ABOUT OUR PRIESTS.

THREE THOUSAND OF THEM BELONG TO MONASTIC ORDERS.

These Are Also 1,500 Novices and 3,000 Lay Brothers in the Sacerdotal Communities—Parish, Mission and Educational Work.

Of the 12,000 priests in the United States 3,000 belong to the monastic bodies, besides some 1,500 novices and 3,000 lay brothers, and of all these very few ever return to secular life, although it is fairly easy to do so. Of the total of 7,500 the Jesuit order includes more than a quarter, though its rules are among the most severe. The members of these communities vary in rank and condition according to the constitution of the society. In a community like the Paulists the members are all priests, whereas with the Benedictines they are divided into two classes, priests and lay brothers, who live under the same general law, but each according to the duties of his state. Again, some communities, like the Alexians and the brothers of the Christian schools, are made up entirely of laymen.

Each community has its characteristics so marked that the well informed Catholic easily distinguishes between Benedictine and Franciscan, Jesuit and Dominican, Redemptorist and Vincentian; hence the society feeling is almost as intense in the members as race feeling among laymen. I say almost as intense, because race feeling at times overpowers the community feeling. For instance, the Jesuits have in this country a race division in their American and German provinces and the Franciscans also in their Italian and American provinces. The Benedictines in the United States are largely recruited from the German population, the Franciscans from the German and Italian, the Jesuits from the American element sprung from all immigrant races, perhaps chiefly from the Irish; the Redemptorists from German and Irish chiefly, and so on down the entire list.

The secondary aim of each community is some particular work, which is eagerly sought as soon as membership and preparation will permit. An examination of the statistics shows that all the communities in the United States are engaged in three departments—education, charity work for men and boys and parish and mission work. In the field of education the work of the communities has been singularly effective. The colleges of the Jesuits enjoy a high reputation, the Benedictines have many fine institutions in the west, the Holy Cross fathers have won a great success in their university at Notre Dame, Indiana, and the brothers of the Christian schools have been equally successful in the primary and grammar schools and in the college. The charity work is entirely in the hands of the lay communities, for the sacerdotal bodies do not enter this field. The care of hospitals, orphan asylums, refuges and protectories for men and boys engages the time and skill of half the entire body of community laymen.

Almost all the sacerdotal communities take their share in the parochial and mission work of the country, sometimes because it is part of their rule so to do or because of the pressing need of the people. The Jesuits have a well defined system in this regard. Their college and church are usually inseparable. If they must choose, the college gets the preference, since the higher education of their own members and of the laity is their chief aim. Circumstances change this rule, as in the case of the western missions, where they have only three colleges, but look after 120 poor parishes that would otherwise lack proper care. The Jesuits are very proud of their Indian missions, as they have good reason to be. In the same way the Benedictines look after 200 parishes through the west and south. The Capuchins also spare some members for the work, together with the Vincentians, Augustinians and Franciscans. Perhaps the Cistercians alone, familiarly known as Trappists, adhere strictly to their own convents according to rule and avoid participating in any kind of parish work.—Rev. John Talbot Smith in Munsey's, Condensed For Public Opinion.

The Pope's Significant Orders.

The papal carriages, with the armorial bearings of Pius IX., were not interfered with by Leo. XIII., who never had any occasion to use them outside the Vatican. Now, however, much to the surprise of the officials, Pius X. has ordered that his own escutcheon shall replace that of Pius IX. on the vehicles, a significant fact pointing to the intention of the present pontiff to drive some day through the streets of Rome. Another equally suggestive incident is the admission of Signor Della Rovere, a musical composer, to an audience of the pope, though he was seen to be wearing the badge of the crown of Italy on his breast.—Exchange.

Prefect of Sacred Palaces.

His holiness has appointed Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, to be prefect of the sacred palaces, a position which under Pope Leo was made distinct from the secretaryship of state and informally intrusted to Cardinal Mocenni, who held it until now. It is a most important position, making Cardinal Merry del Val head of the administration of the Vatican and thus centering in his hands the highest powers of the government.

Love Thy Neighbor.

Our world needs reciprocity in cordial words, kind deeds, the helpful thought gently expressed, which will tend to better work from the standpoint of a broader view, and yet the whole is encompassed in the exhortation of our Saviour, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM.

Let resound your hymns of glory
Over all the waiting earth;
Tell again the wondrous story
Of the infant Saviour's birth.
He to you salvation brings;
Honor to the King of kings!

Welcome him with earnest voicing
Of the greetings learned of old;
Praise, by strength of your rejoicing,
Him, the God of love untold;
Hope and light to you he brings;
Glory to the King of kings!

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Babe of Bethlehem, we owe thee
Debt that ne'er repaid can be.
Grant that we may learn to know thee
And the love that made us free;
Peace on earth thy presence brings;
Welcome to thee, King of kings!

—Amadeus, O. S. F., in Guidon

A RED HAT.

The Nearest Archbishop Ryan Ever Came to Getting One.

His eminence Cardinal Gibbons and his grace Archbishop Ryan are great friends, yet each one enjoys joking at the expense of the other. Not long ago the two distinguished clergymen were present at a banquet. It was apropos of the topic "Perseverance" that the archbishop said: "Yes, I know that perseverance is a great thing. There's his eminence, for instance. He struggled along for a long time just as a plain priest. Then he worked harder and harder, and he became a bishop. After that he did such a lot of wire pulling and such a lot of talking that they could not get out of making him an archbishop. Then he went over to Rome, and he climbed up on one of the seven hills and refused to come down until they promised to give him a red hat."

"His grace has no reason to reproach himself for his lack of perseverance either," returned the cardinal when the laugh had subsided. "For a long time he was satisfied to struggle along as a poor, plain priest. Then he preached so many sermons and wrote so many lectures that they made him a bishop. After awhile he got himself sent to Philadelphia, and he preached more sermons and wrote more lectures until to keep him quiet they made him an archbishop. Then he went over to Rome and loitered around the Vatican and kept on preaching and lecturing, and the nearest approach he got to the red hat was his red head."—Philadelphia Record.

New York City Catholics.

Returns from 106 churches in the church census enumeration in New York show a decidedly healthy state of conditions of the Catholic church there. Only nineteen of the churches canvassed are Catholic, and the remaining eighty-seven are Protestant, the population of the territory in question numbering 438,065. The members of these Protestant churches number 100,961, while those of the nineteen Catholic churches number 92,540. Still more interesting are the percentages of these communicants who go to church. At the morning services at the Catholic churches 55,621 attended and at the evening services 6,950. Of Protestants 20,488 attended morning services and 18,262 the evening services.

Vicar General A. F. Schinner of Milwaukee was named by the late Archbishop Katzer, in papers that he left, as administrator of the diocese until a new bishop is chosen.

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PAPINTA at Cook Opera House.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

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National Theatre.

Sullivan Harris & Woods will present at the National Theatre, beginning Monday of next week, Joe Welch in Hal Reid's successful play "The Peddler." Mr Welch's characterization in this play is said to be one of the gems of the stage.

The National will offer for the last three nights starting Thursday "Hoity Toity" which is said to be Weber and Fields most successful extravaganza. The book is by Edgar Smith, for which John Stromberg wrote the music. The original costume and scenic equipment is carried complete and the engagement promises to be a notable one.

BAKER THEATRE.

An up to date melodrama "Kidnapped in New York" by Howard Hall is announced as the coming attraction at the Baker Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan 11, 12 13, bargain matinees daily.

One of the most popular attractions of the present day is that beautiful and interesting drama, entitled "The Village Parson." The piece has scored an immense hit wherever produced. The engagement opens at the Baker Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14, 15, 16, bargain matinee daily.

The Great Pauline, America's famous hypnotist and mind reader, will appear at the Baker Theatre next Sunday.

Correspondence

SENECA FALLS.

At a recent meeting of Branch 80, L. C. B. A. officers for the ensuing year were elected.

We are pleased to announce that the Christmas collection for Rev. Father O'Connor was most gratifying. Amount $640.

The marriage of Mr James Muldoon and Miss Anna Madison was solemnized in St. Patrick's church Wednesday after noon at 3 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary McGraw was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St Patrick's church. Rev. Father Dwyer officiating. The deceased was born in Ardee, Ireland, in 1833, and came to this country in 1853 and has since resided in Seneca Falls. She was a kind loving mother, a true christian woman and respected by all. She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Ambrose Casey and John E. McGraw of Seneca Falls, Mrs. James Burke of Amsterdam, and Thomas J. McGraw of Peekskill. Requiescat in Pace.

Wednesday the feast of the Epiphany high mass was celebrated at 8 30 a. m. in St. Patrick's church.

Rev. Michael Dwyer attended the reception to Rt. Rev. Thomas Hendrick LL.D. at Rochester.

Michael McConnell died Wednesday at his home in Center street aged 73 years. He is survived by three daughters and two sons. The funeral was held Saturday at 9 o'clock from St Patrick's church.

Martin Farley of Alexander street, Rochester, formerly of Seneca Falls, died at his home in Rochester Wednesday. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Misses Catherine and Julia Farley of Rochester. The remains were brought here for interment Saturday at St Columkill cemetery. Mr Farley resided in this place until about six years ago when he removed to Rochester. The surviving family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

St. Patrick's school reopened Monday for the spring term.

The financial statement of St Patrick's church will be read out Sunday at all the masses.

SHORTSVILLE.

Misses Catherine and Mary Creigh of Hornellsville, are the guests of Mrs. J. Meehan at Manchester.

James Dunn has returned to his school duties at Brockport Normal after a ten days vacation.

Theresa Brophy of Rochester, spent the first of the week here with relatives.

ITHACA.

The funeral of Cornelius, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs George Adams, took place Sunday, Jan 8 at 2 o'clock from the church of the Immaculate Conception.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock an anniversary requiem high mass was celebrated for the deceased Mrs. Bridget Nolan.

School reopened Tuesday at 9 o'clock.

A meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was held Tuesday evening at 7 30.

Mrs Cavanaugh is very sick with grip at her home in Humboldt street.

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Whereas Sister Marie Smith and John S. Keenan the Executors named in a certain instrument in writing, bearing date December 9 1903, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said Bridget Burke late of the City of Rochester in said County of Monroe and State of New York, deceased, and relating to both real and personal estate, has lately made application to the Surrogate's Court of our County of Monroe to have said instrument proved and record das a Will of personal and real estate And we command you that you are cited and required to appear before the Surrogate of the County of Monroe, at his office in the City of Rochester, in said County of Monroe New York on the 7th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend the probate of said last Will and Testament. And if any of the above said persons are under the age of twenty one years, or insane or otherwise incompetent they will please take notice that they are required to appear by their general guardian, if they have one, and if they have none, that they appear and apply for the appointment of a special guardian or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so, a special guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceedings for the probate of said Will.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Monroe, to be hereto affixed.

(L. S.) Witness, Hon. George A. Benton, Surrogate of said County, at the City of Rochester, this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and four.

ANDREW LUDOLPH, Clerk Surrogate's Court.

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To John Barry, Peter Barry and Patrick Barry whose residences are unknown, if living, and to their respective executors, administrators, widow, heirs at law and next of kin, or other persons interested in their respective estates, if dead, and Michael Burke, whose residence is unknown, husband, heirs at law and next of kin of Bridget Burke, deceased: TAKE NOTICE, That the foregoing citation is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of Hon. George A. Benton, Surrogate of Monroe County, New York, dated the 7th day of January, 1904.

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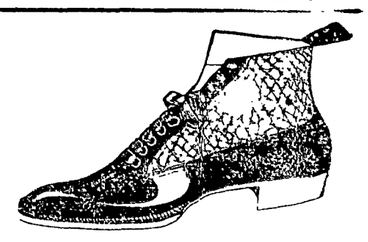

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