

Correspondence

OUR AGENT
Our agent Mr. A. Herman, will visit Auburn, Syracuse, Rochester, Mumford, Caledonia, Genesee and Mt. Morris.

Ovid.
The Opera House was full to overflowing Thursday evening at the dramatic mass meeting when Hon. Thos. Carnody of Pean Yan, spoke to the democrats.
Abner Finnegan has just had a new telephone put in his house on Chapman street.
The repairs on Holy Cross cemetery are now completed and it looks better than it has in years.

Friday was the first day of the month. A great number attended the services and received holy communion in honor of All Souls and the Sacred Heart.
A Halloween party was given by the young ladies of the high school, Oct. 31st. Father Hendrick preached a fine sermon on the Holy Rosary Sunday.
The infant child of Patrick O'Roark was buried Sunday.

Seneca Falls.
Mr. Edward O'Connell died Sunday morning at his home on Swaby street, aged 79 years. He was an old and highly respected gentleman. He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Bridget and Catherine. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, the Rev. Michael Dwyer officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gray of Newark, returned home Tuesday after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ryan.
Thursday, the Feast of All Saints' Day and Friday, the feast of All Souls' Day, masses were celebrated in St. Patrick's church at 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

Rev. Father Kennedy, one of the Faculty delivered a lecture at the meeting of the T. A. B. society Sunday afternoon.
The Father Mathew T. A. B. society will hold its annual ball and dance Monday evening.

In St. Patrick's church last Sunday evening the men's mission came to a close. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Mentor and the rosary was recited by Rev. Father Kennedy. There was in the church over 700 men. Solemn benediction was given by Rev. Father Mentor assisted by Rev. W. Harrington of Waterloo, and Rev. M. Dwyer of St. Patrick's church. The services were largely attended during the two week's mission. One thousand eight hundred and eighty confessions were heard and about nine hundred took the pledge.

Ithaca.
Mr. and Mrs. John Franley have returned from their wedding trip.
Last Friday morning at the Immaculate Conception church occurred the funeral of Martin O'Brien. It was largely attended by friends and relatives. The pall bearers were Michael Nolan, Martin Gibbons, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Barry, John Troy and Jas. Sullivan.
Last Friday morning at 10 o'clock occurred the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Shallowitz. She died Wednesday of apoplexy. She is survived by three children.

Monday morning Miss Mollie Curtin, formerly of Cortland, died at the home of her aunt, Miss Reidy, Monday afternoon. Her body was taken to Cortland, where the funeral services will be held.

Miss Minnie Lyman was called to Geneva Monday, where she went on account of the death of her father, Patrick Lyman.
The Cornell Catholic Union gave a reception in Barnes hall last Friday evening. Charles McCarthy, whose company has been in the Philippines for some time, has returned home on account of ill health.

For Superintendent of the Poor
Clarence F. Lodge.

Clarence V. Lodge, the Republican nominee for superintendent of the poor, was born in Henrietta forty-seven years ago, and has always been a resident of Monroe county. He was educated in the union schools of this native town, and worked his father's farm for a number of years after he attained manhood. He was appointed warden of the Monroe county jailhouse by Superintendent McGonegal, and held that position until the year 1894, when he was unanimously nominated for the office from which Mr. McGonegal retired. Three years ago he was unanimously renominated and re-elected.
During his term in office Mr. Lodge has given particular attention to investigating cases reported for relief, with a view to preventing patients being foisted on Monroe county who should be cared for by the neighboring counties or by other states, and by this precaution he has saved thousands of dollars to the county, and added to the credit of the poor of Monroe.
Mr. Lodge is a loyal and staunch republican, has often been a delegate to county and state conventions, and for several years represented the fourteenth ward in the county committee. He has also served as president of the New York Association of Superintendents of the Poor.
The action taken by him two years ago in forming an association of the overseers of the poor for Monroe county has been a great saving to the county inasmuch as the associations concerted action in regard to enforcing the State Tramp act. This action alone cutting down the bill of the county at least 75 per cent. The association meets quarterly, so that each overseer may be in perfect touch with each other.

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According to the Western Watchman, there will be eight, perhaps ten, cardinals named in the next Consistory. This is for papal Rome a far more important event than a presidential election is for the United States.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has 127 students preparing for the priesthood. This means an average of 25 priests for ordination each year. The great sees of the country are fast becoming the rivals of the great sees of Catholic Europe. If the numerous body of the American clergy are equal to their opportunities, the Church will soon be a power in this free land.

How few Catholics are aware that Chaucer, Craslow, Southwell, Pope, Dryden, Comstock and William Habington, Davanant and Gower, Surrey, Massinger and Shirley were Catholics.

Archbishop O'Reilly, of Adelaide, Australia, was recently the recipient of two gifts from Protestant residents of his diocese. The Adelaide Herald (secular) calls him "the Cardinal Wiseman of South Australia."

The will of the late Marquis de Bute has been admitted to probate. Along with other large charitable bequests, the sum of \$100,000 is distributed to various Catholic institutions.

Father William H. Keetcham, of Antlers, L. T., is announced, will take charge of the entire Catholic Indian mission of the United States with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Miss Kate Don Leavy, formerly editor of The Catholic Friend, of Richmond, Va., is now in Washington.

Brother Fabrician, late of St. John's College, is still at Passy. The rumor of his return to this country is unconfirmed.

Mrs. Alice Worthington Withney, who died recently at Washington, was a Catholic writer of considerable merit. She was an enthusiastic Catholic and did what she could to extend the blessings of her adopted religion to those in doubt. She merited well of her co-religionists, and has a claim upon their prayers.

Dr. Nicholas Bjerring died on September 10, at his home in New York. He was born in Denmark in 1831, was educated at various European universities, came to this country thirty-five years ago, was for many years a clergyman of the Greek Church, then a Protestant minister, but finally found rest in the Catholic faith. He left on record his conviction that "our entire United States will some day become Catholic."

Excursion Rates West.
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PEARL OF THE OAKS.

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BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.

PART SECOND.

(Continued from last week.)

V.
"No; where are they?"
"They have been in our woods since last night, and I thought you had seen or heard of them."

"No I have remained in the house most of the day. Have you seen them?"
"No; but father has been down to the camp and says that they are as dark as some of our slaves, all excepting one little girl whom he accidentally caught sight of. She has long red hair which seems inclined to be curly, though it is matted so you cannot tell much about it. Her eyes are blue, while theirs are black, and in spite of her out-door life her face is very white."
"How strange," said Mrs. Tone, becoming interested, who ever heard of a gypsy with blue eyes and red hair?"
"Father says he doesn't believe she is one of them, and if she were only clean and dressed decently, she would be a beautiful child."

"I would like to see this wonderful child; but it is so warm I could not think of going down to the woods this afternoon."
"I am going."

"Are you not afraid the gypsies will try to kidnap you?"
"I, how absurd to think of such a thing as their taking a grown up boy like me," and he sat up proudly as if to show her he was almost a man."

"Pardon me, they would not think of stealing a young gentleman like you. But the little girls, are they not frightened?"
"Frightened you would think so if you could see them. The three of them are with mother continually while they watch the baby as if they were afraid she would be carried away. They dare not even step outside the door."

"Poor little dears, it is too bad to frighten them so."
"Yes, but girls are such cowards anyway."

"I am sure you love them just the same, and are very proud of them."
"Yes I do, and I would not part with one of my little sisters for the whole world." At that moment Mrs. Tone noticed the boy on the step and forgetting the presence of her visitor, in whose good graces she wished to remain, she said angrily, "My boy, what are you doing there? Don't you know that we do not allow niggers to sit on our front veranda."

Almost anyone but Jack, the favored companion of James Levimore, would have shrunk beneath her angry gaze; but he only arose and rolling the whites of his eyes up at her, stood waiting for orders from his master who was the only one in the world who had any authority to command him.

Mrs. Tone saw that the boy was neatly dressed in a suit of Jamie's cast off clothes and the indifference with which he met her reproach made her for a moment regret her hastiness; but she was wholly unprepared for what was coming.

Jamie loved the boy little less than a brother and would never permit an angry word to be spoken to him. "I am sorry, Mrs. Tone that I have offended you by bringing Jack with me, but where he is unwelcome, so am I, so I will bid you good afternoon."

He arose and was about to go.
"Pray do not be offended," she said offering numerous apologies, "for I did not know the boy belonged to you. Some of our slaves are so impudent they come sneaking around trying to listen when we have callers and I thought it was one of them."

Her husband knew that she was telling an untruth and to prevent her making further apologies to the youth whose temper she had aroused he said, "If you wish, Jamie, I will accompany you to the woods for I am quite anxious to see the little girl you were telling about."

"Please do not be in a hurry, wait until it grows a little cooler," said Jessie.

"I prefer going now if Mr. Tone is ready, so as to be back early."

"You must call again, Jamie, we are always happy to see you, and you may bring Jack any time you wish. I assure you he will be treated well."

Mrs. Tone gazed after the trio as they departed, Jack a little in advance.
"What a soldierly bearing that boy has," she mused, "and he will make a fine young man; but he has more of the French temper than I ever suspected; and what a fool he made of himself over that nigger. The boy ought to be put to work in the fields instead of being made as much of a gentleman of as though he were white and allowed to lounge on people's front verandas. I really believe those foreigners and northern people would spoil every one of our slaves if they were given the opportunity."

Frank Tone was no less deeply impressed by the appearance of the strange gypsy child than his neighbor had been, and with Mr. Levimore he believed that she was not an offspring of any of the dark skinned inhabitants of the three great covered wagons. He gave his wife a vivid description of her and although she appeared for the time to be greatly interested, Bessie thought no more of her until the next afternoon when Mrs. Levimore called and asked her if she would not like to accompany herself and her husband on a visit to the camp.
Certainly, Mrs. Levimore, if you are going, was the reply, "I am quite anxious to see the little red haired child, I heard Jamie and my husband speaking of."

"It is mostly on her account I am going, and I hope we shall see her. My husband noticed that they try to keep her out of sight and that looks strange."

As they neared the camps the sound of a clear, childish voice was heard singing an old gypsy ballad. "There she is," whispered Mrs. Tone, pointing to the foot of an elm tree where reclined a girl of about ten or twelve years. She was dressed in a faded and torn gown of blue and her long matted hair which shone like threads of gold in the sunshine fell almost to the ground. With her back toward them, she was intently watching a myriad of little fish in a brook that flowed at her feet, and she sang on oblivious of the presence of strangers until the sharp voice of woman who had espied them called out, "Melissa, come here," The child sprang to her feet turned fully toward the strangers, and gazed at them long enough for them to notice the delicate outlines of her fair face from which beamed a pair of bright blue eyes.

The call was repeated in a tone less gentle than before. Like a frightened deer she sprang into the creek, wading through water that reached her knees, and was soon hidden in one of the great wagons.

The visitors were kindly received by the gypsies, who offered trinkets for sale; but they were disappointed as the one they had wished to see had been hidden. Under any other circumstance Mrs. Tone might have been glad enough, after investing in one or two little articles, to make her escape from these vulgar people, but having seen how they tried to hide the child she had come here to see, she was more anxious than ever to get sight of her.

"I suppose some of you sing?" she asked the leader.
"Yes, most of us do. Would you like to hear us?"

She replied in the affirmative and as the rest of the party approved, about a dozen of the band, two of whom had tambourines stood in a line before them and sang a wild gypsy song which they had learned in southern Europe. The sound was almost deafening to the ladies who would gladly have escaped and they were not a little disappointed in noticing that the child was still kept out of sight.

When they had finished Mrs. Tone ventured to ask for the little girl she had heard singing across the brook and told the leader that they would like to hear her again. She noticed the man's brow darkened into frown but determined not to be refused she drew from her purse a bright silver dollar and held it up before him. The sight of the money had the desired effect and after a consultation between the man and a woman who claimed to be Melissa's mother, she was allowed to stand alone before them and sing the ballad she had left unfinished when called.

Melissa was quite timid and her voice trembled at first, while a deep flush mantled her face, but it soon passed away. The bird-like melody grew clearer and sweeter, a sweet smile dimpled her mouth and played around her now beaming blue eyes, and as she sang the strangers were given an ample opportunity to scan her face. They saw more plainly now the rare loveliness of the fine, childish features and each went home full of suspicions in regard to her for whom, perhaps, some wealthy mother had shed many sad tears. In the heart of the lonely man who had buried his own darling, the childish voice had awakened a tender feeling which had been dormant for years, and he almost wished that he might clasp her to his bosom, just once, and kiss her as he so often had Maria.

Nearly three weeks had passed and the wandering band were preparing to take their departure. They had been visited daily by the people from the county for miles around; not a few of the visitors coming expressly to see the strange child about whom there was much comment. Many of them, however, were disappointed, for Melissa was kept out of sight most of the time; but this made them all the more interested and eager to see her. During a conversation on the all absorbing subject, Mrs. Levimore told her neighbor that were it not for her own four girls she would adopt the little stranger. She felt almost inclined as it was to try to take her and send her to a young ladies' seminary to be educated.

(To be continued)

CATHOLIC NOTES

The Sisters of Notre Dame, in Cincinnati, Ohio, have opened a school for deaf children.

Lionel Johnson, the poet, is a convert, and is said to be the last person confirmed by Cardinal Manning.

St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday, turned into its seventieth year as an educational institution.

The Rev. D. T. O'Sullivan, S. J., editor of the Scientific Chronicle in the American Catholic Quarterly, has been appointed professor of physics at Boston College.

Mme. Marholm, who was one of the distinguished German Protestant women's suffragists, has recanted and professed her conversion to the Catholic ideal of the Blessed Virgin for the uplifting and perfection of women.

A solemn "Te Deum" was sung in the pro-Cathedral, London, and other churches throughout the archdiocese on a recent Sunday after the high mass, the day being the golden jubilee of the restoration of the hierarchy to England, the grant having been made by Pius IX. on Sept. 29, 1850.

Among some remarkable conversions abroad are those of two prominent Jews in Hungary, the Rabbi Tisman and his sister, who had become involved in a controversy against the truths of Christianity which resulted not only in their conversion, but in their both joining the Franciscan Order.

The MacErlain Sanitarium at 161 Summit avenue, Jersey City, N. J., is for the treatment and cure for the drink, tobacco and cocaine habits. Numbers are cured in a few weeks, and the institution has the approval of Bishop Wigger and the Apostolic Delegate, Rev. J. C. MacErlain is the director.

The widow of the late General Julio Regnifo for many years, Colombian minister to the United States, has presented her jewels to St. Aloysius' church, Washington, requesting that a chalice be made of the gold and ornamented with the stones.

Adrian Isilm, the wealthy resident of New Rochelle, has purchased the old Hartley homestead in the outskirts of Yonkers, and will establish there a hospital for the convalescent poor of New York. Plans for remodeling the present building on the property were filed with the building department of that city. It is reported that Mr. Isilm will spend between \$60,000 and \$75,000 upon the house.

Mgr. Santander y Frutos, who used to be Bishop of Havana is now Archbishop of Sebastopolis and is in Rome.

St. Alphonsus' Church, Baltimore, is celebrating its centenary this week. It is conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

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