

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents. (Continued from 7th page.)

Elmira.

The feast of Candlemas was observed at all the churches on Thursday.

It has been decided that the annual ball of the Father Mathew Society will occur on Easter week. This function, the chief of the season in social circles, has always occurred during the Christmas holidays.

The approaching marriage is announced of Miss Katherine Costello and Michael Maloney.

The last of the Tuesday evening subscription dances occurs at Industrial Hall, next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fay Babcock have returned from their wedding tour.

Miss Carey of Scranton, is visiting friends in the city.

The Lyceum Theatre held a large and delightful audience Tuesday evening, when the popular musical play, "The Circus Girl," was performed. Good things in store for theatre goers are Charles Coughlin & Co. in "The Royal Box," "The Little Minister," "A Lady of Quality," "The Turtle," etc.

The Pine Cliff Club members and a few invited friends held a dinner in the Rathbun grill room, Wednesday evening.

Grand Knight Daniel Sheehan, of Elmira Council Knights of Columbus, tendered a supper to the council at the Hotel Rathbun Wednesday evening, after the working of degrees.

The most gorgeous amateur production of the oriental opera "Egypt" at the Lyceum Theatre, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. The production enticed the largest audience of adults and children, and was a revelation to those who witnessed it. The cast was made up of such well-known local artists as Henry L. Fassett, F. William Walster, John Jolla, Phillip Young, Edward Horgan, William Moran, Mrs. Edith Hutchinson Snell, Helen Ryan, Bessie Fisher, Mary Virginia Donovan, Mrs. J. B. Wentworth.

Elmira Council Knights of Columbus installed officers at their last meeting. District Deputy Powers of Binghamton, being present. A delightful feature of the evening was the presentation of a Knight Daniel Sheehan, by the Council, of a magnificent gold society watch chain, studded with diamonds. City Attorney Lynch made the presentation speech, which was replete with beautiful sentiments, and Mr. Sheehan feelingly responded, although completely overcome with surprise. Elmira Council is in a flourishing condition and conferred the first degree Wednesday evening on six candidates.

The annual financial report of SS. Peter and Paul's parish for the year 1898 was submitted to the congregation last Sunday. The statement was most gratifying, showing a balance of \$475.95 in the treasury.

The Kanaowla Cycle club, at their meeting Wednesday evening, adopted a vote to rent quarters in the new Y. M. C. A. building, which will give them the finest club rooms in the state, outside of New York City. An effort is being made to increase the membership to 300.

The Afternoon Vocal Society are arranging to give a public recital in the near future, and Director Whittier announces that Mr. Frederick W. Elliott, tenor of Buffalo, who made such a lasting impression in Elmira last spring, will assist.

Rehearsals are in progress almost nightly by those who are to participate in the "Academy Modern Minstrel" at the Globe Theatre, next week. The great number of favorites who have volunteered their services guarantees a "hot show." The roster includes "Dad" Purdy, (May Irwin's only rival in the delivery of roon songs), William Moran, Jack Frasier, Al Wescott, Tom Fennell, Willie Petersman and a host of others. Edwin Grady is the vocal director, while Arnold Hagar is looking after the orchestral arrangements.

Miss Madeline Smith of Binghamton, visited Mrs. E. M. Tierney at the Rathbun, Wednesday.

Seneca Falls.

Rev. Father Lambert of Scottsville, was the guest of Rev. Father O'Connor last Friday.

In St. Patrick's church Monday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, Rev. Father Dwyer united in marriage Miss Margaret Dolan and Mr. Thomas O'Connor.

Miss Mary Murphy of Lyons, is here this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moore of Geneva, were in town last Friday.

Rev. Father Dwyer spent Tuesday in Rochester.

The L. C. B. A. society gave a card party in their rooms Friday evening. The proceeds were for the poor of the parish.

There was a panic at the theatre in this town Saturday evening about 9.30 o'clock. There was a war-graph entertainment in the theatre and it was about half through, the machine caught on fire and in five minutes it was a mass of fire and smoke. The people at once started for the door.

Some young men in the gallery through the excitement jumped out a window to the pavement below. Men, women and children were shouting and screaming and some women were fainting away. There was a large number injured but not seriously. Many women lost their pocketbooks, and men and boys their hats. The loss is estimated about \$800.

Thursday, Candlemas day, mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock.

Savannah.

Messrs. Peter and Stephen Campbell and Garry Whalen of Weedsport, were callers at M. McGinnis', Thursday.

Mr. John Quinn has been sick with the grippe.

Miss Rose and Anna Conroy have returned from a visit at Warsaw and Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. John Carney entertained a number of their friends at a pedro party, given in honor of Miss Rose's return to Elmira. All report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Patrick Fitzsimmons is very ill at his home on Church street, with the grippe.

Mrs. Ed. Wright was in town Monday to attend the funeral of Rev. Mr. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Connors gave a party to their many friends last Thursday evening. Cards, dancing and other games were indulged in, after which a very beautiful repast was served.

Miss Anna Fitzsimmons of Clyde, was the guest of Mrs. McGinnis' last week. Miss Fitzsimmons returned from a Western trip.

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Mrs. M. McGinnis is on the sick list.

Mrs. O'Brien, David and Ella Murray attended the funeral of Mr. William Flynn at Clyde, on Friday.

Mr. James McGraw of Clyde, was a caller in town last week.

Miss Carrie Hanley spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Manning of Weedsport.

Mr. David Barry, Miss Josie Lawler and Miss Kittle Fitzgerald spent last week at Seneca Falls, and were among the crowd in the burning of the opera house at that place Saturday evening, but escaped without serious injuries.

Several from this place attended the funeral of Mrs. O'Connell Davis at Clyde, on Monday.

Ithaca.

On Tuesday, February 14th, the Ladies' Aid Society will hold a social in Redmen's Hall for the benefit of the poor whom they are assisting. Refreshments will be served, also a pleasant time is anticipated.

Mr. F. S. Rauber, Cornell, is entertaining his sister, Miss Margaret Rauber and Miss Buedinger of Rochester during the junior week festivities.

The angel of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Silke twice last week and took from them two daughters, Mary Frances aged 20, and Catherine aged 17. Miss May, as she was better known, had been ill but a short time and her death on Jan 26th, was a great shock to her many friends. She had been a member of the choir and of the Children of Mary. The society attended her funeral in a body on Saturday last, and the honorary pall bearers chosen from it were the Messrs. Corbett, Maloney, Carroll, Higgins, Maloney, and Coleman. The funeral mass was sung by the whole choir, and as the remains were borne from the church, John and Lawrence Maloney sang "Pray for the Dead." The death of Catherine occurred Jan. 31st, and was not quite so unexpected as her sister's, as she had been ill for some time with consumption. The funeral took place Thursday morning at 9 o'clock and was attended by a host of sorrowing friends. Mr. and Mrs. Silke and the three brothers and two sisters of the deceased girls have the sympathy of the whole community.

Mrs. P. Caveny, of S. Plain street, was pleasantly surprised on Monday evening by a number of friends. The favors at progressive euchre were won by Miss Rose McGough and Mrs. T. D. Shannon.

The Knights of Columbus will give one of their enjoyable card and dancing parties this last before Lent, Thursday evening, Feb. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lechen of No. 1, First street, are the happy parents of an eight pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Cavanaugh spent last Sunday in Afton, N. Y.

Watkins.

On Sunday last, at high mass, the beautiful devotion of the Forty Hours was devoutly commenced by our worthy and exemplary pastor, Rev. Father Morrison.

Just at that hour that ever-energetic worker, Rev. Father Dwan and assistants, at the opening, and in the evening, previous to the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, he treated the large congregation to a good and practical discourse on the merits, benefits and blessings of a "good confession."

On Monday morning at 8 o'clock high mass was celebrated also by the same reverend gentleman. All day Monday, as well as Sunday afternoon, a goodly number of people made visits to the church. In the evening Rev. Father Morrison of Elmira preached a very impressive sermon on "Thrice Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

On Tuesday morning high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Angelo of Penn Yan. During the day a large number of people paid visits to the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening Rev. Father Lee of Elmira delivered a splendid discourse on "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice."

On Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock the Forty Hours was brought to a close with the celebration of high mass and Benediction. Among the reverend clergy who also kindly assisted at the Forty Hours were Rev. Fathers Busby and Lee of Corning; Rev. Father Barlow of Homelville; Rev. Father Long of Elmira; Rev. Father Kennedy of Ovid; Rev. Father Naughton, Waverly, and Rev. Father Malley of Elmira.

Ovid.

Father Hendrick spoke last Sunday in the church of the death of Engineer Joe Conroy of the congregation to him, and spoke of what a good young man he was—of his devotion to his mother and family who lived in Perry, and so kind and respectful to the priests, always ready to aid them at the fairs, etc. He said that two years ago he collected about \$300 in a contest for a gold headed case between the L-high and Erie railroads, and was always good to the church and priests, and said he hoped the people would remember him in their prayers. He sang a high requiem mass for him on Monday. He lost his life in one of the recent L-high wrecks. May his soul rest in peace.

Mayor Warner of Rochester, will open the orphan's fair at Ovid, Wednesday evening next.

The preparations for the coming fair, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at Columbus hall, are complete, and the entertainments each evening will be good. Melville, the great acrobat from Boston, will be present each evening with his wonderful performance. The Willard Street Hospital band will give a band concert on Wednesday evening. The Waterco quartette will also be present, and Miss Burns of Rochester will give her excellent recitations.

Brookport.

Married, in Rochester, Jan. 26, 1899, at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Notebart at the church of Our Lady of victory, Grace A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lockwood of Brookport, formerly of Charlotte, to Wm. Meinhardt of Brookport. Miss Anna V. McManis of Charlotte attended the bride as maid of honor and the best man was a brother of the groom, Henry Meinhardt of Batavia. Mrs. Meinhardt will be remembered as the general manager of the Western Telegraph office in Brookport for the past four years, while Mr. Meinhardt is one of Brookport's prominent business men. On their return from a Western trip they will

Auburn.

The marriage of Miss Mary A. McCarthy and Michael Murphy took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Rev. J. J. Gibbons performed the ceremony.

Edward A. Heck, of the firm of Heck & Sheek, was called to Rochester Saturday afternoon on business.

Miss Mayme Mee of Barber street was in Syracuse a few days last week.

J. C. Schreck, of the firm of Schreck Bros., left last Sunday evening for New York to attend the furniture exposition. He will also visit Philadelphia before returning.

St. Alphonsus' church was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday afternoon, when Anna Mack became the bride of Joseph Miller. The bride was handsomely gowned to a brown traveling dress with trimmings of velvet and fur. Mr. and Mrs. Miller left on the 9.25 train for their trial trip, which will be spent in New York and Boston.

The funeral of Miss Abigail Flynn, widow of the late William Flynn, was held at the family home, 120 State street, at 3 o'clock Monday morning, with services at the Holy Family church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Keenan, the assistant pastor, read a requiem mass. The bearers were James Quirk, William Shaver, Timothy Connel and Isaac Binghamton.

The obsequies of the late James Driscoll were held at 8.30 o'clock on Monday morning at St. Mary's church. A large number of friends of the deceased filled the church at the services. Rev. J. J. Gibbons celebrated a solemn requiem mass with Rev. Father Nelligan of Cayuga as deacon and Rev. Father Mulhern as subdeacon. James Winters, Alexander McCabe and William Cowen of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, assisted in the services. The Knights of Columbus and Holy Name organizations were largely represented. James A. Hennessy rendered the hymn, "There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen," and Miss Ella Murphy sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and the school children sang "Heart of Jesus." The bearers were Luke J. Dempsey, Patrick Devitt, William Byrne, Daniel Bennett, Michael Farrell and Charles Schler. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Miss Manie O'Brien of Nelson street entertained the Home Euchre club last Wednesday evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Edward Gilbert and Mrs. Walter Conway won first prizes, and consolation prizes were given to Mr. Rattigan and Mrs. Dr. Hughes. Lunch was served, and the evening spent in reading, instrumental and vocal music. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Herron will entertain on Thursday evening.

The minstrel performance for the benefit of the orphan is already a pronounced success. Standing room only, and this on the first day's sale—a most deserved compliment to Manager Hennessy and his company. The last performance was spoken of by the press as better than three-fourths of the professional companies visiting Auburn. New songs, new jokes, and new costumes from Wackerman of Rochester are the features of this time.

George Elyot is home from the seminary at Buffalo for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reagan have returned from their bridal tour, and are at home to their friends at 11 Grant avenue.

Miss Kittle Quinan is confined to her bed at her home in Syracuse.

Miss Arundel of Seymour street left Tuesday to present her brother's marriage to next Wednesday. Cards have been received here. The groom, T. J. Arundel, formerly of this city, now Dr. Arundel of Youngstown, O., has a large circle of friends who extend congratulations. Mr. Arundel was for a long time reporter on the Auburn Bulletin. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus of this city.

J. E. H. Kelly, proprietor of the Osborne Hotel, has made many friends since his short time in Auburn. The new hotel was badly needed, and Fred W. Sheen is again behind the desk, and his many friends are glad to see him at his old post again.

Rev. J. J. Bresnahan of Rochester, Rev. John Nelligan of Cayuga, and Rev. M. E. Wall of Stanley were in Auburn last week.

Geneva.

Thomas Herrington, a student in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, was the guest of his sister, here, over Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth O'Grady of Pittsford spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Quigley of Dansville visited friends here on Sunday last.

Miss Nellie O'Connor left this morning (Saturday) for Hempstead, N. Y., where she has accepted a position as teacher in a grade school.

Ms. M. Dwyer spent Sunday with her daughter Margaret at Angelica, N. Y. Miss Dwyer has been ill but is convalescing.

Supreme court will be held in the new court house next Monday.

Mrs. Mary Wilson and Thomas Skidmore of Buffalo were guests of their uncle, John Halligan, this week.

Division 4, A. O. H., of this village, gave a social party at their rooms on Friday evening of last week.

Died—Monday last, at midnight, Miss Ann Graham, aged 93 years. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Hickey officiating. Miss Graham was one of the oldest residents of this village.

Mrs. Peter Carragher entertained the Jolly Euchre club on the 26th ult. The first prizes were won by Mrs. John Toole and William Fucell, and the second prizes by Miss Johanna Cahill and Daniel Piper. On Wednesday evening the club met with Miss Mary Hickey, and a very enjoyable time was had by all. The first prizes were awarded to Miss Mary J. Higgins and John Mahoney, and the second prizes to Mrs. Mrs. Peter Conroy of Pittsford and Frederick Thompson.

Among the list of graduates of the Normal school at the end of which number nearly fifty, the following Catholic ladies appear: Classical—Elizabeth Lawler, Weedsport; Josephine O'Meara and Mary Cullinan, Geneva; English—Marie C. Joyce, Andover; Elizabeth F. Moore, Weedsport; Mary E. Nolan, Allegany; Sara L. Riley, Covert. The spring term commenced on Wednesday last with a number of new scholars.

Father Hickey read the financial statement of St. Mary's church on Sunday last, and showed the church entirely out of debt. The total amount received during the year was \$2,597.45, the pew rent was \$1,408.05. Out of the amount received there was over \$700 for improvements made at the parsonage and around the church, besides paying the Cathedral assessment full, \$215. The report was very gratifying to the congregation and also to the pastor, who has labored so zealously to have the church free from debt.

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His Difficulties on Once More Taking Up The Ordinary Ways of Life.

"For a long time after I had given up business," said the retired burglar, "I had great difficulty in accommodating myself to the ordinary conditions of life."

"There were some curious things about this that might never occur to you at all. For instance, in those days, if I come home late at night, that is at the hour at which formerly I had gone into other people's houses, I never went in at my own front door. I used to go in at a cellar window. And then I made it easy for myself, too. When I locked up the cellar nights I used to leave a cellar window unfastened so that it was perfectly easy for me to get in."

"But one night, or one morning rather, about 2 o'clock, when I got around to that window, I found it fastened and I knew well enough what had happened. My wife had a perfect horror of burglars, and I knew she must have been around the cellar after me and seen the window unfastened and turned the buttons. But that was no impediment to me; it made me laugh to myself to think how easy it was and I opened the window and slid in as usual."

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