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PORTO RICAN CATHOLIC.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL: It begins to look as though an epidemic of non-Catholic misrepresentation had been launched by the non-Catholics. I cannot understand why it is non-Catholics take so much delight in slandering Catholics in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines...

But it seems to be too bad, just now, when all other topics for pulpit talk, testable gossip or club conversations fail to "take a fall out" of the Filipino or Porto Rican Catholics.

The homes of the poor are without ornament unless they have a rag baby saint, decorated with bits of silver and blessed by the padre.

Unconsciously Mrs. Fletcher pays a tribute to the Catholic faith of the people she slanders. The presence in the house of a statue of this or that saint is proof that the occupants have a reverence for things religious.

Mrs. Fletcher ought to know that marriage is not uncommon in Catholic countries. No force has been so potent in upholding and conserving the sanctity of the marriage vows as has the Catholic church.

As the time for the Holiday Fair draws is nigh, interest waxeth stronger. Sunday evening another general meeting of large proportion was held and reports from various committees listened to.

Knowing that the Union claims to be a non-sectarian organization that solicits membership from all religious denominations, I made inquiries as to whether Mrs. Fletcher's essay was mentioned or approved by it.

the Board of Education by the aid of Catholic votes, heard the series and was so impressed with them that she induced the Union to have them repeated before it and that the other members had not the slightest idea that there would be anything in them to offend any one...

W. A. M.

FATHER GRIFFIN PROMOTED.

A Western Paper Tells of His Advancement and Success.

Rev. William E. F. Griffin, for the past fourteen months assistant pastor at the church of St. Paul, Fairmount, Minn., has recently been promoted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cotter to the responsible charge as pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Conception, Minn.

Rev. Fr. Griffin was born 26 years ago in Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained in June, 1900, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cotter after a brilliant course in the seminary of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn., where he was graduated with honors, having led a class of 21.

The above lines are from the pen of one who in a short time learned to love one in whom are centered the virtues of a true disciple of the Redeemer; they are the feeble expressions of one brought by the aid of the good father into the true fold.

BY A CONVERT.

WEEKLY ORDOUS CALENDAR.

Sunday, December 22—Gospel, St. Luke, iii, 1-18. St. Zenobius, martyr. Monday, 23—St. Victoria, virgin and martyr. Tuesday, 24—St. Therasia and Emiliana, Fast. Wednesday, 25—CHRISTMAS. Thursday, 26—St. Stephen, first martyr. Friday, 27—St. John, evangelist. Saturday, 28—The Holy Innocents, martyrs.

CANANDAIGUA.

A class consisting of 128 persons received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation here last Sunday. All took the pledge. The Bishop spoke in his customary happy manner to the children on their duty of going regularly to confession, of prayer and respect for parental authority.

A High Mass of requiem was celebrated Monday morning for the repose of the soul of Sister M. Gertrude so long the devoted superior at the convent here. Sister Gertrude spent her best years here and always spoke well of the generosity and goodness of the Canandaigua people.

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Rev. George J. Eisler, of St. Bernard's Seminary, accompanied the Bishop on his visit here last Sunday, said the late Mass and assisted in the Confirmation service.

John Gallagher, of Hopewell, now fills the responsible position of foreman at St. Bernard's Seminary.

The question of purchasing more land for cemetery purposes is agitating the congregation of St. Mary's. As far as can be ascertained no definite action has yet been taken.

Mr. Howard Sweeney called on Penn Yan friends last Tuesday.

AUBURN.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles Schilling of Seymour street took place from the Holy Family church Thursday morning, and was largely attended.

Mrs. Catherine M. Hickey has returned from New York where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Doyle, for the past four months.

The Hon. John J. Delaney of New York was the guest of friends in town over Sunday last.

SENECA FALLS.

John A. McBride has returned from a visit with his brother, B. F. McBride, in Brooklyn.

Rev. Father Hendrick of Ovid was in town last week. The Rev. Father James Mangan of The Holy Innocents' parish, New York city, is visiting at the home of his mother in Miller street.

The Rev. Dr. Hanna of St. Bernard's seminary, Rochester, will deliver a sermon in St. Patrick's church to-morrow (Sunday).

St. Patrick's choir is rehearsing its Xmas music. Midnight mass will be celebrated Christmas and several masses will be celebrated Christmas morning.

St. Patrick's school will close on Dec. 20th and reopen Jan. 9th, 1902.

The L. C. B. A. held a card party in their rooms Friday evening.

At the last meeting of Council 28, C. R. & B. A., the following officers were elected: Spiritual adviser, Rev. Michael U. Dwyer; president, Charles A. Casey; vice president, John Conner; recording secretary, John O'Hare; financial secretary, John E. Madigan; treasurer, Charles Forness; marshal, Miss Margaret Coleman; guard, Miss Florence Sullivan; trustees, B. E. O'Connor and Matthew Plunkett.

A heavy snow storm visited this place Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Monahan died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Norton, in Bayard street. She was born in Ireland 80 years ago.

John McGee died at his home in Myrdene street, Friday evening, of paralysis. He was born in Greenero, County Louth, Ireland, 81 years ago.

Have you been reading the story in our up-to-date paper, "The Catholic Journal"? The title is "The Two Brothers." If you have not you should.

A beautiful Christmas present would be a year's subscription to the "Catholic Journal."

GENESEEO.

Miss Margaret Neville has been visiting friends in Danville this week.

William A. Haley, who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, is convalescing.

Miss Minnie Walsh, who has been in Chicago for six weeks visiting relatives, returned home recently, and a pleasant surprise was given her by about thirty of her friends.

John Leonard has erected a repair shop on property in the rear of Callan's restaurant.

Rev. A. A. Hughes went to Piffard on Sunday last to celebrate mass, and was not able to return on account of the flats between this village and Piffard being flooded.

The Normans have holiday from Friday last to the Friday after New Year's. Miss Katherine O'Keefe of Lazerne, N. Y., and sister of Mrs. William A. Haley of this village, has purchased the Deolin homestead on Oak street.

The next meeting of the "Jolly" Pedro club will be with Mrs. M. Smith, Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st.

Mr. John Halligan, proprietor of the American hotel in this village, died Wednesday afternoon, aged about sixty-two years.

Mrs. Britton of North street is seriously ill. Died—Tuesday evening last at midnight, at her home on Chestnut street, Mrs. James Conroy, aged 77 years.

The Christmas programme to be rendered by the choir at St. Mary's church is as follows: Processional, Hammerel; Kyrie, Loesch; Gloria, Loesch; Credo, Loesch; Offertory, "Adeste Fidelis," Novello; Sanctus, Loesch; Agnus Dei, Loesch; Eocessional, Night of Nights, Vanderwater. Miss Belle McGuire organist.

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