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**Correspondence**

**CANANDAIGUA.**  
The Choral Society gave a pedro party at the Atwater Hall Wednesday for the benefit of the new church. Next week the Boy's Society will entertain their friends in a similar way.  
The school collection will be taken up next Sunday. It is also the day for the Young Ladies' Sodality to receive Holy Communion.  
The anniversary of Mrs. Thos. Smith's death was commemorated with a high mass of requiem on Monday and Miss Ellen Gillen was remembered on Wednesday.

**NEWARK.**  
There was no mass on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.  
There will be one mass next Sunday at 10:30 o'clock.  
St. Michael's parish is fifty years old, with a regular high mass Monday morning in memory of Martin Quigley.  
Miss Maria Gray, who has been spending several months in Buffalo, is at home again.  
It is generally conceded by people of all denominations that our church is the handsomest in Newark.  
Miss Mary Calme, who has been ill for more than a year, is now able to sit up part of the time.  
The addition to the heating plant makes the church much more comfortable than it was last winter, but frozen water pipes occasionally cause trouble.  
Newark friends of Father O'Hanlon of Clifton Springs, are pleased to learn that he is able to attend to his duties again after his long illness.

**GENESEE.**  
There was no mass at St. Mary's church in this village on Sunday last on account of the storm. No train arrived in this village on Saturday.  
Rev. Father Englehardt of St. Joseph's church, Rochester, will be the supply priest at St. Mary's church, during Rev. Father Hughes' absence.  
Edward J. Cullinan of New York City was in town this week.  
Married, at St. Mary's church in this village on Monday last at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Father Farrow of Avon, officiating, James Dolan of East Buffalo and Miss Ella Dolan of Genesee.  
At a party held in Piffard Hall, Piffard on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, a very substantial purse was raised by the people of St. Raphael's church, which was presented to their pastor the Rev. A. A. Hughes, who was ordered to go South for his health by his physician. Father Hughes left Genesee on Friday last for Rochester where he remained until Sunday evening, Feb. 19th, when he left for Temple, Bell County, Texas. The entire community wish him a bon voyage.  
Rev. Fathers Connors of Rochester, McFadden of Geneva, Gommenginger of Lyons, and Crowley of Somers, were guests of Rev. A. A. Hughes the first of last week.

**SHORTSVILLE.**  
Mrs. H. Moore after spending two weeks with friends in this place returned to her home at Bolivar Thursday.  
Julia O'Neil entertained the Drop In Club Wednesday evening. A pleasant time was had by all and dainty refreshments were served.  
Father O'Hanlon, who has been pastor of our church for ten years, was presented with a purse of \$170 from the Manchester portion of the congregation.  
Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. A. M. France visited in Rochester the first of the week.  
Miss Nellie Kinella is confined to her home by illness.  
Mrs. E. O'Neil, who has been ill, is improving.  
Mass will be celebrated Sunday at 9 a. m.  
**DANVILLE.**  
Next Sunday is Grounds Sunday. Mass at Groveland at 8 a. m., at Danville at 10:30 a. m.  
Rev. Father Krishel has the sympathy of all his friends in Danville in the death of his beloved mother.  
Rev. Father Dunn attended the funeral of Father Krishel's mother at Buffalo last Monday.  
St. Patrick's Temperance Society will hold monthly meetings after this instead of weekly. The ladies are invited to join so as to put the society in a flourishing condition.  
The A. O. H. are preparing a fine program for St. Patrick's night.  
Miss Mary Welch, the bright and ambitious stenographer, has accepted a position with Vick's Magazine, Rochester.  
Rev. Father Dunn celebrated high mass on Wednesday at 8 a. m. for Mrs. Krishel.

**AUBURN.**

Mrs. Edwin Metcalfe, who won the lot, that was the door prize at the St. Edward mission, has generously refunded the lot to the mission. Mrs. Metcalfe had no idea that she had the lucky ticket until notified by the pastor of the church. The lot will be used by the mission.  
Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus entertained their wives and lady friends last Friday night at the rooms in Geneva Street by a musical entertainment. Dancing and cards were also indulged in. About 100 people played euchre and the prizes were won by Mrs. John Nugent and A. Percy Briggs. Refreshments were served. The council will celebrate the eighth anniversary of the institution of the council on March 7th with a big banquet at the Osborne House. Prominent speakers who are affiliated with the order will be here to give toasts and speeches.  
Frank Brannick will put on a small opera for the benefit of St. Aloysius church on St. Patrick's night.  
The Irish comedy drama Captain Terrance will be given by the young people of St. Mary's church on March 17th for the benefit of the Young Men's Club of that church. Rehearsals are being given nightly and the cast is a strong one.  
The Ladies Aid Charity ball which will be held on Wednesday promises to eclipse anything ever given in the city. The large drill room of the state army will be used to dance on and the supper will be served in the large squad room on the first floor. The committees are working hard for the success of the affair.

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**QUEER AFRICAN PEOPLE.**

Their Ways of Execution for Crimes Regulated by Custom.  
Herr Eberhard von Schlopp, who has explored the interior of the Kameruns district in western Africa, gives an interesting account of the native tribe called the Bakoko. They are, he believes, of Semitic origin and, having lived in the Kameruns district only about 200 years, are called strangers by other natives. They govern by means of a "council of elders," whose duty it is to judge offenders guilty or guiltless. If guilty they are set free, if guilty they are put to death, this being the only form of punishment known there.  
According to the gravity of the crime, the manner of execution varies, and may be "simple" or complicated. "Simple" execution means being thrown to the crocodiles. "Complicated" execution consists of being fastened to a tree and left to be eaten by casual visitors, such as lions and tigers, or being tortured until death occurs.  
Cannibalism is practiced by the Bakokos, not because they especially care for the flavor of the meat, but because they feel that by eating every particle of an enemy they are subjecting him to the greatest indignity conceivable.

**Curious Customs in Scotland.**  
In the western highlands of Scotland an ancient custom suggestive of the pre-Christian days is still in force. When a child is born all the old women of the neighborhood meet in the house and place a straw rope around the child's neck. At the same time they chant a curious charm, which is supposed to ward off fairies and evil spirits. So great an importance do the inhabitants attach to this ceremony that they believe it would be a "tempting of providence" to neglect it. When any one dies the relatives dig the grave, taking the greatest possible care to remove every stone from the mound. Stones in the grave interfere, it is said, with the rest of the dead. Also, they are particular to cut the turf which is to cover the mound in one piece, as otherwise they believe water would get into the grave and make the body uncomfortable.

**Blind Boys' Football.**  
Football and many other outdoor games are played by the blind, certain changes being made so that in each game the sense of hearing takes the place of sight.  
In football, for instance, a tin bell is fastened to the ball, and by the bell's tinkle the ball's location is determined.  
The blind delight in races of all sorts. They do not run towards the tape, as the seeing do, but toward a bell that jangles briskly.  
It is odd to see the blind at their games. They play gravely and they maintain a profound silence, for if they make a noise the voices of their guiding bells could not be heard.

**Break in the Canal.**  
A breach has been made in the Manchester ship canal at Rincorn, in England, and when the tide is out water pours into the bed of the River Mersey at the rate of 100,000 to 200,000 gallons an hour. As, however, the tide sweeps into the canal twice in every twenty-four hours, an appreciable difference appears to be made in the level of the waterway. The danger lies in the possible undermining of the wall at this point. The break occurred at a point where great difficulty had been experienced in building the wall.

**SAGE SAYINGS.**  
All in your mind—thoughts.  
It tells on many people—gossip.  
It seems to come to nought—the dude's mail.  
The haughty centaur never came down off his high horse.  
When a man sees an opportunity that the time he ought to seize it.  
The scene shifter doesn't need much faith to move mountains.  
A worn-out hat sometimes seems to have been racked to pieces.  
Even a man who speaks good English uses bad language sometimes.  
**World's Jewish Population.**  
It is estimated the total Jewish population of the world is 10,671,832. The United States has 1,127,268; Austria-Hungary, 2,071,254; Germany, 586,948; Russia, 5,189,401; Turkey, 350,000; the British Empire, 275,614; Morocco, 150,000; Abyssinia, 120,000, and other nations less numbers. France has only 80,000, against Germany's population of nearly 600,000; Norway and Sweden together have only 3,402, and strange to say, Spain has only 492 Jews within her boundaries.

**Crooks' Finger Prints.**  
The London police have a collection of 70,000 sets of fingerprints of criminals. It has been completely established that the thin capillary ridges on the tips of the fingers undergo no natural change of characteristics from the cradle to the grave.

**Collided With a Deer.**  
A boy by the name of Pecker while riding from Van Buren, Me., to Caribou on a bicycle took a "header" from a very unusual cause. While coming down a hill he ran into a deer, smashing the wheel and throwing him several feet. The deer escaped without injury.

**The Egyptian Locust.**  
Great success has attended the efforts of the troops and coast guards in Egypt to combat the locust plague by destroying the young insects without wings.

**NEW NAVAL CHAPLAIN.**

Rev. Father Joseph M. McGinty of New York Appointed.  
President Roosevelt, upon the personal recommendation of His Grace Archbishop Farley, has appointed the Rev. Father Joseph M. McGinty of New York to be a naval chaplain. The staff ward young priest was also commended to the chief executive by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons and by His Grace Archbishop John Ireland.  
Father McGinty is six feet tall, light complexioned and an athlete. He is the assistant rector at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in East Ninety-first street, New York city. He has passed the physical examination before the board of naval surgeons.  
He is twenty-eight years old and was born in New York city. He was graduated at St. Lawrence college, Montreal, and completed his theological studies in the Sulpician seminary, Paris, where he was ordained a priest four years ago. His first clerical appointment in this country was as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Burtwell of Rondout. Next he served as a curate at St. Patrick's cathedral, New York. From there he was made assistant to Father Connolly at Our Lady of Good Counsel.  
On receiving news of his appointment, which he had not solicited or even thought of, Father McGinty called on President Roosevelt. His first assignment will be to the receiving ship Franklin at Norfolk, Va.

**Wouldn't Marry Catholics.**  
A loveick pair presented themselves before a judge in Owensboro, Ky., the other night, only to find that even the marriage license did not overawe a Kentucky justice. His honor knew the family of the groom elect. He asked the man if he was a Catholic, to which he replied that he was not; that he had been raised in the Catholic faith, but hardly considered himself to be such now.  
"How about the lady?" asked the justice.  
"Well, she is a Catholic," replied the petitioner.  
"I am a Catholic, too," said the justice, "and I have the authority to perform marriages. When Protestants come here and want me to marry them I do so without question, because they hold marriage to be only a civil contract. Catholics regard it as a sacrament. I will not perform a marriage ceremony for Catholics when I know it."

**Church or State, Which First?**  
Discussing on "Politics and Morality," Rev. Percy S. Grant recently said in the Church of the Ascension, New York:  
"It is immoral to undermine American citizenship, and this can be done in many ways. It can be done by the man who would put the church above the state, by the man who would put his own advantage above the state."  
If by the church is understood religion and by religion duty to God, then must not the church be "put above the state"? If "put above the state" means respect and obedience to God as our respect and obedience to duty to God is our first and highest duty, and if duty to the state should conflict with duty to God, which duty should prevail? In a rightly ordered state, never, and in a rightly ordered state never, and unduly the latter must yield to the former, as obedience to God is the primary and secondary of substance, not to obedience to God. Freeman's Journal.

**Good Reading.**  
Parents make a terrible mistake in rearing a family without furnishing them with good, wholesome reading. They are very careful about the food for their bodies; they get healthy, wholesome food and avoid everything that is injurious. If they would exercise the same care over the minds and souls of their little ones, how much better would the world be! Feed their minds with good Catholic reading and guard against the trash that is circulated so freely, filled with all that is bad and vile.

**Prayer.**  
The first enemy to be conquered must be within. The work for souls will be of little avail unless the victory over self within be gained. Prayer is very good, but it has little force without mortification. Hence the apostleship of prayer is really the apostleship of usefulness. O Jesus, make us such true apostles of Thy heart that reputation to Thee may be our best reward.

**Teach Us Humility.**  
What a real gain it is to find out how little we love God and how shabbily we serve Him! This is one great good of reading the lives of the saints. Because a saint is not always imitable it does not follow that his life is not practical. Nay, for the most part it is the admirable lives of the saints which teach us most humility and kindle in us greatest love.

**GLEANINGS.**  
Take care not to be cast down by adversity nor puffed up by success, for it is the peculiarity of faith to render us humble in prosperity and strong in adversity.—St. Clare of Assisi.  
Parents should see to it that their children are sent to Mass on time. Tardiness is a bad habit at best, and it is an insult to God Himself to go into church late.  
Religious education is the great principle of the life of society and the only means of diminishing the total of evils and of augmenting the total good in human life.  
Rhode Island has five cities, and three will be presided over during the year 1905 by Irish Catholic mayors. That shows how rapidly the ancient bulwarks of New England narrowness are falling to pieces.

**BLESSING OF THROATS.**

Why This Ceremony is Performed on St. Blaise's Day.  
In the office for the ordination of priests the pontifical says, "It is the part of a priest to bless," and blessing in its most general sense is a form of prayer by which the favor of God for the persons blessed. The act of blessing should excite good dispositions in persons who make a right use of them, and in the blessing of throats it should be remembered that the crossed candles used by the priests have no innate power in themselves of helping us. But surely, as it has been pointed out so often, there is no superstition in believing that God will listen to the prayers of his children in whom such good dispositions have been excited by the use or sight of objects which have been blessed for their use by the prayers of the church. Why, then, should we not avail ourselves of the sacramentals of the church?  
The blessing of throats is appointed for St. Blaise's day because that saint once saved from death the child of a poor woman who was likely to die from the effects of a fish bone in her throat. The saint and martyr in life was bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, and met his death in the year 316. Iron combs were used to tear his flesh from his body at his martyrdom; hence he has been adopted as patron of the wool combers.  
With regard to the pious ceremony of the blessing of throats there is a special blessing of the wax candles to be used, as may be found in the Roman ritual. By it a power is attached to the candle "that all whose throats are touched therewith in pious faith may be freed by the merits of St. Blaise's martyrdom from sore throat of any kind." Two candles lighted and placed in the form of a cross are applied to the throat of the person seeking the blessing while the priest says: "By the intercession of Blessed Blaise, may God free you from sore throat. Amen." It will easily be understood that this is but a legitimate and pious use of the blessings and sacramentals sanctioned by the Church.—Guidon.

**Combes Never Was a Priest.**  
The report that M. Combes, the infidel French statesman, is an ex-priest is constantly circulated in spite of constant denials, says the Intermountain Catholic. "The fact is, as has been many times stated, that Combes never was a priest, never was accepted as a candidate for holy orders. He was educated gratuitously by the Catholic clergy and given a tutorship for a time in one of the Catholic colleges that he might pursue the study of medicine, according to a correspondent who has investigated the ex-premier's early life. Whatever knowledge Combes possesses today he owes to the great charity of the defenseless men whom he is persecuting so relentlessly. In his mad desire for power and fame he has sold himself to the atheists of France and, like a human asp, stains the breasts of those who nurtured him."

**Mexico City's Seminary.**  
The Message of the Sacred Heart has the following: "Mexico City has a street of the Sacred Heart and will soon see erected on it a most of \$500,000 a special seminary, fully equipped in the most approved modern fashion for hundreds of students. Science and literature will keep abreast of the day, and the Mexican church will receive therefrom enormous benefits. The work has really been going on for a long time under the persevering zeal of the archbishop. The old seminary, dating back to Spanish days, has been taken by portions to the new buildings, no work of the students being meanwhile hindered. The new establishment will be, when finished, a massive building of great architectural value in design and structure."

**The One Great Object.**  
The one great object of religion has been to unite men in mind, in heart, in existence with God, so that they "may be made partakers of the divine nature." This object is fully attained only through the worthy reception of the Blessed Sacrament, through which Christ says, "He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

**Don't Go Alone.**  
Don't go to heaven alone! Take somebody with you. Pray as long as you have breath in your body; never despair and never give up the hope that your loved ones, no matter how far their footsteps have wandered, will one day stand with you before the great white throne.  
A certain Roman Catholic bishop was once asked, "What is the simplest way to heaven?"  
He replied, "Turn at once to the right and go straight on."

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Affliction mellow the heart and opens it toward humanity, makes us more gentle, more charitable, more forgiving, more patient, with other men's feelings.  
Nature bids me love myself and hate all that hurts me; reason bids me love my friend and hate those that envy me; religion bids me love all and hate none and overcome evil with good.  
Lay your poor little head down at our Lord's feet and ask Him to lift it to His heart. Own your weakness cheerfully, and tell Him you are too little to offend Him greatly and that He must wash every wrong away in the floods of His love.

**THE PRAYER.**  
[TO AN UNBLESSED SOUL.]  
Whether in spirit or in dream, I know not well, I only know I find the fields of Paradise. With bending blossoms all aglow.  
And as I marvelled at the sight An angel whispered in mine ear: "Lo, every thought of love on earth Springs to brilliant blossom here!"  
"Lilies for aspirations pure. Roses for mingled pain and bliss. For pity blue forget-me-nots. And daisies for the mother's kiss."  
"But this? Oh, angel, tell me what May this fair bank of violets be? Whose fragrance fills the garden plot?" "These are the prayers breathed for thee."  
Bending, he plucked a single one And in my bosom softly sat The fragrant flower, murmuring: "The prayer of Sister Margaret!"—Century.

**MGR. DOANE.**

He Was One of America's Most Distinguished Prelates.  
Mgr. George Hobart Doane, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, Newark, N. J., who died in his rectory on Jan. 20, was one of the most distinguished prelates of the Roman Church in the United States and held high rank at the Vatican. He was a son of Right Rev. George Washington Doane, Episcopal bishop of New Jersey, and brother of Right Rev. William Cresswell Doane, present Episcopal bishop of Albany, N. Y.

Mgr. Doane was born in Boston Sept. 5, 1830. When a young man he studied medicine and practiced that profession. He forsook medicine for the Church and was ordained as an Episcopal deacon and attached to Grace church, Newark.  
In 1855 he espoused Catholicity and was received into the priesthood after studying at St. Sulpice, Paris, and at the College Pio, Rome. He was ordained at St. Patrick's, Newark, in 1857, and was assigned as curate to that parish. He was never removed. He became rector and secretary to the late Archbishop Bayley. Later Bishop Corrigan made him vicar general of the diocese. He was made monsignore in March, 1880, and in 1890 the dignity of protonotary apostolic was conferred upon him by Pope Leo XIII.

When a young priest he entered the service of the Union in the civil war as chaplain and was several times under fire, notably at the first battle of Bull Run.  
Mgr. Doane founded St. Michael's hospital, Newark, and was the father of the Newark Young Men's Catholic association. He was famous as an art connoisseur and was a member of the art commission of the Newark Free library. His collection of etchings is said to be one of the finest in America. The monsignore was beloved to a degree beyond most men. His friends and admirers were of all creeds and conditions, and his public spirit and liberality were without limit.

**Catholic Women in Germany.**  
Germany has once again been the home of a movement which must materially increase the power of the Church in that land. A meeting just held at Frankfurt has inaugurated a Catholic women's association. Some such project has long been in the mind of German social reformers. In November, 1903, about a hundred ladies met and discussed the feasibility of starting a women's association. On Jan. 1, 1904, the work was on foot, and the organization started at Strassburg, Wurzburg and Wiesbaden. Then Cologne, Munster and Augsburg took up the good cause, so that in November of that year some 1,400 women workers had joined the association. Since then the crusade has increased, and everywhere women are inscribing their names on the rolls of associates. The programme is extensive. The association aims at benefiting the 2,000,000 women workers in Germany whose conditions of toil may need amelioration. It will consider the education of young girls, the safeguarding of women released from jail, the protection of young women at stations and ports and inquire into the position of women workers in factories and shops. The association will prove a valuable adjunct to the numerous and excellent Vereine already existing.

**Due to Mary.**  
If Catholic lands and Catholic homes today are beautiful in their simplicity of virtue, in their unflinching permanence, in their benediction, it is largely due to the sweet memories and special benediction of Mary, the mother of God. If the Christian mother is honored and is obtaining the obedience, love and devotion that her high and holy place entitles her to, it is because there are in the background high above the example and protection of Mary, the mother of God. She has been "our human nature's solitary boast," and it is under her benign influence that woman has emerged from the slavery of paganism to the white light of virtue, progress and happiness that today marks her life.

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