

Correspondence

OUR AGENT.

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

EAST BLOOMFIELD.

Miss Julia Peer of Rochester spent Sunday in town the guest of her parents.

Miss Elizabeth O'Neill returned from Yorkville last week to spend her vacation here accompanied by her niece, Miss Genevieve McCarthy of Geneva.

Father Neville announced last Sunday that mass will be celebrated at 9:30 during the summer instead of 10:30 as heretofore.

Mrs. George Whaley of Rochester, has been in town a few days, called here by the illness of her boy who has been visiting his grand parents for some time.

Miss Bessie McGreevey of Guelph, Canada, arrived in town last week to spend the summer.

Miss Mary Meagher, one of the members of the graduating class at Geneseo, returned home last week.

HONEOYE.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gilbert, Jr., June 25th.

Michael Menihan, Jr., has purchased a new engine, so he will be in shape to do all kinds of woodwork.

Julia Cotter from Buffalo, was visiting her friends at Honeoye last week.

Chas. Howcroft, Jr., from Fairport, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howcroft.

BATH.

Miss Mary Collins, of the corps of nurses at the Soldiers' Home hospital, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

The dead body of James Shanessy, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was found, covered with blood, in a field on the Royal Clarke farm on the Kanona road, near the Home, last Saturday evening. An examination of the body by Coroner John E. Hasoon and Assistant Surgeon Sheehan, of the Home, revealed unmistakable evidence of murder. His neck was broken, his skull pounded to a jelly and he had been kicked in the abdomen. There is no clue to the perpetrator.

Frank Haley, Harry Cline and Floyd Cowell, in jail awaiting the grand jury on a charge of burglary, attempted to escape on Monday morning, but were prevented through the vigilance of Under-Sheriff Brown and Jailer Smith. The men had torn up the closet floor and were sawing the grates beneath when discovered. They expected to escape through the man hole of an abandoned cistern.

Samuel Collins is reported to be seriously ill at his home on Warden street.

William F. McNamara, of New York, was brought here, Wednesday, to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNamara, suffering from malaria fever.

Married, June 26, at St. Mary's church here, Nellie Keough and John Lynch, Rev. Father Griffin, officiating.

The Fourth passed off quietly in Bath there being no public celebration here. At the Home the veterans were served with a delicious dinner, and in the evening a grand display of fire works was given.

Col. Davidson, of the Home, has been seriously ill from gastritis the past few days. He has not resigned his position as reported.

Bath has passed through a terribly hot spell of late the thermometer registering almost 100 in the shade at times.

John D. Wheeler, of Canaan, for county clerk; Almon W. Barrell, of Canaan, for district attorney; William C. Acker, of Hartsville, for superintendent of the poor; Dr. E. F. Parkhill, of Howard for Coroner; Frank C. Platt of Erwin, first district, for member of assembly, was the ticket nominated by the Steuben Republicans last week.

GENEVA.

There was an anniversary mass last Friday morning at 9 o'clock for our deceased pastor, Rt. Rev. J. T. McManus. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Michael McManus of Boston, nephew of the deceased.

The members of this year's graduating class of St. Francis de Sales school, the children's choir and altar boys were given a outing at Cayuga Lake Park Wednesday, by Father McDonagh.

The engagements of Miss Nora Lynch to John P. Haulaga, and of Miss Ella McMichael to Joseph W. Mickle are announced.

Miss Margaret Kelly and John Burke of Syracuse, were married at St. Theresa's church, Stanley, Wednesday afternoon.

PRATTSBURG.

Father Kennedy will celebrate mass at St. Patrick's church at 11 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Flaherty has gone to Buffalo, to visit her sister and to attend the exposition.

Franklin academy closed last week for the summer vacation.

Miss Margaret Ryan who has been attending school at Franklin academy for the past year has returned to her home in Cleveland to spend her vacation.

Miss Nora Trant leaves Wednesday for the Pan-American exposition.

MUMFORD.

Mr. E. M. Lath, principal of the Union school, has returned to his home at Brockport.

Miss Edna Sherman of Scottsville, spent a few days with friends in town.

Fred Boothby of Soona, is home for a few weeks.

The Local Temperance Legion will hold their convention the 9th and 10th of July in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donnelly have gone to Denver, Colorado, and intend to stop off on their return at Salt Lake, Utah.

Mrs. Kinnel and daughter Bessie of Buffalo were the guests of Mrs. F. Freeman last week Friday and Saturday.

The pipe factory closed, Saturday night for a week so that the employees may have a chance to visit the Pan-American.

Last week Wednesday evening a reception was held at the home of Mr. Edward Terry, one of the graduates of the Union school. About 30 guests were present and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Nelle Rogers is visiting relatives in Geneva.

Word has not been received that Frank J. O'Donnell, who is employed as night watchman at Dayton, Pa., was held up on the Erie road, at P. M., by a burglar with

A mask and uniform on. The burglar smashed the window in and showed a .38 calibre Colt's revolver through and demanded Frank to throw out his money to him, but Frank told him he would have to get it away from him. Frank then recognized his voice and told him that he knew who he was. The burglar asked him who he was. Frank told him. After he found out that he was known he started to go, but Frank called him back and told him to stay awhile, which he did. He then asked him to take off his mask and let him see it. While they were talking Frank telegraphed all he said to the despatcher, and them swore out a warrant for his arrest.

CALEDONIA.

The death of Mrs. Matthew Martin occurred at St. Mary's hospital on Thursday evening, from an illness of long duration. Her illness has been of long duration, dating from the death of her husband two years ago. During the past few months she has been a helpless invalid, she was most faithfully attended to by her daughter, Miss Jennie, and the best possible treatment at St. Mary's hospital, but it was all in vain and her death occurred as stated above at age of 64 years. Mrs. Martin was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and came to this country where she was married at Horrellville, in 1860 to Mr. Martin. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Jennie, and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Donohue of Greigville. The funeral was held from St. Columba's church on Saturday at 10 o'clock. Rev. B. W. Gommenginger officiating assisted by Rev. G. I. Euler.

The annual commencement exercises of Ovid High school were held in Columbus hall — evening, and was largely attended. All those who took part in the exercises acquitted themselves in a mysterious manner and elicited many words of praise not only for themselves but for the excellent faculty as well. There were three in the graduating class this year who received diplomas at the close of the exercises, Ida Catherine Rafferty, Margaret Angela Feehan and Clement Bainsbridge Cole. The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion, the class colors, red and white, predominating. An interesting feature of the exercises was the instrumental and vocal music by Mrs. and Miss Payne, Mrs. Elliott and Miss Claire Forster. The following is the programme as rendered: Music, Fantasia, Mrs. Payne, Miss Payne, General Grant's Eggleib, Fred H. Brown, piano solo, Grande Polka de Concert, Francis Kline, Rippak, Lena Allen, Wall, of St. Keyne, Louise F. Bristol, vocal solo, Happy Bird, Waltz, Claire Forster; Horatius at the Bridge, Ellen G. Tierney, Dignity of Labor, Sanford H. Kline; vocal solo, Cupid and I, Shoozy Shoo, Mrs. E. Elliott, essay, Heroism, Ida C. Rafferty, essay, After Graduation, Margaret H. Feehan; music, Cielde Song, Mrs. Payne, Miss Payne; Presentation of Diplomas, Principal Benj. E. Birge.—Independent.

GENESEO.

Our bundle of Geneseo papers were mislaid last week. Consequently our readers did not receive their papers on time. We have forwarded another lot, and those that have not received them will please notify us.

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THE ROSARY.

A BEAUTIFUL EXPLANATION OF THE DEVOTION BY A SAINTLY PRELATE

Bishop Ullathorne's Mode of Instructing Lady Georgiana Chatterton Shortly After Her Conversion to the Faith on the Manner of Reciting the Beads.

The following beautiful explanation of the Rosary is from a letter written by the late saintly Bishop Ullathorne, of Birmingham, England, to Lady Georgiana Chatterton, shortly after her conversion in 1875. It is published in a book of memoirs of her husband, Edward Heneage Dering:

"The principle of the Rosary is very ancient. Beads were often used as an instrument of prayer in the East long before Christianity. The Fathers of the desert counted their prayers, in some recorded cases, with pebbles. But St. Dominic, about the beginning of the Thirteenth Century, gave it its present form. The Paters and Aves attached to the beads are the body of the prayer. To get at the religious philosophy of the Rosary we must go to its soul. The soul of the Rosary is the meditation. To understand this you must have a little Manual of the Rosary, to be found in most prayer books. There you will see that the Rosary is divided into three parts, and one of these parts is represented by the material rosary, or string of beads—one part only being said at a time, as a rule.

"First is said the Credo, then 'Our Father,' represented by the large bead next the cross, and three 'Hail Marys,' represented by the three beads next it. Then come the mysteries of Our Lord's life, suffering and triumph, which are the objects of meditation. The first part is the five Joyful Mysteries, put in two or three sentences each in the manual, to keep the mind to its subject. Each of these is thought upon while saying one 'Our Father,' holding the large beads; ten 'Hail Marys' holding in succession the ten little beads. Then the next mystery is taken in the same way, until the whole circle is completed; after which there is a little prayer. For the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Passion the same round of beads is similarly used on another occasion. So likewise the five Glorious Mysteries.

"The body of the Rosary is the 'Our Father' and 'Hail Marys'; its pith and soul is the meditation. The beads, as they are held in the fingers, give escape to nervous restlessness, and so leave the attention more free. Thus the weakness of a nervous or restless or 'extroverted' mind is provided against. Many people can only think freely on a point—his thread snapped, and his thinking stopped. The fingering of the beads and the vocal prayers do this function, disposing and freeing the mind for meditation. Human nature is very complex; and its complexity of activity, which is in the Rosary provided for, is the source of those distractions that arise when we kneel inactive in body, and repeat customary vocal prayers. A little activity of the hands and a fixed object for reflection to animate our vocal prayer cure much of this distraction. A lady can think over her needle who cannot think so well sitting still with unused hands.

"The Rosary was the book of the unlettered before the ages of printing, which familiarized their hearts with the chief mysteries of the Gospel. It is excellent for two classes—those who like it, and those who do not like it. Millions of souls have been made contemplative and internally spiritual, in all classes, by its use, who, without it could never have become so. As to those who do not like it because it is childish—I once gave a Rosary to a gentleman of high character, great attainments and rare shrewdness—a convert. I said: 'Say that for three months, and ask me no reason for it. After that you yourself will give me a good reason.' He did so, and at the end of it he said: 'I understand. You wanted to pull down my pride, to make me simple and childlike, and to get me into the habit of spiritual reflection. I shall never leave it off again.'

"Some people do not like to take the medicine that will heal them, and call it nonsense. The Rosary is exactly that nonsense which cures an amazing lot of nonsense. Call it spiritual homeopathy if you like. Many a proud spirit has been brought down by it; many a distracted spirit has been made recollected by it. The weak things of the world hath God chosen to confound the strong."

"As to the relative number of 'Hail Marys,' I will not give the Irish carman's solution in reply to the query of his Protestant fare—that one 'Our Father' is worth ten 'Hail Marys' every day. There is a deeper solution. You will remember in Ivanhoe what a thrilling interest is created where the wounded hero, on his bed of pain; sees the whole conflict as it rages round the fortress through the eyes and heart of the Jewish maiden, who beholds and describes it with tender accents from the window of his apartment. There you have the sense of the 'Hail Marys.' Through the pure and tender soul of the Mother, more allied to our human weakness, you behold the life, acts and sufferings of the Son, whereby our own soul is opened to tenderness, to simplicity, to all of the mother within us; whilst we look on Him through her, invoking her to join our prayers with hers, the Mother and the Queen, by His heavenly throne."

Rev. John Kennedy, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Westville, Conn., addressed the graduating students of the Academy of the Holy Angels at Niagara, N. Y., June 19th. Rev. Edward Downes of Hartford, delivered the annual address to the graduates at St. Charles college, his alma mater, in Elliptic City Maryland. This graduation took place Thursday, June 20th.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.

Showing in a Beautiful Though Tragic Way the Good Wrought in Young Minds By a Catholic Education.

A most pathetic occurrence took place here on Thursday evening last (writes the Bathurst correspondent of the Sydney Freeman's Journal). Four little boys, named W. Davies (14), Morris (12), W. Elliott (13) and Davies (12), went out rabbit shooting with a pea-rifle. The eldest of them, Willie Davies, fired at a rabbit and missed it. He reloaded and handed the rifle to the boy Elliott to hold while he got a few more bullets from his pocket. The boy Elliott, not knowing the rifle was loaded, pointed it at Davies and touched the trigger, with the result that the ball lodged in the chest of Davies and mortally wounded him. He ran about thirty or forty yards with his hand on his heart saying "You've shot me." The boy Morris (12 years of age) followed him and asked him to say an act of contrition, which poor Willie did, asking Morris to help him to pray. He then asked his brother to kiss him, and to kiss his father and mother for him, and expired in the arms of Morris.

How very sad and yet how beautiful to see these little boys in a sceptical age like this helping their little friend to meet his God! The religion of the Catholic Church was shown here in its true colors. When the case came before the coroner (Mr. O'Neill) that gentleman was visibly affected at hearing the boys' story. During an experience of twenty-three years on the bench never before the said did such a pathetic scene come before him. He highly praised the boy Morris for his Christian act in directing the dying boy's thoughts to the Almighty. It was a grand and consoling thing to find boys so young knowing their duty so well.

The Christian education they must have received was highly to be commended. When the account of the occurrence was seen in the papers many an eye was dimmed. It was touching beyond description. The Rev. Father McEneaney spoke a few words about the sad event at the Children's Mass on Sunday, and there was scarcely a dry eye in church. He pointed out the beautiful teaching of the Catholic schools, and the necessity for everybody to be prepared to meet their Creator, and always to be in good company, and asked the children to pray for the little boy who was so suddenly called away. The boys were mourned at the Patrician Brothers' Schools.

Rev. Bernard Vaughan, S. J., one of the leading pulpit orators of England, has been transferred from Manchester to Farm Street, London. Father Vaughan had been twenty years in Manchester.

The time for complying with the Easter precept is drawing to a close. One week from to-morrow will be Trinity Sunday.

FIRST BAPTISM IN AMERICA

Vicar General Kelly, of the Catholic Diocese of Georgia, made the following statement while in a reminiscence mood: "The first Christian baptism in America took place at about the site of Macon, Ga., in 1504. This may seem a strange statement, but it is true. Accompanying the expedition of Hernandez de Soto, who made his memorable tour of discovery through this portion of America, was a Dominican priest, and the records show that two Indians were baptized by him in this portion of the country. From the description given I am satisfied that the baptism occurred at about where the city of Macon now stands."

ALL CATHOLICS NOW.

"The Literary Digest," says the Monitor, "asks whether New York will be Roman Catholic in fifty years. We take pleasure in furnishing the answer to the question. It will. So far as it is religious and Christian at all, New York at the present time is Roman Catholic. The same thing is true of San Francisco and of Chicago and Boston and of every great city in the United States. Those who have any doubts on the subject are invited to consult the reports of the United States census."

CATHOLIC INCREASE.

The Good Work Done By the Church in the United States During 1900.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, says the New York World, has placed in charge of the United States Census of Churches in 1890. Since that year he has compiled each year an important and interesting statement. The authoritative statement for last year, according to the Literary Digest, announces that Catholicism has increased by 80,432 during the year 1900. Methodism claims an increase of 106,472 members, which number, however, has to be sub-divided among seventeen different classes or kinds of Methodism which are by no means at peace one with the other.

The figures for the past ten years are even more satisfactory. The New York Christian Advocate says that:

"The largest gains in communicants between 1890 and 1900 were made by the Catholics—2,508,212. The Methodists (17 bodies) stand second with 1,327,065; the Baptists (13 groups) third with 803,434; the Disciples of Christ, fourth with 508,931; the Lutherans (21 bodies) fifth, with 429,095; the Presbyterians (12 bodies) sixth, with 306,068; and the Episcopalians (2 bodies) seventh, with 179,128."

All the above figures are taken from a non-Catholic source, and the leading position conceded to Catholics cannot therefore be contradicted. This is indeed most edifying and strongly illustrates the maxim: "Truth is great and will prevail."

Cardinal Martinelli confirmed 186 persons in St. Aloysius church, Washington, D. C., on the first Sunday of the month. Thirteen of this number were converts.



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Oh! yes, 'tis sweet when storm-clouds rise, And gather o'er our way, To feel that God can smooth the path, And bid the tempest stay.

Speed on, speed on, O lagging soul— Draw nearer to that home, Where waits, through many a patient hour, The King of Love—alone.

O happy flowers—sweet budding flowers— Waving to and fro— Before the Holy God of Hosts While the moments come and go.

Oh! yes, how sweet at close of day, When free from toil and care, I kneel before that Shrine of Love— His lonely watch to share.

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