenian Savings Bank of this city. His firm has been counsel for important interests in the recent street railway and gas litigations, which has been successfully concluded in favor of their clients. He is a member of the D-troit Club and a director in the Catholic Club, and is also a member of several other Catholic benevolent societies.

In 1878 Mr. Brennan married Miss Margaret F. Healy, and with his wife and four children, resides at No. 70 Forest avenue east.

Supreme Legal Adviser Keens.

James T. Keens was the first president of the first branch in Michigan, Branch No. 1, established in December, 1878.

At the convention of the Supreme Council, held at Niagara Falls in 1880, Mr. Keens was elected Supreme President, and he was re-elected at the Erie convention held in 1883.

At the time he was first elected Supreme President, the Supreme Council was over \$35,000 in debt, and had a membership of about 4,000, and when his successor took office the association had discharged all of its obligations. Many of the most important changes in the laws and new measures which have proved the success of the organization were adopted during his administration, and its laws were reduced to a working system.

Mr. Keens has been the legal adviser of the Supreme Council since its organization, and has had more to do in shaping the affairs of the association than any other person connected with it. He has attended every Supreme Council convention, and no law or regulation has ever been adopted which has not passed his scrutiny and vigilance.

He has been dubbed the guardian of the beneficiary fund by his old associates, because the most of his energies have been employed in defending and honestly distributing that fund.

C. M. B. A.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Thursday—Council 27.

Friday " 99

Council 23 had a large and interesting meeting last Thursday evening, quite a few visiting members being present. Brother Henry of Council 25 spoke of the contest between President George Sheridan of Council 25, C. M. & B. A., and John M. Redding, of Branch No. 93, C. M. B. A., at the Immaculate Conception Fair which will open Monday evening, Nov. 26th, and continue all the week. He said that inasmuch as Mr. Sheridan had consented to the use of his name that the members of the C. M. & B. A. should take hold of the contest and make it successful for their candidate. He also said that Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, would be the C. M. & B. A. night and that he hoped to see all members present on that evening.

Four candidates were initiated as members and four applications received.

On account of the next regular meeting night falling on Thanksgiving, it was decided that it be held a week from Monday, the 16th.

Miss J. P. Henry is President of the C. M. & B. A. table at the Immaculate Conception Fair and Mrs. Buckley, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Anna Hyland of Council 27 is at the Rosary table and will be pleased to see her friends.

Council 23 initiated twenty-five candidates Monday evening. This Council is certainly progressing very rapidly in membership, and deserves to be congratulated upon that success. On account of the Fair opening on its regular meeting night, the Council will meet Thursday, Nov. 28.

Grover: Who can tell us what corner the Council Room is in?

A. O. E.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday—Division No. 3

Tuesday—Division No. 5, 8

Wednesday " 11

Thursday " 14

At the last meeting of the County Board, it was decided that all divisions would unite in holding a grand ball in January or the early part of February. A committee was appointed to make arrangements.

Edward Finn, whose sudden death took place Wednesday, was a member of Division 3.

Canandaigua.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. was celebrated a very pretty wedding, when Miss Kathie McLayte and Mr. William Ryan were united in marriage by Rev. Father English, at St. Mary's church. The bride's sister, Miss Jennie McLayte, was bride-maid. Mr. Henry Brennan, acting as groomsmen. A reception was held at the home of the bride, on Broadway at

Miss Mary Cross, of Rochester, visited friends in the city.

Miss Maria Conway of Rochester, visited her parents Sunday.

Livonia.

Miss Mary Courtney spent Sunday with friends in town.

Within the past week the hand of death has taken from our midst two of our number. Wm. Shelley, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shelley, died at his home Saturday morning, at the age of 38 years. He was a young man beloved and respected by all his associates, and the bereaved family, who have lost a worthy son and kind brother, have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral was held from St. Michael's church Monday morning, and the audience marked the respect in which the deceased was held. Also Mrs. Edward McCoy, who died at her home Friday evening. Shelley a husband and parents, she leaves one sister and three brothers to mourn her sad and untimely death. Mrs. McCoy's noble character and kind deeds endeared her to all who knew her, and a large circle of friends did in expressing their sympathy for the grief-stricken family. The funeral which was held from St. Rose's church, Latona, was largely attended.

A ball will be held at Tremont's hall on Wednesday evening Nov. 21 under the auspices of the C. M. B. A.

Mr. Peter McGinty of Elgin Nebraska, is visiting his parents here.

A WOMAN'S WAY.

Sometimes she comes right out and says
She does not love me—but I
smile and think it wouldn't do
For me to tell her that.

And sometimes when I lie she does
She calls me stupid. Why,
Just think! Suppose I'd tell her that!
How? How? How? How?

And sometimes when I claim a kiss
She turns me off. "Say, say!"
But oh, what trouble it would make
If I should not that way!

If she would only let me feel
That I had won her, then
I'd be more satisfied than I am.
I'd not like other men.

And yes I hate to own it up—
I'm but a man, you know—