

Correspondence

OUR AGENT,
Mr. A. Herman will visit subscribers
at Auburn, N. Y., next week.

PENN. YAN.
(Late last week.)

Ash Wednesday Mass was at nine o'clock and was largely attended here. For the last week or more the people of this place have experienced a regular blizzard in every sense of the word. Mr. Frank O'Shaughnessy, of Rochester, spent Sunday here with friends. Miss Clara Maloney, of Elmira, is visiting in town. T. S. Burns will hereafter be found on Main St. where he has one of the finest grocery houses in western New York. Michael Guider met with a serious and painful accident on Friday last on returning from dinner. He was going into the home if his brother John on Benham St. when he slipped on a piece of ice and his both feet went down under him. He was thrown with full force and struck on the base of the spine but an examination proved nothing more than a severe shaking up. He is slowly improving now.

AUBURN.

Rev. J. J. Hickey has received this week from New York, three sets of the most magnificent vestments that could be had in this country. The Forty Hours Devotion opened at the Holy Family church last Sunday at 11 o'clock Mass. The altars were magnificently trimmed with palms and flowers and over two hundred candles were lit during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The trimming of the altars and sanctuary is due to Sister Mary Angela of the Sisters of Mercy, Masses during the Forty Hours were held at 5, 7 and 9. Confessions were heard every afternoon and evening.

HAMMONDSPORT.

The last of the pedro parties was held at the home of Mrs. Richards, last Tuesday evening. Miss Kit Argus winning first prize and John Symons the gentlemen.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Masson was held here last Thursday. Mrs. Masson was a victim of scarlet fever. She leaves a father and mother and two daughters to mourn her loss.

Matthew McCormick left for his southern trip last Monday. He will visit Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. There will be a sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday during Lent. Stations of the Cross on Friday evening.

Father Kennedy was in Pittsburgh, Friday.

Harry A. Baldrige, of Ovid, was in town last week.

Mrs. Jacob Eckle is slowly improving from an attack of bronchitis.

WATERLOO.

The Forty Hours adoration will begin in St. Mary's church on Monday, Sunday at 10:30 mass. Vespers and sermon will be held Sunday evening. A sermon and Benediction will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30. All the priests of the deanery will be present. The adoration will close with a solemn high mass and singing of the Mass, Wednesday morning.

SENECA FALLS.

Mr. Bernard Murphy is in Rochester this week on business. Mr. James McDonald, of 88 Bridge St. has secured a position in a large shoe shop in Rochester. William J. Mackin is in New York this week.

Misses Elizabeth and Agnes Lawless, of Rochester, were the guests of their uncle, J. H. O'Brien, last week. William A. Reagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Reagan, of East Bayard street, has enlisted in the United States service.

The Indian and Negro mission collection was taken up in St. Patrick's church last Sunday. At their meeting last week Tuesday evening the Crescent social club elected the following officers: President, Nicholas Durkin; vice pres. Ambrose Casey; secy. Thomas Geharty; fin. secy. Eugene Sullivan; corresponding secy. George Mackin; trustees, Peter Geharty, Patrick Ferguson, James G. Rankin and James O'Brien.

Rev. Father Dwyer attended the Forty Hours at Clyde, this week. Martin Phalen, of Seneca Falls, was called to Rochester Sunday by the death of his mother, Ester Phalen, wife of William Phalen, who died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Boyle, of No. 5 Finney street, aged 74 years. She leaves a husband, three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Connors, of New York city; Mrs. Stephen Boyle and Miss Ester Phalen, of Rochester and three sons, William, of California; John, of Rochester and Martin, of Seneca Falls.

John Comber died at his home Sunday morning of pneumonia, after a brief illness. The deceased is survived by three daughters and one son. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church. A requiem mass being celebrated by the Rev. Father Dwyer.

A great storm visited this place Tuesday. The body George McCue, who has been missing since November last, was recovered Sunday at the farm of N. L. Skellin, in a well. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Interment in St. Columbkille cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth McGuire, of Geneva, was in town Sunday.

The Rev. Father John O'Brien, chaplain of Rochester State Industrial school, delivered an eloquent sermon Wednesday evening in St. Patrick's church.

LIMA.

The funeral of John Maloney was held at St. Rose's church on Saturday the 16th inst. The large congregation assembled at the requiem Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Dwyer.

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Mrs. William Phalen, who died in Rochester on Saturday, was buried here on Monday. The body came by the Lehigh road and long before the train was due every available spot about the station was filled by relatives and their occupants, who came to show by their large number the respect for her who lived among them so many years. Esther Cluney Phalen was born in Kings Co. Ireland and came here when a very young girl. After her marriage they settled in the present home on the Avon road, two miles from town, where she lived until last December when she was taken to Rochester to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Boyle. Her age was 74 years, thirteen of which she passed on the farm with all sorts of bodily sufferings. Her mind was as clear as when in perfect health and she was always glad to welcome the many friends who called to pass an hour with her. She always asked for her purgatory here and no matter how great the trials if they would only fit her for heaven. She raised a large family of ten children, four of whom reside here. She is survived by her husband, now in very feeble health and one sister, Mrs. Mary Runney, of Rochester, three sons and three daughters. St. Rose's church has a special Mass for her every day, as a proof of the faith which she so dearly cherished. May she rest in peace.

Lenten devotions will be held in our church every Wednesday and Friday evening. The friends of James Tabbs will be pained to hear of his serious illness which has developed a case of appendicitis of serious form.

MOSCOW.

The happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mahoney, of Moscow, N. Y., was changed into one of great sadness by the death of their youngest daughter, Rebecca C., on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13th, at the age of 25 years. Miss Mahoney had been teacher for the past 7 years and in driving to school contracted a severe cold which was followed by pneumonia and in spite of all that medical aid and loving hands could do, death came within a short time after the Blessed Sacrament had been administered. She leaves besides her parents, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. D. M. Ryan, of Livonia, Mary and Ed Patrick, at home, also a large number of relatives and friends and will be greatly missed by all respectively in church where she was an active member, always ready to give her assistance in anyway. The funeral was held Saturday from St. Thomas' church Rev. Father Day officiating and was largely attended there being over 75 elegies in line. The pupils of Miss Mahoney's school attended in body and showed their high esteem for their kind teacher by their large floral offerings. As the remains were being borne from the church Mrs. Edward Duffy, of Mt. Morris, rendered a solo. "A Message to the Sacred Heart," in a very pathetic manner. The following young men acted as bearers: Paul, Geo., William, Geo. P., Henry and Chas. Kingston all cousins of the deceased, gently bore the white caskets containing the remains of their loving cousin to their last resting place in St. Mary's cemetery, Genesee, N. Y. Of her it can be truly said that none knew her but to love her none named her but to praise.

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Joseph A. Erdle, Executor.

MURPHY, HERRMAN & HERRMAN Attorneys for Beneficiaries and Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y. Jan 30, 1902.

SHE MAY BE SAINTED

THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON UNDER INVESTIGATION.

This Pious Woman, Who Was a Convert to Catholicity, Was the Founder of the Noble Order of the Sisters of Charity in America.

Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the order of the Sisters of Charity in America, is to be canonized by the church if an investigation into her life shall be found to warrant that extraordinary proceeding. Should the church decide that this pious American woman's career is worthy of placing her name on the roll of the sanctified she will be the first native saint of the United States. The official investigation is being conducted by Rev. Father F. S. McHale, president of the Niagara university, whose authority has been received from Rome.

Among all the saintly women whom America has produced none is held by Catholics in greater reverence or more intimate remembrance than Mother Seton.

Born in New York city Aug. 28, 1774, the daughter of Dr. Richard Bayley, a prominent physician of that city, she was brought up in the Protestant Episcopal church. Her father was well to do and belonged to the highest social circles in the city. He had her care-



MOTHER SETON.

fully educated. Hardly had she been launched into society than (in 1794) she met and married William Seton, a merchant, the son of an impoverished but illustrious family of Scotch descent. Two sons and three daughters were born of the union. In 1803 Mr. Seton's health failed, and with his wife and oldest daughter, he sailed for Italy. It was too late, however. Soon after reaching Pisa he died, leaving his family almost destitute.

Two wealthy Italian merchants, the brothers Philip and Anthony Filice, both devout Catholics, took an interest in the bereaved widow. Not content with welcoming her to their roof, they settled upon her an income of \$500 a year. Largely through their influence, and that of their families her thoughts were directed toward the Catholic church. When she decided to return to her children in New York, Anthony and his wife accompanied her thither. It was on this homeward voyage that her spiritual struggles ended in the determination to become a Catholic.

She met with formidable opposition from her family. They appealed to her interest, affection and self love. They enlisted the aid of Dr. Hobart, one of the ablest of American Episcopal theologians, afterward bishop of New York. But after a period of doubt and depression her new faith emerged triumphant, and on Ash Wednesday, 1805, she was received into the Catholic fold at old St. Peter's, then the only Catholic place of worship in New York city.

She was immediately abandoned by her wealthy relatives and friends. To shield her children from want she opened a private school in New York. But her religion militated against her success. The Catholics in New York were too poor and too few to support her school. The Protestants shunned it. She was about to move to Canada when she made the acquaintance of Dr. William Louis Dubourg, then president of St. Mary's college at Emmitsburg, Md., who invited her to remove to Baltimore and open a school for girls. This she did in 1808. In a city full of wealthy and influential Catholics who knew her history and were acquainted with her family she succeeded in earning a competence.

Her heart, however, was set on higher things. With the proverbial enthusiasm of a convert she had for some years cherished the idea of founding a congregation of women devoted to the education of children and especially orphans. By an extraordinary coincidence a wealthy young Protestant, Samuel Cooper, who had been converted to Catholicism by Dr. Dubourg, had simultaneously conceived the idea of founding such an institution. Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Seton were introduced to each other. The result was that Mr. Cooper purchased a farm at Emmitsburg for \$8,000, and on June 22, 1809, Mrs. Seton moved thither with three companions, forming the nucleus of an order which under the name of Sisters of Charity afterward spread all over the United States.

That name was formally assumed in 1811 when Mother Seton adopted the rules and constitution of St. Vincent de Paul, with some modifications, and the institution, having received the

ASH WEDNESDAY.

The Significance of the Opening Day of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is so called from the services of this day, when the church, through her priests, signs the forehead of her children with ashes, while saying to them those awful words where-with God sentenced us to death. "Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return."

But the making use of ashes as a symbol of humiliation and penance is of a much earlier date than that alluded to. We find frequent mention of it in the Old Testament. Job, though a gentle, sprinkled his flesh with ashes that, thus humbled, he might propitiate the Divine mercy (Job xvi, 16), and this was 2000 years before the coming of our Saviour. The royal prophet tells us of himself that he mingled ashes with his bread because of the Divine anger and indignation.

Formerly it was the practice to approach barefooted to receive this solemn memento of our nothingness. The church no longer requires this exterior penance, but she is anxious as ever that the holy ceremony should produce in us the sentiments she intended to convey by it when she first instituted it. The ashes are made from the palms which were blessed the previous Palm Sunday. The blessing they now receive in this their new form is given in order that they may be made more worthy of that mystery of contrition and humility which they are intended to symbolize. Weekly Bouquet.

The Pope's Wardrobe.

A large staff of women workers is required at the Vatican for the purpose of attending to the pope's wardrobe. This fact is explained by the scrupulous care which is exercised that no spot or stain may ever disfigure the garments worn by his holiness. As he invariably appears in white robes, it is very natural that one wearing deprives them of their original freshness, and even when they have been worn for only a few hours they must yet be minutely examined and freshly ironed. No man's hand is dainty enough for this work, and so it is necessary to employ women. These maids and serving women are responsible for the renewal of the papal wardrobe, which contains the most delicate materials only, moire silk being used in summer and a particularly fine cloth in winter.

Kind Actions.

Perform a kind action and you will find a kind feeling growing within you, even if it was not there before. As you increase the number of your kind and charitable interests you find that the more you do for others the more you love them. Serve them not because they are your friends, not because they are interesting, not because they are grateful—serve them for the simple reason that they are your brethren, and then you will very soon find that the fervent heart keeps time with the charitable hands.

The Pope is Ninety-one.

His holiness Pope Leo XIII on March 2 celebrated his ninety-first birthday. His holiness is in marvellous vigor. He shows no sign of diminishing vigor, a miraculous thing in a man of his age.

SHORT SERMONS.

Cast your bread upon the waters, but do not wait until it is too stale for your own use. Compared to the possession of that priceless treasure and happiness un-speakable, a perfect faith, what has life to offer? The human soul is like a bird in a cage. Not a thing can deprive it of its natural longings or obliterate the mysterious remembrance of its heritage. When angered, the best of us mistake our own motives as we do those of the enemy who inflames us. What may be private revenge we take to be indignant virtue and just revolt against wrong. Some people's religion is just like a wooden leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it, and, although it helps them to hobble along, it never becomes a part of them, but has to be strapped on every morning.



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Willie Nelson in "The Volunteer Organist."

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