

# Correspondence

OUR AGENT,  
Mr. A. Herman, will collect from  
subscribers in Geneva, Canandaigua  
next week.

## AUBURN.

It is with heartfelt regret that we learn of the removal of the Rev. James B. Keenan who has been assisting in the church of the Holy Family in this city for the past two years and eight months. The faithful who have known him will regret from them being singularly beloved by the people. Father Keenan is one who has nobly distinguished himself as the consecrated herald of the gospel. In him the congregation loses a young and brilliant preacher whose sermons were a torch that warmed while they enlightened, captivated the mind and subduing the hearts of his hearers. His discourses being always of the standard of literature which guides not only the youth but the aged in the way of sanctitude. In fact, his every word and gesture portray that earnest and ardent nature so characteristic of him.

Under his energetic guidance as spiritual director, the Holy Name Society increased in large numbers. Be it midnight or noon he was on wing at duty's call to the bed side of the sick. There the Angel of Peace stood to comfort, to console. As we cannot keep him in our midst, we must conform to his will. "It is expedient that I go." To him we offer the best wishes and heartily congratulate the chosen people of Ithaca, among whom he is destined to impart the blessing of his sacred ministry. In Father Keenan they have a prince of truth and of justice.

The entertainment given by the children of the Holy Family School under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy at the Curtis Opera House Monday evening last, was a great success, and proved to be one of the best amateur productions ever given in the city.

Rev. Father Maloy of Geneva, was a guest at the Holy Family rectory the early part of the week.

Rev. Father Kelley, the new assistant pastor, delivered an eloquent sermon at St. Patrick at the Holy Family church last Sunday.

Another one of those pleasant gatherings was held at St. Mary's school last Monday evening and was largely attended. A good time was realized. These parties during the past few months have been held among the many families in St. Mary's parish for the purpose of raising funds for the coming fall month. Thus far a large amount of money has been raised.

Rev. Father O'Brien of Canandaigua preached a fine sermon at the Wednesday evening Lenten devotions last week at the Holy Family church.

Rev. Father Nerilla's many Auburn friends were pleased to learn he was recovering from his recent severe illness.

## LIMA.

The pasigraphy of St. Patrick was delivered by Father Ryan on Sunday evening. He handled his subject in a manner which pleased his audience and proved himself an Irishman of the kind which this country could illly spare.

St. Joseph's day was observed here with unusual solemnity. Mass at 6:30 o'clock after which was benediction of the most blessed sacrament. The school children led by Sister Henrietta sang the mass. The altar was beautiful with cut flowers and plants.

The ladies of the town have made a more towards the erection of a new town hall. The present one is too small and not in keeping with other improvements which our village has taken on of late. Success is guaranteed when the ladies have taken the matter in hand with so much spirit.

## LADY HILL.

Rev. Father Quinn after reading the gospel of the day, and of the miracle of the loaves and fishes to his congregation, preached an eloquent pasigraphy commemorating our apostle, St. Patrick. Our pastor referred to the fact that all saints apart a day to the memory of their distinguished founders and patrons by which service all hearts are united in common faith. In the recalling of the scenes of the past Americans celebrate the birthday of Washington, a name stamped on the heart of every true lover of liberty. So the Frenchmen, German and Scotchmen honor the memory of their great men, but none shine out with greater lustre on the consciousness of fame than the great apostle of Ireland to which we may point with pride. May we recall the expounder of our faith, in fidelity. Nothing since Jesus Christ taught his disciples has been more sublimely beautiful, or more beautifully pathetic than the beginning of Catholicity in Ireland. As St. Peter condemned the Pagan worship of Rome and St. Paul carried the light into Macedonia, so St. Patrick came to our own fathers, bringing the reality of faith and the worship of the Son of God. Ireland has had her trials. Apostate England has driven her children from many homes, giving them a torturing death by starvation, but Ireland did not deny her Catholic faith. The Celtic cross at every resting spot of the dead at the Irishman's undying faith and the very dumb stones of her old church walls grow eloquent in their silent eulogy of those who have worshipped within. The Irishman has ever been faithful among the faithless in spite of oppression and poverty. Busy industry distinguishes other lands, but the people of Ireland are now waking as from long sleep and from years of oppression her smiles have had America as their Western star, and here in a new world on American soil has sprung up a new and free Ireland. Persecution has peopled heaven with Irish martyrs and Irish saints. Ireland's history is written not in books that perish but in the memory of God himself. Fidelity is the brightest gem set in her crown of glory. The Irishman leaves his country with scarce a hope that he will ever see it again. He has here contributed a generous share in building up the commonwealth. Shedding his blood for this land he has stood hand in hand with the truest and bravest. No less striking has been the impress he has left on the social and industrial interests of this country.

The Rev. pastor referred to many of Ireland's illustrious sons, both of soldiers, statesmen, and orators who fought and shed their blood both in the Revolutionary and civil war, and even the founder of the American navy, was Commodore John Barry, heroic warrior of the wind and waves who never knew defeat. Our Rev. pastor speaking of Ireland's selection of her national flower, concluded by saying that Ireland's history is written not in books that perish but in the memory of God himself.

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faith, the sweet life of his love. History tells us of the struggles Ireland endured for the faith of Patrick. The story of the Danish invasion, of the Anglo-Saxon, of the persecution by Henry the VIII, Elizabeth-Cromwell—how every cruelty was resorted to in order to rob Ireland of her ancient faith. She saw the various nations of Europe like the apostles scandalized by the ignominy of the cross, but this bond her more closely to her agonized Lord. From the first day that the voice of Peter sent Patrick to her shores to the present, she has been obedient to that voice. Everything might go even that which constitutes a state, but her religion never—like another Mary she has remained all the more attached to the cross. The bloody persecution has but cemented the union.

## OXID.

Miss Elizabeth Harrarty and Kate McCarrigh were in Geneva this week.

Richard Finnegan returned to Albany after a week's visit at his home here.

Rev. J. W. Hendrick attended the Forty Hours at Pean Yan, this week.

On Wednesday evening the body of Philip Riley was brought to Ovid for burial. The body was taken to Holy Cross church Thursday, a. m. and was buried, then the interment was in Holy Cross cemetery.

Ovid has seen the herald of spring—the robin.

An anniversary high mass was celebrated for Thomas Lavery Thursday morning.

John McEvoy of Lodi, was in Dundee this week on business.

The teachers' institute will be held at Waterloo, beginning April 1st, ending April 5th.

## SHORTSVILLE.

Mrs. Wm. McCarthy who underwent an operation at the Beahm hospital Canandaigua, is getting strong weekly.

Michael Carney and family of this place, have moved to Hopewell.

Miss Maggie Lawlor, who has been confined at the home of her sister, with pneumonia, is somewhat better.

Statues of the cross will be held this evening (Saturday) at 8 o'clock.

## SENECA FALLS.

On Sunday last, St. Patrick's day, solemn and impressive ceremonies took place in St. Patrick's church, St. Patrick being the patron of our church. At the 10:30 mass Rev. Father Dwyer spoke appropriate of the occasion. In the evening grand vespers were celebrated by Father Dwyer at 7:30 o'clock. The pasigraphy on St. Patrick was delivered by Rev. Father O'Brien of Canandaigua, before a large and attentive audience which crowded the church. Father O'Brien delivered the pasigraphy in a clear and distinct voice. Benediction of the most blessed sacrament was given by Father O'Brien. The choir rendered special music at 10:30 mass and vespers, being assisted by some fine singers. The altar was handsomely decorated.

Tuesday, the feast of St. Joseph, high mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Father Dwyer being celebrant.

Rev. Father McPadden of Geneva, delivered an eloquent sermon Wednesday evening, in St. Patrick's church.

Statues of the cross was held at 7:45 p. m. Friday, in St. Patrick's church.

James, aged 2 years and 6 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Woods of Bridge street, died Saturday of pneumonia. The funeral was held Monday at 3 p. m. interment at Columbkille's cemetery.

On Monday afternoon the annual tax meeting was held and voted to bond the village for the completion of the Ramsey street bridge. The work on the bridge is now commenced. It will extend from Bayard street to Fall street. The bridge is almost opposite St. Patrick's church and it will be a great convenience to the Catholics living on the North side of the river to attend church.

Rev. Father O'Connor, pastor of St. Patrick's church, was the one who started the building of the bridge. Father O'Connor donated the buttoms and a strip of land to the bridge.

There was no school Tuesday it being the feast of St. Joseph.

Rev. Father Dwyer attended the Forty Hours devotion at Lyons, Tuesday.

On Monday evening the Ancient Order of Hibernians held their annual banquet.

A large number of people in this town were saddened to hear of the death of Patrick Donahue, editor of the Boston Pilot. He died Monday in Boston aged 87 years.

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Darling, we will miss you; taken from our embrace,  
But that lovely form, from memory shall never be erased.  
Beautiful in life, still beautiful in death;  
Lovely in the casket placed with care,—James we miss you from our home,  
And from our arms—we miss you every where.

Now we will put away the little dresses, that our darling used to wear.  
Since we know you are with the angels singing with the heavenly choir.  
And we will strive to live to meet you in the land above the skies,  
Where we know you will be watching with these lovely baby eyes.

## — MT. MORRIS.

It is our painful duty this week to announce the death of one of the most esteemed members of St. Patrick's congregation. When the sad intelligence reached this village that James McDonald of Leicester was dangerously sick, the prayers of all devout people was that his life might be spared, but divine providence decreed otherwise and Tuesday morning death entered that happy home and removed a kind and affectionate husband and loving father, one whom every body respected. His immediate neighbors, those who knew him best, speak of him as one of the most honorable citizens, charitable and generous, ever willing to assist those in need. It is a crushing blow to his family, as so many could be mortified in the discharge of the duties and obligations of a husband and father than he always was. About twenty years ago deceased he was united in marriage to Rachael Appel, and since that time resided near Gibsonsville in the town of Leicester. The union was blessed abundantly and it seemed as if many happy, prosperous years were yet to be enjoyed by the happy family and his death at this time is unusually sad. Besides his widow he is survived by two children, Lawrence and Blanche, an aged father and mother, three brothers and three sisters, residing in Perry, N. Y., another sister, Mrs. Chas. Crossman and a brother Alphonse McDonald, both residing in Rochester.

The funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church Thursday morning and the large number of friends present from Rochester, Perry, Leicester, and Mt. Morris, bear testimony to the fact that his worth was appreciated and that our community unite with his sorrowing family in mourning the loss of a noble man.

## COOK OPERA HOUSE.

The extraordinary list of splendid attractions at Cook Opera House for the coming week, starting Monday matinee, March 25th, is declared to be the best yet offered at the popular home of refined vaudeville, and the number of stellar features on the programme seems to warrant this claim. Miss Fanny Rice is to be the bright particular star in a clever version of the season's dramatic oration "Mell Gwyn." Fanny Rice is one of the most expensive of modern vaudeville headliners, as she is one of the most artistic and thoroughly charming. Her personality has in the legitimate field given her special vogue with women, and she is accorded with being one of the very few actresses whose comedy is genuinely funny. The programme embraces many prominent noteworthy features. The chic and charming Miss Josephine Sabel, chanteuse eccentric. The Garenconetti's famous troupe of Brazilian acrobats new touring America for the first time, whose astonishing feats are wholly new and the most daring on record, and who have been engaged as a special attraction at the Pan American Exposition. The three Lelliotts will offer their funniest of musical sketches entitled "The Professor and his Pupils" which is brimful of mirth and music. Miss Lottie Gladstone, the favorite amusing monologue character artist, will present a series of imitations. Williams and Adams, eccentric comedians will introduce their laughable specialties known as "The Monte Carlo Millionaires." The Biograph will offer all new attractive pictures. The remainder of the vaudeville portion of the excellent bill includes John H. Keefe, Rube Monologist, and comedian dancer; Herbert and Williams in their new and novel sketch entitled "Condom Craze" with the assistance of Joe Monk, completes one of the merriest entertainments ever given at this model playhouse. Two performances daily, matinee 2:15 and evening 8:15.

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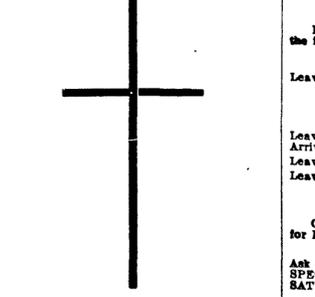
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