

Correspondence

OUR AGENT,
Mr. A. Herman will visit Avon, Lima, Honeoye Falls, E. Bloomfield, Holcomb, Charlotte and Mt. Read.

BATH.
Rev. James J. Griffin, pastor of St. Mary's church, in this village, attended the commencement exercises at St. Bonaventure College, Allegany, last week.

The local branch of the C. M. B. A., will give a dancing party in the A. O. H. parlors on Wednesday evening next.

Master Joseph McNulty has returned from St. Bonaventure College for the summer vacation.

July 17th at the Soldiers' home in this village, a basket picnic will be held by the school children of Steuben county. All the school children in the county are invited to attend.

Sufficient money to pay the Soldiers' Home band to play a series of concerts in Faltency park has been raised by subscription, and it is expected the first concert of the series will be given on Friday evening next, July 5th.

Wednesday evening last the Rev. Charles F. J. Griffin, S. T. D., of Buffalo, delivered the annual address before the Alumni association of Havering high school, in this village. It was a masterly effort and was highly spoken of by all who heard the reverend gentleman.

Henry Bradt, an old resident of Pheasant Valley, died Saturday, at the home of his daughter, there, aged 88 years.

The Republican county convention was held here yesterday afternoon.

Referee in Bankruptcy McMaster last Saturday rendered three important decisions in the Kellogg case of Canisteo.

Bath was visited by a terrific rain storm accompanied by thunder and lightning Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. For about 15 minutes rain fell in torrents and hail stones as large as hickory nuts covered the ground. Considerable damage is reported to property and crops. The grape country suffered the most, it being estimated that thousands of dollars damage was done. Many windows were broken in houses by the hail stones.

SHORTSVILLE.
Mr. and Mrs. John Driscoll are the happy parents of a pair of twin boys, which came to their home last week.

Miss Mary Dunn was the guest of relatives at Geneva last week.

Miss Anna O'Neill of Kings Ferry, L. I., is visiting her parents.

Mr. Daniel Gulliford of Manchester, and Miss Margaret O'Connors of Hornellsville were married at the latter place, last Wednesday, the 5th.

EAST BLOOMFIELD.
The many friends of William Dagman are glad to hear of his rapid recovery from his recent illness.

Miss Margaret O'Neil attended the commencement exercises at Genesee Normal school last week.

The Misses Agnes and Theresa Harrigan of Canadawaga, have been recent visitors in town to the guests of their sister, Mrs. Edward Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hogan and little daughter of Buffalo visited in town last week the guest of Mrs. Hogan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Toomey.

Rev. Thos. Harrington of Rochester was in town last week.

HAMMONDSPORT.
Mr. and Mrs. John Keady, Sr., of Lodi, are visiting relatives in town this week.

Rev. Jas. E. Keane and sister Lizzie were in Stanley attending the wedding of their sister, Helen.

Richard Finegan and sister Grace, are home after a two week's visit in Penn Yan and Dundee.

A severe hail storm visited Hammondsport, Saturday, doing much damage to the grain and grapes. It lasted about twenty minutes and during that time 96 window lights were broken out of the school house. Several of the windows of private houses were broken as well.

There will be three boats on the lake after July 1st.

MUMFORD.
Mrs. Gallis died Thursday night from blood poisoning. Besides her husband she leaves three small children to mourn her loss. The corpse was buried Sunday and the funeral mass was announced later.

Mrs. Ann Smith is visiting friends at Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Albert Stewart and Mrs. Andrew Frei are visiting friends at South Butler, N. Y.

DANSVILLE.
The closing exercises of St. Mary's school were held on Tuesday evening. The graduates are: Margaret Gross, Julia Sturm, Flora Schwan, Raymond Blum, Otto Geiger, Edward Keschich and Fred Veith. Father Kischel, in his address, expressed the best wishes and thanked the parents for co-operating to make the work of the school a success.

The graduates from St. Patrick's school this year are Belle E. Byron, Teresa Bacon, and John Mahoney. Miss Byron wins the gold medal for best average in the regents examination.

MT. MORRIS.
Prizes were distributed by Father Day, last Sunday, to those children who had been regular in their attendance at the Sunday school during the past year. Many of the boys and girls received the coveted medals and many others came very near the required mark. The Sunday school also decided by vote to have a field day and the date was set for Independence day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Burg attended the commencement exercises of the Avon high school and both will remain in Avon in order to revive old acquaintanceship. Mr. Burg's nephew, Mr. John Carroll, is a member of the class of 1901 of the high school and was one of the competitors in the prize-speaking contest. These Welch is in charge of Mr. Burg's business interests during his stay in Avon.

Miss Isabel MacNamara is home from the Sacred Heart Academy to spend her vacation.

Mr. W. P. Durkin tendered his resignation to the Board of Education and has entered the employment of Winters & Prophet.

atmosphere about the canning works is offered as a special attraction to these thrifty but misguided descendants of Dionysius.

GENESEEO.

Rev. Jas. A. Hickey of Rochester, gave the benediction at the commencement exercises at the Normal school on Thursday last.

John Mahoney had the misfortune of being kicked in the right arm by a horse on Saturday, breaking the arm just above the elbow.

Miss Agnes Reedy of Allegany is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Lafr, for a few weeks.

Rev. Thomas J. Harrington, who was recently appointed assistant to Rev. J. M. Hendrick of Ovid, is a brother of Miss Louise Harrington of this village.

The annual sports of the Genesee Valley Hunt Club, will be held at the Homestead, in this village, Saturday, July 6th.

A large number of our young people, who have been teaching in different parts of the state have returned to spend their vacation here.

Miss Elsie Gallagher of Cincinnati, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brogan, over Sunday.

Wm. Quirk and George Cullinan graduated from Williams College on Wednesday last.

Miss Helen Cullinan was the guest of E. E. Cullinan in New York city, last week. She was present on Wednesday last at the commencement exercises at Williams college.

Michael Donovan, Jr., of California, visited here last week.

Mrs. Wm. Huntington, of Toledo, Ohio, has been visiting relatives here and in Piffard. Mrs. Huntington is a sister of Miss Margaret Newell of this village, and Mrs. Geo. Boeber of Piffard.

John Dwyer of New York city, was home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwyer.

The strawberry and ice cream festival given by St. Mary's church society on Thursday evening last was enjoyed by all who attended. The Lotus orchestra of Retsof furnished the music for dancing. A large number from out of town were present.

Married, at St. Mary's church, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, James Frederic Ryan and Miss Mary E. Soucie, Rev. A. A. Hughes officiating. Miss Margaret Soucie, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Timothy C. Ragan was best man. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the groom from 12 to 6, at which a large number of invited guests were present. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will make their home in Genesee.

The following are the names of the Catholic students who graduated on Tuesday last at the Genesee State Normal school. Class of 1901—Classical Course—Grace C. Bradley, Bolivar; Ellen M. Brogan, Dansville; Katherine H. Doyle, Fairport; Harry G. Lyon, Naples; Sarah Malone, Lima; Ellen M. Moran, Corning; Mary R. McKenna, Canadawaga; Charles A. McMahon, Belfast; Thomas J. McMahon, Mt. Morris; John T. McGovern, Hiram; Frederic A. Quirk, Ellsworth; S. Schubert, Margaret B. Toland, Genesee; Patrick H. Sheahan, Rushville. English Course—Alliene M. Gray, Olean; May E. Morrisey, Livonia; Mary A. Murphy, North Java; Mary E. Meagher, Holcomb; Mary A. Oaks, Mt. Morris; Susanna T. Regan, Wellsville; Mary I. Rigarty, West Bloomfield; Katherine A. and Margaret E. Whalen, Wyoming; Anna Brogan, and John H. Parselle, Genesee.

LIMA.

The commencement at G. W. Seminary closed at noon on Wednesday, 26th. A very large class graduated this year, among them several former pupils of our parochial school. Joseph McSwaney gave the salutatory with honor. Peter McManus, Mary C. Connolly, Nellie Hendia and Nellie Collins.

Mrs. James McManus and daughter Anna, came from Lawton, Pa., to be present at the graduation of her son.

An examination in Christian Doctrine will be held in the school on Thursday morning. Father Fitzsimmons gave to the most deserving each year a gold medal besides many beautiful books and souvenirs.

Michael O'Day died Wednesday morning at his home here after a very short illness. He was discharged from the U. S. service in the Philippines and reached his home here early in June. He was not well on his arrival but only took to bed Sunday. Brain fever was the doctor's diagnosis.

PENN YAN.

The final examinations of St. Michael's school in all grades came to a close Thursday, June 20th. According to the reports of teachers and pupils the past year has been a very successful one for the school.

The delightful little programs of both the intermediate and grammar departments were very good and enjoyed by the parents of the pupils.

On Friday afternoon a short program was given after which the graduating class of thirteen received from Father Hendrick their diplomas. A beautiful gold medal for scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Miles, she having the highest average of her class.

AUBURN.

The funeral of Miss Jeanna M. Schmeink took place from St. Alphonsus church last Monday. Rev. Father Regenbogen said the requiem mass and also conducted the burial services. There was a large attendance both the house and church. Miss Schmeink was a model young woman who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. Death was the result of an operation performed at the City hospital which was considered successful at first but afterwards proved fatal.

Miss Katherine E. Keenan and Jere M. Grosney were wedded at the Holy Family church last week Thursday. The church was thronged with friends of the happy pair, when the pastor, Rev. J. J. Hickey, tied the nuptial knot. During the ceremony, Mrs. W. H. Meagher of Skaneateles, a former organist of the church rendered the "Holy City." The bride wore a beautiful traveling costume with hat to match. Miss Mary Quinlan and William Grosney were the attendants. The groom is the popular N. Y. Central train dispatcher here and the bride is a daughter of Joseph Keenan, the monument manufacturer. Mr. and Mrs. Grosney are visiting Mr. Grosney's brother in Washington.

Miss Ellen L. Hickey of Franklin street, returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., this week where she has been a guest at the home of her uncle Mr. O'Connor for the past month.

St. Mary's church was the scene of a pretty wedding last week Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Anna Doyle of this city and Thomas Colligan of Syracuse. Rev. William Mulhern the pastor performed the ceremony. The bride looked charming in white organdie and silk with hat to match and carried a bouquet of white roses. The attendants were Miss Lizzie Doyle a sister of the bride, and Henry Colligan a brother of the groom. Miss Adelaide

McCenell presided at the organ and rendered Mendelssohn and Longini's wedding marches.

Rev. P. A. Neville, Rev. M. Wall and Rev. Father Geffell were guests at the Holy Family rectory during the week.

The funeral of Mrs. William H. Ratney was held last week Friday, from the Holy Family church and was largely attended. Rev. J. J. Hickey was celebrant of the solemn high mass. Father Holmes deacon, and Father Kelly sub-deacon. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers. Mrs. Ratney's death was quite sudden. She is survived by her husband and one brother, Matthew Flannery, and one sister, Mrs. Curtis, who is seriously ill at the City hospital and could not be performed of her sister's death. Interment took place in the family plot in St. Joseph's cemetery.

ELMIRA.

The annual commencement exercises at St. Patrick's parochial school were held Monday evening where many beautiful diplomas, certificates, etc. were given. The graduating class of twenty-six pupils bespoke the intelligent training and high standard of mental excellence maintained in the school.

Annual commencement of Academy of Our Lady of Angels were held Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the Rectory Bld. A large audience was in attendance and the excellence of the program called forth much applause.

The graduates of this year were Miss Claire Brophy of this city and Miss Celia Colgan of Corning, both of whom received high honors and awarded gold medals. The musical numbers were of a very high order, and as a whole reflect much credit upon the Sisters of St. Mary's. The medal and diploma were awarded by Rev. J. J. Bloomer and Rev. J. C. Long.

The annual exercises of St. Mary's school held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was a grand success. Too much praise cannot be given the Sisters of St. Joseph and Rev. Father O'Dwyer. The graduating class of thirty-six pupils bespeak of the work done last year. The hall was draped with pink and green bunting and banks of palms, lilies, and other flowers in front of the foot-lights. Fitch's orchestra added to the pleasure of the occasion by rendering some very fine selections. The program in all was admirably rendered.

When the curtain arose for the last time what a picture. The bright, smiling faces of thirty-six graduates and their venerable pastor, his face all aglow with happiness, for his school and children are his life. In his happy way with words of commendation and advice to the class and thanking the good Sisters for the noble work of making St. Mary's school as he thought, the best in the world, also the parents for their co-operation.

The scene will long be remembered by the large audience that were seen occupying every available space in the auditorium.

At St. Mary's church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, Miss Kate Hart of Elmira, and James Regan of Watkins, were united in marriage by Rev. M. O'Dwyer. Mr. and Mrs. Regan will reside in Watkins.

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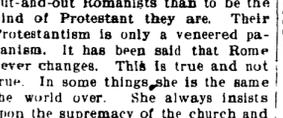
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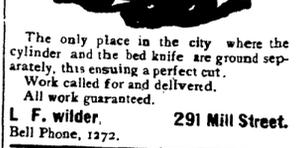
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