

Correspondence

CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were said last Sunday for Sister M. Justa Flynn, of Baltimore, Frank A. Smythe, of Rochester, and Mrs. James Loughlin, of Stanley—all recently deceased.

Next Sunday the Sodality Communion; and next Sunday the school collection.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, deceased, formerly of Bristol street, was remembered with an anniversary mass Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The diagram will be ready next Sunday. It has been decided to put the children into new front pews specially provided for them and allow the people in the rear of the church to move forward into the north transept.

For some time the lower grades of our school have been somewhat crowded and to relieve this the large north vestry has been fitted up with desks and some of the children moved over. Miss Nellie Buckley has been engaged to fill the new position of teacher.

The mock trial was productive of a large amount of merriment and \$37 net. The new stations are very beautiful and many of our townspeople have visited and admired them.

Through the kindness of the Misses Granger, a large brass plate has been placed upon the wall under the historic picture, which they gave shortly before the dedication. It reads: "This picture by a Dutch artist was sent to Maryland by Lord Baltimore in 1640; purchased by Francis Granger in 1840; and presented by the family of his son, Gideon Granger, to St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, 1905."

Don't forget the Sodality card party at Atwater Hall Wednesday evening.

GENEVA.

Mrs. Ellen DeVaney, widow of the late Owen DeVaney, of No. 37 West avenue, died at the City Hospital on February 11th. The deceased underwent an operation for gall stones twelve days previous to her death. Though she had been in poor health for five months, her death was unexpected. The dangerous time having passed, her physician gave every hope for recovery. Mrs. DeVaney was born in Ireland; came to Geneva fifty-five years ago. She was one of the best known and most respected Catholic women of this city. She was gifted with a kind and loving disposition, always seeing the bright side of everything.

She is survived by a large family and a wide circle of friends who mourn her loss. The many pieces and cut flowers testify to the esteem in which she was held. Her funeral was largely attended from St. Francis de Sales Church on Wednesday with solemn requiem mass. The music was impressive with solos rendered by Mrs. T. A. Kane.

The remains were interred in the family plot at St. Patrick's cemetery.

AUBURN.

The Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, held a memorial solemn high mass on Thursday at St. Mary's Church, for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of that council. Tomorrow night the annual public memorial services will be held in the Council chambers, which will be attended by the members and their friends. These services are very impressive and solemn. The memorial address will be given by Hon. Francis E. Cullen, a noted orator of Oswego, who is well known here. The musical programme is under the direction of the lecturer.

The fair for the benefit of the St. Edward's Mission, which was held this week in Music Hall, was a success. The hall was tastefully decorated and the booths presented a fine appearance. The St. Edward's Herald, which was edited under the direction of Editors Gerald and Donald, was one of the hits of the affair.

Rev. Father Mulheron, accompanied by Thomas Hefferman, of this city, started this week on a tour of the Old World to take at least three months. They will visit Ireland and Italy, especially the latter, where they will be at Easter time to witness the Easter services in Rome. The trip will be ended by a tour through Ireland and thence to New York.

The marriage of Frances Heiser and Frank Stegerwald took place at St. Alban's Church on Washington's Birthday. The ceremony was performed by Father Ragenbogen, pastor of the church. The young couple are foremost in Auburn society, and the church was filled with the friends of the contracting parties.

The funeral of Patrick Graney, who was killed in the Central yards on Monday night, was held from his late home Tuesday with services at St. Mary's.

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Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind Man.

The blind man according to St. Gregory was a figure of two things. In general, he represented the whole human race; in particular, he was a figure of those Christians who, blinded by the things of this world, do not see the value of heavenly things.

The blind man saw neither the magnificence of his country, nor the road that leads to it, nor the face of any one from whom he could ask assistance. It is the same with Christians who are blinded by the things of this world. They find themselves in the bosom of the Church, but see not its beauties; they are on the road to heaven, but cannot advance one step; they wish for happiness, but know not the vanity, the impotence, the nothingness of riches, honors, and power, from which they hope for it in vain.

We should learn from this blind man never to let a favorable opportunity pass nor delay a single moment to implore the healing of our souls whenever God passes with His grace; we should learn to make ourselves heard by prayer, internal aspirations, and by the voice of the priest.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday February 25—Gospel. St. Luke, xviii, 18-43—St. Matthias, apostle.
Monday 26—St. Alexander, patriarch and confessor.
Tuesday 27—St. Leander, bishop and confessor.
Wednesday 28—Ash Wednesday.
Thursday March 1—St. David, bishop and confessor.
Friday 2—The Passion of Our Lord.
Saturday 3—St. Cunegundis, empress and virgin.

Benefit Association Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Advisory Senate of the Ladies' Catholic Association was held at Teall's last Wednesday evening. Miss Louise Meyers was toastmistress and the following responded to toasts: Miss Mary Huber, Mrs. A. Brook, Mrs. Cecil Meyers, Miss Susie Quinn, Mrs. H. O'Hara, Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Katherine Dowling, Miss Mary Pierce. After the toast list had been completed, the women adjourned to the parlors and played pedro, the prize winners being Miss Minnie Mulligan, Mrs. C. Fry, Mrs. M. O'Hara, Miss Alice Monigan, Miss Susie Quinn.

Enjoyable Musical.

A most enjoyable musical was given at the home of the Misses Stapleton, Frost Avenue, for the benefit of the building fund of the Convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in the Immaculate Conception School. It was largely attended.

Union Club.

The Union Club will hold a dancing party Monday evening, Feb. 26th. All the members are invited.

Reception and Dance.

A reception and entertainment, under the auspices of the Central Council, C. M. B. A., will be held at Colonial Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 26th. The Grand Supreme Officers will attend.

Cook Opera House.

All next week with a daily matinee the following vaudeville bill will be given at the Cook Opera House: Frank and Jean Latona, this is rather an unusual act. It is a "comedy musical turn," but it has won its position as a headline act, principally because of the extraordinary cleverness of Miss Latona, who has been called one of the most able entertainers on the stage; Ezra, the novel juggler in one of the most unique exhibitions of the kind ever given here; O'Brien and Havel will give an unusual comedy so that will please and amuse you; Dillon Bros., those clever parody singers who make you laugh every time you think about them for a month after. Marion Garson, the Rochester girl, who has won fame as a singer both in musical comedy and in vaudeville. One of the highest-salaried single entertainers in vaudeville; Lew Hawkins, the celebrated comedian, will entertain you right royally; The Maginley's, in sensational serial work, will have something new in acrobatic to show; kinetograph, lots of new pictures.

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Minor Miracles of Nature.

There are certain Arctic animals, dark-coated in the short summer, that in winter turn pure white, thus matching the snow-covered landscape and escaping notice and harm.

This change of color, this protection, effected no one knows how, is wonderful, as powerful as a miracle, and kept a kindred change of color, a kindred protection, happens among mankind every summer and nobody ever notices it.

When the pale city people go out in the summer sun of the seashore or the mountains the light attacks them fiercely, first reddening their skin, then swelling, blistering and scorching it. If they kept in the sun enough and if no miracle occurred the light would kill them finally, burning off the skin first and afterward attacking the raw flesh.

But a miracle does occur. The sun may beat on tan-colored skin for days and weeks, but such skin remains always sound, unblistered, whole, says the Chicago Chronicle.

To prove the miracle—to prove that it is not the darkening of the skin, but the change in its color which protects it from sunburn—is an easy matter.

Let a pale person, unused to the sun, stain one side of his face yellow, and leaving the other side untouched, go out in the bright sun for a couple of hours. The one side of his face is no tougher, no more hardened, than the other, yet the un-stained side will be inflamed, blistered, while the tan-colored one will be quite cool and unharmed.

Sunburn is a miracle, a protection to mankind, as inexplicable and as wonderful as the miracle of the Arctic animals' change in the winter from dark coats to snow-white ones.

Dreams and Dreamers.

Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, is said to have recorded a dream in which a bump-like thing stuck him in his left thigh, on a place where a couple of days later appeared an ugly ulcer. Malebranche, the renowned French author, found himself in a dream attacked by a rowdy who stabbed him in his left breast with a dagger in an area where the following evening he felt the first attack of severe pneumonia. "The archives of medical reports," says Dr. Axel Emil Gibson, "are heavy with cases of a similar character, which have either received no explanation at all or else have been explained away entirely."

Dr. Gibson calls attention to the fact that dreams depend on some other media than those known as the five senses. A conclusive evidence in favor of this view is found in the circumstances that even the blind are able to see in dreams—as witness experiences recorded by Helen Keller, "Blind Tom," the poet Milton and others. Hence the conclusion seems to be unavoidable that it is only as far as physical vision is concerned that the optic nerve guides and lights the field of vision.

This same author arrives at the deduction that dreaming and waking differ in degree and form of manifestation only, not in principle and essence. "Like waking consciousness," he avers, "the dream reveals, but does not create. The same world that surrounds the waking individual surrounds the dreaming, only the viewpoints and media of observation are changed.—Exchange.

Bad Weather Criminals.

Crime has more than a casual or accidental relation to a falling barometer. A low pressure area on the weather map ought to be a good signal for high pressure activity on the part of the police in the region affected. The normal brain is constructed to bear with comfort and convenience an atmospheric pressure of nearly 15 pounds to the square inch. If one lives on the mountain tops one may become accustomed to a little less, and if one dwells in the valleys, to a little more; but any considerable variation in either direction from the accustomed mean is likely to seriously disturb one's mental and moral, as well as physical, equilibrium.

"It is known that exhilaration comes from ascending a mountain—provided one doesn't climb too high. It is known that a little relaxation of the everlasting pressure exerted by miles of superimposed atmosphere is life to men with weak lungs, but death to those with weak hearts. The effect on the mind and morals is just as obvious. The mechanism that preserves a man's mental balance is delicately adjusted. A little variation in pressure, or a trifling excess or deficiency in the amount of oxygen, nitrogen, ozone, carbon dioxide, or any other element or impurity in the air that sustains life, may cause a man to behave in a manner that would be quite impossible under strictly normal conditions.

Strenuous Life of Writers.

The strenuous life in literary circles seems to have antedated the present era. Bryant was only 19 when Thaddeus won him undying fame, Shelley was 18 when he wrote Queen Mab, Voltaire's first tragedy was published when he was but 22. Keats gave Endymion to the world at the age of 19, while David is said to have written the First Psalm at the age of 18, and history has it that Homer wrote his first odes at the tender age of 18.

When lavender cannot be obtained, oil of lavender with a little hot water will provide the desired fragrance.

Good thick buttermilk is about as good as green bees for eggs and growth.

MACHINERY CLEANED CLOTHES.

This Process Removes Dust Quicker Than Beating and Brushing.

An ingenious device for brushing clothes, in lieu of the more conventional clothes brush, has been introduced into a London hotel. It is an adaptation of the vacuum cleaner, now extensively used for cleaning carpets, furniture, etcetera. By this apparatus every particle of dust or dirt in a person's clothing can be removed much more quickly and thoroughly than with a clothes brush, which only removes the surface dust on the apparel. In the basement of the hotel is installed a small air pump driven by an electric motor. From this a long tube extends to the suction nozzle of the apparatus, placed in the vestibule of the hotel. An attendant passes this nozzle quickly over the clothes of the customer, and all the dust is drawn from the cloth into the machine.

Dying Moments of Reptiles.

A Viennese observer has spent several years in studying the dying moments of various reptiles, and has published some interesting data on the subject. He notes that reptiles die nearly always between nightfall and midnight and morning, and but rarely in daylight. Most reptiles seem aware of their approaching death, seeking out particular places and there awaiting the end, while those whose lives are spent underground come to the surface before death. Many reptiles, such as snakes, chameleons, crocodiles and turtles, show the approach of death in their faces, a peculiar and unmistakable expression coming into their eyes.

Fingers and Brains.

A new test of the mental and physical condition of children has been discovered by a specialist in the physical development of children. It consists of finger exercises, which, easy as they appear, depend for success so entirely upon the physical and mental condition of the one who tries them. They consist simply in folding down the fingers in succession, either singly or by twos; yet by means of them may be tested the susceptibility of the normal child's brain to receive and retain impressions. They are also a test of fatigue in children who are overworked in school, and through them mental weakness may be detected in backward children.

Curious Fire Alarm.

An improved and very sensitive fire alarm has been brought out by a Danish inventor. It only acts when a sudden wave of heat is generated. A tube four inches high is filled with mercury, the upper parts containing sulphuric ether, and both ends being closed. One side of the tube is covered with a non-conducting material. An even and gradual rise of temperature warms the entire apparatus, but a sudden heat, as in fire, vaporizes the ether under the unprotected glass, forcing down the mercury and ringing an electric bell by the closing of a local contact.

Women Workers in Japan.

I have encountered another novelty in Japan—tea and toast in my room at 5 p. m. and dinner at 7 o'clock. says a traveler in Japan. The chambermaids at the hotel are all men. I haven't seen a woman about the place. The women are probably out gathering rice and wading in mud up to their knees. The women are not only ornamental here; they are useful as well. American women who visit Japan are apt to attract so little attention that they will feel insulted. Our American notion that a woman is an angel is unknown here.

Monkey That Wears Glasses.

In the Breslau zoological garden there is a spider monkey which was operated upon for cataract, and now wears glasses. For more than a year after it was healthy and lively; then it became very quiet, ceased to play and crouched in a corner. It was examined and found to be suffering from cataract, so it was immediately taken to the eye hospital and operated upon. In less than a month it was fitted with a pair of spectacles, which it wears with becoming gravity.

Useful in Summer.

A recent invention is a refrigerating egg, as it might be called. It is an oval capsule of nickel plated copper about the size of a hen's egg, hollow and nearly filled with water. For use it is frozen, so that its contents become ice. If you have a glass of milk that is not cold enough, you do not like to put ice into it, because dilution with water spoils the beverage, but if you have one of these eggs handy you may drop it into the glass, and in a few moments the liquid is reduced to the desired temperature.

A Valuable Map.

The Ocar owns a map of France constructed of precious stones. Paris is represented by a huge diamond, Bordeaux by an opal, Marseilles by an emerald, and so on, while the various departments are shown in a single sort of stone. The entire collection of stones in the Kremlin represents more than \$60,000,000.

Training for the Throne.

THE King Haakon VII. of Norway has a royal eye for the succession of his dynasty is evidenced by the fact that he lost no opportunity of holding up his son, the infant crown prince of Old, to the gaze of Norwegians at the ceremonies at Christiania. The younger figures almost as prominently as his father in the pictures.

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