DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

We wish to impress upon our correspondents the necessity of sending in their communications not later than Tuesday, as delay will result in their non-appearance. Be prompt with your communications.

Auburn.

At St. Mary's church on Monday morning was held a memorial service for the dead heroes of the battleship Maine. The services consisted of a solemn requiem high mass, the services for the dead, and a sermon by Rev. William Mulheron. The altar, pulpit and pillars of the church were decorated in keeping with the occasion, the sombre black bespeaking the solemnity of the service, mingling with the national colors in honor of the departed dead. A representation of a casket occupied a prominent position in the middle aisle near the altar, and this was draped, as is the custom, representing a body over which the services are being held. Father Mulheron's sermon was brief, but expressed a deep and sincere sympathy for the unfortunate seamen, about one-half of whom were Catholics, who met their death in honor of their country. He referred to them as brother Americans and co-religionists, thus presenting to Catholics a double cause for mourning, for expressions of sympathy and regret, and for offering condolence to the bereaved families of all of each and every one who went down in that awful disaster. The men who were killed on the Maine constituted a portion of the strong right arm of the government which sustained a terrible loss and shock. The reverend gentleman referred, in delicate terms, to the responsibility attached to the disaster. He was loath to think, in fact he did not think, that any nation could be guilty of such a crime. Rather, it must have been accident or the work of a base and brainless fanatic possessed of a devil. War is a terrible measure, especially in our day; a dreadful alternative; a high price to pay, even for national honor, but war alone should be the wages of a deed like this if connived at by any government.

The foundation of Father Mulheron's utterances, the strain upon which they hinged, was sympathy, prayer, coolness, courage, an aversion of war but a declaration of such if the gravity of the situation and actual necessity for it required the upholding of the American honor—an honor which Catholics would defend to the last drop of their blood.

Father Mulheron's concluding words were delivered with a feeling that brought tears to the eyes of nearly every one of the immense congregation that gathered to pay their tribute to the occasion. They were as follows:

"O, then, dear brethren! Join with me to-day as a priest in offering to God our prayers and the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary for the faithful departed in the sad and terrible catastrophe of that dark February night on the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana. Join in Catholic prayers for the souls of the poor fellows who met the terrible fate of that eventful calamity, and beg God to have mercy on them. That is the purpose of this service, and when it is over and you retire to your homes do not forget the debt of duty you still owe and shall owe to your compatriots, to your co-religionists! May God have mercy on their souls! May He pardon their sins and bring them speedily to the joys of heaven. This is the prayer of the widow and orphan, of the good father and grief stricken mother, of the loving sister and the devoted brother. It is the prayer of all the people who have faith. It is the prayer of the living for the dead."

Lyons.

Mrs. Richard McCormick of Oswego has been a guest of Mrs. Charles Fehr the past week.

J. Sheehan of Clyde was Mr. McDermott's guest last Sunday.

Miss Mary Roche of Geneva is Mrs. McBride's guest.

Miss Grace Keach of Newark was in this city last Sunday.

Miss Anna Doyle was a guest of her mother on Sunday last.

Miss May Kautzman of Rochester is visiting her mother in this city.

Miss Anna Murphy of Newark spent last week in town.

Mrs. O'Malley of Geneva spent a few days of last week in town.

Timothy Collins is suffering from heart trouble at his home in this city.

P. Miles, who has been ill for some time past is improving.

George Dolan, who was a Lyons resident at one time, is now a member of the "Isle of Champagne" company, which played in this city Monday last.

At the village election on Tuesday last the entire democratic ticket was elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming and M. T. Bradley spent Sunday in Newark.

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Driscoll of Newark were in town last week.

Miss N. Driscoll will leave next Tuesday for New York, to purchase her spring stock of fine millinery.

M. T. Bradley spent Sunday with out of town friends.

Miss Susie Griffin of Newark was in this city last week.

Misses Gertrude and Florence Wright of Clyde spent Monday evening in this village.

Ovid.

Rev. Father O'Hanlon of Clifton Springs spent a few days here.

Miss Mary Rafferty of Ithaca was called home by the illness of her mother, who is very feeble.

William May spent a few days here with friends.

J. B. Mackin was in Watkins last week.

On Thursday, March 17th, there will be an entertainment at Columbus hall, given by the pupils of the Willard school, under the direction of Margaret Mahoney, assisted by some of Ovid's best dramatic talent.

Thomas Mackin of Geneva was in town over Sunday.

Miss Kate Fitzsimmons is sick at her home with pneumonia.

Rev. Father O'Connell, who has been confined to his bed for a week past with a complication of heart and kidney troubles, is improving slowly.

Monday, Charles Anderson, aged 13 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, fell from an upper door in the barn. A painful injury was inflicted on the right side of the head.

Savannah.

M. McIntosh of Syracuse spent Sunday with his family.

Lenten services every Thursday evening are well attended.

Miss Nellie O'Brien of Clyde was a guest of Miss Lizzie Lawler, Sunday.

The many friends of George O'Brien of this village will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his severe illness.

Miss Jennie Moriarty of Clyde was a caller in town last week.

A. Westfall and family spent Sunday in Fairport.

John Navin of Syracuse was a guest of his father, William Navin, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hall of this city are about to take their departure for Fairport, where they will make their future home. They will be missed by their many friends.

Geneseo.

Thomas O'Meara was home on Sunday last.

Miss Mary J. Biggins, starts for New York city on Monday to select her spring and summer millinery.

Miss Grace Flynn of Rochester, was the guest of her sisters, the Misses Marie and Mame Flynn on Sunday last.

Services at St. Mary's church during lent is the rosary, sermon and benediction on Wednesday evening and the Way of the Cross on Friday evening at 7 30.

Mrs. P. Gleason of Avon, has been spending a few days here this week.

Dr. Hanna of Rochester, will preach a sermon at St. Mary's, on Wednesday evening next, March 16th, at 7:30 o'clock, on St. Patrick.

James Ryan and Walter McCarthy of Rochester, was home on Sunday.

At the town election on Tuesday last the Republicans elected their entire ticket by small majorities. Michael Costello made a splendid run on the Democratic ticket for supervisor, reducing the usual Republican majority of 150 to 56.

A council of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association is being organized in this village.

It is understood that Geneseo will not have a base ball club this summer.

Ithaca.

E. M. Naughton left for Greater New York Tuesday, where he has secured a position in a Maiden Lane jewelry establishment.

J. Shea will manage the Ithaca branch of Undertaker Hennessy's business.

John Maloney who has been employed as a barber in the Ithaca Hotel shop, left last week for Klondike.

Ed McCarthy and C. Murphy bought the saloon business of E. Corgel on Meadow street, and took possesson March 1st.

Mr. Chas. Vredenburg has resigned his position as bookkeeper at Rothschilds Bros., and will enter into business with his brother in Auburn.

Lyman Robinson and daughters of Mechanic street, have gone to Rochester to reside.

Miss Margaret Enders of Syracuse, visited Mrs. M. Acton recently.

Victor.

Mrs. James Granger, of Rochester, who died in that place Saturday was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Victor Tuesday.

Mrs. John Keating of Rochester visited relatives in town Sunday.

W. Mahaney of Millers Corners, completed the drilling of a well for Rev. J. Donnelly, Wednesday.

Palmyra.

The Misses Catherine Moore, Julia Riley and Nellie Mahoney, were in Rochester, Saturday.

Mr. John Cavanaugh is on the sick list.

Miss Rose McGill of Rochester, was the guest of her sister Mrs. J. M. Ryan, Thursday.

The drama "Kathleen Mavourneen" will be presented in the opera house next Tuesday evening for the benefit of St. Agnes' church.

Messrs. McCallan and Fred Greagor, of Waterloo, are spending the week in town.

OUR AGENTS.

Our traveling agent, Mr. A. Herman, will call on all subscribers in Horseheads, Elmira, Owego and Waverly to collect and likewise solicit subscriptions for THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL. Each old subscriber who pays one year's subscription in advance and 50 cents to pay part cost of frame is entitled to the picture of the bishop, as well as new ones.

WASHINGTON LETTER

POPE LEO'S ILLUSTRIOUS REIGN.

A Description of Christ Said to Have Been Written by Roman Proconsul of Judea.

[Special Correspondence of CATHOLIC JOURNAL]

Last week Pope Leo passed into his eighty-ninth year of age and the twenty-first of his Pontificate. It is not often in the nineteen centuries that have gone by since the Bishopric of Rome was openly established, and the successor of St. Peter recognized as the Vicar of Christ, that one of the occupants of the chair has filled it for twenty years.

It is easily accounted for on physical grounds, as the man selected by the College of Cardinals has always passed middle age before he could have acquired sufficient knowedge and station to entitle him to the honor.

There has been, including St. Peter, two hundred and sixty Popes. The first of those who reigned over twenty years, was Adrian I, who was inducted into the chair in 772 and died in 1795, after being twenty-three years Pope. He was succeded by St. Leo III, who lived twenty-one years. Alexander III became Pope in 1159 and reigned twenty-one years. Clement XI, reigned from 1700 to 1721, Pius VI from 1775 to 1800, and Pius IX from 1846 to 1868.

None of these Popes had reached the great age of Leo, and only one Pope Pius the sixth, who died when 82 years old, had passed four score years. Clement XI, was the youngest, dying after 21 years reign at the age of 72. It is rather singular that amongst the six popes who have reigned over twenty years, two were named Leo and two Pius.

A German Catholic priest, Father Weber, at a funeral in Rondout, N. Y., where the priest was a visitor, is reported to have said that all Catholics in the United States, in the event of war, should side with Spain, because it was a Catholic country. Archbishop Corrigan as soon as the matter was reported to him ordered that this priest be not allowed in any pulpit in the state. Cardinal Gibbons without alluding to this priest's talk in his sermon, at the mass held for the dead of the Maine, said. "The Church always teached loyalty to the government. The children are taught love of country at the time they are taught love of God."

But Father Weber will be taken, by a certain class of people, like Pastor Hugh Johnson, of President McKinley's church, as the true exponent of Catholic feeling. Such men as he will quietly ignore what Cardinal Gibbons and Arcobishop Corrigan and a hundred Catholic pastors,—all in fact, who have heard of Father Weber's word's, have said, that he incorrectly voiced Catholic ideas.

This man Johnson himself, last Sunday said from his pulpit, speaking of the destruction of the battleship Maine:

"Even if it is proven, that the cause of the explosion was through the official authorities of Spain and diabolical treachery, a cool, dignified determined demand would serve this nation better than to rush unnecessarily into warfare with all its horrors. It is inconsistent with the Christian spirit to cause blood to flow when other methods are entirely satisfactory."

And Mr. Johnson repeated this theory in stronger language in the afternoon of that day. No one has risen up to rebuke this vile expression, not even the President who sat and heard it.

Julius Lentulus, Roman proconsul of Judea is said to have written the following description of Christ:

"At this time appeared a man who is still living and endowed with mighty power. His name is Jesus Christ. His disciples call him the Son of God, others regard him as a powerful prophet. He raises the dead to life, and heals the sick of every description and of infirmity and disease.

This man is of lofty stature and well proportioned; his countenance is severe and virtuous, so that he inspires beholders both with fear and love. The hair of his head is of the color of wine and from the top of his head to his ears straight and without radiance, but it decends from the ears to the shoulders in shining curls. From the shoulders the hair flows down the back divided into two portions after the manner of the Mazarines. His forehead is clear and without wrinkle, his face free from blemish and slightly tinged with red, his physiognomy noble and gracious, the nose and mouth faultless. His beard is abundant, the same color as his hair and forked. His eyes blue and very brilliant. In reproving or censuring, he is awe-inspiring; in exhorting and preaching; his speech is gentle and caressing. His countenance is marvelous in seriousness and grace. He has never been seen to laugh, but many have seen him weep. He is slender in person, his hands are straight and long, his arms beautiful. Grave and solemn is his discourse, his language is simple and quiet. He is in appearance the most beautiful of the children of men."