

DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Penn Yan.

Frank J. McAdams spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Aggie Maley has returned home, after an absence of several weeks.

An aged citizen of Dresden, Mr. LaFayette Rudd, was recently run over by the cars, and both his legs were amputated.

Michael Carroll died at his home in Benton on Wednesday, Dec. 11th. The funeral was held from St. Michael's Church on Friday morning. Deceased leaves one daughter.

Mrs. Catharine O'Hara was thrown from a buggy on Elm street in this village, but escaped with slight injuries.

The Masquerade of the Hydrant Hose will be held in Shepard's Opera House, and promises to be a very enjoyable ball.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Creary was injured recently, while engaged in play with some of his companions.

The teachers' institute is in session in this village this week. Archibald McLachlan will officiate as conductor.

Navigation on the lower end of Lake Keuka has practically closed, unless the weather warms up considerably. Friday the steamer Mary Bell on her trip to Penn Yan, could not get farther than Willow Point on account of the ice.

Savannah.

Miss Kittle Fitzgerald left Saturday for her home in Florence, where she will spend the holidays, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Kittle Barrie.

Mrs. C. Weigh returned to her home in Oswego, after spending a week with her son.

Mr. Patrick Quinn, of Port Byron, visited his aunt, Mrs. Dennis Carroll, last week.

Miss Rose Conroy spent Sunday with friends in Syracuse.

Aurora.

Miss Mary Ryan died at the residence of her parents near this village last Saturday night, after an illness of over a year.

The deceased was an estimable young lady, and had a large circle of friends.

The funeral was very largely attended from St. Patrick's Church Tuesday morning. The remains were laid to rest in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Willard.

Mrs. James Hartigan, of Little Meadows, Pa., is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Miss Rose Grady, who was employed here for the past two years, has resigned and returned to her home at Geneva.

Miss Bertha Chapman is visiting at the home of her sister at Poultney.

Born on the 9th inst.—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roach, a daughter. Congratulations!

Miss Mary Donley, of the Branch, enjoyed a few days vacation last week.

Mr. Edward Murphy visited Mattawan on Wednesday last.

Fairport.

At the last meeting Branch of C. M. B. A. the following officers were elected:

President, J. A. Flanagan; Vice President, Richard Dillon; and Vice President, J. R. Hyde.

Recording Secretary, T. Culhane; Financial Secretary, Michael Hickey.

Treasurer, D. P. Culhane; Trustee, Ed. Hanlon; John Birce, Edward Tobin.

Marshal, Thos. Bell.

Guard, Stephen Birce.

Barnard's Crossing:

Miss Ella Donoghue died at the home of her brother, 117 Kent street, Rochester, last Sunday afternoon. Miss Donoghue was of a kind and amiable disposition and bore her sickness with resignation. She will be missed from the circle in which she moved. She was fortified by all the rights of the Church when the hand of death ended her gentle life, and bore her away in her youthful beauty and innocence to live forever in the peace and safety of paradise. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday morning, and interment was at Mt. Read.

Weedsport.

Mrs. John Welch, of Auburn, spent last week and this week in town visiting relatives.

Mrs. John Lawlor spent Monday of this week in Port Byron.

O. J. Stevens spent Monday of this week in Auburn.

John Scanlon spent Sunday last in Auburn.

John Ryan, a citizen of Port Byron who was killed on the New York Central railroad Sunday last, was brought to Weedsport Tuesday last for burial. A number of Weedsport citizens attended the funeral. The deceased was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery. Miss Mamie Scanlon, who spent the past two weeks in Buffalo, returned home Saturday last.

M. O'Connell spent Sunday last in Auburn.

The Weedsport Union School is closed, and after the holidays.

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Canandaigua.

Mrs. Joseph Boyle, who has been sick for sometime, is recovering.

The correspondent made a mistake last week in giving the date and place of the Orphan's Fair. It will begin December 1st, and continue January 1st, 2nd and 3d. It will be held in Bemis Hall, but the Orphan's ball will be held afterwards in the Armory on the 3d of January.

Much sorrow is felt in the community over the insanity of Mr. John Reichard, a well known and very popular young man of this place. He became insane suddenly and it is thought that hard study was the cause. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Susie Malone, of Victor, is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of Park street.

Rev. Father English was unable to serve Mass Sunday because of his illness, but all we pleased to hear that he is much better.

Mr. George Barry, of Rushville, visited town Sunday.

Danville.

John Patrick is the name of the new arrival at P. Morgan's.

There will be Christmas trees for the children in both the parochial schools Friday p.m.

Miss Mary Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Clark, died in their home on Van Campen street Monday a. m. in convulsions. She was 27 years old. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's Church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The following are the newly elected officers of the various Catholic societies:

L. O. B. A.

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. J. T. Dougherty; President—Katherine Hubins; Vice President—Margaret Goodwin; Second Vice President—Elizabeth Bauer.

Recorder—Catherine Enio; Assistant Recording Secy.—Eliza Rowan; Financial Secretary—Margaret Schubach.

Treasurer—Katherine Krien; Marshal—Louise Larsen; Guard—Mary Rohner.

Trustees—Mary Donnelly, Celis Foter, Anna Driscoll, Mary Hubartus, and Mary Maloney.

O. M. B. A.

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Jas. T. Dougherty; President—Daniel Driscoll; First Vice President—John Kauber; Second Vice President—Patrick Riley.

Secretary—James Callahan; Assistant Secretary—Rev. H. J. Stratton; Financial Secretary—Albin Altmeyer; Treasurer—Nich. Gross.

Marshal—Geo. Rauber; Guard—Mac Beck.

Trustees—Jacob Smith, Edward Bacon, and James Kelly.

O. R. B. A.

President—J. Vogt; First Vice President—J. A. Murphy; Second Vice President—Val Blenk.

Financial Secretary—H. M. Altmeyer; Recording Secretary—F. J. Shope; Assistant Secretary—W. J. Engle.

Treasurer—P. E. Blum.

Marshal—B. Poole; Guard—C. C. Fox.

Trustees—John McHanna, M. Maloney; Chancellor—Frank Blum.

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Dougherty.

ST. BONIFACIUS SOCIETY.

President—Frank Schlick; Vice President—Nic. Uhl.

Treasurer—Peter Gelzer; Secretary—John Schwan.

Financial Committee—Peter Schlick; Jacob Huver, Jacob Sturm.

Banner Bearers—Frank Eichrich, John Dresser.

Marshal—B. Poole; Trustees—Frank Schlick, John Schwan, N. Johansen, H. Hubartus, Peter Letzer.

Executive Committee—A. Schwan; Jacob Smith and J. Yochum.

Philips.

Miss Elizabeth Cannavan, of Chicago, is the guest of her grandparents on Mill street.

Mrs. John Brophy attended the ordination of Rev. Bernard Gonslinger, which took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on last Wednesday.

At the meeting of Branch 177 C. M. B. A. which was held in their room on Thursday, December 12, the following officers were elected:

President, E. P. Ryan.

1st Vice President, Edward Welsh.

and Vice President, J. T. Kelly.

Recording Secretary, E. F. Needham.

Assistant Secretary, J. Johnson.

Financial Secretary, J. H. McKenna.

Treasurer, R. E. Connelly.

Marshal, Jas. Sweeney.

Chancellor, E. F. Needham.

Trustees, Rev. A. M. O'Neil, Frank Howley and Frank Nieder.

Representative to Grand Council, E. F. Needham.

Alternate, E. P. Ryan.

Livonia.

On Christmas Day at St. Michael's Church, the choir will sing their new Mass in C. by J. Bonner. The choir is composed of twenty voices, with Thomas W. Hogan organist and director.

On New Year's eve St. Michael's choir

will give their first concert in Livonia Opera House.

Thomas W. Hogan, who has charge of the affair, has prepared a fine program.

The choir will be assisted that evening by Con. J. O'Brien, Basso, of Rochester, also Miss Besse Bessinger, pianist.

Rev. Father Brophy, Professor of Latin and English Literature in St. Andrew's Seminary, preached to a large audience in St. Francis Church on Sunday night. It was the first time Father Brophy appeared before a Phelps audience, and he preached an eloquent and powerful sermon. The church was lighted for the first time by electricity in honor of the occasion.

Greece.

The prizes offered on the Fair tickets were drawn last week.

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time was Entertrainers, and poor John had no time to guess her name so she was given away by chance, and the lucky wife was Mrs. L. M. Doty. Doty's name is going to be changed for something shorter, it may be.

At Forty Hours began at St. John's Church in Sunday and ended Wednesday. The attendance at the Mass and in the evening was larger than any previous year. Father Brophy preached on Monday. Father Thos. Hickey on Tuesday evening.

Father Regenhofer delivered a sermon in German at the High Mass on Monday. About 300 approached the sacrament.

St. Joseph, the Head of the Holy Family.

Since St. Teresa, the Seraphic Virgin, had been chosen by the Lord of Heaven, to spread abroad among Catholics what had hitherto remained the secret of chosen souls, how great this man, St. Joseph, is whom his master had constituted over all that were especially his chosen household. Queen constitutit Domini super familiam suam, since then I say, devotion to St. Joseph has grandly increased among all faithful.

It is certain that from the beginning there have been holy souls, led by the Holy Spirit into the treasures of the interior life, that have, from age to age, known of "how great this man was"—to whom Jesus Christ God-equal with the Father, was obedient. In whose arms God-made-Man received food. Who, knowing that this Child who called him father, was God, the Eternal Word, equal with the Father Almighty, by obedience to the law God put on Him, had to order this Child, whom he knew was the Creator of all things, to do the common duties of a child in the house of a mechanic. A great spiritual writer has said "Joseph died of love, that burnt his heart to a cinder, and he would have died long before, knowing all he did by his deep instruction in the mysteries of Redemption, except miraculous power preserved his life, thus burning away, and in anguish, seeing, bearing, touching, and commanding Him, whom His soul so loved."

Oh generation of eloquent talkers and elegant writers! If you have the very least faith in Jesus Christ as your Redeemer, stop for a few minutes, and think of St. Joseph!

Our Lord has constituted him head over all the family of those He acknowledges as His own. Glory and riches are in his house—which is the household of God, Who has made blessed Joseph its Universal Patron." The Church has had from the beginning martyrs to shed their blood. Confessors, and Holy Doctors who have borne their testimony and taught before men. They have fought the good fight, are crowned on the Holy Mountain. Rare gems they have been, and bright gold half buried in the earth but half revealed and gathered up by the Church, the Spouse of Christ, and put in the diadem of her glory.

But away down, too deep to be seen—except for eyes especially enlightened, and for ages, the gem of gems, and the finest, and the purest gold, lay unnoticed and unknown, even by the general run of Christians. Oh, happy, oh, glorious destiny! Of his already sanctified bosom God rested, as an Infant, and turned His eyes upon the pure heart of blessed Joseph, whose arms supported His infant body. Next to his Immaculate Spouse, he was best in condition to desire to be unknown of the world.

One thing is certain, and that is that our young people, both male and female, especially female, need careful watching and restraining, and especially that suitable instruction should be given on this most important and vital subject of matrimony.

Our children should be taught at the proper age that matrimony is a most sacred and important thing—in the Catholic Church it is a holy sacrament—and therefore should never be entered upon lightly or without due consideration. The happiness of a life may depend upon it.

They should therefore be warned especially against the danger of yielding to the fancy of falling in love at first sight. They should be taught to restrain their fancy and their passions. Of course, no modest Christian girl will ever be caught making advances to a young man, however desirable a match he might make, and if approached by a young man with evident signs of serious intentions she will be careful never to give encouragement, beyond the ordinary friendly courtesies of good society, until she has satisfied herself as to the good character of her suitor and taken counsel of her parents.

Here, we fear, is one great fault of parents under our American civilization. Young America is too apt to take things into his own hands and parents are only too ready to let them. Perhaps the last thing in the world that the independent daughter thinks of is consulting her parents. We fear the number of those who

FALLING IN LOVE.

Why is it that there is such a scandalous rush to the divorce courts? Why is there so much unhappiness, even in families that continue to live together? Why are there so many suicides, sometimes of couples married or unmarried? The number of unhappy marriages is really appalling and may well cause philanthropists of every name and grade to enquire seriously. What is the cause of this sad state of things? and what is the remedy?

The cause is not far to seek. It lies in mistaken notions of love and want of serious considerations of the sacredness of the marriage tie. There is