

# Correspondence

**Our Agent.**  
Mr. A. Herman will call on subscribers in Elmira, Ithaca and Auburn. Kindly have amount ready when he calls.

**SHORTSVILLE.**  
Miss Margaret Farrell of Rochester, is visiting her relatives.

James Dunn, who is attending Brockport Normal, has returned home for his summer vacation.

A month's mind mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Mrs. M. Kinella, Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

John McLoughlin of Fairport, was the guest of his parents over Sunday.

Mary O'Neil has returned to Seneca Falls after a weeks visit with her parents.

Mrs. G. Loop of Buffalo, spent last week at this place with her parents.

**AVON**  
The statue of St. Anthony was blessed Sunday evening by Rev. Father Ryan of Rochester. Following the blessing of the statue Father Ryan delivered a sermon after which benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given.

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies Sodality was held Sunday.

Misses Alice Greene and Carrie McCormick are visiting at LeRoy.

Friday being the feast of the Sacred Heart, mass was said at 8 o'clock for the members of the Sacred Heart League.

After a most successful year of teaching, school closed Friday night for ten weeks vacation.

Mr. Martin Skelly of St. Andrew's seminary, is home for his summer vacation.

**SENECA FALLS.**  
Miss Jane Gray died at the home of her brother, James Gray, in Myadense St., Wednesday morning, after a long illness aged 62 years. The deceased was born in Seneca Falls and had always resided there. She was a kindly disposed woman and her whole life was without reproach or complaint. One brother, James Gray, with whom she lived, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary McGraw and Mrs. Elizabeth McConnell, both of this village, survive her. The funeral was held at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock, Friday morning.

Patrick Coffey of Seneca St., died on Wednesday evening, of hemorrhage of the brain, after an illness of only two days. He was born in Ireland in 1828, and came here in 1880 with his family. He was a good citizen in every sense of the term, industrious, upright and honorable. His wife, six sons and five daughters survive him. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Saturday morning.

Stephen J. Byrne is home from St. Bernard's seminary at Rochester, for the summer vacation.

Rev. Father James J. Dougherty of Canandaigua, was here Saturday morning attending the funeral of Patrick Coffey.

The marriage of William A. Mackin and Teresa J. McDonald is announced to take place during the present month.

Rev. Father O'Connor has gone to New York for medical treatment this week.

**PENN YAN.**  
Mother Mary, at thine Altar,  
We, thy loving children, kneel,  
With a faith that cannot falter,  
To thy goodness we appeal.

Here we take thee for our mother,  
And we claim thy right to be,  
All through life's uncertain journey,  
Loving children unto thee.

We think the above sentiments found echo in the heart of every young lady who had the privilege of joining in the exercises of the retreat which opened on Monday evening and closed on the beautiful of Corpus Christi. The exercises were conducted by Rev. O. O'Loughlin of Phelps to whose efforts are due the success of the retreat.

Mass was offered each morning at six o'clock followed by an instruction. In the evening at five o'clock the Way of the Cross was made and at half past seven the Rosary was recited and hymns in honor of our Lady were sung. The evening devotions closed with a most instructive sermon.

But to us the most beautiful sight was when on Thursday morning sixty-five young ladies, members of the Sodality approached the altar and received into their hearts the Bread of Life and a few moments later thirty-eight of the numbers were received as members of the Sodality.

Surely they realize that the Blessed Virgin is the perfect model of all that is purest, noblest and best in woman; that those who study her will have noble and exalted principles; those who imitate her will be noted for their virtue and prudence; those who put their trust in her will be happy here and hereafter.

**BATH.**  
St. Anthony's day, last Saturday, was observed at St. Mary's church by the celebration of mass at 8:30 o'clock.

Chris E. Tyrrell, the recording secretary of Division No. 3 of the A. O. H., and secretary of the C. M. B. A. branch, went to Corning, Monday, where he has a position with the Metropolitan Insurance Company. He was on the local committee having the arrangements of the A. O. H. Field day at Glenwood July 14 in charge. Chris is a hustler and we predict that he will make a success of his undertaking.

The collection for the Holy Father was postponed until next Sunday.

The first communion class will receive a week from Sunday, June 28. They are receiving instructions from Father Griffin.

Mass next Sunday at 10:00 o'clock. Arrangements have been completed for a picnic for the annual field day of the A. O. H. of Seneca County at Glenwood on July 8. A special train will leave Elmira station in Bath at 8:00 o'clock on the morning of July 9 and will meet the Corning delegation at Painted Post and all will go together. An assistant excursion agent, George J. Bennett of the Erie, was in town last Friday and met the local committee. The arrangements are in charge.

With the president of the local division J. L. Grosvenor, Mr. Howitt went to Corning and conferred with the committee of that division. The fare from Bath and Seneca will be \$1.25; from Campbell, Cooper, Painted Post and Corning, \$1.50; Addison, 90 cents; Rathbone, 80 cents; Cammeron Mills, 70 cents; Cammeron, 60 cents. Everybody who can ought to take in this excursion and enjoy a days outing at this popular resort. There will be plenty going on to entertain all who go. Tickets can be secured from members of the order.

Mrs. Miles and son, Richard, have moved to Rochester where she has a position in St. Mary's hospital. Richard was an altar boy at St. Mary's church, here.

Miss Winifred MacMinamin was graduated from the Albany Normal School, last Friday evening. Her mother and brother Dr. Thomas D. MacMinamin of Hyland Falls, were present.

The Hornell City Band, of Hornellville, has been engaged to furnish music for the field day of the A. O. H., at Glenwood Park, July 9. The band will give a fine concert and will furnish music for the dancing afternoon and evening.

**CALEDONIA**  
Tuesday, June 9th, was the feast of St. Columba, the patron saint of the church, and was observed on the following Sunday. The beautiful set of new vestments, which were won at the fair, were blessed and wore for the first time. The sermon on the life of St. Columba was very eloquent and instructive. The altars were handsomely decorated with ferns and white poinsettias.

The entertainment given Friday evening by St. Columba's Dramatic Club was one of the best ever given here. Although the weather was unfavorable the large hall was crowded. Many being present from out of town. It was a great success both socially and financially.

Cards have been received here the past week for the marriage of Miss Jennie Martin, formerly of this place, and William John Reid of Rochester, at St. Ann's church, Hornellville, N. Y., on June 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Reid will be at home Thursdays after August 1st, at 71 North Union St., Rochester, N. Y.

**CANANDAIGUA.**  
A monthly subscription to pay for the blessed of the new church was commenced last Sunday. The first collection was a success. It will continue ten months.

Prayers were said last Sunday for Patrick Coffey of Seneca Falls, and William Judge of Oil City.

On Saturday an anniversary mass was said for Patrick Moran.

At half past seven last Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Hanna of Rochester, preached an eloquent sermon on St. Anthony of Padua. The occasion was the blessing of the new statue of that saint. The Italians to the number of 125, were present. After services the Rev. Doctor spoke a few words to them in their own tongue, and heard the confessions of those who wished to go.

There will be twenty six graduates from St. Mary's school this year. The graduating exercises are to be held in the Grand Opera House, Friday evening, June 20th, when the play "Dolores" will be given by the class.

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# DEMAULATE CONCEPTION.

The class of '97 held their first annual re-union on Wednesday evening last. Chaperoned by Mrs. A. P. Gaudett, the members of the class took the steamer, Mary M., to Spencerport, where supper was served at the Cottage hotel. Regrets were received from Messrs. Wm. O'Kane of New York city, Jos. Gaughan of Charleston, S. C., and J. N. Russell of St. Louis, Mo. A vote of thanks was tendered M. C. Curtin of the arrangement committee for his successful management of the excursion. The class is composed of the following: Messrs. Geo. Gibney, Cornelius Curtin, John Kelley, Angelo Newman, John Burns, Edward Wook, Vincent Collins, Herman Butler, Jas. Coyne, Lawrence Welch, Raymond Carroll, Lawrence Mackey, Francis Madden and Joseph Neider, Misses Gertrude Rieley, Caroline Graham, Anna Murphy, Agnes Long, Ruth Cunningham, Anna MacDermott, E. McKittrick, Frances Schaub, Agnes Barnett, Mary Grady, Maud Phalon, Christine Warnock, Katherine King, Harriet Lyons, Amelia Morrissey, Elizabeth Rice, Cornelia Finucane and Mary Bush.

George J. Knapp, a well-known grocer, died Thursday morning at his home, No. 115 South Goodman street. He was 57 years of age.

The Hendrick Commercial Training School, 340 Powers Block, offers a scholarship in shorthand to the pupil of the city parochial schools, standing highest in examination in the sister schools. If more than one the choice will be decided by lot.

To the out of Rochester parochial schools a mail scholarship is offered, choice same as above. Address all communications to Hendrick Commercial Training School, 340 Powers Block.

**The New National Theatre.**  
The National Theatre Stock Co. is scoring tremendously during this high pressure summer season. It is generally acknowledged by all theatre-goers that this organization is positively the best that has ever been seen in Rochester. Its success for the first four weeks will be further stimulated the coming week, when the offering will be Charles Hoyt's famous comedy drama, "A Temperance Town."

On Tuesday afternoon there will be a souvenir matinee given, and every lady attending the performance will be presented with a beautiful photograph of Mr. Masson in the character of Mike Jones. The sale of seats is now going on.

**COOK OPERA HOUSE.**  
"Woman Against Woman" will be presented next week by the Cook Opera House Stock Company. This play was chosen by the public. So many requests came in for it, that the management lost no time in putting it on. The name hints as to the nature of the play. The story tells of a struggle of two women, one fighting for right, and around it is built a powerful drama.

Matinee performances of "Woman Against Woman" will be given Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Luke Connors buttons Monday matinee.

**BAKER THEATRE.**  
Among the many beautiful stage pictures which are included in the representation of "Under Two Flags" which will be presented by the Owen Davis Baker Theatre Stock Company week of June 22nd, bargain day matinees Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday is the second scene of the fourth act. Miss Breyer as Cigarette makes a rather dangerous ride in bringing about this scene, and but for the confidence she has in her horse, she could hardly be prevailed upon to undertake it. Mr. Allen May, who made such a hit for the last few weeks will be heard in the latest illustrated songs and Prof. Beck's motion pictures will be shown.

**In Memoriam.**  
At a special meeting of Division No. 3, A. O. H. the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed brother and associate, Bernard McGuire, thereby permitting our division to suffer a deplorable loss while we bow in humble submission to His holy will, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely condole with his bereaved relatives in their severe affliction, and trust that they will be enabled with Christian resignation to bear their loss, which an all-wise Providence has inflicted upon them.

Resolved, that as a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days and that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of our meeting and a copy thereof be sent to his relatives and published in the Catholic Journal.

Martin B. O'Neil, Cornelius O'Neil and James L. McGinnis, committee.

# A PIOUS PRACTICE.

THE DEVOTION OF THE HOLY HOUR AND WHAT IT MEANS.

It will increase our love for the Blessed Eucharist and will bring to its Participants Rest and Refreshment, Peace and Lasting Light.

The devotion of the holy hour is one that should appeal to all Catholics. It consists in giving one hour of prayer and adoration to Jesus in the blessed eucharist. This hour should be spent in the church, if possible, and before our Blessed Lord in the tabernacle. It should be made regularly once each week or at least once each month. It can be made in common, as is done in certain parishes where this devotion is regularly established. In such case some day and hour are appointed by the pastor, the blessed sacrament is exposed upon the altar, hymns are sung, prayers recited, and the hour closes with benediction. This is indeed a wholesome practice in any parish and cannot fail to bring the blessing of God upon all its members. Where such public devotion does not prevail the individual can gain for himself abundant graces by following privately the simple rules prescribed.

One hour's visit to the church may seem long. But think! An hour's visit to a friend would seem short indeed, and what friend have we like Jesus? How many hours we spend in useless, sinful frivolity and deem them only too short! The days, the weeks and the months go by, but we never visit Jesus in the house where he has chosen to reside as the self made prisoner of love in the tabernacle. It is true we come on Sundays and spend an hour or the part of an hour assisting at holy mass, but is it not rather from constraint, from fear of the mortal sin of remaining away, than from the sweet compulsion of affection that should draw us to his divine presence? Day after day he is in the church alone, the door stands open inviting the passer-by, and from out the tabernacle our Saviour speaks, "Come to me, all ye who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you." Yet we pass heedlessly on. It does not speak well for our faith to leave him thus alone, and it ill requites his love to pay no attention to his invitation.

One hour with Jesus will make the whole day different, it will make the whole week and month better. Those who knew the apostles saw a change come over them and accounted for it, saying, "They have been with Jesus." We have all of us felt the influence of the presence of some person. While with him we dared not entertain an unworthy thought, much less say an unbecoming word or do an unseemly action. The influence of even that human presence has been a source of joy and comfort and strength for days and weeks together. What, then, cannot this association with Jesus do for us if entered into with the spirit of love and faith? Do we not labor and often fruitlessly? Are we not heavily burdened with the weight of sin and sorrow, grief and disappointment? And where can we find a counselor and comforter like Jesus, "who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven . . . and was made man?"

This devotion of the holy hour and these visits to Jesus in the blessed sacrament are not intended for the pious and devout only. They perhaps need it least. It is the common, everyday Christian who needs it most. We recall with the greatest satisfaction the time of the jubilee visits, when the touching custom of Catholic lands could be seen as described by Longfellow:

Oh! have I seen at some cathedral door  
A laborer, pausing in the dust and heat,  
Lay down his burden and with reverent feet  
Enter and cross himself and on the floor  
Kneel to repeat his paternoster o'er.

And such we should see every day. An hour stolen from the busy, tolling day for the working man or woman and spent in the quiet, holy atmosphere of the church will bring rest and refreshment, peace and light. It will, above all, bring us in closer union with Jesus Christ. It will increase our love for the blessed eucharist. It will give us a more ardent desire for the bread of angels. It will help us to receive more and more worthily this food of our souls, in the strength of which we can, like the prophet Elias, reach at last the mountain of God.—Guidon.

**Father Vattmann's Mission.**  
Rev. Edward J. Vattmann, who was instructed at the recent meeting of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Washington to proceed to Rome to report upon the condition of the church in the Philippines, is the senior of the eleven Roman Catholic chaplains in the United States army and was formerly stationed with the Fourth Infantry at Fort Sheridan. He has been an army chaplain since 1877, and has served through several campaigns against the Sioux and the war with Spain. During most of this period he has been with the Fourth regiment, and has been especially active in promoting sobriety among the soldiers of the post. He is sixty-two years of age, was graduated at the University of Paderborn and came to this country in 1865. The information submitted by Father Vattmann and his recommendations were considered so important that he was instructed to proceed to Rome and report in person to the prefect of the propaganda office, which has charge of affairs in the Philippines, and has been granted leave of absence for that purpose by the secretary of war.

Lucas Malet (Mrs. Harrison), who wrote "Sir Richard Calmady," has become a convert to Catholicism.

# PUZZLES

No correct answers were received this week.

**Key to last week's puzzles:**  
No. 1—Invert picture. Head of hidden man is in foliage of tree directly over the head of third crossbow man from right of picture. Turn right side of picture down. Flint arrowhead is above heads of the two men at the extreme right of picture.

No. 2—Fish is in clouds directly above the keg in the sea. Turn right side of picture down. Head of captain is at waist of Columbus.

No. 3—Invert picture. Head of first visitor is in breast of man nearest Columbus, his features outlined by those of man in extreme right of picture. Turn left side of picture down. Second visitor is in foliage on shore in center of picture on a direct line with Columbus' face.

No. 4—Turn left side of picture down. Head of hidden courtier is between man who waves handkerchief and he who carries banner. His beard touches left shoulder of first man.

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