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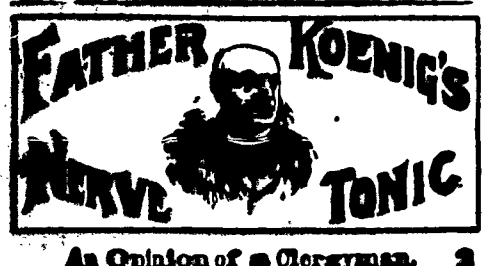
The Hotchkiss age said to rejoice at the appearance of a swarm of locusts, although the destructive insects destroy all the verdure in the district. The natives eat them in such quantities that they soon become perceptibly fatter.

Kissing is absolutely unknown in Burma. The nearest approach to it is smelling. The lover puts his arm round the lady he adores and literally smells her cheek. The young mother bends over her baby's little body and continually smells it.

Lizards, it is well known, are attracted by the notes of music, and the negroes in the island of Madeira, when catching them for food, accompany the chase by whistling some tune, which invariably has the effect of drawing great numbers toward them.

Semiramis had a pet vulture. Virgil was fond of feeding a butterfly. Nero loved a starling as well as a fiddle. Commodus found congenial fellowship with an ape. Helicabalus conversed familiarly with a parrot. Mohammed's dove is one of the most famous of pets.

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**An Opinion of a Clergyman.**  
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## DIOCESAN NEWS.

### What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing

From Our Special Correspondent.  
(Continued from page 1)  
Coldwater.

On Christmas eve Santa Claus made his annual trip over the icy fields to visit the children of the Holy Ghost school, presenting to Rev. Father Staub, in the name of the children, a nice satchel and the Holy Bible with inscription and excellent binding which they had ordered of their good old friend, who in return distributed to them his gifts and sweetmeats. The teacher, too, received a fine lamp, a gift of Rev. Father Staub, and the school children presented him a handsome rocking chair. After recitations and songs, Santa Claus had to go to town again. The children bade him to preserve his good health, so much the more on account of his old age, and to come and see them again next year.

**Shortsville.**  
Miss Kate Russell of Watkins and Miss Annie Russell of Rochester spent Christmas with their parents in this place.

Miss Marguerite Phipps of Rochester spent Christmas in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and children of Clifton Springs spent Christmas with the former's parents in this place.

Mark McQuillan of Dundee spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Kittle Heffron of Syracuse is visiting her mother in this place.

**Lyons.**  
Miss Mary Hickey of Geneva, who was the guest of her aunt Mrs. A. McBride, has returned home.

Mr. Wm. Howe and sister, Minnie, of Rochester, were the guests over Christmas of Miss Nellie Driscoll.

Miss Gertrude Wright, of Clyde, called on Lyons friends Sunday last.

Mr. Frank Fleming of Clyde was here last Sunday.

Mr. Jennings, of Clyde, was in this village Christmas night. He was entertained by the Social Club.

Miss Jennie Moriarty, of Clyde, was the guest Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Mr. Wm. Allen, one of Rochester's promising young lawyers, was in town for a few hours on Christmas.

Mr. John Fleming, of Meriden, Conn., is the guest of his brother, Jas. Fleming.

Mr. John Bradley, of Baravia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bradley.

At the annual election of officers of the C. M. B. A., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. D. W. Kavanaugh; Chancellor, J. M. O'Keefe; President, John F. Aspell; 1st Vice President, P. J. Flynn; 2nd Vice President, D. Beaton; Treasurer, John McQuinn; Recording Secretary, John Lewis; Financial Secretary, Wm. Myers; Assistant Recording Secretary, Thomas Murray; Trustees, Wm. Myers, Assistant Recording Secretary, T. Moran.

At the annual election of officers of the C. B. L., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Joseph P. Boyle; Vice President, Alden Lewis; Orator, H. F. Myers; Secretary, W. F. Bergin; Collector, M. T. Bradley; Treasurer, James B. Robinson; Chaplain, Rev. D. W. Kavanaugh; Marshal, Peter Helfer; Guard, Thomas Burke; Representative to State Council, W. F. Bergin; alternate, H. F. Myers; Trustees, H. Murphy, Daniel Moran and Stephen Mackin.

Last Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Michael's Church occurred the marriage of Miss Marie L. Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bradley, to T. Fleming, of Meriden, Conn. Mr. John Fleming, of Meriden, acted as best man, and Miss Maria Walsh, of Clyde, acted as bridesmaid. The bride was attired in a dress of cream colored satin, with a wreath of white roses in her hair. The bridegroom was attired in light blue suit, covered with white organdy. Although the wedding was a private one, the bride received many valuable and costly presents. The young couple will make their future home in Rochester.

**Geneseo.**  
Edward Finnegan spent the holidays at his home in Glensville, N. Y.

Miss Ella Fitzgerald, of Rochester, has been home on a visit.

Miss Johanna Cahill and Miss M. Toole were guests of Mrs. William Donovan, of Canandaigua, this week.

Terrence Dolan and family, of Mt. Morris, spent Christmas with the family of Edward Conlin.

Miss Mary J. Higgins was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Curran of Avon over Sunday.

George O'Brien, of Pavilion, spent Christmas with friends here.

Miss Mary Hickey was the guest of her parents in Weedsport the latter part of the week.

At a meeting of the Daughters of Erin on Friday, Dec. 15th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Miss Henry Lehr, President; Mrs. Lawrence Leonard, Vice President; Miss Mary Hickey, Recording Secretary; Miss Katie Hughes, Financial Secretary; Mrs. J. Snyder, Treasurer; Miss Nora Collins, Guide; Miss Margaret O'Leary, Guard.

The following officers of Branch No. 157 C. M. B. A. will be initiated on Tuesday evening next, Jan. 5th, 1897:

James Dolan, President; Wm. Crystal, 1st Vice President; John Flynn, 2nd Vice President; Martin Shustey, Recording Secretary; Michael Cahill, Assistant Rec'g Secretary; Wm. Huston, Financial Secretary; John Toole, Treasurer, M. Delahanty, Chancellor; Wm. Purcell, Marshal; James Costello, Guard; James Dolan and Martin Scheuler, re-elected Trustees.

**Auburn.**  
William Murray of Waterloo was the guest of Auburn friends Christmas.

Miss Gertrude Long of Seymour street has returned from an extended trip in the west.

J. J. Gallagher spent Christmas at his home in Geneva.

William Cowen and Louis Burns of St. Andrew's, and Alex. McCabe of St. Bernard's, Rochester, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Misses Addie and Maggie McConnell are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents in Washington street.

Miss Mamie O'Neill of Van Anden street has returned to her school duties at Merrifield after having spent Christmas with her parents.

Miss Anna Solomon of Sheridan street is home from the Albany Normal college.

Christmas services were held at Holy Family church at midnight and at 7, 8 and 10 o'clock. All were largely attended, especially the midnight. The church was beautifully decorated with laurel and holly. At the back of the beautiful altar numerous candles were artistically arranged to form the words, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." Rev. Father Hickey delivered a most eloquent sermon on the birth of Christ. The music was especially fine, the choir being assisted by the Hurts orchestra.

**Port Byron.**  
John Fraser of Syracuse and John Rush of Rochester spent Christmas at the residence of Miss Martha Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Connors of Syracuse spent Christmas in town visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Lyons and Miss Rose Conroy of Savannah were entertained by Mrs. Quinn Christmas.

Miss Libbie Cushman and a friend from Syracuse are visiting relatives in town.

Martin Welch of New Jersey is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Welch.

The Misses M. L. spent Christmas in Montezuma, the guest of their brother, Philip Molloy.

Last Sunday Father O'Donohue started a subscription fund for the building of a new church, and names to the amount of \$1,000 were given.

**Caledonia.**  
The C. R. & B. A. will hold a private hop in their room on the evening of January 7th.

About fifty couples attended the leap year party at Blackburn hall Monday evening.

Richard Farrell and wife of Clifton Springs spent Sunday with Mrs. James Boylan.

Miss James McGurk of Manchester spent Tuesday in town.

**Rushville.**  
Dan McCarthy visited relatives at East Bloomfield Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Barton returned to Syracuse Tuesday after spending several weeks with relatives in this village.

Miss Maggie Merriman of Geneva spent Christmas with her parents.

Miss Healy entertained her sister, Miss Casby of Canandaigua, over Sunday.

Miss William Sheehan is on the sick list.

Miss Sarah Burns of Rochester was the guest of her parents last week.

John Hurley of Penn Yan is home on a vacation.

**Ovid.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Whalen and daughter, of Ovid, are visiting Mrs. W. J. parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McInnis.

Miss Julia McDonald of Cortland is spending the holiday vacation with her parents in this village.

Mrs. Michael Dougherty and family, of Ithaca, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Houten and Miss Mary McDonald of Ithaca spent Christmas at their home in this village.

Miss Ella White of Rosendale returned to her school duties after spending the holiday vacation at her home.

Miss Jennie White and Mary Rafferty of Ithaca were home for Christmas.

Thomas McCarragher of Geneva spent Sunday in this village.

Patrick Savage of Waterloo spent Christmas with friends in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mullaney spent Christmas with relatives at Batavia and East Pembroke.

William McCreary who has been very sick, is improving.

Dancing school opened in Columbus hall Monday night with Messrs. Condy and O'Keefe as teachers.

Miss Ella Feehan of Westport, Essex county, is spending the holidays at her home here.

It has been calculated that the actual amount of salt contained in the ocean would cover an area of 5,000,000 square miles with a layer a mile thick.

The famous suspension bridge at Niagara, built in 1855, is to be superseded by a new steel structure, with an arch 550 feet long and 360 feet above the water level.

A woolen rag saturated with boiled linseed oil is recommended for removing scratches from a highly polished surface, which may afterward be varnished with shellac dissolved in alcohol.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the location of the coldest spot in the world. De Myer says that at Hildis, Siberia, 55 below the zero of Fahrenheit is considered nothing out of the ordinary.

The timber wealth of the United States gives a yearly product of over \$1,000,000,000, or twice the value of the entire output of all the mines put together—gold, silver, coal, iron, copper, zinc and the rest.

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## FLY, ENVIOUS TIME.

### THUS SANG MILTON OF THE PARTING YEAR.

Man and His Marvels Pass Awaft:  
Timeless Time Rolls On—The Deathless  
The Year Brings a Feeling of Sadness.  
A New Face at the Door.

Even now the gray dawn of the new year is peeping over the horizon. We can almost hear the bells tolling the midnight mass for the dying year.

Yes, the year is growing old, and his eye is pale and bleared.  
Death, with frosty hand and cold,  
Plucks the old man by the beard,  
Surely, surely!

Let us affect a gay spirit, if we will. There is an indescribable, unnamable sadness that comes over us all at this dying of the old year. There is a feeling of unspoken dread, a sense of utter loneliness, that takes possession of our souls as the taper of the old year burns low. If a man ever feels the chill of the supernatural, it is at this time. One hears strange sounds and sees uncanny visions:

Through woods and mountain passes  
The shadows, like anthems, roll,  
They are haunting a sterna masses,  
Singing, "Pray for this poor soul,  
Pray, pray!"

So long! how dwelt mournfully on the passing of the old year, and in like manner did Tennyson bemoan its demise:

Fall here, O sleep, the winter snow,  
And the winter winds are wearily sighing.  
Till ye the church bell and slow  
And the old year lies a-dying.

For the old year lies a-dying,  
Old year, you must not die,  
You must be as so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily—  
Old year, you shall not die.

**Step gently.** Death is almost here.  
His face is growing sharp and thin,  
And, as if a friend is gone,  
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin,  
Step from the corpse and let him in  
That standeth there alone  
And waiteth at the door  
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,  
And a new face at the door, my friend—  
A new face at the door!

And thus the old year dies and the new year regains:

Again the silent wheels of time  
Their annual round have given  
The New Year's day is breaking:  
The wave is breaking on the shore,  
The orb fading from the chime,  
Again the shadow moveth over  
The dial plate of time.

And time speeds on—that ever changing,  
Timeless, crunching time: that time  
Of which Milton sang in a voice that is  
Now hushed by time:

Fly, envious time! till thou run out thy race!  
Call on the lay leader stepping hours  
Whose speed is but the heavy plummet's pace  
And just thy fly with what thy wheels devour,  
Which is more than what is false and vain  
And merely mortal dross,  
So little is thy gain,  
For, when as each thing led thou hast entomb'd.

And last of all thy greedy self consumed,  
Then long eternity shall greet our bliss  
With an individual kiss,  
And joy shall be as plain as a flood,  
And every thing that is eternally good  
And perfectly divine,  
With truth and peace and love, shall ever shine  
Above the supreme throne  
Of him to whose happy making sight alone  
When once our heavenly guided soul shall climb,  
Then all this earthly grossness quit,  
Attired with stars we shall forever sit,  
Triumphing over death and chance and thee,  
O Time!

And so time goes on and has gone on for ages upon ages. Time chants:

Before my breath, like blazing fax,  
Man and his marvels pass away!  
And changing empires wax and wane  
Are founded, flourish and decay.

**Time has**  
seen some strange mutations:  
The Roman empire has begun and ended—  
New worlds have risen—we have lost old nations.

And countless kings have into dust been humbled.  
But no matter how we bid the parting year farewell, or how we shall hail the new—no matter how we measure it—time keeps on going but surely ticking away.

Time, like a brilliant steel with seven rays  
And with a thousand eyes, imperishable,  
Full of fondness, bears all things onward.  
On him ascend the learned and the wise  
Time, like a seven wheeled, seven naved car,  
moves on.

His rolling wheels are all the worlds, his axle is immortality.

Each new year brings us nearer the earthly end, nearer the call of the faithful Bellman, who sings:

Along the dark and silent night,  
With my lantern and my light  
And the twinkling of my bell,  
Thus I walk, and thus I tell:  
Death and dreadfulness call on  
To the general session.

To those dismal bars we there  
All accounts must come to clear.  
Scores of sins we've made here, many  
Wiped out low, God knows, if any.  
Eise, ye debtors, then, and fall  
To make payments, while I call.  
Fonder this, when I am gone—  
By the clock 'tis almost one.

—Chicago Record.

**No Church Services in Scotland.**  
Ever since the reformation New Year's has absorbed the place of Christmas; but, strange to say, although the reformers in their zeal denounced Christmas as popish, they did not in any way encourage or countenance any religious services on New Year's day. The English peasant goes to church and returns to eat his Christmas dinner. His brother, the Scottish plowman, lets no thought of religious service enter into his enjoyment of the day. Most strange it is that a most pagan observance of a pagan feast has taken deepest root in Scotland, the home of the covenants and cradle of theology, where the kirk still holds sway over the masses, and that the Scots, pre-eminently religious above all the nations, will have no church services enter into the enjoyment of their national feasts.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Scotch "First Footing."**  
In Scotland "first footing" was formerly universal. It was the Scottish name for New Year's calling. At a little before 12 o'clock young fellows would start out from home to "first foot" their sweethearts, and to be the first caller on New Year's day was deemed a good sign of success in courtship.—Selected.

## THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.

### Why Caesar's System Was Corrected by Pope Gregory XIII.

The present time measurement, it is now used by nearly all nations is the reformed system adopted by Julius Caesar in the year 46 B. C. There were 354, 360 and 365 days in the Greek year at different times. Under Numa the Roman year had 355 days, and there was so much variance between the civil and the astronomical year that the autumn feasts were celebrated in the spring, and those of harvest in midwinter. Every second year an extra month, called Mercedonius, was added. This month had no certain length, but was arranged by the pontiffs as they saw fit, which naturally gave rise to corruption and fraud, interfering with the duration of office and the collection of debts. In order to restore the seasons to their proper months it was necessary for Caesar to make the year in which he inaugurated the change contain 445 days. On the hypothesis that the astronomical year consisted of 365 1/4 days, he had each fourth year contain 366 days and the others 365. The extra day was added to the 14th of February, which was called Sexto-calendas, being the sixth before the calends, or 1st of March, celebrated in honor of the expedition of the kings. The additional day was placed next to this feast and known as Bis-sesto-calendas.

But this year of Caesar was too long by 11 minutes and 48.96 seconds, or about 1.76 days in 400 years, so that by A. D. 1582 the error amounted to ten days at least. To correct this miscalculation, Pope Gregory XIII ordered that Oct. 5, 1582, should be known as Oct. 15, 1582, and to prevent a recurrence of the error it was arranged that three intercalary days should be omitted in four centuries—that is, one in each century year except the fourth. Thus 1600 was a leap year, 1700 and 1800 were not. The passing year 1896 was a leap year, and, under ordinary circumstances 1900 would be, but it will not be, in order to come under the rule of the Gregorian calendar. Therefore the years which have 366 days are, first, those that are exactly divisible by 4, and not of 100; second, those that are exactly divisible by 400 and not by 4,000; hence the year 2000 A. D. will be a leap year, and the only one in the series of the four century years.

All the Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar as soon as the papal bull was issued, but it was not introduced into England and her colonies till 1752, the error then being 11 days. The dates previous to that change are referred to as old style, and sometimes given both ways—as Washington's birthday, Feb. 11, 1732.—Chicago Tribune.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY.**  
Customs and Superstitions of Various Countries Notable Events.

In Athens a new statute, either to a god or a hero, was enacted and consecrated on the first day of every year.

On Jan. 1, 1515, Louis XII of France died. On the same day died Helvetius, in 1772; Selvaio Pellico, in 1854.

In Silesia a peculiar kind of wine made from grapes and seasoned with honey and spices is used on New Year's day.

In the south of France it is customary for families of means to give their servants new suits on New Year's day.

The celebrated march of General Monk to London for the purpose of seating Charles II on the throne of England began Jan. 1, 1660.

In Norway there is a superstition that the kind of fish caught on New Year's day indicates the character of the fishing during the year.

The custom of watching out the old year and waiting for the new to begin prevails in many countries, if not in most of the civilized world.

Stratonius and Tacitus allude to the custom common in their time among the Romans of sending and receiving presents on New Year's day.

A special feature of New Year's day in ancient Babylon was the procession in honor of Baal. The king himself marched in this procession.

The first day of January was made the beginning of the new year in Holland, the Protestant districts of Germany and Russia, in the year 1700.

In Coventry, England, God cakes are made for New Year's day. They are triangular in shape, made of paste, including a portion of mince meat.—Exchange.

**An Old Orkney Custom.**  
In Deerness, in Orkney, it used to be the custom for a large company of the poorer people to go about from one farmhouse to another and at each one to sing a long song appropriate to the season. At each house a good supper was provided for them, and it is said that any farmer would feel deeply hurt if he were not visited. The givers also used to go about in certain places in Scotland on New Year's eve to play a crude sort of drama at each house and to receive some slight reward for their efforts. The givers were about the same as the Christmas mummers, and their play was about the same as that more commonly given at Christmas, which usually concerned St. George and various enemies whom he successively overcame, the most entertaining naturally being the dragon.—Exchange.

**New Year's Resolutions.**  
Everybody knows how easy it is to make good resolutions on the 1st of January and how easy it is to break them on the 2d, provided they last till then. Making resolutions which are only to be broken is a bad custom. It is better that none should be made. But people of older time used at the midnight between the two years to unbar the doors of their houses to let the old year out and the new year in. And so, without the undertaking of vows too easily broken, a bar might here or there be taken down for the passing away of some old evil habit or purpose or thought.—Selected.