

Mrs. L. Zwierein Dies in Brooklyn; Ill Only Few Days

Mother of the Rev. Dr. F. J. Zwierein Expires While Visiting Relatives - Her Body Brought Here. Mrs. Lucy Zwierein, of 272 Flower City Park, mother of the Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierein, professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary, died after a short illness in Brooklyn, where she was visiting relatives, and her body was brought here Thursday morning by Dr. Zwierein. Her funeral will be held in the Sacred Heart Church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Greek Premier Is Pleased With Catholic Monks

Athens, Greece, Sept. 26. In answering the strong protests against the recent law which will suppress all but the historically most important Greek Orthodox monasteries, Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, Premier of the Greek Republic, paid a warm tribute to the Catholic monks. Only a few monasteries would be retained even in those with the aim of retaining the existing monks to the level of the Catholic clergy, and to raise them to the grade of rendering to their country the same standard services which the Catholic priests and monks have rendered and continue to render to all society in general, and to the nation which they serve in particular.

Five Thousand Attend Blessing of the Graves Sunday, St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn

Bishop O'Hern Officiates At Solemn and Beautiful Service And Gives Appreciated Address—Three Confirmation Services.

Auburn, Sept. 26.—Five thousand people attended the blessing of the graves in St. Joseph's Cemetery in this city last Sunday, with the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, officiating. The weather was ideal, the services were beautiful and impressive, and Bishop O'Hern gave an address that found warm appreciation in the hearts of all the people.

Escorted by Police Bishop O'Hern and a large number of priests were escorted to the cemetery by a squad of police officers on motorcycles. Altar boys of the Holy Family Church, under the direction of their pastor, the Rev. John A. Conroy, together with the acolytes, cross bearers, candle bearers and altar boys proceeded to the various parts of the cemetery, blessing the graves, while the litany was publicly recited.

At the close of the blessing of the graves the prayer and litany for the dead were said in honor of the various religious congregations and for the faithful departed.

Bishop O'Hern's address to the great congregation, the tone of the practice of giving Christian burial to the dead children of the Church from the early days of the Church down through the ages. He spoke in part as follows: "In the beginning of the Christian church not all were allowed to possess or own cemeteries. Christian were buried side by side with the heathen in the public squares, or in the public places, or in the public streets. After peace to the Church had been established under Constantine the Great, churches were allowed to be erected and Catholics permitted to be buried under the altars of Roman churches. During the first three centuries it is estimated that one million Christians were buried in the Roman Catacombs.

Are Sacred Grounds The institution of cemeteries and graveyards close to the parish churches and the practice of blessing and consecration of them. All blessed Catholic cemeteries are looked upon as sacred, and command the same reverence as the Church. They may be violated by the same acts of disrespect or vandalism which would desecrate a church. History teaches that the first property owned by the Christian Church was cemeteries.

Definite Burial Laws Again the Church has definite laws as to who shall be buried and who shall not be buried in consecrated ground. For instance, all baptized persons may be buried there provided they died in good standing in the community in which they live. On the contrary, the notorious sinners, those fallen away from the faith, those belonging to forbidden secret societies, are excluded.

12,000 Graves Here Up to the present time it is estimated that 12,000 bodies have been buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery during its existence of a century. Besides the present acreage, there remains unopened and unburied about 140 acres to be used for future needs. A new section will be developed in the near future.

The church forbids cremation. It is looked upon as an avowed act of infidelity and denial of the existence of God. Science says that the earth is the best possible disinfectant. Therefore the system of Christian burial in a well-chosen plot corresponds most perfectly to the laws of hygiene. We know that water purifies itself in one to three miles and there is no danger of contamination or infection from the burial of the dead in the soil of mother earth.

Praise for St. Joseph's The wonderful appearance of St. Joseph's Cemetery today speaks well for the management and care taken by those to whom the cemetery has been entrusted. Every blade of grass was cut on the graves and thousands of bouquets of flowers decorated the graves of the deceased. This cemetery looks like a landscape possessed of all the glorious colors of the Autumn season.

Three Confirmations Three Confirmation services were held in Auburn by Bishop O'Hern while he was here, the first in St. Mary's Church, the next in the Holy Family Church, and the last in the Immaculate Conception Church.

Bishop Designates Quota For Sunday Collection To Be Taken Up Sunday

(Continued from Page One) her Eternal Reward in July, and was buried in Sacred Heart Church, Rochester. "We also wish to note the loss to the Seminary of Sister M. Mandolan whose services the Seminary enjoyed for about the same period of time, and who has been given, by her religious superior, an easier post of labor in her own Religious Community. Sister Mandolan has now been placed in the best part of her religious life in the needs of our diocesan Seminary. We take occasion here to publicly pay tribute to her splendid and unselfish services which were rendered year after year for a period of about thirty-five years. All the Seminary will miss both of these devoted souls, and while they pray for the repose of the soul of the one, they will join with us in prayer that God may bless and preserve Sister Mandolan to celebrate her Golden Jubilee of Sisterhood in the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Improvements Cost \$8,000 During the past year several improvements have been made to St. Andrew's, all of which are very necessary and essential to the welfare of the professors and student body. After some thirty-five years of existence, running water has been installed in the rooms of the professors; modern wash basins have also been installed in the lavatories of the various rooms of the study hall in order to give the students a more comfortable and sanitary environment. A large group of students who must be served in a limited time each morning. These were transferred from the basement of this building, and the installation was the only cost attached to the improvement in this service.

At present the Diocese of Rochester has some 77 students studying for the Priesthood at St. Bernard's, and an approximate estimate of the yearly expense of per capita cost is \$100.00. Adding together the two items of maintenance of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's for the next scholastic year, we shall have an estimate of \$50,000 to cover all the overhead expenses, food, light, heat, and salaries of all those serving St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's.

Tribute to Father Hargather "Nor would we depart from this discussion of our financial needs for the coming year without paying a tribute to the memory of one of the oldest and noblest priests of our diocese, a trustee of St. Bernard's, a member of several diocesan boards and pastor of one of the largest parishes in the diocese, Reverend Matthias J. Hargather, late pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, who was called to his Eternal Reward shortly after he had celebrated his golden jubilee of Priesthood. In his last will and testament he bequeathed a house, No. 22, to St. Bernard's Seminary in the sum of \$10,000. Another bequest, known as the "Balzer Bequest," in the sum of \$4,146.40, has also been received; a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of Anna McLaughlin, besides several minor bequests, all of which will appear in the official report which will be distributed in the churches in connection with the annual diocesan collection.

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Southwest Pathfinders The closing event of the convention will be a banquet with visiting Archbishops and Bishops as guests of honor. The general topic for the after-dinner talks will be "Pathfinders in the Southwest." Contributions made by various racial groups to the development of the Southwest will be discussed as follows: French, Mrs. Lucien Brangwin, of Los Angeles; Irish, Mrs. Mary Moran of Pittsburgh; Germans, Mrs. Waverling of Quincy, Ill.; Italians, Mrs. A. S. Musante of San Francisco; Spanish, Miss Adina de Zavala of San Antonio.

Program of Sacred Music A program of sacred music will be given by the vested choir of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Denver, at a public mass meeting Sunday evening.

Women in Industry Miss Anna Bessette will discuss the outlook for "Women in Industry," and Miss Florence Monahan, Superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women at Shakopee, Minn., will discuss "Women in Industry Today."

The National School of Social Service will be the subject for discussion on the last afternoon of the convention, when the Rev. Dr. Karl J. Alter, Director of the School, will speak on "Training for Social Work."

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Big Crowd Sees The Bishop Bless Graves In Geneva

Impressive Ceremony Attended by Many People—Eulogizing Priests Interred in St. Patrick's.

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Bishop O'Hern was assisted by the Very Rev. Walter J. Lee, D.D., Rector of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva, the Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, vice chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, and a number of other priests from Geneva and other parishes. Bishop O'Hern's address was in good keeping with the occasion. He told of the love of Catholic people for their dead, and of their concern for the salvation of the souls of all their dear departed. He also addressed tribute to the founders of the faith in Geneva, and urged the younger generation to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers. He paid tribute to the wonderful relations between France and America, and the labors for the advancement of Christian virtues of the priests who are interred in St. Patrick's Cemetery, among whom are the following:

The Rt. Rev. James T. McManus, the first pastor of the Geneva parish; the Very Rev. William McDonald, who succeeded Monsignor McManus as pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church; the Rev. Stephen A. McFadden, former pastor of St. Stephen's Parish, Geneva; the Rev. Michael Green, late of the Buffalo diocese; the Rev. Thomas Daniel Kennedy of the diocese of Detroit; the Rev. Michael McManus and the Rev. James McManus, nephews of Monsignor McManus.

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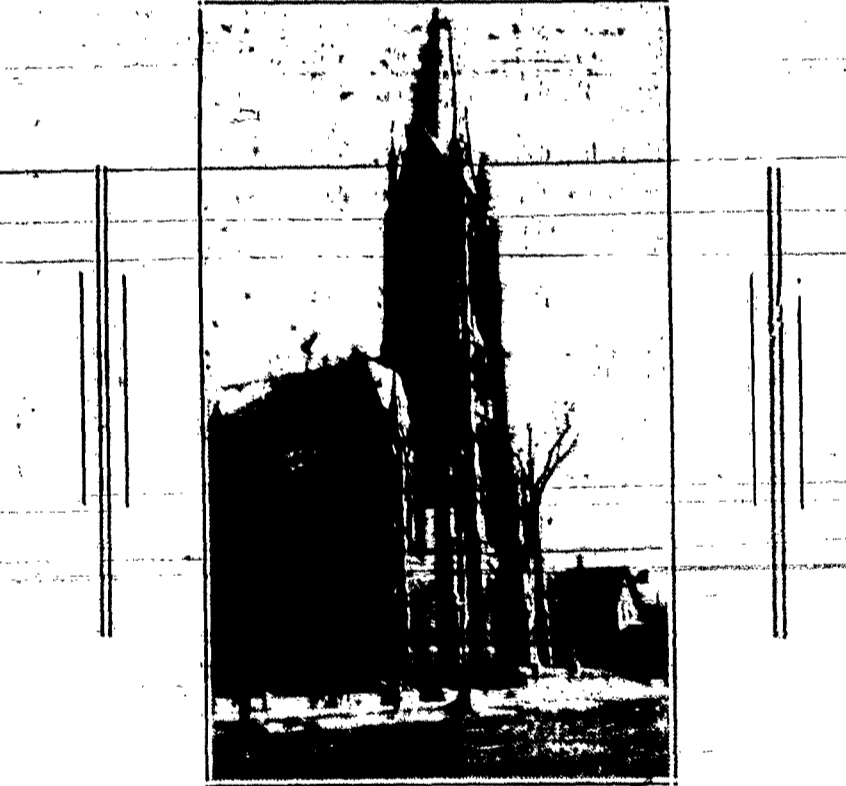
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