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NEW OFFICERS.

In selection of his chief aid and adviser and in filling the rectorship of the Cathedral, Bishop Hickey has displayed singularly good judgment.

Very Rev. Dennis J. Curran, who becomes the fifth vicar-general of the diocese of Rochester, will be a worthy successor to Monsignor McManus.

Father O'Hara has so endeared himself to the parishioners of St. Patrick's that it is only necessary to say that he possesses qualities which fit him peculiarly for this position of honor and responsibility.

Bishop Hickey has followed the example of other dioceses like Boston, New York and Philadelphia, where the plan has worked well and created the new position of diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools.

Father Van Ness, following the demise of Bishop McQuaid, the death of Rev. John O. Van Ness, pastor of Holy Rosary parish, came as a double blow to his parishioners and brother priests.

When Holy Rosary was set apart as a full-fledged parish, Father Van Ness was named by Bishop McQuaid as its first pastor and continued in that position until his death.

The words "so long," when used in saying farewell, are not slang, but have a legitimate origin, as they form the expression used by Norwegians when concluding an interview.

IN ALL THINGS.

One of the most persistent advocates of free text-books is the "Evening Times," and one of its stock arguments has been that the plan is in operation in Pennsylvania.

A commission of experts in Pennsylvania, appointed to revise the public school laws and system, has reported a plan which is almost a copy of New York's plan.

It is a radical revolution of school control which Pennsylvania proposes, but it is not more than Rochester worked out years ago.

TIME FLIES.

In the resignation from episcopal duties of Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, bishop of Peoria, we are reminded of the lapse of time and also of the fact that our late beloved Bishop McQuaid was a part of the history not only of the United States but of the church.

MOUNTAIN MAKING.

Illustration That is Furnished by Volcanic Islands Along Alaskan Coast. The making of mountains is illustrated by the Bogoslof Islands off the coast of Alaska.

PATRIOT.

We are indebted to the "Catholic Citizen" of Milwaukee Wis. for a phase of Bishop McQuaid's life which has been in the background because our dead Bishop was not wont, like many, to advertise his patriotism with a brass band.

"Zealous as a churchman, Father McQuaid was no less ardent as a patriot. Learning on a Saturday evening of the attack on Fort Sumter—the clarion which sounded the opening of the struggle between the North and the South—on Sunday morning in eloquent and pathetic words he told his flock what was their duty and pleaded with them to be loyal to the old flag.

SCHOLAR OR ATHLETE.

The athlete or the scholar? Which type of man does the word want? That is the query suggested by President Hadley of Yale in an address to the Harvard winners of scholastic honors.

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