

## CORNER STONE Laid.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT HOLY APOSTLES' CHURCH.

The New Edifice Blessed by the Bishop—Five Thousand People Present.

About five thousand people were present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Holy Apostles church, last Sunday afternoon. They began to assemble at 4 o'clock, and as the time for the service approached the crowd became so dense in the streets in the vicinity that it was with difficulty that a passage for the procession could be made.

At 5 o'clock the procession moved from the old to the new building. Rev. James P. Kiernan, rector of the Cathedral, came first as master of ceremonies, followed by a line of students from St. Andrews' seminary and Very Rev. James F. O'Hare, D. D., V. G., and Rev. William Gleason of Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Frederick Rafter of St. Boniface church, Rev. T. Szadziński of St. Stanislaus church, Rev. Fidelis Oberholzer and Rev. Joseph Miller of Holy Redeemer church, Rev. F. H. Sinclair, D. D., and Rev. John P. Boppe of St. Peter and Paul's church, Rev. Arthur A. Hughes of the Cathedral, Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., of St. Bernard's seminary, Rev. D. Laurencia of Holy Family church, Rev. M. Batgath of St. Michael's church, Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick of St. Bridget's church, Rev. M. Olney of Holy Trinity Falls, Rev. John Donnelly of Victor, Rev. Joseph W. Hendrick of Livonia and Rev. A. M. O'Neil of Phelps. Then followed Rev. William Casey of St. Mary's Hospital and Rev. James J. Leary of Corpus Christi church, who were Deacons of Honor, and last of all our Rt. Rev. Bishop.

The people parted and the procession of priests and bishops passed through, ascending the steps to the temporary flooring and thence to the further end of the structure. Here a wooden cross had been placed. A carpet was thrown down and the bishop, kneeling at a fall-stool, said the prayers of dedication, the priests and students intoning the responsive parts of the service. This spot is where the altar will be placed when the church is completed. The bishop sprinkled the floor and walls with holy water, and the procession moved back again through the surging crowd.

Led by the cross the bishop and priests walked entirely around the walls, sprinkling them with holy water, the students chanting the "Miserere." Returning to the front of the structure the procession stopped at the place where the corner stone was to be laid. The bishop said the prayers of dedication. As the first sound of his clear, smooth voice rang out on the afternoon air, every head in the vast assemblage was bared. At the conclusion of the office a brass box containing a short history of the Holy Apostles parish, coins of the present date and copies of The Catholic Journal and of the daily papers of the preceding day were placed in a hollow receptacle in the stone. Bishop McQuaid sprinkled the stone with holy water and pronounced the dedicatory blessing.

Then turning to the people the bishop said that in laying the corner stone of the new church, he felt that the cause of Christ was being advanced in Rochester. It was a blessing and should be a cause of rejoicing to every Catholic in this city. He said that every true Catholic would rejoice and be thankful with the people of Holy Apostles parish, who had the courage to begin the work of building a new church in these hard times. The foundations of the new church showed to him and to all assembled that the people and rector of the Holy Apostles church are united, and that for aiding the pastor so nobly in his work the parishioners were securing for themselves blessings both in this and the world to come.

"It tells us," he said, "that the fire of the old faith still burns brightly in the hearts and minds of His people. I take especial pride in the work that is going on in Holy Apostles parish. A few years ago, when this parish was organized, some thought the plan unwise. It was then an unpopulated district, but the few Catholics out there were practically cut off from the adminis-

tions of the church. To-day we have a pleasant contradiction of that idea. We see an active congregation witnessing with Christian pride the laying of the corner stone of their new church.

"If the parents in this parish needed the church did not the children also need it? This parish has been blessed; it has flourished, and God's help has been given to it. To-day we stand beside its foundations. In a few months the building will be completed and the cross will tower high into the heavens. This church will not only be an ornament to the neighborhood but a place for the preaching of God's holy word. That word which was given to His apostles to preach to all the nations of the world, and which they are doing to-day exactly what God told them to do. The first apostles are to the world dead, but they live yet in their successors. The bishops and priests of to-day are the apostles, and they are preaching throughout the world and will preach in this church in time to come the word of God as He delivered it to them. In this church the same sacrifice will be offered up that the apostles offered; the same sacrifice that Christ's vicar on earth, St. Peter's successor, offers up at Rome—the sacrifice of the mass.

"This sacrifice of the mass is what our non-Catholic friends are suffering for. They rejected it 300 years ago. They said it was idolatrous, and now they are looking for innovations to make their services attractive. We need no innovation to attract the faithful. All we need to say to our people is: 'There is the altar, there are the priests.' Three hundred years ago they attacked our doctrines, and by fraud and calumny succeeded in deceiving some of the people, but we believe the same truths to-day as then. Christ said that He would be with His apostles, and He will be with them until the end of the world.

"When our non-Catholic friends are tossed about, grabbing eagerly at all new doctrines, not knowing what to believe, our message of salvation will be preached to the people in words understood by them in every land and without any hesitation or doubt. Be courageous, my friends. I know that the times are hard; times are always hard. But it is worth the sacrifice. It was worth the sacrifice for the early martyrs of the church to die for their religion; it was worth the sacrifice for the early Catholics of Rochester to foster the church with their time and money, and it is worth sacrifice for you to work on with your pastor for the upbuilding of the church in this parish. Manly go to work and do what you can for God's cause and His heavenly blessing will be upon you."

The bishop, at the conclusion of his address, pronounced the episcopal blessing, and the vast assemblage dispersed.

### Celebrated Their First Mass.

The priests who were ordained last Saturday morning at the Cathedral by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid celebrated their first mass at various Catholic churches in this city last Sunday morning as follows: Rev. Michael U. Dwyer, at St. Bridget's; Rev. John P. Shellhorn, at Holy Family; Rev. Stephen V. McPadden, assisted by Rev. A. A. Hughes and Rev. B. W. Gomminger, at Immaculate Conception; Rev. Sebastian Englert at Nazareth Convent; Rev. James J. Gibbons at St. Bernard's seminary; Rev. John H. O'Brien, at Holy Rosary; Rev. Jeremiah A. Maley, at the Cathedral; Rev. John W. E. Kelly, at St. Patrick's Girls' Asylum, and Rev. John Bresnahan at St. Mary's Convent of Mercy.

### LYONS.

Miss Stephy of Rochester was the guest of Miss Helen Keller last week. The Misses Mary and Katie Burke of Waterloo were in town yesterday. Mrs. Lawrence Bradley and son Michael called on Clyde friends Saturday. Mrs. James Robinson entertained out of town friends Sunday. Miss Julia Murphy of Newark spent Sunday with Lyons friends. Mrs. Margaret McCullagh of Savannah spent a few hours in this city Monday. Misses Denning and McGauley of Newark and Messrs. Fanning and Fornback of Rochester wheeled to Lyons last Sunday. Frederick Law, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is improving. Miss Driscoll spent Monday in Rochester. Henry Miles was in Rochester on Wednesday last.

## DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In Fairport, Macedon, Palmyra, Newark and Lyons, Mr. A. Herman, our traveling agent, will make collections and solicit subscriptions for the above towns next week.

### AUBURN.

Memorial Day was appropriately celebrated in Auburn with parades, services in churches and ball games. The weather was fine and the streets were thronged with people all day. Most of the business houses were closed from 11 a. m. till 4 p. m. At 2 o'clock a parade made up of the veterans and the battalions from the various schools formed at the Open House and marched to Fort Hill, where impressive services were held. There were two ball games, one at Norwood park between the Auburn and Canandaigua nines, and one at the Severn avenue grounds between the Emmets, from Division 5, A. C. H., and the East Auburn Athletic club. Both were largely attended and proved interesting.

A very successful entertainment was given in Lyceum hall last Friday evening by the pupils of St. Mary's school in honor of the veterans. The hall was well filled with the guests and their friends. The stage was very prettily decorated with bunting and flowers. The programme was as follows: Oration, "The First Decoration Day Proclamation," Master Gordon Stafford, chorus, "Our Country's Flag," pupils of 4th and 5th grades; recitation, "The Battle Flag at Shenandoah," Catherine Lynch; dialogue, "Bring Flowers," pupils of 1st, 2d and 3d grades; recitation, "Harry's Lecture to the Boys," Master Harry Fahey; vocal duet, "I'm Mamma's Little Girl," Misses Mary and Loretta Madden; Oration, "The American Flag," Mr. Patrick B. Sheehan; dialogue, "The Strange Secret," Leonard Seams, B. Strong and G. Cowan; recitation, "The Blue and the Gray," Helen Long; chorus drill, "The Rally," boys; recitation, "Grandpa's Grave," Susie Gilbert; vocal solo, "The Tea Party," Miss Nellie Slater; recitation, "The Camp of Death," Bernadine Long; Empire State Regiment on Parade; Memorial song.

Dr. Philip Conboy has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia. Angela Quirk entertained about twenty of her young friends Saturday afternoon in honor of her twelfth birthday.

Miss Elizabeth Dupre spent Saturday in Seneca Falls, the guest of her sister, Mrs. James McKevitt.

### OVId.

Mrs. Ira Casey and children of Ithaca are visiting her mother, Mrs. Boyle.

John Fitzgerald of Geneva is running Sullivan's barber shop for a few weeks, as Mr. Sullivan is ill.

George FitzSimons has gone to Canoga, Minn., to visit his brother.

Miss Rose Hanratty of Geneva spent a few days at her home last week.

Miss Lizzie Murphy of Ithaca was called here by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Hamilton, who has the measles.

John Boyle, who was confined to the house last week, is out.

Mr. Edward Boyle of Denver, Col., is visiting at T. H. Mackin's.

### MT. READ.

Last Sunday Rev. Father Libart of St. Bernard's seminary celebrated mass and preached a very interesting sermon from the gospel of the day.

Many people from Rochester are now moving to their summer resorts on the beach and a majority of them attend mass in this parish.

Mrs. John McBride, who was taken suddenly ill while visiting one of her daughters in Rochester, recently, is improving.

It is indeed very unusual for our city dealers to receive a portion of home grown peas and strawberries to feast upon for their Decoration dinner and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Costello spent Sunday with relatives at Barnard's Crossing.

### SENECA FALLS.

John LaFleur has returned from a visit to his daughter Margaret, of Albany.

Miss Bridget Murphy of Geneva, spent Sunday with Seneca Falls friends.

Miss Lizzie McGuire of Aurora spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Anna Murphy of Willard is the guest of her mother in this village.

Miss Nan Kirkis spending a few days with Geneva friends.

Misses Teresa McKee and Alice Casey are guests of Ovid friends this week.

St. Patrick's church is being repaired.

### QUEEN SOCIETIES.

One of Negroes Against Ingle, the Other Against Negroes.

"The Mystic Band of the Great Emancipator" is the latest secret political organization to make its appearance in Seneca Falls. It is confined to negro voters. It has grips and signs, and is spreading in the towns where there is negro population. Its membership is said to be against the election of John J. Ingalls to the United States senate because he advocated the deportation of negroes to Africa when in the senate. Probably one of the most unique secret societies ever organized, considering the object for which it was formed, is said to be in full running order in Seneca Falls. It is known as the Anti-negro or Blackcap club. Its object is to put a stop to the colored people becoming residents of the city or permitting colored strangers from remaining any length of time within the limits. Seneca is now without a colored inhabitant. Chicago Times-Herald.

## TURKISH ATROCITIES.

THINGS THAT HAPPEN AT THE THRESHOLD OF CHRISTIAN EUROPE.

Facts Showing That There Is No Crayon More Terrible Than Reality. Crimes That Should Not Be Mentioned Except as a Stern Duty.

While the rulers, prelates and diplomats of so-called "Christian" Europe live in lavish luxury with wealth and power untold at their control, while the coronation of the ear of all the Bosphorus as head of church and state went on at almost countless cost, the truest followers of the faith are being trampled in the dust, surrounded by starvation and despair instead of riches and splendor, and cries of anguish and agony instead of anthems and halliculms, destruction, desolation and death instead of honor, glory and power, while the martyr's crown of thorns instead of the jeweled coronet of earth is being pressed upon their bleeding brows and all the rulers, prelates and diplomats of "Christianity" look calmly on.

If God is just, and the word is true, the doom of the damned awaits the individual both in church and state who drives or deserts his children to destruction, when the King of kings in all the glory of heaven shall declare: "Inasmuch as ye did it (or did it not) to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it (or did it not) unto me." "Depart from me ye cursed."

An Armenian in Trebizond, trying to get food for his sick wife and family, was surrounded by a raging crowd and stricken down. Pleading for mercy, they taunted him with mock kindness, for awhile till, tired of their fun, they tied his feet together and taunted him.

With pretended tenderness, they chopped off one hand as they assured him of mercy in just, slapping his face with the bloody wrist and forcing it between his quivering lips. They then hacked off his other hand and ordered him to make the sign of the cross with the bleeding stumps and offered him pen and paper to write to his wife upon. Some of them tore off his ears and thrust them between his lips, then flung them into his face. Then they proceeded to knock out his teeth and cut out his tongue, jokingly remarking, "He will never blaspheme again!" Then they gouged out one eye at a time, cut off his feet and in the intoxication of furious fanaticism these Mohammedan demons exhausted their ingenuity in excruciating tortures before some one cut his throat to send his soul to "damnation," as they declared.

In Erzerum an Armenian father, fearing for his children playing in the street, tried to reason them, but was borne down by the mob, and pleading for mercy was mockingly promised it by the ringleader.

He was then stripped and a piece of flesh cut from his body and offered as a sacrifice to the gods, "dirt cheap" to the delight of the crowd, and as he writhed and cried in agony some one poured vinegar and acid into his gaping wounds.

While he piteously pleaded and prayed to be put out of his misery, two little boys came running to him, the older crying, "Father, father save me!" as the blood streamed over his beautiful face, and the younger clung to a little wooden toy.

The father frantically grasped at the dagger of a Turk, but this only increased his torments. The bleeding boy was dashed upon his dying father and both pounded to death before the little 8-year-old brother.

As he sat there dazed and dabbled the boy in the blood of his dying father and brother he smiled at their murderers and sobbed over their mangled remains till a sharp slash cut short his little life and the mother was left.

Here, again, we must halt and leave such stories for the hands of ball to gloat over and to tell, but present one picture as a type of many, though it may not be so pitiful or awful as thousands of others are.

An Armenian family of wealth and refinement, residing in Ebor, had been robbed of all and their home destroyed. The father was working in the fields to keep his family from starving. One day the mother was taking bread to him at midday with the child. The Kurds caught her and outraged her before her boy. When she complained to the officials, she was brutally beaten, knocked down and kicked out. Then her husband was killed, and the mother was a homeless, friendless wanderer, with her sick and dying child clinging to her haggard form, a ghastly glimpse of Armenia to-day.

But it is utterly impossible to picture such scenes as have been the common lot of the girls of Armenia, guarded as carefully as they could be from the brutal lust of Kurd and Turk, till, at last blooming into the beauty of a pure Christian womanhood, one after the other is taken till thousands upon thousands are torn from fathers and mothers and friends, being violated frequently before their eyes, then carried away captive to live as slaves of Kurds or sold, or diseased, turned loose to live or driven out to die and be "damned."

Before these massacres began 15 was the common thing for a Kurd or Turk to go to a Christian home and take all that he wanted, including women and girls, as well as cattle.

A Kurdish chief who was officially charged by the British consul at Erzerum for fendish cruelty on helpless victims was not only unpunished, but rewarded by promotion.

It was proved that in one case, for instance, he had attacked the home of a beautiful girl whom he was determined to take, but she was hidden from him. Failing to find her, he seized her little brother and tortured him till his terrible screams were too much for the tender, loving sister's heart, and she gave herself up. Her doom was a life of degradation worse than death.

The imperial government at Constantinople had his eyes with numberless charges of outrages against him, pressed upon it, but instead of punishing, promoted him. Such is Mohammedan cunning and mercy that they reward such wretches with honor, this being but a common case under the regular Turkish rule.

The governments of Europe are fully aware of this state of affairs, as their consular reports contain innumerable instances confirming the facts.

Free-speech interests they have suppressed these terrible facts from their people and are still doing so as far as is in their power.

To prove that this picture is not overdrawn, and that the statements herein made are not too strong, the following facts and figures are taken from the Turkish statistics for seven districts only, with estimated losses for two months only, from Sept. 20 to Nov. 20, 1895:

Armenian population in large towns..... 177,000  
Reduced to starvation, about..... 100,000  
Killed, according to estimates..... 2,000  
Number of Armenian villages formerly..... 1,200  
Number of Armenian villages destroyed..... 1,200  
Armenians living in villages formerly..... 50,000  
Reduced to starvation..... 20,000

From the above figures it would appear that the average number of inhabitants for each village was 163.

Allowing for each of the 3,000 villages destroyed, only 100 killed would make the loss of life from villages alone 300,000. Outing this estimate in two months leave 125,000, which is 25,000 more than has been claimed by the highest figures, but may fall far short of the actual facts in the case finally.

The strangest, saddest thought of all this is that such things could happen on the very threshold of "Christian" Europe and under cover of the names of the so-called "Christian nations" of this nineteenth century of the "Christian era."—H. E. Van Meter.

### PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST.

Members of the Catholic Literary Societies the Participants.

The Catholic reading circles of this city have made arrangements for a big meeting to be held Monday evening in Cathedral hall. It is the intention of the officers of the circles to offer a round trip ticket to the Catholic Summer School of America at Pottsville, as a prize for the best literary production produced by members of the organizations. The judges have already been chosen.

The successful candidate will be asked to read his essay at the meeting Monday night. Each literary circle will contribute toward a musical and literary programme for the occasion.

Warren E. Mosher of Cleveland, O., secretary of the Pottsville Summer School, has signified his intention of being present. The Catholic literary societies of the city have a membership of 300.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and cures rheumatism.

### Churchville.

Miss Jennie McPherson of Bergen spent Sunday here.

George Keenan, Jr., stopped upon a rainy last week and has not been able to walk since.

Miss Mary Selzer of Rochester visited her friends here Sunday.

Miss Jennie Cunningham is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Bodette.

Mrs. James Brady and Mrs. Fred Keith were the guests of Mrs. Mahoney of Cleveland Tuesday.

Miss May Goodwin of North Farm has been here the past two weeks.

### Cook Opera House.

All next week that charming little actress, Bertha Belle Westbrook, will be the star attraction in Hal Reid's comedy-drama, "Chou-Chou," which was repeatedly written for her and in which she has made great success throughout the country.

Manager Lane has concluded to reduce prices for the summer to 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents, and considering the real merit of the performance the house should be crowded.

### Furniture Movers.

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## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Going on in the Various Societies.

Calendar for Next Week.

C. R. & R. A.  
Monday—Council 25, 32.  
Tuesday—..... 14, 37.  
Wednesday—..... 33, 36.  
Friday—..... 39, 42, 45.

At the last meeting of Council 25 the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased God to His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our brother, John T. Murphy, his son, August Murphy, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Council 25, O. R. & R. A., do hereby tender to our brother our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement, and we commend him to that Divine Power for consolation which does all things for the best; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and published in the Catholic Journal.

### M. E. Ryan.

James Ryan, Esq.,  
Ella Ryan, Esq.,  
Committee.

Whereas, the members of Council 27, O. R. & R. A., have learned with regret that death has entered the home of one of our beloved members, Annie Rooney, and removed from her sister, who was very near and dear to her, therefore be it

Resolved, That sympathy and consolation be sent to the bereaved family of this meeting, and that a copy be forwarded to Sister Rooney and a copy be published in the Catholic Journal of this city.

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