

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

OUR AGENT

Mr. A. Herman, will call on all subscribers in Elmira, Waverly, Owego and Watkins.

Elmira.

Daniel Sheehan is enjoying a trip up the great lakes, and will visit Atlantic City before his return.

Miss Frances Sarsfield is spending several weeks in New York, Boston and New Haven.

Frank P. Dolan of Elmira visited Elmira friends last week.

Miss Margaret Hartnett has returned from a visit of several weeks spent in various Pennsylvania cities.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their sweet little daughter Mary, aged one year, which occurred last Friday, from cholera infantum.

The funeral of Alexander Chobasy, who died Thursday week, was held from the Windsor hotel Saturday morning, and was largely attended.

At St. Patrick's church last Sunday, Rev. Father Bloomer made the announcement that the beloved curate of the parish, Rev. J. J. Lee, had been notified by Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid of his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's church, Watkins, to succeed Rev. Father Morrison, who goes to Hornellsville.

At St. Patrick's church last Sunday, Rev. Father Lee has officiated at St. Patrick's in the congregation, as well as people of all denominations, with whom he was brought in contact, and his departure will be deeply regretted.

Joseph O'Leary, an old Elmira boy and prominent member of the Father Mathew society, who is now located in Brooklyn, is spending a few days in this city.

The theatrical season at the Lyceum will soon open, the attraction booked for the opening night being the mammoth spectacular-musical production, "The Evil Eye."

C. W. Smith will continue his efficient management of the house, and some of the best successes of the New York season will be seen in our city.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the sudden and untimely death of Christopher J. Mooney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney, which occurred at the family residence on Baldwin street, shortly after the noon hour, Sunday, Mr. Mooney had only been confined to his bed 24 hours, and the announcement of his death was a severe shock to his friends, many of whom had greeted him only the day previous.

Miss Mame and Rose Hanratty, Katherine White, Kate McCarragher, Catherine Murphy, Kittle Fitzsimmons, Sara Best, and Misses Ella, Mame and Agnes Feehan, accompanied by Mrs. Peter Flynn and Mrs. Katherine Ferguson, have returned from a very pleasant outing at the "Kushaque" cottage, Cayuga lake.

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Miss Ella Hickey of Franklin street entertained a coaching party from out of town one evening last week. The guests, though unexpeted, were royally entertained from 9 till 2.

Rev. Father Gommengler of the Holy Family church returned Saturday evening from his two weeks' vacation.

The double electrocution at the prison last week was most successfully carried out, and everything has again resumed its normal condition after the attendant excitement. Mr. Graham of the Associated Press said he had witnessed twenty electrocutions, and he never saw a man go to the electric chair with such composure as did John Kennedy. This is certainly a very complimentary to Father Hickey, who prepared Kennedy for his final exit.

At a recent meeting of St. Mary's branch, L. C. B. A., of this village, it was decided to have an excursion down Lake Keuka next Wednesday, August 16. The fare for the round trip, including the lake ride, will be 30 cents, and entitles the ticket holder to ride the entire length of the lake or to stop off at any landing. Let everybody take hold and make this a grand success, as it should be.

Chief of Police Cleary of Rochester was in Bath Thursday in attendance at the regular quarterly meeting of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home, of which board he is a member.

Richard Farmer, N. Y. C. operator at Holyoke, died Monday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer of this village, aged 27 years. He is survived by a brother and two sisters.

Miss Clara Fleetwood is spending a week at Beach Park, Troutburg, N. Y.

Mr. W. J. Lockwood and Miss Frances Lockwood are both on the sick list.

Miss Lora Smith is having a two weeks' vacation at Eggars, Canastota lake.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Henry Navin is spending several days with his sister, Mrs. Ed. O'Connors.

Peter McGinnis and son Ralph, and Mrs. A. Peters of Buffalo spent last Thursday visiting Mr. McGinnis's brother Michael.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell of Weedsport called on relatives in town Sunday.

Misses Rose Noon and Julia Farrell of Clyde spent Sunday with Mayme Fitzsimmons.

Mrs. Wm. Navin visited her daughter in Auburn last week.

Miss Nellie Whalen of Weedsport is visiting at M. McOlinn's.

Dolly Brown of East Syracuse is passing part of her vacation at Joste Lawler's.

Miss Anna Conroy is visiting friends in Weedsport.

George Burke left Wednesday for an extended tour in the west.

James Fennell was elected trustee in the Cook district Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Reaner, daughter Helen and Rose Conroy started Saturday for a few weeks' visit in the Black River country.

William West of Verona, who has been spending a few weeks in this place at his grandfather's, returned home Thursday.

Miss Nellie Maroney of Montezuma is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Barry.

Miss Eva Walsh is at Cayuga lake, the guest of a school friend, Miss Ida Holihan of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walsh and little daughter, of Chicago, are visiting Thomas Walsh of this town.

Ovid. A statue of the Sacred Heart was unveiled in the church of the Sacred Heart, Romulus, Friday evening of last week. An excellent discourse on "Devotion to the Sacred Heart" was given by Father Ryan of Rochester.

Fathers Hendrick and Kennedy were further assisted by Father Brennan of St. Bridget's church, Rochester.

Martin Flynn of Marshall, Mich., visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Lucy Feehan has been the guest of friends in Elmira during the past week.

Miss Helen Kennedy and friend of Stanley visited Father Kennedy last week.

Miss Mame O'Hanlon and nephew, Francis O'Hanlon of Utica, are guests of Mrs. Margaret Woods and other relatives here.

Edward Foy of Honeye Falls, and daughter, were guests of Rev. Father Hendrick over Sunday.

Miss Katherine Rafferty of Seneca Falls has been visiting relatives in town.

Misses Nan and Agnes Welch of Geneva were guests of Miss Elizabeth Hanratty last week.

Misses Margaret and Anna Carroll of Rochester are spending several weeks at their home in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carroll of Buffalo are the guests of Mr. Carroll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Seelye and Miss Lucy Feehan are in camp at "Shady Nook," Cayuga lake.

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J. A. Gallagher and wife are now visiting at Atlantic City, N. J. J. P. Brennan has day charge of the N. Y. C. depot during Mr. Gallagher's absence.

Caledonia. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin are making a Novena and will receive communion in a body on the feast of the Assumption, August 15th.

The children of the Sunday School who have been soliciting for the statue of St. Anthony have been very successful, and the statue will be solemnly blessed the first Sunday in September.

The many friends of Mrs. John Taffe will be pleased to learn of her recovery from her recent illness. She will accompany her mother home to Andover on Saturday, where she will spend several months.

Mr. Theron Brown, who recently bought the betz market has taken a partner, D. F. Burgess, and will open a market in the Burgess store September 1st.

Mr. Frank Graney, salesman for F. C. Winchard, of Le Roy, in Ohio, is home on a months vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ball will leave this week for a two weeks visit with relatives in St. Louis.

Seneca Falls. A number of our Sisters of St. Joseph are in Rochester this week attending the retreat.

Rev. Michael U. Dwyer was in Rochester Monday.

Miss Moreland and Irene O'Connell, of Rochester, are among friends in town.

James Coffey died Thursday at the home of his nephew, Thomas Coffey, in Bridge street, aged 76 years. Mr. Coffey has lived in Seneca Falls for more than forty years, during that time he made a large circle of friends who will mourn his loss. He was an honest, upright and industrious man. He is survived by one brother, Patrick, of Seneca Falls, and one sister who is in the west. The funeral was held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, a requiem mass being celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Conor. May his soul rest in peace.

Honeye Falls. Miss Lucy O'Neil has gone to Buffalo to visit friends.

Miss Fannie Leahy from Buffalo has been in town for a few days.

Miss Ella Wilson (from Buffalo) has been spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. Edward Foy and daughter Rose spent a few days with Father Hendrick at Ovid.

A great many of the young people here will attend the Catholic picnic at East Bloomfield, on the 9th of August.

Geneeoe. Ira Davis lost a valuable cow on Sunday last.

Miss Margaret Soeci is visiting relatives at Keene, Canada, for a few weeks. She is engaged to teach at Pearl Creek, Wyoming county, for next year.

Mrs. D. W. McLain and son, of Rochester, has been visiting relatives here for a few weeks.

Maurice Hackett and family, of New York city, have been the guests of their parents here this week.

A large number from this village attended the Street Fair and Carnival at Rochester last week.

Thomas O'Meara, Jr., who has been clerking for Jeremiah Cullinan, left Tuesday for Danville, where he has accepted a position at the Sanitarium.

Charles Ryan, who is engaged in the Corning glass works, is home on a two weeks' visit.

Miss Louise Herrington, who has been spending three weeks with relatives in Rochester and Buffalo, returned on Tuesday.

Richard Walsh and family, of Chicago, are visiting relatives here for this month. It is ten years since Mr. Walsh left this village for the west.

Samuel Moran has accepted the principalship of the Sinclairville High School in Chautauque county, for the ensuing year.

The interest manifested in the Firemen's convention, which is to be held in this village on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, increases as the time of the convention approaches. A balloon ascension and parachute drop and attractions in the nature of a midway, will be located in the village park.

Died, at Moscow, Friday August 4th, James Pengergast, in his eighty-fifth year. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at Moscow, on Monday, Rev. Jas. A. Day, officiating. The remains were buried in St. Mary's cemetery in this village. Mr. Pengergast was one of the oldest residents of Moscow, and a man well liked by all who knew him. He leaves surviving, a widow, one daughter, Mrs. J. Cahill, of Moscow and William, of this village. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

Hornellsville. Died, Saturday evening at his home on Crosby street, Jeremiah Welsh, aged sixty-seven years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and four children, Mrs. D. Sexton, Mrs. A. Fisher, Mrs. Mary R. Frank and John Welsh. The funeral was held from St. Ann's church, at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. John and Patrick McGreevy, left for New York Tuesday morning, from which point they will sail for Queenstown, Ireland, to visit relatives. We wish them bon voyage and a safe return, (and hope they will not become subjects of the Queen).

Hornellsville Council, Knights of Columbus, conferred the minor degree on several candidates Thursday evening.

A new stone sidewalk is soon to be built around the parochial residence.

Mr. Jerry Mahoney is spending a few days visiting in Toronto.

Geneva. The double funeral of Mrs. Patrick J. Walsh and her brother, John C. Toole, took place from St. Francis de Sales church at 9:30 Monday morning. The death of Mrs. Walsh on Thursday last was followed on Friday night by the death of her brother. This was the fourth bereavement to befall the family in a period of two months; Thomas Toole, their father, died two months ago. His death was followed by the death of a grandchild, Edith Toole. Then came the deaths of last Thursday and Friday.

Many sympathizing friends attended the funeral. Long before services began the church was crowded, and many had to stand outside, unable to gain admission. The bearers of the remains of Mrs. Walsh were Henry Manley, John Broderick, A. M. Hennessey, T. A. Kane, Thomas D. Rogers and William Hennessey. Frank Flynn, John Cooney, Richard Welsh, John Gleason, James Tracey and Timothy Nylan bore the remains of John Toole. Rev. Father McPadden officiated. Interment at St. Patrick's cemetery.

Mrs. James McBride, of Buffalo, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Lydon, of South street.

Chief of Police Daniel Kane is enjoying a well earned two weeks vacation.

The St. Francis de Sales church library has been removed from the church to the old Academy building on Center st. A large number of new books have been secured, while the old ones have been rebound.

A handsome library catalogue is out containing the author's list numbers and titles of all books in the collection. The library, which is free, will be opened on Wednesday evening.

Upon completion of the new asphalt pavement on Exchange street, Geneva will have over five miles of her streets paved with brick or asphalt to replace the unsightly cobblestones of former days.

The Barber Asphalt company of New York city, has been rushing the work on Seneca and Exchange streets so that by the first of the month all the asphalt will be laid and the streets fit for use. While the tax payers groan at increased taxes, the improvements were sorely needed, and the Geneva Board of Public Works is deserving of much praise for the enterprising spirit shown during the short time that Geneva has been a city.

Card of thanks.—Mrs. Mary Toole wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to those friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted and sympathized with her in her recent sad bereavement in the death of her husband, and also to those who contributed flowers to the occasion.

Mrs. Welch's flowers were very choice, particularly worthy of mention was a handsome Gates Ajar from the A. O. H. Pillows, roses, bouquets and other floral pieces from friends of the deceased.

Miss Mary Jones is visiting with friends and relatives in Hamilton, Ont.

Miss Winifred Kane of Center St., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clary, in Ithaca.

Miss Lucy Quinn of North street, started on Tuesday morning on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Rochester, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Hamilton.

Mr. John Boyle, employed in Roenke & Rogers, has resumed work after a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Julia Dineen of Washington street, has returned from her vacation in Aurora and can be found at her old stand in O'Brien & Howard's dry goods store.

Watkins. Our Right Rev. Good Bishop of Rochester has conferred a special favor and blessing to the members of St. Mary's congregation in his selection of so worthy and exemplary priest for the parish of Watkins, in the person of Rev. John Lee, formerly Rev. Father Bloomer's assistant in the parish of St. Patrick's of Elmira. As I noted on other occasions through these columns, that St. Mary's parish of this village, from the beginning, has always been blessed with excellent priests, it is a pleasure to know of the continuation in the individual of Rev. Father Lee. That Rev. gentleman needs no introduction to the citizens of our fair village, for he has attended forty hours devotion and other ceremonies in our parish. Sunday last was his first here as temporary pastor, and he took occasion to pay his compliments to his worthy predecessor, Rev. Father Morrison of Hornellsville, and gave evidence of his predetermination to follow in the good steps and adopt the wise policy of that good pastor. He further exhorted his new spiritual children, as their spiritual father, to continue in the grand and noble ways of the true upright and practical Catholic. In the impression he has already made in his parishioners, there is every promise of a hearty cooperation between the pastor and his people to a fairly successful mission. Rev. Father Lee has the faculty of a very exhorting mode of delivery in his sermons, that the listener is fully convinced that the preacher is wholly heart and soul in his subject; and as a result a deep impression is made into the very recesses of the human soul as it drinks in the language from so noble, generous and saint-like a character as his own pastor it is our pleasure and blessing to have as pastor of St. Mary's.

For the compliments bestowed, the writer begs the kind indulgence of Father Lee—with the promise not to repeat the same again. There are times, however, when a person must give vent to his feelings; therefore the open expressions.

Corning. She boarded the car just before it began to move on the overhead crossing, and two children with her. She was middle-aged and of hilarious appearance. Her eyes were strangely bright, her speech quick and her talk loud. As the car sped on its way a bottle slipped from her pocket to the floor of the car, unperceived by her. Behind her sat a woman of erect carriage and sternly righteous appearance. This woman saw the bottle (which, by the way, contained whiskey) a look of disgust on the woman's face gave place quickly to an expression of firm resolution and splendid determination. She leaped a little forward, and with her foot deftly propelled the offensive flask into the street. It struck the pavement with a gentle tinkling sound which failed to attract the attention of the loudly-talking and reckless woman in front, and the car rolled merrily onward. Presently the thick-voiced one began to miss something. A gentle agitation took possession of her. She searched the floor on her right and on her left. But all in vain. Then she searched the countenance of the passengers round her and their averted glances seemed to gain some recognition of the actual situation. She turned sharply to the child beside her and spoke loudly, so that whoever rode might hear and know: "What did you do with that?" she demanded. "What did you do with your father's medicine? Do you hear?" The woman beside her, but she gave no sign and only looked coldly and haughtily at the glowing landscape.

Those who cannot ride in private coaches and who cannot or will not ride on bicycles, and their number is large, are anxiously

awaiting the completion of a street railway from here to Elmira. The prospects for one in the near future look pretty bright just now, and it is to be hoped that those who are looking forward eagerly to the time when it will be possible to board an open car here bound for Eldridge park will not be disappointed.

Mrs. James Dowd and children left during the week for a short sojourn at Avon.

William Friel of Renova spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Anna Sloan has returned from visiting friends at Elmira.

Miss Shannon of Troy has been visiting the Misses Cowley, West Market street.

Tony Comosh of Toledo is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Kate McMahon has returned from a sojourn of several weeks at Buffalo and Hornellsville.

Mrs. James E. Reilly left last week for an extended visit at New Bedford, Mass.

It is very delightful to ride to the park on summer evenings, but sometimes it is more pleasant to walk, as certain charming young ladies can testify, who had some experience in the matter last week.

The annual election of school trustees took place last week and resulted, in school district No. 9, which includes the Free Academy, and district No. 2, in the election of Mr. John W. Fedder, 226 votes, and Joseph Bovie, 221 votes. The vote was an unusually large one, and these two gentlemen are Catholics—which is also an unusual thing.

The Spaulding base ball team failed to win at Hammondport on Saturday last, despite the fact that "Willie" Friel was the pitcher. Six hits were made off Friel in the first inning and five home runs came in—which rather took the starch out of the boys from the Crystal city. It is expected that another game between these rival teams will be played here next Saturday. There will no doubt be a large crowd on hand, as interest in the games is growing.

Ithaca. Last Sunday evening at his home on North Aurora street, occurred the death of Jeremiah H. Quaid, aged 43 years. The funeral took place Tuesday morning from the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. A. J. Evans celebrating high mass. The pallbearers were Patrick Wall, Patrick Driscoll, John Driscoll, Michael Naughton, Patrick Shields and William Egan.

Miss Lucy M. Herson is visiting relatives in Rochester.

Our pastor, Rev. A. J. Evans, left last Wednesday, day for a trip through Europe for the benefit of his health.

Cortland went home from the convention last week in great grief, having won a number of the prizes. They were also awarded the prize for the band contest.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, unless cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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The Straw Hat Business. The traveling salesman for the whole South, but houses start out with straw hats for the next season before the last of the straw hats worn heretofore have been put aside, the first to go start about the 1st of September. The straw hat season in the South opens on March 1, at some extreme points earlier. Wholesale deliveries in the South begin in January, and they are mostly completed by the middle of February. The active season in straw hat manufacturing runs from September to about the middle of April.—New York Sun.

The Italian government has imposed a tax of ten lire on bicycles, and in future all machines will have to carry a mark showing that the yearly tax has been paid.

A. M. Klein, a well-known Parisian musical critic, declares that no less than 8,000 operatic scores "have inundated the musical world during the last century and a half."

The average speed of a carrier pigeon in calm weather is 1,200 yards a minute. With a strong wind in the direction of flight some pigeons have covered 1,900 yards a minute.

English and German speculators have acquired rights to land in Eastern Serbia, where the Romans are known to have found gold, and where, accordingly, mining works are to be started.

Sailors call a low-lying iceberg a growler, and the word would, in general, suggest something cool, were it not for bulldogs and London four-wheel cabs, to which it is also applied.

The most costly piece of railway line in the world is probably that between the Mansion house and Aldgate stations in London, which required the expenditure of close upon \$10,000,000 per mile.

It is proposed to erect a statue at Vendome, Touraine, France, of Marshal de Rochambeau, who commanded the French forces serving in the American Revolutionary war. The Historical Society of Philadelphia has subscribed \$1,000. It is hoped and proposed that Philadelphia, Boston and New York each will subscribe \$1,000 and that a like sum be raised in France by subscription.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

A Swiss physician, Dr. Otto Naegeli, declares that the best way to overcome insomnia is to imitate the breathing of a man who is asleep, and to make the head undergo the various movements to one side and the other which one occasionally makes while falling asleep in a sitting posture.

A native funeral in Manila is an interesting sight. The hearse is a rude wagon drawn by white horses. A most melancholy looking person is the driver, who, clad in black and a high braver hat, sits aloft in mournful dignity. In front is a brass band playing a lively march, with a long line of carriages follows slowly behind.

A hunchback, Giovanni Cattetta, stepped carefully down the gang plank of the French Line steamer Bretagne on her arrival at the port of New York. A tender hearted Custom House Inspector thought he could straighten the poor cripple's back. He did so by cutting open the hunch, and in it found 383 pieces of smuggled jewelry.

Perhaps the most popular stone just now is the turquoise, \$35 not being considered an out of the way price to pay for quite a small stone, provided the color be good. Grease or water spoils these stones entirely, and this is the reason that people with moist skins can seldom manage to keep the stone a good color for any length of time.

It is, perhaps, not generally known that potatoes are imported into this country in large quantities from Scotland and Germany; but such is the case. For the past five years, however, the Scotch yield has been so small as to preclude the exportation of any part of it; but this season the crop was large, and one ship alone brought 150,000 sacks.

The most serious epidemic of trichinosis on record happened in 1865, in the little town of Hadersleben, in Saxony, a butcher killed three hogs and made them into sausage. They were eaten by a large number of the inhabitants of the little town. Several hundred persons fell desperately ill and over 100 died.—New Orleans Picayune.

The smallest watch in the world was undoubtedly, that exhibited in Berlin at the watch exhibition. It was of fine gold, the size of a pea, viz., 6 1/2 millimetres in diameter, or not quite a quarter of an inch, and its weight, including the case, was only 95 centigrams, or not quite the one-two hundred and fiftieth part of a pound. The price of this curiosity is £400.

A visitor at the Central Park zoo recently gave a small pocket mirror to Sullivan, a most pugnacious monkey. The monkey saw his image reflected in the mirror and reached out savagely for the fellow behind the glass, and, not finding him, took revenge upon the mirror, causing the monkey keeper no end of trouble in his endeavor to prevent the monkeys from cutting themselves with the broken glass.—New York Herald.

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Both Mexico and Japan propose to establish life-saving and signal systems along their coasts and will employ the Boston night signals, which are now generally used by the army and lighthouse service. They were invented by the widow of Captain Coaton of the American corps. It is said that she is the only woman who ever invented an article that could be adopted by the military or naval service.

Sir Robert Ball recently unveiled a bronze tablet at 19 New King Street Bath, England, recording the fact that William Herschel, the great astronomer, resided there. Herschel discovered the planet Uranus from the back garden of that house. Sometimes he found it necessary to bring his telescope out into the street opposite that house and many of the discoveries were made in the street.

In an interesting article on The Mystery of Sleep a medical man sensibly observes that it is often the very anxiety to get to sleep which puts people off and that, when they have given up efforts to induce it the blessing comes. This confirms the theory that if bad sleepers would try a little course of early rising and being late to take rest they might be cured; and in any case their restlessness might appear more tolerable if they had once learned by experience what it is to sit up over some task which must be finished while the brain swims and every nerve tingles with overpowering sleepiness, so that when at last the head is laid on the pillow there comes instantly such profound unconsciousness that all enjoyment of rest is lost. Perhaps, however, insomnia, if one may call it so, would never feel this, but only become more wakeful the longer they worked and the more they were tired, the whole matter being probably dependent on whether the nervous system is overexcitable or the vitality has a tendency to flag.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

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