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DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Rushville.
Mrs. McCawley returned from Elmira last week where she has been spending the winter with her daughter. Her many friends in this village are glad to welcome her home again.
Master Charley Glover of Elmira, is spending a few weeks with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mooney. Jerry Conkling spent part of last week with relatives at Rochester.
Edward Howley who has been on the sick list is reported better.
Miss Maggie Dwyer of Rochester, spent the past week with her parents.
John Hurley and Wm. Merriman has accepted positions at Geneva and left for that place last week.
Caledonia.
Mrs. M. D. Callan of Batavia, is in town this week, called here by the serious illness of her father Mr. James Connor.
Miss Mary Hayes is spending the week with relatives in Dunkirk and Fredonia.
Mrs. L. J. Campbell and Mrs. Will McNaughton are in attendance at the "Lady Macabees convention" at Buffalo this week.
Miss Mary Reid is visiting friends in Buffalo.
The Boylan Bros. are refitting their pool-room and will open a grocery store there in the near future.
John Ball moved into Mr. McGurk's house on Maple street Tuesday. Mrs. Charles Wood will occupy his house on Jerry ave.
James McGurk left Sunday evening for Manchester where he has accepted a position as agent for the Lehigh. He will leave his family here for the present.
Honeoye.
A mass of requiem was celebrated Tuesday morning by Rev. J. W. Hendrick for the repose of the soul of William Powers of this place.
Will Toomey of West Bloomfield visited friends here Sunday.
Miss Mary Cotto of this place, is on a vacation from Millers' Corners, where she has been teaching school.
Mrs. Isaac Abbey and her niece, Miss Jennie Costello are moving into the Holden house on Lake st.
Canandaigua.
Miss Lizzie Smith is visiting relatives in Rochester.
Miss Mary Egan is ill with an attack of grip.
Father Purcell who recently died in Buffalo was pastor here 35 years ago, and the mass held for him, Monday morning served by Rev. D. English was attended by many of Father Purcell's parishioners.
John McMahon, has returned here from Rochester.
Watertown.
On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock took from us one of St. Mary's most true and faithful member Mrs. Daniel Griffin, aged 61 years, born at Mill Town Co., Clair, Ireland. She leaves besides a husband, three daughters, one son, three sisters and one brother to mourn the loss of one so dear. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Friday morning at 9:30 and was largely attended.
Mrs. Thomas Pandury who has been ill for several weeks, is slowly recovering.
Michael Hogan of Rochester, visited Watertown for a few days on business.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flynn of Chicago, are visiting friends in town for a few days.
A regular meeting of the Watertown wheelmen was held Wednesday eve, of which fourteen new members joined the crew it now has 85 members.
Stanley.
The Forty Hours at St. Theresa's closed last Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The services were well attended; and the instructive sermons by Father Garvey of Geneva, who took for his text, "Many are called but few are chosen." Father O'Hanlon, of Clifton, who spoke on the words, "Which of you shall convince me of sin," and Father Kavanaugh, of Lyons, whose text was, "You do not know him but I know him," were listened to with much pleasure.
The altars were beautifully trimmed with roses, carnations and other out flowers besides a great many potted plants.
Much praise is due the young ladies who trimmed them so tastefully; but special praise must be given Misses Maggie Kelly and Nora Drie-

coll for their care of the altars during the Forty Hours.

In the sermon of the Lenten devotions of last Wednesday evening, Father Payne directed his words to the young ladies, giving them some very wholesome advice.

Thos. McLean has moved to Mr. Slaughter's farm near Ferguson's corner.

John McWilliams has moved to the Jas. Robt. farm.
Patrick Fitzgerald has purchased the farm, formerly owned by Mr. Moffet, and has moved there.
Ovid.

Solemn High Mass for Miss Mary A. Madden was celebrated on Tuesday at 9 o'clock; also Solemn High Mass for Very Rev. Dean W. J. Seymour, on Wednesday, at the same hour. The following Masses were also celebrated:

High Mass for James Connolly on Tuesday at 6 o'clock. Mouth's Mind.
Saturday High Mass for Alice Mackie, it being the Month's Mind.

Thursday at Auburn a Solemn High Mass for Very Rev. Dean Seymour, it being the Month's Mind.
Auburn.

Rev. John J. Hickey, the new pastor of the Holy Family Church occupied his pulpit for the first time at the 11 o'clock mass Sunday. The seating capacity of the church was insufficient to accommodate the large crowd that gathered to hear the Rev. speaker. After introducing himself in a few well chosen words, as a native of the parish, saying that he beheld many familiar faces before him, and was saddened to notice also that there was so many absent ones, especially a large number whom he knew when as a boy he occupied a seat in this church, and whom he hoped were now enjoying the eternal delights of Heaven, he alluded in a very feeling manner to his late predecessor Very Rev. William Seymour, and said he had some misgivings in succeeding to popular and beloved pastor whom he described as having had the seal of an apostle, who pursued his work with scrupulous conscientiousness and faithfulness, and who, during the latter years of his life was a living martyr to the fulfillment of his duties.

After these introductory remarks the Rev. Father delivered a most powerful and eloquent sermon; although he preached three-quarters of an hour, he held the undivided attention of his audience to the end. That the Holy Family congregation were well pleased with their new pastor, but mildly expressed it. "Nothing but words of praise can be heard on all sides of our Rt. Rev. Bishop since he made the appointment."

Miss Ellen J. Hickey, of Franklin street, returned home from New York city Saturday, where she has been spending the winter with her sister Mrs. E. H. Doyle.
Shortsville.

Mrs. M. Russell, who has been so long confined to her bed, is improving.

Mrs. Daly has moved from Rochester back to her home on West High street.

Mr. Harrington has moved into his own house on Main street.

Mr. John McQuillan, of Geneva, was home on a visit.

Cayuga.

A requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of Dennis Falvey will be celebrated Saturday, April 6th.

The examination of teachers will be held in the school house April 6th and 6th.

School opened last Monday after a week's vacation.

The malt house here owned by Neidlinger & Son of New York is to be enlarged this Spring.

Weedsport.

Miss Mayme Scanlon spent Saturday and Sunday in Auburn.

Miss Lizzie Bryne is home for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Thomas Lawlor, of Geneva, spent Sunday last week with his parents.

Mrs. Wm. Callahan spent Tuesday in Syracuse visiting relatives.

Mrs. Patrick O'Neill is spending a few days in Auburn visiting friends.

Pittsford.

James Plant, Timothy Sullivan and Martin Hackett visited Carterville Sunday afternoon.

John Voght has moved into the town of Perinton.

John Sweeney has returned after a four years' absence in the town of Mendon.

Chas. Snyder has leased Mrs. Stiles farm for a number of years.

Miss Ella Norris and Miss Margaret Morrissey, of Rochester, visited friends in town Sunday.

Timothy Sullivan visited friends in Rochester the past week.

A weather observer's station has been established at the Pittsford Academy and placed in charge of Prof. G. H. Comp.

Danville.

Miss Katherine Quigley, of Olean, spent last week at home.

On Wednesday evening of last week Rev. Father O'Neill, of Phelps, preached an eloquent and instructive sermon in St. Patrick's Church. Father O'Neill has been with us before and is always welcome. Last Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Father Hickey, of Genesee, Father Dougherty delivered a temperance lecture in Genesee the same night.

Macedon.

Judge Keeler and Commissioner Casey, of Rochester, visited H. M. Little one day last week.

Mrs. Lillie O'Neill, of Victor, visited her sister, Mrs. J. C. Servos, on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

The Misses McGovern, of Palmyra, visited in town the first of the week.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

A Visit to the New Branch of the C. R. & B. A. at Clifton Springs.—A Branch of the Daughters of Erin Established in Rochester.—Items of Interest to Members of the C. R. & B. A.

A. O. H.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

Wednesday—Division 3, 6.

Thursday—Division 1, 7.

With its customary promptness Rochester is to the front in a movement to organize a new National association, to be allied as an auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and to be known as the Daughters of Erin. The second lodge of this order in the United States was Thursday night instituted at the hall over 44 State street, when officers were also elected.

The large hall was thrown open for the reception of members of Division 1, A. O. H., who assembled to the number of nearly one hundred. There were present 17 ladies, all of whom were installed as members of the new order.

County President P. R. Murphy, assisted by the officers of Division 1, A. O. H., installed the new lodge and installed the officers, who were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Anne Powell; first vice president, Mrs. T. B. Mooney; second vice president, Miss Murray; recording secretary, Miss Burke; financial secretary, Miss Kingsley; Treasurer, Miss Lynch.

The officers who aided to institute the new lodge were: President, Edward Cagney; vice president, T. B. Mooney; recording secretary, Michael McManus; financial secretary, Michael Mulrooney; treasurer, Michael O'Connor. Members of the lodge also assisted in the work of institution.

After the ceremonies there were a number of addresses, several of the newly elected officers of the Daughters of Erin and President O'Connor speaking. A social chat was indulged in after the meeting.

Division 1, Daughters of Erin, A. O. H., is the name officially conferred upon the new society. From the enthusiasm manifested it is very probable that the Rochester division will form the nucleus of a strong State order. Urgent efforts will be made to increase the membership of the division, and there is a reason for this show of activity on the part. The State Board has offered a handsome banner to be presented the first society of the State to organize and enroll 100 members. The excellent showing made at its first meeting has encouraged the Rochester ladies to work with a will for the splendid trophy.

A new hall for the use of the new order is contemplated, and a committee was appointed to arrange for such a permanent meeting place. The other lodge of the new order was organized a short time ago in a Western city.

Division No. 1 have decided to accept a lease of a hall to be built on the Joyce estate on West Main st. The hall will virtually be the same as that prepared for a central hall of the various Divisions some time ago.

Division No. 6 held a well attended meeting Tuesday evening last. One candidate was initiated, and two applications were received. The Easter party to be given by this Division will be held at their hall over 88 State street, Tuesday evening, April 16th.

C. R. & B. A.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday—Branch 135, 85, 95, 101.

Tuesday—Br. 83.

Wednesday—88, 84, 117, 131.

Thursday—80.

Friday—87.

Branch 139 will receive annual communion in a body on Palm Sunday, at 8 A. M. As this has been the custom since the organization of our Branch, it is the desire of our Spiritual Advisor that every member who can will appear in the Assembly Rooms on this occasion, at 7:45 A. M. to answer the roll call. This organization now numbers over one hundred and three; there should be a very large percentage of this number at the annual duty.

Central Council met Thursday evening. It was decided to distribute \$150 among the Branches in prizes. Each member securing more than three new members will receive a certain amount of cash.

Branch 88 initiated four members and received two applications at its last meeting.

OUR ROMAN LETTER.

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The Benedictines to Reorganize the Abbeys in Brazil.

Rome, Italy.

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"Upon reading the accounts sent to the journals from Sambuca, the cities have been as much surprised as if they were reading about the discovery of some unexplored regions of mid-Africa. As a matter of fact for the great majority the villages, which are a few hours journey distant from Rome are perfectly unknown. Those, however, who know these parts of the Roman Province know but too well that the accounts given to the public during these past days are not only true but below the truth. They also know that this state of misery is neither exceptional nor limited to one or two spots."

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"They are, therefore, forced to borrow sums of money, which are subject to a startling usury, which varies from 30 to 75 per cent."

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