DIOCESAN NEWS.

From Our Special Correspondents

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

Auburn.

In accordance with the decree of the Pope, which designated the closing year of the century as a period of holiness, midnight mass was celebrated in the different Catholic churches of the city. At the Holy Family, Rev. Father Heisler sang the mass. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, flowers, and potted plants, and the altar was aglow with lighted candles and tapers. The Blessed Sacrament was first exposed and then the mass was read. The choir, under the direction of Miss Mayme Bennett, the organist, rendered an elaborate musical program. Following the mass Rev. J. J. Hickey, the pastor, read the prayer of consecration. The Miserere and Rosary were then recited. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the "Te Deum" was sung by by the choir.

The Knights of Columbus held an old time smoker in their rooms in the Columbus Block on New Year's afternoon, and evening. An enjoyable time was spent by the knights and their friends.

The members of Branch 59, C. M. B. A. held an open meeting and installation in their rooms on Tuesday evening. State Deputy Ryan conducted the exercises of installation. An entertainment program was rendered and refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening in their rooms the members of Council No. 1, C. R. B. A., held an open meeting and installation. A large number of friends were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hennessy are the proud parents of a girl baby.

The newly elected officers of the Knights of Columbus were installed on Thursday evening. There was a full attendance of members. Dr. M. P Conway, the retiring grand knight, was the recipient of a beautiful present from the members as a token of their respect The presentation was made by Thomas H O'Neil, the successor to the executive chair.

The Auburn City Minstrels repreated their entertainment at the Burtis opera house on New Year's afternoon and evening.

An anniversary requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the late Captain John A Quigley, of the Third New York Volunteers was celebrated on Tuesday morning at the Holy Family church by Father Hickey.

The county board of the A. O. H. held an important meeting last Sunday afternoon.

Seneca Falls.

The Rev. James Mangan of New York, is visiting at the home of his mother, on Miller street.

St. Patrick's school re-opened on Wednesday after the Christmas vacation.

St. Patrick's church was crowded with people of all creeds at the midnight mass on Christmas eve. The Rev. Father Dwyer celebrated at mass and preached a most eloquent sermon. The other masses were at 8, 9 and 10.30. The 10.30 mass was celebrated by the Rev. James Magan of New York, a former boy of St. Patrick's parish. Father Mangan delivered a fine sermon. A special musical program was rendered by the choir. The altars were hand-omely decorated with white and green. Midnight mass was celebrated on New Year's eve with impressive ceremonies. First was the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, then mass was celebrated by the Rev. M. Dwyer. Then followed the consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, then the chanting of the Miserere, the Rosary, and the Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, and the close "Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Revs. Dwyer and O'Connor officiated. The other masses on New Year's day were at 8 and 10.30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a meeting last Sunday at the parochial residence.

Stephen Byrne of St. Andrew's Seminary of Rochester, spent his Christmas vacation at the home of his parents in this village.

Mr. Thomas Magan of New York is in town.

Saturday, (to-day) feast of the Epiphany, masses celebrated in St. Patrick's church were at 7.30, and 9 o'clock, the last mass being a high mass.

Charles Meehan of New York, is visiting at the home of his parents in Fall street.

Miss Mae B. Norton of Staten Island, spent the holidays in town.

Edward Fitzsimmons of Schenectady, was in town last week.

Miss Margaret H. Costello of New York spent her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents in Green street.

Michael Galvin of New York, spent Christmas in town.

C. Sullivan of Utica, was in town last week.

Andrew J. Gray, died at the home of his father, James Gray, in Mynderse street, on Saturday morning, Dec. 23rd, of consumption, aged 36 years. He was a quiet, well known and highly esteemed man. He is survived by a wife. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. James O'Connor officiating.

King's Ferry

We had anticipated having midnight mass on New Year's eve, but were disappointed Mass on New Year's day was at 11 o'clock.

A party for the benefit of the church was held on Friday, Jan. 5th.

Prayers were requested for the speedy recovery of John Mulligan.

Master James and Harry Day of Aurora, spent New Years with Charles McCarthy.

Shortsville.

St. Dominic's Society is making arrangements for a fair, to be held the latter part of February. This is the first time the society has had any entertainment of this kind and it is hoped that all the members of the congregation will endeavor to make it a success as the proceeds go toward building the new church.

Miss Sadie Hennessey was the guest of relatives at Phelps last week.

A large number from our village attended the fair at Clifton Springs, last week.

Miss Kate Deits spent the first of the week with Mrs. J. McIntyre.

Miss Agnes Toomey was the guest of her parents at Victor, last week.

Caledonia.

The annual midwinter festival of St. Columba's church which opened in Burgess Hall on Wednesday evening last, was brought to a successful close on Friday evening. The attendance was larger than the two previous evenings, the people not only attending the hall but they spent their money freely. All [illegible] being kept busy supplying [illegible]

The entertainment on Wednesday evening was given by St Columba's choir, and Messrs. Russel and Ward of Batavia; Thursday evening, Prof. Thomas Hogan of Rochester, and Miss Mary O'Neill of Mumford; Friday evening by Mr. Lawrence Collins, the well known tenor singer of Buffalo and Mr. Clark of Rochester, whose singing was loudly applauded. All interest the last night, was centered in the drawing of the prizes. F. L. Strobel of LeRoy, won the hand knitted bed spread, donated by Mrs. Eisler F. Albert of Avon; writing desk, donated by J. C. Hawk & Sons, Frank McFarlin, Mumford; 100 pounds flour donated by Wm. Hamilton, the ton of coal donated by John Ball going to Batavia. The net results will reach nearly $400.

The first mass New Year day was celebrated at midnight, the church being fitted with a large concourse of people. many who came several miles to participate in the services.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Mr. Thomas Carlin of Rochester and Miss Bessie Farrell of this village was made on New Years day.

Miss Agnes Driscoll of Buffalo, was the guest of Mrs. L. J. Campbell, last week.

Mr. George Word returned to his duties at Buffalo, Tuesday, after a week's vacation.

Miss Jennie Clayman of Rush, spent Sunday with Catherine Graney.

Messrs. James Brylan and Edward McLachlen of Batavia, attended the fair Friday evening.

Mr. George Markey of West Virginia, has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. P. C. Graney, the past two weeks.

Miss Mary Callan and Katie McEwen of Le Roy, visited relatives here last week.

Misses Josie and Mary Knight and Katie Abel of Avon, were guests of Miss Katie Yopp, fair week.

Penn Yan.

Miss Jennie Carroll of Geneva, is spending the week in town.

Miss Nora L. Ryan is confined to her home with typhoid fever

At St. Michael's church on New Year's eve mass was celebrated and on New Year's day mass was at 9 o'clock.

Morris Buckley spent Sunday in Geneva

We are having very cold weather here at the present, the thermometer running to zero for the past three or four days

James FitzPatrick and family spent Christmas with Mrs. FitzPatrick's parents in Barrington.

A great many from this place attended the party in Geneva, on New Year's night

Miss Margaret Guider is ill at her home on North Hamilton street, for the past week.

Mr. P. Fergeson of Seneca Falls, spent Christmas at the home of W. S. Rielling.

The lecture by Rev. Ludlow E. Lampham of Rochester, last week announced for Jan. 5th, has been postponed till later.

Canandaigua.

Mrs. Patrick Barry of Chapin street, died Saturday, Dec. 30. The funeral was held at St. Mary's church, Tuesday morning, Jan. 2nd.

The C. R. B. A held a party in Atwater hall, on Friday evening Dec. 29th.

Mrs. James Farrell and daughter Agnes, have been visiting friends and relatives in Macedon

Miss Mary Ryan of Chapinsville, spent New Years with friends, in town.

Mr. Tom Harrington of East Bloomfield, called on friends in town, Jan. 1st.

Miss Cassie Magorry of Macedon, has been spending a few days with Miss Agnes Farrell, of Bristol street.

Mr. Frank J. Caplise, is studying law in the office of Hon. John Colmey

Messrs. John and Ed. Hurley of Rushville, was in town Jan. 1st.

Mrs. Lucy Curran, of Buffalo, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Lizzie McConnell of Gorham street, visited friends in Clifton last week.

The A. O. H. held a ball at Atwater hall on Thursday night, Jan. 4.

The remains of Miss Fannie Mooney of Rushville, were interred here Saturday, Dec. 30th.

Corning.

It's a cold day when skating fails to warm one up, and there have been two or three such days during the week. Several merry ones who braved the weather and persisted in cutting figures on the ice had their ears nipped by the wintry blast, and a frozen ear is not at all amusing.

Following are the newly elected officers of Iskenculler Tribe 329 I. O. R. M.; Sachem, James Boyle; senior sagamore, Frank Griffin; junior sagamore, L. Mathewson; prophet, O. P. Schotts; chief of records, J.S. Garty; collector of wampum, C. H. McCarthy; keeper of wamptum, J. Fleming; trustee, James Dunn.

On Friday evening of last week occurred the death of Mrs. Bridget McGannon, aged 75 years, an old and respected resident of this city. She died from a complication of diseases. She was the stepmother of John D. and P. J. McGannon of First street. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was largely attended.

The funeral of John Wilson, who died during the past week, was held on Saturday from St. Mary's church, and there was a large attendance, including many persons from out of town. Rev. J. M Bustin celebrated a requiem high mass, and the pall bearers were J. D. Carlton, P. J. McGannon, John D. McGannon, R. E. Maleady, E. E. Beeman, E. A. Knight.

The Christmas collection at St. Mary's church was a gratifyingly large one and a tribute to the popularity of the reverend pastor and a token of the esteem and affection which is felt for him by the Catholics of this city.

On Tuesday morning, from St. Mary's church, occurred the funeral of Mrs. Edward Murphy, who died at Painted Post during the past week. She was an old and respected resident of this vicinity, and leaves many friends who mourn her loss. Her one son, Cornelius Murphy, resides at Painted Post. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Leo Egginton and Miss Mary Egginton are spending a few weeks in New York.

Among the young collegians who are home for the Christmas holidays from their different alma maters are: Thomas Foley, Thomas Rodgers, Timothy O'Connell, Frank Jennings, Thomas Clark and Frank S Swain.

The Pritchard Hose company have recently purchased and placed in their parlors a fine phonograph of the latest make and with every improvement which delights all visitors and is a source of much entertainment to the hose boys and their friends

New Year's day being the first anniversary of the organization of the Holy Name society in this city, the members signalized the day by receiving Holy Communion in a body at the midnight mass, and made an imposing appearance.

Miss Elizabeth Maleady of Mt. St. Joseph Academy, Buffalo, spent her holidays in this city.

Good resolutions are now in order, and as they are very easy to make they are more or less popular. To keep them is different Babies, the merest infants can make resolutions, but it takes men to live up to them.

With adamantine nerves and heart like stone
With courage blazoned on its warlike shield,
The life that wins success must stand alone
And strive from dawn till dark, and never yield.

After all, there is one little sentence which includes all things necessary to a noble life, and that is Trilby's beautiful standard of honor which is, "To think of others before myself, and never to tell lies or be afraid."

Ithaca.

Born—Jan. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Connelly of the Alhambra, a son.

Attorney P. F. McAllister has returned from a ten days' trip to Baltimore and Washington.

John P. Shea attended the charity ball at Auburn last week.

Daniel Crowley has returned to St. Andrews' Seminary, Rochester, after spending Christmas with his parents here.

B. F. McCormick is in New York on a business trip.

Joseph Hickey was in New York last week attending grand opera and looking out for business interests also.

A number of our young men held a very enjoyable dance at Dixey's on New Year's night. The Lyceum orchestra furnished the music and Sweeney catered.

The famous Ithaca band and Eureka Hose company are holding a fair this week at the Lyceum. Large crowds have attended each evening, and the indications are that quite a sum will be realized It is to be hoped so, for bands and fire companies are the most worthy organizations in a community.

At midnight mass on New Year's eve, admission was by ticket, so the congregation was not so large as on Christmas eve, but nevertheless the seating capacity of the church was severely tested. The services and music were the same as on Christmas eve, and a short sermon was preached by Father Kelly Over 300 people approached Holy Communion at the mass.

Elmira.

Miss Mary G. Mahoney has returned to her home in Elmira after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. T. W. Crowley, of Hornellsville.

Hornellsville.

Died, at his home, No. 12 Grand street, Saturday afternoon, Mr. Hugh Watt Mr. Watt is survived by a wife and six children

Hornellsville council, K. of C., conferred the first degree on several candidates Thursday evening, Jan. 4th.

Thomas Leahy is spending the week at his home at Scranton, Pa.

Miss Margaret O'Keefe and Miss Cheesman of Addison, are visiting Miss Frances Grange of John street, this city.

George McGinty of Andover spent New Year's, the guest of friends, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs P. J. Broderick of this city are visiting Mrs. Broderick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deegan of Corning, N. Y.

The services at St. Ann's church, on New Year's eve, were conducted by Rev. Father Farrell saying midnight mass. Owing to the length of the ceremonies no sermon was delivered. A large number received communion The singing, under the direction of Prof. Merriman, was of a very high order.

Lima.

The silver jubilee of Sister Prudentia was quietly celebrated here at the convent on Thursday last. Several of her friends, among them Sisters from Rochester and Avon, were present. A solemn high mass was celebrated in honor of the occasion, with Father Fitzsimons as celebrant, Father Eisler as deacon, Father Dougherty as subdeacon, and Father Hughes of the Cathedral as master of ceremonies. Sister Prudentia was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. The pupils of her school presented an address and a "History of Literature," in four volumes, handsomely bound. Sister Prudentia has labored among us for about ten years, and the debt owed her by parents and pupils can never be repaid. Through her thorough training more than one-half the teachers employed in the schools of this town at the present time were her pupils and fitted by her for their work. That she may be spared to us for many years to come is the prayer of all.

Midnight mass was celebrated here on the 31st. After mass the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart was read, chanting of the Miserere, and closing with the Te Deum.

Our fair opened on Tuesday evening, and although the weather was not all that could be desired, those who were present enjoyed themselves. The stereopticon lecture by Father Hickey was postponed until Friday night. Wednesday Mrs. Vogt of Rochester, with her quartette, furnished some excellent music.

Miss Ida Holihan returned to her home in Auburn Wednesday after spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Eva Walsh.

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GENERAL NEWS

Lightning killed 500 birds in County Monaghan, Ireland.

Japan has had a Hebrew synagogue since the year 1182.

In Japan the bride gives the wedding presents to her parents.

Kanara, India, claims a larger falls than Niagara's, a clear drop of 830 feet.

The entertainment of royalty costs English society each year fully $10,000,000.

A Swiss authority insists that 200 Russians will spend more in a month than 1,000 Englishmen and women for the same period of time.

The two counties of Brewster and Presidio, Texas, having a joint area of 6,000 square miles, have, it is said, fewer than 3,000 inhabitants.

It is believed that the most ancient dictionary in the world is the Chinese lexicon, compiled by Pecut-she, a thousand years before Christ.

There are parts of Spain where the hat is unknown except in pictures. The men, when they need a covering, tie up their heads, and the women wear flowers.

One of the oldest ideas relating to producing cold air is to pipe brine into dwellings as gas is now carried. A meter will register the amount of liquid coolness used.

Berlin booksellers are strictly forbidden to sell school children books stitched with wire, as several cases of blood poisoning have been traced to scratches from rusty wire.

The report of the Russian Department of Prisons shows that in the past two years the total number of persons banished to Siberia has been 20,056, of whom 894 were women.

There is a new railroad car that by its own motion compresses ammonia gas to liquid, which in going through the pipes expands and produces the necessary coolness in the air.

How the baby is named in Persia. Five names are written on as many slips of paper. One of the slips is drawn at random. The name on the slip is the one the child has to bear through life.

Mexico is raising hops for her own use. The exports of hops from the United States during the nine months ending March last were $1,963.

ALL SORTS.

Half the ships in the world are British The best of them can be converted into ships of war in forty-eight hours

When the Indians of California were very hungry they ate dog, grasshoppers, and acorns. The badger is a favorite Indian dish.

The longest day of the year at New York is 15 hours; at London, 16½; at St. Petersburg, 19; at Tornea, Finland, 22; and at Spitzbergen, three months and a half.

Calico print works use 40,000,000 dozen eggs per year, wine clarifiers use 10,000,000 dozen, the photographers and other industries use many millions, and these demands increase more rapidly than table demands

Governor J. G. Brady, of Alaska, was once a homeless boy in New York. He was sent to an Iowa farmer by the Children's Aid society, which later assisted him through college. He first went to Alaska as a missionary.

What is probably the most venerable piece of furniture in existence is now in the British Museum It is the throne of Queen Hatsu, who reigned in the Nile Valley some sixteen hundred years before Christ.

Captain John H Surratt, whose mother was hanged for the murder of President Lincoln, is a trusted employe of a Baltimore steamship line, though still out on $25,000 bail as the result of a jury's disagreement in his own trial, which lasted 104 days in 1867.

Judge William Butler, of Philadelphia, who has resigned from the bench of the United States District Court, learned the trade of a printer in the office of the West Chester (Pa.) Village Record. Among the other boys in the office at the same time was Bayard Taylor.

February 15, the anniversary of Mr. Dingley's birthday, has been set apart for memorial exercises in the Maine Legislature. The ceremonies may also be made commemorative of the blowing up of the United States battleship Maine on Febuary 15, 1898.

It is reported that Miss Lutie A. Lytle, of Topeka, Kan., has been appointed a member of the faculty of the law department of Central Tennessee college, Nashville. Miss Lytle is the young Negro woman who was graduated with honors from the Central Tennessee college in 1897, and was admitted to the bar of Tennessee at Memphis in September of that year.

General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the famous Italian, is married to an English woman, and speaks English fluently. He is still full of the enthusiasm for freedom that led him to take part in the war between Turkey and Greece. He lives in a wind-swept castle at the top of one of the Appennines. He takes pride in the fact that he is the son of a man who became a citizen of London.

THE BAKER THEATER.

Hoyt's "A Temperance Town," with George Richards and Eugene Canfield in their original parts as Mink and Bingo, respectively, will be the attraction at the Baker theatre the first three days of next week, with usual matinees Tuesday and Wednesday. A splendid performance of "A Temperance Town" may be anticipated. The last three days the great laughing success, "A Ragtime Reception" will be seen.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, who is not only the greatest living pianist but thought by many the greatest that has ever existed, is again touring the United States, and comes to Rochester on Monday evening, Jan. 29, for a single recital at the Baker theatre. Every music lover will want to hear this famous virtuoso and the date will be most important of the current season.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

If you looked over the entire country you could not find a better assortment of refined amusement than is offered at the Cook the coming week. There are three star acts and four other acts that would be stars in any other theatre. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher, "Our Own" Press Eldridge and many others of equal prominence.