

DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Social Correspondents.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

[On account of the late arrival of some of the mails we were reluctantly obliged to condense some of the favors of our valued correspondents.]

Elmira.

Mr. James Sheehan, for several years cashier in the local Lackawanna freight office, has been promoted to the chief clerkship in that office.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kennedy of Corning and guests, Misses Christy and Flanagan and Synanon, were guests at the Armory ball, Thanksgiving night.

Misses Shuchan, Richardson, Fennell and Maloney of Elmira Council K. of C. went to Waterloo Thanksgiving to attend the degree work in that city.

F. W. Shallice of New York, returned home Sunday evening after a few days visit at Elmira. Mr. Shallice was the guest of George V. Horgan.

Elmira was largely represented in Corning Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, when the comic opera "Mikado" was sung by local talent of the Crystal City, with Miss Letitia Horgan of this city in the leading role.

The annual Thanksgiving entertainment given by St. John's congregation at Standstill hall, Thanksgiving night, was a grand success, fully 800 people crowding the spacious auditorium to listen to the excellent program, and indulge in the after-dinner. Hundreds were turned away, unable to gain admittance.

Rev. Father Doyle of Brooklyn, a cousin of Dr. E. A. Reilly of this city officiated at St. Peter and Paul's church last Sunday, at the 10.30 mass.

F. P. Dolan and W. H. Hill of Albany, were guests of Elmira friends for Thanksgiving.

The much heralded and long discussed football game between the eleven representing the Father Mathew Society and Kane-woola club was pulled off on the Maple Avenue Athletic Club's grounds, Thanksgiving day, in the presence of the largest crowd ever assembled to witness a similar event in Elmira. After one of the fiercest contests it has been the good fortune of your correspondent to see, the Kane-woola pulled out a victory, score 21 to 5. A lamentable feature of the game was the sad accident to McGraw, the plucky quarterback of the Father Mathew team, who has his right leg broken in three places during the first half of the game. It is said a game between these teams will hereafter be an annual Thanksgiving event in Elmira.

Peter Geiger, a prominent member of the Father Mathew Society, who played in the football game Thanksgiving day, left Friday night for New Orleans, where he has secured a splendid position. Just prior to his departure he was the recipient of a beautiful ring from his fellow members in the F. M. Society, many of whom gathered at the station to wish him God-speed.

Attorney Francis J. Byrne, returned Saturday night from a seven week's trip in the far west, whither he went on legal business.

Early Sunday morning last death claimed one of Elmira's oldest citizens, Mark Cummings, aged 84 years. The deceased was known as one of the most devout worshippers at St. Peter and Paul's church and many a day passed that he was not present at the holy sacrifice. Mr. Cummings was survived by three sisters. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Peter and Paul's church, Rev. Father Long officiating.

Auburn.

The Forty Hours devotions were opened at St. Mary's church at high mass, last Sunday morning. Rev. James J. Gibbons, assistant pastor celebrated the mass. The altar was beautifully decorated and the flowers were of the most brilliant colors. A large number of priests from this part of the diocese assisted at the services. On Wednesday morning the devotions drew to a close with a solemn high mass.

Matthew M. Farrell of Rochester and Miss Agnes F. Donovan of this city were united in marriage at the Holy Family church at an early hour on Tuesday morning. Miss Agnes F. Ryan of this city and Thomas J. Farrell of Rochester a brother of the groom, were the attending couple. The bride was charmingly attired in a dress of green broadcloth with a white collar and a white hooded cloak. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Farrell left for an extended trip to the west. The groom who formerly lived here, is chief clerk in the Erie freight office at Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell will reside in the flower City. They have a host of friends who wish them the best of success.

New officers for the ensuing year were elected on Tuesday evening in branches No. 205 and 59 C. M. B. A., councils Nos. 1, 7, 8 and 145 C. M. B. A. and Division No. 1 and 3 A. O. H.

Preparations are being made to observe the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Catholic Relief and Beneficial Association, which was first instituted in this city. Supreme President Thomas H. O'Neill of the order is a resident of this city.

Rev. John J. Hickey, the pastor of the Holy Family church, has edited a church directory. The booklet contains useful and important information for the members of the congregation. At the different services, last Sunday several thousand of the directories were distributed.

The performances of the City Minstrels on Thursday evening at the Burts opera house drew a crowded house. The performance was under the direction of James A. Hennessey and Maurice F. Murphy.

The Four A's football team, captained by William J. Quigley and under the management of Edward T. Quigley, has won the championship of Central and Northern New York. The Four A's ended its season on Thanksgiving day by defeating the Syracuse Athletic Association eleven by a score of 17 to 0.

Corning.

The officers of the ladies' auxiliary of the O. H. H. lodge here, are: Mrs. Elizabeth (widow) Miss Galvin, vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Egan, secretary; Miss Kate O'Donnell, treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Moran, guard; Mrs. Patrick Reilly, sergeant-at-arms.

Rev. Walter Lee has returned from a long visit to California.

Rev. Father Lee of St. Mary's is the latest to be elected to the post of the Holy Family church. The election was held on Sunday, and the Rev. Father Lee was elected by a large majority.

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

Seneca Falls.

A large number of the Knights of Columbus were in Waterloo Thanksgiving day to attend the installation of a new council of Knights of Columbus.

St. Patrick's school closed Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving vacation and reopened Dec. 4.

On Thanksgiving Day masses in St. Patrick's church were celebrated at 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

Friday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, masses in St. Patrick's church were at 7.30 and 9 o'clock.

James Carroll is home from Syracuse. Miss Mary Ryan of Syracuse, spent Thanksgiving in town.

Miss Kate Sullivan was in Medina, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Slason are rejoicing over the arrival of a son.

William H. Hurley was home last week from Albany Law School.

Miss Sarah Finagan is in Aiden, Erie county, where she expects to spend the winter.

Mrs. John Byrne and son Alexander was in New York last week visiting friends.

Mr. William Muldoon of Utica, was in town Thursday last.

A new band has been organized in Seneca Falls.

Rev. M. Dwyer was in Auburn Tuesday, attending the Forty Hours devotion.

The marriage of Edward Coleman and Miss Anna Kinsella of this village was solemnized in St. Patrick's church Tuesday evening, Rev. Father Dwyer officiating.

The Crescent Social Club dance was well attended Wednesday evening.

On last Wednesday afternoon the seventh grade pupils of St. Patrick's school gave an entertainment to the other pupils of the school. The entertainment was a most creditable affair to the Sisters and their pupils.

The C. M. B. A. society elected officers for the coming year Monday evening.

A large number of people of Seneca Falls, attended St. Mary's fair in Waterloo, this week.

The L. C. B. A. society elected officers Tuesday evening.

Mary, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hulby, died Monday of scarlet fever. The funeral was Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. The interment at Waterloo in St. Mary's cemetery.

Utica.

The Waterworks for this town is fast approaching completion. The water will start Saturday was very favorable and a large force was employed. To-day fifty Italians struck and no compromise has been effected yet. The reservoir is complete and the water will be let in at once.

Our fair is progressing nicely. The first issue of the "Fair Journal" will appear on Saturday Dec. 9th. Committees are appointed and sale of tickets offered on all sides. A contest for a ladies' gold watch between Miss Mary Collins and Miss Anna Mendrick is one of the most interesting features. Both are very popular young ladies and it would be hard to say who will be the winner.

No school at our District schools this week. A teachers' institute is conducted at Genesee. Sisters Prudentia and Leonard from the parochial school, Miss Minnie Flanagan, Miss Mary Malone, Miss Julia Gleason, Anna Malone and Kate Kinsey from the country districts.

St. Rose's choir are rehearsing Emerson's mass in St. Flat for Christmas.

Mrs. Gaggie, Miss Marie Cunningham, Misses Katie and Mamie Kelly of Rochester, spent Thanksgiving at the home of the latter.

Waterloo.

Waterloo Council No. 464, was instituted Thanksgiving day. The exercises commenced with a solemn high mass in St. Mary's church at 10 a. m. At 1 p. m. the new council was called to order by the installing team of Seneca Falls council, when the new council was duly instituted and candidates for membership were initiated. There were 68 members enrolled. Over 800 members of the order were in attendance representing Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Auburn, Genesee, Canandaigua and Seneca Falls. A delicious menu was served in the Academy of Music, furnished by the mothers, wives and sisters of the members of the new council. During the feast many toasts, songs and discussions were enjoyed. The following is the list of this portion of the programme, St. Knight Prayer, Rev. Father Farrell; "Vocal Quartette," Auburn Council; "Vocal Quartette," Rev. J. P. Brophy; recitation, Edward W. Hubbard; "Waterloo Council No. 464," Edward O'Donnell; tenor solo, Stephen Murphy; "Our Country," Patrick J. Carey; baritone solo, James Hennessey; "Visiting Brothers" Robert J. Powers; Plautation Song, M. A. Hanlon; "The Ladies," M. P. Conway; recitation, Eugene J. Dwyer; closing ode.

St. Mary's church fair opened Monday evening with a large attendance. There has been a large number of donations and no doubt the fair will be a grand success. The object of the fair is to have a new pipe organ in the church. Much credit is due to the pastor of St. Mary's church, Rev. William Harrington. The fair will close this evening.

Prattburgh.

Miss North Curran is visiting in Hornellsville.

Thomas Flynn of Cleveland, O., spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Richards.

Robert Trant of Syracuse is visiting relatives and friends in town.

On Saturday, Dec. 2d, at St. Patrick's church, occurred the marriage of James Flaherty and Miss Kate Trant.

Lady Hill.

Thanksgiving passed off quite pleasantly. The festival which was held for the benefit of St. John's church, Greece, was in every way a grand success. Many beautiful prizes were offered, the contests for each being quite spirited, realising a handsome sum for the parish. The attendance was large, and everything passed off in a most pleasant and satisfactory manner.

Caledonia.

The beautiful banner recently purchased by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin was solemnly blessed on Friday evening, Rev. Father Killean delivered the address. The children of the first communion class were received into the society as postulants.

The seventh annual ball of Council 14, C. R. B. A. was a success socially and financially. Sixty couples were in attendance.

The death of Mrs. Michael Freeman occurred at her home in Mumford on Thanksgiving eve. Mrs. Freeman had been ill for many months and her demise was not unexpected, yet the realization of that which had been forebodingly caused deep sorrow to very many outside the immediate family, who had been united to her by ties of friendship and regard. She leaves a husband, three sons, Michael of Churchville, Patrick and James of Mumford and two daughters, Mrs. John Livingston and Nellie Freeman of Mumford. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church on Friday morning. Interment at Scottsville.

Mrs. Jack Mason of Rochester, and Mrs. Mary Cahill of New York city were guests of Mrs. John Fitzgerald last week.

The Misses Mullin and Miss Marie Maloney of Rochester, were guests of Mrs. J. Donohoe last week and attended the C. K. B. A. ball.

John Taffe and John Ward left Monday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where they have secured employment.

Hornellsville.

A very sad and serious accident occurred at the new yards of the Erie Railroad about a mile east of this city on Saturday last, by which Michael Maloney, a conductor on the Seneca Falls division, and residing at No. 7 Prospect street, met his death. The exact manner of how the accident happened is not known, but it is thought he stepped in between the moving cars to pull a coupling pin and by some mishap was thrown under the wheels. Deceased was a well known and much esteemed railroad man and his death is a great shock to a wide circle of friends. Mr. Maloney leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. He was a valued member of Branch 33 C. M. B. A. and O. R. C.

Mr. H. E. Gilpin of Jersey City, visited friends in this city during the week.

At the election of officers of Branch 13, C. M. B. A. held Tuesday evening, the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Leahy; 1st vice president, R. M. Hendon; 2nd vice president, Jas. Frawley; recording secretary, F. J. Freeman; assistant secretary, M. J. Cunniff; financial secretary, Wm. Laurigano; treasurer, A. J. Lottis; manna, P. O'Connor; guard, John Bolly; trustees, Wm. Saxsmith, M. McDermott, John Distas, delegate to county convention, Joan Feenan; alternate, M. McDermott.

Genesee.

Misses Mary J. Higgins and Louise Harrington, elated relatives in Avon last week.

Miss Elizabeth O'Grady, formerly of this village, and a graduate of the Genesee Normal school, class of '03, has been engaged as teacher in the New York House of Refuge on Randall's Island, New York.

Rev. J. A. Hickey officiates on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the County Home, during this month.

The Teachers' Institute was held in the Normal school building here this week, commencing Monday and closing Friday evening. There was a large attendance and an excellent program was rendered in the forenoon and afternoon, and evening conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday. Two hundred and seventy three teachers were registered.

Utica.

The funeral of Maurice Flynn, who died Saturday evening was held Wednesday morning from the parson of Hennessey & Shay at 8.45, and at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Burial in East State street cemetery.

Miss Katherine C. Carigan has returned from Rochester, where she spent Thanksgiving with her aunt, Mrs. K. M. Rhines.

At parish hall last Friday evening, Dec. 8, the drama entitled "Stute's Master and Man," was presented by some of the young people of the parish, under the auspices of the church.

Penn Yan.

Miss Margaret Guider has accepted a position in the jewelry store of Reuben W. Wheeler.

There is to be a fair for the benefit of St. Michael's church in the near future.

James Mahar is very ill at his home.

Miss Maggie Weed has taken a position in the telephone office.

Miss Lizzie Mohr has resigned her position at the box office on account of the serious illness of her brother.

Avon.

Rev. M. J. Hendrick of Penn Yan, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin have moved to Rochester where he has found employment.

Mr. Myron Farrell of the Lehigh Valley R. R., spent Sunday with Wm. Archibald.

Mr. Walter McLaughlin of Canandaigua, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. B. McLaughlin, of West Main street.

The total receipts of the St. Annes church fair is \$1,409.

Macedon.

Catherine, wife of Patrick W. Halligan, died on Dec. 2d, aged 50 years. "God's finger touched her, and she slept." Mrs. Halligan had been ill but a week, and therefore her death came as a shock to those who knew and loved her.

East Bloomfield.

The festival and ball held at Bndley's hall Thanksgiving eve under the auspices of the C. M. B. A. was a success in every respect.

Mass was celebrated here on Friday morning at 9 o'clock by Father Neville.

AGENTS WANTED.

Six more agents wanted (ladies or gentlemen), to present our new Medalion to the people of the diocese. Call or address Business Manager CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

King's Ferry.

School has opened again after one week's vacation.

Wm. Murray has returned with his bride and began housekeeping.

Henry Murray has returned from Elmira, where he has been for two weeks on business.

On Thanksgiving at noon the marriage of Edwin Bricit and Lizie Mayne was solemnized at St. Mary's church in Kings Ferry by Rev. Father Rafferty.

Mass here at 11.30 o'clock on Friday.

OUR AGENT.

Our agent, Mr. A. Herman, will visit the following towns next week: Waterloo, Phelps, Clifton Springs, Shortsville, Manchester and Canandaigua.

CURIOS SALUTATIONS.

The custom of shaking hands is the most common form of salutation among civilized peoples. It undoubtedly comes, says a writer from remote barbarism, when two men meeting gave each other the weapon hands as a security against treachery or sudden attack, says the "Home Journal."

On the Continent it is usual for men who are intimate friends, to kiss one another, but this custom prevails only among ladies in English-speaking countries. In the greater portion of Germany it is an act of politeness to kiss the hand of a lady, but this privilege is allowed in Italy to near relatives, while in Russia it is extended to kissing the forehead.

In the East the character of salutation is quite different. The custom of throwing one's self on the ground and kissing the feet of the monarch prevails among the Persians. In China an inferior upon horseback, meeting a superior, dismounts and waits till the other has passed.

In Japan the inferior removes his sandals when meeting his superior, crosses his hands by placing the right hand in the left sleeve, and with a slow rocking motion of his body, cries out: "Augh! Augh!" ("Do not hurt me.")

In Siam the inferior throws himself upon the ground before his superior, and the latter sends forward one of his servants to see whether the former has been eating or carries with him any smell of anything offensive. If he does, he is immediately kicked out without ceremony, but if not the attendant raises him.

In Ceylon the inferior, on meeting a superior, throws himself upon the ground, repeating the name and dignity of the latter, who appears to take little notice of the prostrate form as he passes it.

Among some tribes of American Indians the custom is to salute by rubbing noses together.

This form is also common in the Friendly and Society Islands, where it is returned by each taking the hand of the other and rubbing it upon his nose and mouth.

The Moors of Morocco ride at full speed toward a stranger, as if they intended to ride him down, and on arriving near, suddenly stop and fire a pistol over his head.

The Arabians shake hands six or eight times, but if persons of distinction they embrace and kiss several times, also kissing their own hands.

In Turkey it is the custom to place the hands upon the breast and bow to the person saluted.

BRILLIANTS.

It makes a great difference in the force of a sentence whether a man be behind it or no.—Emerson.

We may hold unceasing daily converse with our Father, he speaking to us by the descent of blessings, we to him by the ascent of thanksgiving.—Manning.

"A little word in kindness spoken, A motion or a tear, Has often healed the heart that's broken."

And made a friend sincere.

How can the sense that the living God is near to our life, that he is interested in it and willing to help it, survive in us if our life be full of petty things? Absorption in trifles, attention only to the meaner aspects of life, is killing more faith than is killed by aggressive unbelief.—George Adam Smith.

Our only possibility of bearing any fruit worthy of our nature and of God's purpose concerning us is by vital union with Jesus Christ. If we have not that, there may be plenty of activity and mountains of work in our lives, but there will be no fruit.—McLaren.

In these two invitations of divine love and directions of infinite wisdom, namely, "Come unto me," and "Abide in me," are hidden all the riches of our salvation. Happy are they who come; most happy are they who abide; the first a blessing in time; the latter in eternity.—Ford.

Make a rule, and pray God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter.—Charles Kingsley.

AN IDLE HOUR.

Find a way or make one. Everything is either pusher or pushed.

Truth is the offering of unbroken meditations and of thoughts often revised and corrected.

We are generally too slow in our aims, more anxious for safety than sanctity, for place than purity.

Good actions crown themselves with lasting days; who deserves well, needs not another's praise.

Mushrooms, in their resolute growth, will lift up large slabs of stone—such is the force of parvenus in the respectable world.

We should no more let past misdeeds hinder the growth of our future than the forest lets the shed leaves hinder the spring grass from growing.

FEMINE OBSERVER.

The woman's idea of a poor Christian is one who keeps on her kid gloves and at a church social, and bosses the rest.

When a girl walks home swinging her parasol in a reckless sort of way, it is a sign that she lacks a nickel with which to pay her street-car fare.

A girl visiting in Atchinson has four party dresses in her trunk. This means that she expects four parties and her hostess is looking scared to death.

To a girl who has never been in love but once, love is a very serious matter, but after a girl has been in love six or seven times she pays about the same attention to it that she does to Christmas.

It can usually be said of every daughter of sixteen years that she runs the house.

Many a woman who becomes indignant when called tough, glows when called a bohemian.

Women have the most to wear, but men have the most to eat.

One of the incomprehensible things to a man is that when a woman of friends her husband she asks the Lord to forgive her, and then feels all right about it.

An Atchinson woman offended her husband and half her friends, spent \$25 and gave a party. Result: Those not invited abused her, and those who were there had headaches next day. She didn't please any one except the caterer, and he thought her order was a "stingy one."

An Atchinson man, to get even, has taken to selling his wife's old clothes. He says every time he puts off a summer suit to put on a winter suit his wife sells his clothes to a second-hand dealer, and he proposes to sell his wife's party dresses to get even.

ATTAINMENT OF LONGEVITY.

The following rules have been drawn up by Sir James Sawyer, a physician of Birmingham, England, as embodying the secret of longevity. Sir James sees no reason why any one who will faithfully follow them should not live to the age of 100:

- 1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
4. Have a mat to your bedroom door.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults) Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxication, which destroys these cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three D's—drinking, water, damp and drains.
16. Have change of occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambition.
19. Keep your temper.

SENTENTIOUS SAYINGS.

The aristocracy is led by the pocket; the democracy by the passion.

This is the middle-class; the future is for the millions.

There are those who regard religion as the symbol of respectability, and respectability as an aid to respectability. Give them sufficient respectability and they will commit any rascality.

The mediaeval system was based upon the principle that "might is right"; the modern, on the principle that "right is might."

In these enlightened days the community is not governed by soldiers, but by policemen; it is not force which governs now, but justice.

The press is the popular conscience. The still small voice of the leading article should be unaffected by any considerations but those of right conduct.

Publicity is to the community what fresh air is to the individual.

HOUSEKEEPING.

To Cure a Cough.—Lime-seed tea, boiled thin, sweetened with honey and flavored with lemon juice, is excellent for a cough.

Dusting a Room.—After sweeping a room allow a full hour for dust to settle. Dust with a damp cloth, followed by a dry rubbing.

To Brighten a Carpet.—Wash a faded carpet with strong salt and water. This will often restore the brightness of the colors.

Lemons.—Wash lemons with a small brush before grating for puddings or pies. The little black specks often found on them are eggs of insects.

Coal Dust.—Coal dust is very injurious to the throat and lungs. Sprinkle coal before putting on the fire.

SAGE OF SAWHAW.

A flat is always to be pooped at. Reproof isn't evidence of guilt.

There are all manner of men with all manner of manners.

Some people are never missed until they are dismissed.

When a man is forced to the wall why should he kick against the bricks.

Some men are living complaints—at least they always have one coming.

Pride and poverty are often seen together, but they can hardly be called birds of a feather.

There are numerous men with alleged characters and unmistakable reputations.—Chicago Democrat.

HOW TO TREAT A MAN.

(By a Horse.)

If a man drops from illness, exhaustion or slipping, immediately proceed to pound him with a club and kick him in the ribs.

If a man is loaded beyond his strength, or don't travel fast enough to suit you, try the club remedy. I know of nothing better for such a stubborn beast.

If a man won't drink when you give him a chance don't offer him water again for two or three days. He must be taught to drink when you want him to, whether he is thirsty or not.

God didn't put man's head on his shoulders to suit his horses; so draw his head back with a strap and turn his eyes up to the sun, just to make him "look fine." If he has to haul a big load or run fast do not shorten the strap.

Put an ugly bit in his mouth and yank the teeth out of his head if he makes a motion or a step that don't suit you. A man surely ought to be able to read his driver's mind; we horses are expected to do that.

If a man gets frightened