

# The Catholic Journal

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Rochester, N. Y., Saturday, September 26, 1895.

## CORNER STONE LAID.

Bishop McCauley officiates at the laying of the corner stone at Clifton Springs.

The laying of the corner stone of the new church took place on Sunday last at the appointed time, and was witnessed by a great number of people.

The following priests assisted our Rt. Rev. Bishop in the ceremonies: Fathers Hartley, Kavanaugh, McDonald, O'Neill, English, O'Brien, Donnelly, Farren, McKenna and Payne.

The Bishop then made a lengthy address, reviewing the history of the Church in this country the past sixty years, and pointing out the different place in society the Catholic occupies to-day than formerly. He paid a glowing tribute to the faith of the Irish people and their descendants in America.

The Bishop also preached a most excellent sermon at High Mass, instructive and elevating in spirit, to which the audience listened with rapt attention.

The copper box placed in the corner stone contained various documents and relics, among which were a copy of the Clifton Springs Press, in which was outlined a brief history of the church in Clifton Springs since 1855, a copy of the Oratory Journal, a duplicate of the subscription list for the new church, various coins, and a very precious relic consisting of a fragment of the wall of the oldest Catholic Church in the United States, the Ancient Cathedral at St. Augustine, Florida, founded by the Spaniards in 1565, and burned in 1886.

This church was built of adobe, a formation of small shells and sand, made hard as rock by the action of the water. This interesting relic was presented by Mrs. Dr. Hibbard.

Bishop McQuaid has named the new church St. Felix, in honor of Father O'Hanlon.

Geneva.

Henry Russell of Auburn, spent Saturday in Geneva the guest of his friend, George Charroux.

The Phillips and Clark's Stove Works Company shipped fifteen carloads of their stoves this week.

James Hart of Rochester, spent Sunday in Geneva the guest of friends.

Miss Bryson is the guest of friends in Gorham.

Charles McCurdy, of Rochester called on friends in Geneva, on Sunday.

Messrs. Spillane, P. Spillane, Hickley, and Welch of Willard, spent Sunday in Geneva, the guest of their parents.

George Charroux, spent Sunday in Seneca Falls and Auburn, the guest of friends.

A large number of Geneva citizens attended the laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic church in Clifton Springs, on Sunday last.

Miss Delta O'Conor, spent a few days in Rochester the guest of relatives and friends.

The funeral of Winifred, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dundon, occurred on Monday afternoon.

A very large number of Geneva citizens attended the balloon ascention at Cayuga Lake Park on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Minnie McCloud has been the guest of friends in Syracuse.

Geneva was largely represented at the Naples Fair last week, by its citizens as well as its soldiers.

Miss Minnie Speckley, the guest of friends in Canandaigua.

Daniel Lynch has opened a grocery store in the McDougall block, second store on north side of Castle street where he will be pleased to see his many friends.

Miss Jessie Gaard has returned home after a few days spent with friends in Sheldrake.

William Hennessy spent Sunday in Rochester the guest of relatives.

Miss Lucy Mulcahy has been visiting her parents on Jack-on-st.

Greece.

John Fetner and Peter Knipper spent Sunday at the Thousand Islands.

A little baby girl put in its appearance at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benedict.

Next Sunday the contestants for the various prizes to be given at the Fair, for the benefit of St. John's church will be appointed. The Fair will begin Nov. 19 and continue for several days.

Francis Wood an old gentleman of this town, fell from his buggy Sunday night, and was seriously injured.

## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Payment of Assessments to and 11.  
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hornellsville, N. Y.,  
Sept. 25th, 1895.

Notice of assessment to and 11 was issued from this office Aug. 1, 1895. It was received from the branches in the following order:

Aug. 6 Branch 60.  
" 10 " 84.  
" 12 " 74, 87.  
" 13 " 109.  
" 14 " 64.  
" 15 " 104.  
" 16 " 306.  
" 17 " 6.  
" 20 " 86, 71, 107, 113, 123, 133, 143.  
" 24 " 24, 23, 50, 76, 176, 185.  
" 27 " 45, 46, 92, 103, 106, 132, 133, 150, 151, 176.  
" 28 " 104, 108, 153, 158.  
" 30 " 22, 23, 35, 53, 83, 127, 134, 145, 150, 159, 161, 167.  
" 31 " 22, 23, 36, 53, 83, 99, 118, 144, 155, 184.  
Sept. 3 " 40, 47, 113, 157, 168, 181.

The forty days limit expired Sept. 9th.

The following branches paid after that date:  
Sept. 10 Branch 2, 24, 40, 43, 51, 70, 79,  
" 10 " 75, 80, 81, 86, 93, 100, 105,  
" 11 " 111, 118, 124, 126, 135.  
" 12 " 163, 174, 177.  
" 13 " 4, 7, 18, 47, 56, 59, 68, 155.  
" 14 " 93, 103, 110, 118, 147, 150,  
" 15 " 171.  
" 18 " 90, 96, 143.  
" 19 " 1, 108, 128, 157.  
" 20 " 37, 9, 2, 94, 124, 130, 157.  
" 27 " 150, 152, 187.

One hundred eighty-seven branches have all paid.  
Total amount received  
During the month: \$39, 619.30

Transferred to Supreme Recorder  
Beneficiary: \$36,810.63.  
Transferred to Reserve Fund: \$1,937.97.  
Transferred to Grand Fund: \$1,030.60.

Treas. Gen. Fund: \$70, 60.

\$39, 619.30.

New York Grand Council Financial statement this date.

Reserve Fund last reported: \$118,043.95.  
\$3 from assessment: \$1,937.97.

No. 11 and 12 added: \$1,937.97.

Invested: \$103,934.75.

Cash on Deposit: \$86, 047.17.

\$119,981.98.

GENERAL FUND.

Bond and Mortgage \$1,400.00

Cash: \$1,133.43

\$1,633.43

Branches are getting careless again in the manner of promptly paying assessments, and in consequence the Supreme Council get behind in paying death claims.

Fifty-two branches received the five days notice for not having paid this assessment within the constitutional time of forty days, which expired Sept. 9th, and a few of them narrowly escaped suspension. This is not an honorable list for any branch to get into, and carelessness of branch officers is the only excuse that can be offered for it.

This list can plainly be seen in this and every similar publication, and those publications will appear regularly, so that all may know what branches pay promptly.

The law suspends every member who has not paid his assessment on or before the first day of the month. This being the case, the assessment may be paid without the money of any such member, and as there are nine or ten days after the first day of the month to get the assessment to this office, no branch should make the five days notice necessary.

The foregoing refers entirely to double assessments; single assessments are always due immediately on receipt by the branch of notice of same, and said notice leaves this office on the first day of the month. Single assessments are payable with the advance beneficiary of the deceased; therefore branches do not have to wait to collect it from the members.

Without referring to the old military branches which can always be found at the head of the list in paying assessments, I name compliment: branches 7, 14, 27, 33, 44, 51, 116, 126, 137, and 163 for including assessment No. 13 with their payment of assessments 11 and 12. This is an evidence of a higher intelligence than has been manifested in the past by the officers of many branches. It goes to show that they realize the fact that when a double assessment is collected, the money is in hand to pay the single assessment which has been held to understand, or at least rarely acted upon in the past, by the great majority of the branches.

To-morrow, Sept. 26th, is the last day for payment of assessment No. 15 within the constitutional limit, and yet only fifty branches have paid it at this writing. While the remaining one hundred and thirty-seven branches do it by to-morrow night. If No. 15 the Council must be put to the expense of postage and stationery to give the five days reminder to the tardy ones.

Assessments are levied and collected for the sole purpose of paying the widow and orphan the money due on the death of our members.

Prompt payment of said means prompt payment of the other. Nothing contributes more to the honor and high standing of any insurance association than the prompt payment of her death claim.

If we but do our work in a proper manner, we can always keep the C. M. B. A. in the front rank.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Gandy.

C. M. B. A.

Monday—Branch 19.  
Tuesday—Branch 11.

John Fitzgerald 3rd vice president of the Supreme Council died last Tuesday at his home in New York City at the age of 68. To him more than to any other member is due the remarkable growth of the association in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. Fitzgerald has held various offices in both the Grand and Supreme Councils and was a member universally admired for his many noble qualities. He was formerly connected with the Metropolitan Police force as patrolman and was promoted to Sergeant. For several years he has been on the retired force.

His loss will be seriously felt by the membership of the New York diocese and indeed by the entire association, more especially by the officers of both councils to whom he was greatly endeared.

James L. Whalen representing the Supreme council and Grand Secretary Joseph Cameron representing the N. Y. Grand council left this city Wednesday night to attend the funeral which took place Thursday morning.

Grand President Edward Ryan of Syracuse and Grand Secretary Joseph Cameron of Hornellsville stopped over Wednesday evening on their return from a meeting of the Grand Trustees held in Buffalo. In the company of Supreme Committee-man James L. Whalen and Grand Vice Pres. Edw. J. Ernst they paid a visit to branch 34 of St. Michael's parish.

C. M. B. A.

CALENDA FOR NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday—Auxiliary No. 2.

Wednesday—Auxiliary No. 3.

ENTRANCE TO HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY.

ALL MEMBERS CHURCH.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES.

ANNUAL CEREMONY AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY.

The annual ceremony of the blessing of the graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be observed tomorrow afternoon. This beautiful ceremony used to take place on the eve of All Saint's day, but the inclemency of the weather, usually prevailing at that season, rendered a change necessary. We can find no record of this ceremony without the impressiveness of the occasion.

Bishop McQuaid will officiate and the exercises will begin at 2 o'clock. They will consist of a benediction after the reading of the Litany of the Dead, and bedecking every grave in the cemetery with flowers and greenery.

At the close of the ceremony the band will play the "Last Post" and after the procession has dispersed the band will address the people. A sermon will be preached in front of the church.

In former years, instead of the band, organ music was played during the ceremony and two services were conducted, the morning service at 10 o'clock and the afternoon service at 2 o'clock.

The cemetery is situated on a hill overlooking the city, and the graves are scattered over a wide area. The cemetery is surrounded by trees and shrubs, and the graves are marked with simple crosses and stones.

The ceremony is a solemn and impressive one, and the people who attend it are deeply moved by the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the cemetery.

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