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### RECEPTION TO CATHOLIC TEACHERS.

Given by Members of St. Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle of Canandaigua.

On Thursday evening, the members of St. Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle of St. Mary's church, of Canandaigua, gave a reception and entertained about fifty of the Catholic teachers of Ontario County, who were attending the Teachers' Institute held at Canandaigua.

The reception was held in the assembly hall of St. Mary's parochial school. The hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Milton O'Neill, president of the society. In his address, President O'Neill gave a brief sketch of the history of the society and the aim and purpose for which it was organized, saying that although the society was not an old one and that the members sometimes deviated from strict formalities and parliamentary rules, yet, nevertheless, each member considered it his or her duty to make each meeting an interesting one, and one, from which they all derived some benefit, socially and intellectually and that in co-operation with Father Dougherty, the spiritual adviser and founder of the society, they hoped to accomplish much towards the intellectual and educational development of all its members. In speaking further, President O'Neill said that he wished to announce in his own behalf and in behalf of the members of St. Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle, that they considered it a high honor and a great pleasure to welcome and have present with them the Catholic teachers of Ontario County.

Following the address of welcome of the president, an excellent and highly entertaining program was carried out. A piano solo was given by Miss Bessie Dugan, in a most admirable way and elicited great applause.

The next number on the programme was a paper read by Father Dougherty entitled "Missionary Life in North Carolina" in reading this Father Dougherty explained that it was a letter from a New York correspondent who had taken stenographic notes of Bishop Price's lecture on that subject. It was a very interesting article and in addition Father Dougherty showed how great and many were the difficulties that Catholics have to contend with in certain localities of our own country.

Father Neville of East Bloomfield, was also present and made a short address which was listened to with great interest.

The next was a reading by Mr. Joseph Montean entitled "The Legend of Genandawah" which all enjoyed. Miss Julia Kelley rendered a piano solo in a very able and pleasing manner. Following this was a vocal solo by Mr. D. C. Clarke of Rochester, "A Spray of Mignonette." This was one of the most enjoyable features of the entertainment. Mr. Clarke has a fine voice and has earned an enviable reputation as a singer. He was encored repeatedly. The next was a declamation by Mr. C. E. Stewart taken from Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar" which Mr. Stewart delivered in a very eloquent manner.

The next on the programme was a vocal solo by Miss Bessie Doyle which was well rendered. Miss Doyle has a very pleasant voice and called forth loud applause from her auditors. Miss Belle Wyville gave a very touching and pathetic recitation, which showed her to be an elocutionist of no mean ability and her effort was greatly appreciated by all who heard her. Every one present enjoyed the piano solo rendered by Miss Louise Donovan.

A very enjoyable number on the programme was an original poem by Frank Caples entitled "When the School-Marmus Come to Town." The poem showed great originality and poetical ability. Miss Jessie Barry sang a solo which every one present enjoyed, and following this was a violin and piano duet by the Misses Coughlin of Geneva. The duet was beautifully rendered and they were encored several times.

At the close of the programme Mr. P. H. Sheehan of Geneva, in behalf of the Catholic teachers of Ontario County presented Father Dougherty with a beautiful Oriental Vase filled with white roses. Mr. Sheehan in his remarks said that the Catholic teachers of Ontario County, owed a debt of gratitude to this revered and worthy host for the many kindnesses he had shown them, and the interest he had always manifested in their efforts and they felt it to be their duty to give some material token of appreciation for those kindnesses and for the esteem and high regard in which they held him.

Father Dougherty responded, saying that he thanked the teachers very much and was glad to be able to meet so many that they would always be welcome and that he considered it his duty to help them in every way that he was ever interested in because of education and to a great measure was a teacher himself, having the supervision of St. Mary's parochial school, and related how many years ago, he, as a teacher had attended institutes as they were then doing. He also told of visiting the schools in Ireland, while traveling there. In closing he thanked them again and wished them all the best of success in the worthy vocation they were following. Then Mr. M. J. Merriman of Canandaigua, made a few well chosen remarks and offered a motion that a vote of thanks be given to Father Dougherty for his kindness and hospitality and also to the St. Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle of Canandaigua, for the cordial welcome they had received and for the entertainment which they had all enjoyed so much.

Refreshments were then served by the committee having that in charge, after which the time was given up to songs, music and social enjoyment. The reception broke up about twelve o'clock and all departed feeling very grateful and happy.

The prayers of the congregation were offered last Sunday for Michael Barry of Ireland, father of Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. White; also for Timothy McDonald of East Bloomfield.

Holy week, evening devotions were held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 o'clock.

The nuptials of Edward Finnerty and Miss Delia Mooce will be celebrated soon after Easter.

The Irish drama "Colleen Bawn" will be presented in Davidson's Grand Opera House next Monday evening. The principal characters will be played by Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, Miss Blanche George, Miss Mary Meath, Milton O'Neill, Harry Atkinson, Joseph Weller, John Enright, Walter Hogan, Will McDade and Walter Barry. The school children are selling tickets for the occasion.

The Children of St. Mary's are having their Easter vacation now. School will reopen Wednesday morning.

### DANVILLE.

Rev. W. T. Dunn is to be congratulated on the large number who have made their Easter duty. By stirring sermons on the Wednesday evenings of Lent and by special prayers at public devotions he has awakened even the most luke warm to a sense of their obligations and his efforts have been fruitful. He is strenuously laboring to have every member in the parish make his or her Easter duty. Father Dunn has held Lenten devotions at Groveland on the Thursday evenings of Lent and is instructing a large first communion class there.

St. Bonifacius society will receive holy communion in a body at St. Mary's church next Sunday morning and the Children of Mary and C. R. & B. A. will receive at St. Patrick's.

Rev. Father Sindale, of Canisus College, Buffalo, will hear confessions at St. Mary's church, Holy Saturday and preach at both masses on Easter Sunday. Father Sindale was a college classmate of Father Kriechel's.

Miss Louise Klink will spend Easter in Erie, Pa., with her sister Mrs. Starke.

Mrs. Daniel Barrett of Buffalo, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Murphy.

Mr. Edward J. Dunn of Elmira, was the guest of his brother, Rev. W. T. Dunn Palm Sunday.

The collection taken up in St. Patrick's church by Rev. Father McElroy for the Catholic education of negro children in Charleston, S. C., amounted to \$50.

Mr. James M. Brogan has been appointed justice of the peace in place of Robert Pratt Esq., resigned.

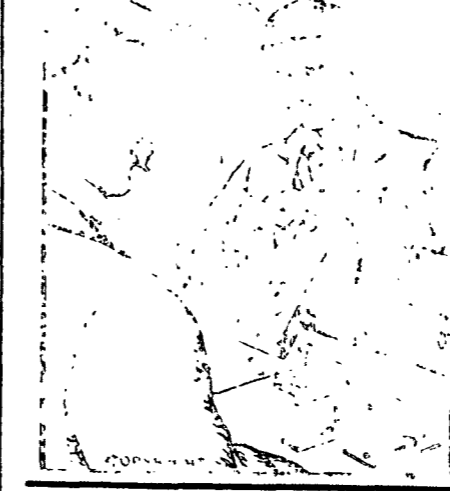
This musical program in charge of the Sisters will be rendered at St. Patrick's church Easter. First mass sung by the school choir: Introit, "Today He is Risen"; Offertory, "I Need Thee Gracious Jesus"; Canon, "Regina Coeli"; communion, "O Lord I Am not Worthy." At the high mass the regular choir will sing "Veni Aquam," "Christ the Lord is Risen"; Kyrie by A. Schney; "Christi," solo by Miss Mattie Bacon; Gloria by Schney; "Domine Deus," solo and duet by Miss Elizabeth Gunther and Miss Ida Bacon; credo by Gans, "Et in Carnatus est," bass solo by Mr. George O'Meara; Offertory, "Jubilate Domino," by Zangler, choir; Sanctus by Linache; Benedictus by Schney; solo and duet by Miss Elizabeth Gunther and Miss Ida Bacon; Agnus Dei by Schney, solo by Miss Mattie Bacon; Te Deum, congregational hymn.

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