

# Correspondence

**Our Agent**  
 Mrs. Herman will call on subscribers in Shortsville, Manchester, Victor Newark, Lyons, Clyde, Mumford and Caledonia next week.  
 Kindly have amount ready when he calls, as we cannot afford to carry subscribers longer than a year.

**AUBURN.**  
 The funeral of William Ryan of No. 28 Chagostreet, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, was held last Sunday. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.  
 Information was received here last week of the death of William Brown, aged 19 years. The remains were brought to Auburn on Sunday last and the funeral was held on Monday from the home of Mrs. James Clancy of No. 9 Aspen St.  
 The different parochial schools of the city opened for school work on last Tuesday morning. There was an increased attendance in all of the schools.  
 Rev. John B. Doran of St. Mary's church, and Rev. P. A. McArdyle of the Holy Family church, were in attendance at the retreat in Rochester last week.  
 The marriage of Miss Anna Harmon to Michael Hickey of this city was solemnized at the Holy Family church on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Father Hickey, pastor of the church. After the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

**GENEVA.**  
 Michael Sullivan of Herbert St., who was struck by an engine on the Fall Brook Sunday morning, and died a few hours later, leaves a wife, one daughter and three sons. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning from St. Francis de Sales church. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery.  
 Mrs. K. M. Kelleher is in New York purchasing fall millinery.  
 City treasurer and Mrs. John McGraith have returned from a week's visit in Syracuse.  
 Misses Anna and Mary Lynch have left for a two week's visit with friends in Buffalo.  
 Miss Agnes Brodriok is visiting in Auburn and Syracuse.  
 Edward Buchanan and sister of New York, are the guests of John J. Murphy of Milton St.  
 Mr. Dan Deegan has returned from a business trip to Ithaca.

**CANANDAIGUA.**  
 Charles, Walter and Miss Helen Cowan were visiting Miss Gertrude Bowen last week.  
 Miss Anna Bowen entertained guests last Sunday.

**LEMA.**  
 Our school opened Monday, Sept. 12th. Miss Nellie Hendrick has gone to Penn Yan where she has obtained a position as teacher in a commercial school there.  
 Sunday, Sept. 4th, a solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Rose's church, the occasion being the Sunday within the octave of the feast of St. Rose, our patron saint. An excellent sermon on the virtues of the great saint was delivered by a Redemptorist Father of St. Joseph's parish, Rochester. Solemn vespers were sung at 4 o'clock followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.  
 Miss Nellie Collins has obtained a position teaching in Little Falls.  
 The solicitors books for St. Bernard's Seminary fund were distributed last Sunday.  
 Miss Catherine Slattery has entered Nazareth Academy for the coming year.  
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## THE BLESSED VIRGIN

DOCTRINE OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.

While Not an Officially Proclaimed Dogma it is Nevertheless, to All Appearances, the Clearly Defined Belief of the Entire Church.

There exists a very ancient tradition to the effect that twelve years after the death of Jesus on the cross His Blessed Mother, Mary, who during this whole interval had lived with St. John in Jerusalem, breathed forth her pure immaculate soul to God; that at the time of her death all the twelve Apostles were, by a wonderful coincidence, gathered in Jerusalem from every part of the then known world, and when love, ripened and perfected beyond measure, snatched the slender thread that still bound soul to body they beheld in vision the angels bear, amid song and heavenly melody, that spotless soul before the throne of God, and they themselves laid the now lifeless body to rest in the Garden of Gethsemane. There, for three days the angelic choirs kept up their song, after which the music ceased and examination of the tomb showed that the body had disappeared, and there was left behind an odor of heavenly sweetness, which filled and perfumed all the surrounding atmosphere.

This is the story of the death of Mary. It is mere legend or true? It is now quite certain that the pure and virginal body of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, never saw corruption, but that it was raised up by the power of God, glorious and immortal, ever as the body of her divine Son, and now, united again with her soul, it enjoys in heaven the dignity and receives the homage due to the living tabernacle of God upon earth.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is not what is called a dogma of the Church. The official teaching body of the Church has not authoritatively defined it as one of her doctrines to be received and believed by all her children. He who would deny it could not, strictly speaking, be called a heretic. However, it is and for centuries has been the ever growing and expanding belief and sentiment of the Church, a sentiment, a belief, ever guided by the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, and which, when well defined and universal, is as infallible as any decree of pope or council.

The doctrine of the Assumption, just as that of the Immaculate Conception, is not directly and manifestly contained in the sacred Scripture. It is the outgrowth of Christianity. It is a branch, a true, legitimate and natural branch, of that living tree of Christian doctrine whose germ was firmly planted by Jesus Christ Himself, and which has ever been growing and spreading and sending forth new shoots since the very days of the Apostles. The farthest natural twig of the mighty oak was once in the tiny embryo of the acorn, invisible, unseen, but truly there. It took time and the living principle within to bring it forth. So the doctrine of the Assumption lay hidden and unseen, indeed, but lay truly in that divine deposit of revelation transmitted to all future generations by the Apostolic Church. But it took time, growth, the evolution of the living primitive germ of Christian doctrine under the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit to bring it out into the scope of our religious consciousness. Today it is to all appearances the clearly defined belief of the entire Church. This belief the Church has authoritatively sanctioned by constituting the Assumption one of her most solemn feasts, numbering it even among the very few holidays of obligation. And now only the ex cathedra definition of a pope or council is needed to put the doctrine of the Assumption side by side with the Divine Maternity and the Immaculate Conception. The fact of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother of God is certain, and to doubt or deny it would be to throw oneself out of harmony with the whole coherent fabric of Christian doctrine.

And, even in the light of pure, unbiased reason, should we not expect the Assumption? Should we not expect her death to be surrounded by miracle whose whole life was a series of miracles? When at length her heartstrings broke with the very excess of love and life had calmly ebbed away, can we think—would it be reasonable to think—that miracles at once ceased; that that flesh so favored, so pure, so spiritualized with heavenly love, could remain to be the food of worms in a cold and filthy tomb? No; Mary's body rose again, was taken up by her Divine Son and reunited to her soul. And just as she in her Immaculate Conception was the first fruit of the Redemption, so in her Assumption she the first fruit of the Resurrection.

O Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, illustrious queen of heaven and earth, exalted immeasurably above the angels, pray and intercede for us that when in the providence of God the day of our resurrection will come we may be worthy to be received into thy blessed company forever and ever.—Sermon by Rev. John Swint in Church Calendar of West Virginia.

**Assumptionist Missions.**  
 The Assumptionist Fathers of Paris have missions in Turkey in Europe, in Bulgaria and in Asia Minor. In those different countries they have seventy-seven priests in thirty mission centers, 103 brothers, besides a number of nuns employed in schools and in works of charity.

**One Diocese in India.**  
 The diocese of Mangalore, India, has 85,000 Catholics, among whom labor 80 priests, European and native. There are in that city a college with 500 students and a seminary with 88.

## FIGHT FOR THE FAITH.

Father O'Brien's Address Before the Catholic Federation.

One of the notable events at the recent convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies in Detroit was the address of the Rev. Father Patrick O'Brien of Toledo on the duties of Catholics to the Church and the state.

"In this scientific and material age," Father O'Brien said, "people have almost forgotten the end for which they were created. This is an age of material progress, but as the people progress materially they retrograde spiritually. Material progress cannot save a nation; religion alone can do that."

Father O'Brien then discussed the conflict between the authority of the Church and that of the state, saying: "The Church cannot sanction unjust or bad laws. It cannot sanction the law of divorce, because it is against the law of God. The state has no right to enact the law of divorce. I say it as a citizen loyal to the government. The Church cannot sanction the present public school system of the country, because it eliminates religion from the teachings. I know that is an unpopular stand, but we must make it, because we are right and the state is wrong. Our non-Catholic brethren know us not. They look upon us with prejudiced eyes and imagine there is something in the teachings of the Church that weakens our loyalty to the government. I defy any man to impugn the loyalty of Catholics."

"Though the number of Catholics in this country is 12,000,000 we have less influence than some of the weaker sects. Why have we Catholics so little influence, despite the fact that we number 2,000,000 voters? It is because of our cowardice in expressing our opinions. We are afraid to open our mouths in defense of the Church and her doctrines because we are on the unpopular side. You will never get anything by keeping silent. You must advance your ideas, you must fight, but not thank God, with deadly weapons. The object of your conviction is a high and noble one. You must lay down a fighting programme for the future and carry it out."

**Jesuit Doctrine.**  
 The offer made by the Rev. G. Dasbach, a member of the German Reichstag, to any one who would prove the Jesuits teach the doctrine that "the good end justifies the bad means" has had its denouement in a court of law. A reward of 2,000 gulden was promised to any one who would bring forward clear proofs sustaining the charge against the Jesuits. The judges were to be university professors, Catholic and Protestant, to be agreed upon by both parties. Count Hoensbroech, the ex-Jesuit, came forward as a claimant of the money. He declared that all those who heretofore had undertaken the task had all failed to prove their point, but that he would be successful. Catholic theologians teach that in certain cases when a person is fully determined to commit a very great evil it is lawful to advise him to do a smaller evil instead. A case in point is the story told in Genesis xxxvii, 20-24. Joseph's brethren are determined to kill him. Reuben advises them not to kill their brother, but to throw him into a pit. This advice, Catholic theologians claim, was a good action. Hoensbroech, on the contrary, maintains that such advice is always sinful. The Rev. G. Dasbach could not get Protestant university professors to act as judges in the matter and he refused to pay. The court sided him in a civil court, but the case was dismissed solely on the ground that it was the case of a wager. It is a pity that the question was not investigated and decided on by a body of competent judges.—London Catholic Opinion.

**The Pope's Coat of Arms.**  
 The coat of arms adopted by Pope Pius X. is absolutely new in more respects than one, for the Pope, being of democratic origin, has never had a family coat of arms, and on his entering office as pontiff was compelled to invent arms for himself. The main feature of the new coat is the use of light colors. The shield is divided into three parts. The upper part contains the Lion of St. Mark on a silver field. The central division is a blue field. The lower division is a ragging sea surmounted by an anchor. Above the shield is a star with six points. The crest is the usual papal tiara and the crossed keys of St. Peter.

**The Catholic Negro.**  
 The Catholic Church is the negroes' church of the future, for it is the only body which sees him primarily and essentially as a man and only incidentally as a negro.—Boston Pilot.

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 Men unite together for the attainment of some object. That object is realized in proportion to their united activity. "In union there is strength" is an aphorism. Every day witnesses the formation of societies, religious, social and political, and great are the achievements which united energies can accomplish. It is false to say that the Church is the enemy of all societies. She has, it is true, condemned certain societies because she saw their members banding together either to accomplish evil or using unlawful means to attain some good. Having the wisdom of nineteen hundred years and guided by God's unerring spirit, the Church knows how to judge the doings of men. When she beholds men, puffed up with intellectual pride, assuming to possess a knowledge of mysteries independently of her to whom Christ promised the spirit of truth, when she would lead her into all truth; when she sees them refuse obedience to that authority which Christ commanded all to obey—an authority which he shed his blood to establish—she is necessitated to condemn such men and to guard her children against them. The last few years have proved to the world that the Church was guided by divine wisdom in condemning secret societies. But if she has found it necessary to condemn secret societies it does not follow that she is opposed to all associations.

The Church, the Immaculate spouse of Jesus Christ, at once Virgin and "Joyful mother of many children," has been the creator of the most illustrious confraternities. From her fount bottom come forth those grand old societies which have filled the world with their deeds of virtue and have contributed the brightest pages to her history. There is no suffering to which she is heir that the Church has not organized societies to alleviate.

She it was that pointed out to these societies their duty, enacted laws for their guidance, enriched them with her spiritual treasures, sustained them in their trials and sufferings and inspired them with their noble spirit of self-sacrifice.—Manual of the Holy Name.

**The Name of Mary.**  
 In the early days of Christianity in the Emerald Isle the Irish carried their reverence for the holy name of Mary to such an extreme that they would not give it to their infants, deeming no sinful mortal worthy of the honor. In after centuries, however, it became the custom to name the eldest daughter Mary, and "There should be one Mary in every family" became a familiar and well followed saying.

**A Good Example.**  
 Quite recently the "ex-reverend" Thomas Haggerty was announced to deliver a lecture at Marion, Ind., under the auspices of the local trades council. On the initiative of the Knights of Columbus a meeting of the Catholics was held at the council's rooms and a general protest voiced against the lecturer using the title of "ex-reverend." It was stated that any support given him would be offensive to the Catholics of Marion. The committee appointed to confer with the trades council was received most courteously, and on its representations the lecture was immediately canceled. If the example of the Marion council were followed elsewhere the "ex-reverends" would be driven out of business.—Exchange.

**What a Change!**  
 During the reformation Henry VIII. drove Catholic priests and nuns out of England, and their property was confiscated. They found a refuge in Catholic France, where the religious orders have flourished as they did in England before the reformation. What a change in France today! Combes, that arch atheist, has driven these holy men and women out of the country, and the majority are finding a refuge in Protestant England, where the old Mother Church is gaining ground very rapidly.

**Medal For Ex-Senator Smith.**  
 Former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., of Newark is the recipient of the first Knights of Columbus medal, a gold decoration recently founded by the Knights of Columbus of New Jersey, to be conferred annually upon some Catholic layman for distinguished services in behalf of the faith. The medal was bestowed at the commencement exercises of Seton Hall college.

**SHORT SERMONS.**

The severest justice may not always be the best policy.  
 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.  
 Prayer is the spiritual balm, the precious cordial, which restores to us peace and courage. It reminds us of pardon and of duty.  
 Idleness of the mind is much worse than that of the body; wit without employment is a disease—the rust of the soul, a plague, a hell itself.  
 The blessing of a house is goodness. The honor of a house is hospitality. The ornament of a house is cleanliness. The happiness of a house is contentment.  
 Poets and novelists speak eloquently of the awful mystery of life. There is no mystery in life except when sin clouds the light. Love God and every world image will vanish.  
 Break the Chains.  
 Many a young man and young woman with large capabilities and bright prospects have been brought within reach of the guns of the enemy by some chain which has held them down. It may be the chain of passion, appetite, indifference to high purposes, impatience, instability, or what not. Why be held down by a chain when a release is promised?