

# HISTORY OF CHURCH IN CANDOR, N. Y.

(TAKEN FROM NOTES AS DICTATED BY MRS. MARY MOONEY)

By REV. A. C. SMITH

Nestling between the hills, there lies the small town of Candor, one of those beautiful villages that sprinkle the lower part of New York State. Situated between Oswego and Ithaca, Candor seemed at one time, destined to be a manufacturing center, but due to the lack of natural resources and unfortunate circumstances, the glamor of industry gradually died down to leave it a calm, placid hamlet, pursuing its peaceful life with little outside disturbance. Its activity centered upon itself, and its lively routine in its simplicity and happiness.

## Lay Missionaries

Sixty-two years ago, there began in that town a work which through the untiring zeal of one family, has been pursued even to the present day—the work of preserving and spreading Catholicism. True missionaries, although they had not dedicated their lives to their God, they felt that they were called to maintain the traditions of religion that they had been taught for generations, and their success is an everlasting monument of true service and love of their Lord and Master.

In 1870, the first Mass was read at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kehoe in Candor. It was celebrated by Father Clark. At that time, the population of Candor was much larger than it is today. The people welcoming the opportunity to hear the Mass, flocked from all the surrounding towns and hills, coming in wagons and all manner of conveyances, with some of the congregation leaving before dawn so that they might arrive on time.

This sufficed the beginning of the celebration of Mass in Candor. In 1882, Mrs. Kehoe died, but the work was carried on by Mr. Kehoe and his daughter, Mary. Mass, until 1907, was read on a table with the priest bringing all the necessary equipment including even the altarstone.

With the death of Mr. Kehoe, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Mooney, took up the task that he had left, and she has pursued it even to the present day.

## Send Three to Priesthood

Along with the establishment of Mass, the custom of Sunday School sprang up, and as often as Mass was read, Sunday School was held. From that school, three young men went on to the priesthood, Father John Mooney, Father James Mooney who was ordained in Rome and neither of whom were of any relation to Mr. or Mrs. Mooney, and Father News. Hundreds were baptized and a large number prepared for confirmation in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney.

The greatest number who ever attended Mass at the little one-room chapel was one hundred and ten; the majority of these were of Polish nationality from the surrounding hills. However, with the building of a Polish Catholic Church in Catonsville, the numbers of the congregation were considerably reduced. Since then, there have been about five Catholic families in the town of Candor, which boasts the population of about eight hundred.

In all twenty-seven priests have read Mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mooney. They were, Fathers James Clark, John Rogers, John O'Mara, Luddy, Johnson, Ryan, Monahan, John Sheridan, Monsignor George Byrne, Father's Daughters, Robert Henry, John Muehl, Daniel Quigley, William T. Byrne, John Hagan, Patrick Kelly, Ralph Myers, Ed. Hartman, John Zepo, Stephen O'F. C. Sparta, O'F. C. Ryan, O'F. C. James Mooney, John Mooney, M. Garvey, J. News, and Arthur C. Smith.

Thus is the history of the "little chapel" in Candor, and the work that has been done there. It is a story that has not been written to yet, for despite her husband's recent death, Mrs. Hubert Mooney is still carrying on the tradition of her family, still caring for the little altar at the foot of which hundreds of people have knelt in prayer and thanksgiving to their God that such persons existed, who gave to them the opportunity to practice their true religion and adoration for Him, whom they know to be their Maker and their God.

Thus for 62 years, Mass has been celebrated and instructions given in turn by each and every Pastor assigned to St. Patrick's Church at Oswego, of which Candor served as its Mission Station, and such service shall continue to be given as surrounding Candor many Catholic families have purchased farms in the hills, receiving ministrations from Rev. J. Klenja who dwells at Newark Valley, with St. Francis Church, Catonsville, as the Mission. Soon it is to be hoped a Church as a Shrine shall be erected at Candor, a memorial to those staunch and fearless Catholics who during their lifetime did so much—sacrificing everything that Catholicity might live on.

Blind Convert Exerting Influence Among Natives (Continued from Page One)

lers feared that their blind catechist had ill chosen the season for his venture. But events proved the missionaries wrong, for pagans poured from all the surrounding countryside to hear the blind catechist.

A still more remarkable instance of Tsin's power of appeal to pagans is the story of a blind man attending Catholic funerals. At the conclusion of the ceremony, he explains to the pagans present the Catholic teachings concerning death and the immortality of the soul. Then in forceful, but unobtrusive, language he urges the folly of the superstitious rites which accompany pagan funerals. With so much tact and zeal for souls does Kayins blind catechist approach this delicate subject that not only is there no "loss of face" incurred by the pagans, but all are quite profuse in expressing their conviction of the truth contained in his words.

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# State Regent's Visit Expected In September

Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, Hold Last Meeting Until Fall.

EMIRA.—Because of the extensive program during the past year carried out by Court St. Rita, No. 157, Catholic Daughters of America, it was decided at the monthly meeting held recently at the court rooms, East Church Street, to suspend activities until September, when the Court hopes to have the state regent, Mrs. Margaret Tynan, visit Emira.

At the July meeting, Mrs. Charles E. O'Connell, grand regent, quitted from the national program announced that every state in the Union and every province in Canada was represented in the pilgrimage of Catholic Daughters of America to the 1932 International Eucharistic Congress held in Dublin June 22 to 27.

The party was headed by the Supreme regent, Miss Mary O'Duffy, one of the foremost Catholic leaders in America. At the termination of the Congress the delegation continued to Rome, where they will be received in audience by His Holiness Pope Pius at the Vatican. Miss O'Duffy will present to the Holy Father a parchment recording some of the order's activities and achievements by its 2,000 courts and 200,000 members.

Receiving to a cablegram from the Supreme regent celebrating his 75th anniversary, "His Holiness" called: "The Holy Father is grateful for the prayers and congratulations of the Catholic Daughters of America and renounces his blessings to the members and families of the order."

The national bulletin presented Court Santa Monica, Havana, Cuba, engaged in administering to the spiritual and material comfort of prison inmates. That court has also maintained a food station for needy, giving 500 meals a day, at a cost of \$500 a month.

The annual report of the Woman's Voice, the C. D. A. publication, announcement is made of the golden anniversary, national convention, Knights of Columbus, in Washington beginning Aug. 14. Many Catholic organizations have been invited to attend. The Catholic Daughters will be represented by the national officers.

A report on the annual banquet was given by Miss Anna Piten, and the initiation report by Mrs. Alexander Mark.

## SHORTSVILLE

Gilligan-Gersbach. The marriage of Miss Catherine Martha Gersbach, daughter of Mrs. John P. Gersbach and Mrs. Lynn Gilligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Willard Gilligan, all of Shortsville, took place at St. Dominic's Church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning of last week. The Rev. John E. Napier performed the ceremony and the church was decorated with pink and white roses and hydrangeas.

Miss Alice Donohue of Canandaigua, acted as bridesmaid. John Gilligan, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man and Gerald Gersbach and James Gersbach, both brothers of the bride, acted as ushers.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the immediate relatives, at Averhill, East Lake Road, Canandaigua. After their wedding trip, which will include points of interest in Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan will reside in Shortsville.

Prenuptial events were given by Mrs. Paul Gersbach, Miss Genevieve Collins, Miss Alice Donohue, Mrs. Arthur Doody, Mrs. Carl Capron, Miss Doris Shaw, Miss Muldah Barnes and Mrs. Howard Kilpert.

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The course also includes a special training in dispensary work. A diploma is issued to those who have attended the lectures regularly and have successfully passed the examinations given at the close of the course. This diploma, which is recognized by several colonial governments, has enabled many missionaries who have taken the course in past years to secure government recognition for their dispensaries.

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# Seneca Falls Parish Plans Lawn Party

Seneca Falls.—Plans are under way for the annual lawn festival of St. Patrick's parish on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 27 and 28, on the parochial school grounds. The Rev. H. L. Wolk, pastor, is in charge of the affair, which will be in charge of two chairmen, Mrs. Bernard Luck and Lester Andrews. They are being assisted by Mrs. Bonny Lamb, Mrs. Michael Toomey, Mrs. Walter S. Ward, Miss Alice Hughes, Mrs. J. Frank Farrell, Miss Alice McArthur, Christian Laid, Miss Alice Prodonburg and Miss Mary Jane Spahr. Proceeds of the affair will be placed in the building fund.

## HONEYOYE FALLS

O'Grady-Clendon. The marriage of Miss Helen O. Clendon, daughter of Mrs. Anna Clendon of Honeyoye Falls, and Joseph O'Grady, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Grady of Lima, took place Saturday morning, July 9, at St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Paul Gaffney officiated. The Rev. Paul Gaffney of industry and the Rev. John Smith of Lyons were the officiating ministers.

Miss Elizabeth O'Grady, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. The bridegroom was escorted by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. O'Grady, who was also the best man. The bridesmaid was escorted by Mr. O'Grady. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Paul Gaffney.

Prenuptial events included a dinner by the faculty of industry school, a bridge party by the Catholic club, a luncheon at the home of Miss Clara Collins, dinner and shower by Mrs. Murray, shower by Mrs. C. Kelly and Miss E. O'Grady. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Jolly Farmer, Avon. Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady will live on the farm at Honeyoye Falls.

# Redemptorists Having Jubilee For Double Anniversary Year

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In honor of the bi-centenary of the establishment of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, and in thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings that have been bestowed upon the world through the missionary efforts of the Redemptorists, a jubilee has been proclaimed continuing from June 9, 1932, to June 9, 1933. A triple celebration will be held next spring in Rome, where the general mother house of the Redemptorists is located; in Scala, near Amalfi, where the order was established, and in Negeza de Pagan, where St. Alphonsus died Aug. 1, 1787. Pilgrimages will be organized in all parts of the world to bring people to Italy for these elaborate religious celebrations.

In this country the double celebration of the bi-centenary of the Redemptorists will be held in all Redemptorist churches next fall. In most churches the celebration will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 9, the day on which the Redemptorists were established. In all churches a triple celebration will be held on Nov. 6, 7 and 8, and a plenary indulgence may be gained by attending these exercises, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intention of the Holy Father.

Although Nov. 9 is the day set for the celebration, the jubilee may be changed by the local superior for any reason Nov. 9 is inconvenient. The Rev. John F. Byrne, C.S.R., of Esopus, N. Y., the historian of the Baltimore Province of the Redemptorists, is preparing a short history of the order, which will be published in book form, and will be brought out under the title "Our Centenaries."

Primarily Missionaries. The Redemptorists are essentially a missionary society, organized for the purpose of preaching the truths of salvation. Their work has spread rapidly through all the countries of Europe. This was due in a particular manner to the tireless labors of St. Clement Hotuapora, a Frenchman by nature, who backed his faith through almost incredible difficulties in the hearts of the natives, and to spiritually abandoned souls. The biography of this very human and truly modern saint, made available now to English readers through the splendid translation of Rev. John Haas, C. S. R., rector of the Redemptorist church of the Most Holy Redeemer, New York, reads like a romance. It cuts a wide swath through the whole religious and political history of northern and central continental Europe during the turbulent decades that led up to the Congress of Vienna.

One of St. Clement's ambitions was to transport the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to America. Though he died without achieving his aim, he predicted that the congregation would one day take root and flourish in the New World. This prediction was fulfilled on June 20, 1822, one hundred years after the foundation of the order, when the first Redemptorists landed in New York en route to the middle west.

Went First to Ohio. At the request of Bishop Edward Fenwick of Cincinnati, through his Vicar General, the Rev. Frederick Rose (later Bishop of Detroit), the Superior of the Austrian Vice-Province of the Redemptorist Congregation at Vienna, the Rev. Joseph Pastors, sent their first contingent to the United States, namely, Fathers Simon Saenderl (Superior), Francis Haethner and Francis Xavier Techent with the lay Brothers James Kohler, Aloisius Schuch and Wencelias Witopill. They landed in New York, June 20, 1822, and started west on June 25, finally reaching Cincinnati on July 17. Here they labored for three years looking after the spiritual needs of the French, German and Indian Catholics in Northern Ohio and Northern Michigan, but did not found a permanent house of the congregation.

The first canonical Redemptorist Community in the United States was established at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1830, by the Rev. Joseph Prost, who went south on the invitation of Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia to help organize Pittsburgh, then belonged. He was an Austrian and with Father Peter Cackert was sent to New York as Superior of the American Redemptorists, landing in New York on route to Ohio, on Aug. 16, 1833. They were the guests in New York for a short time of the venerable Father Johann Stephan Raffolter at St. Nicholas Church in Second Street. Before his leaving Pittsburgh Father Prost labored for a short time in Buffalo and in various parishes in Ohio and Michigan. Bishop Dubois was very anxious to have him take charge of the German Catholics in New York but the necessary arrangements could not be made.

After many years of hard work he returned to his native land and died there March 18, 1838. He opened the first mission given by the Redemptorists in Ireland at St. John's Church, Limerick, in 1851. In Pittsburgh the Redemptorists were placed in charge of the German congregation, which was under the care of a priest and with party strife. In a short time they made it a model congregation. Scattered throughout the surrounding country were many Catholic settlers, to whom they preached the word of God and administered the Sacraments. This species of mission inaugurated by them wherever they were established was the beginning of many a well-organized parish of today.

From this time the care of German congregations, often in a deplorable condition on account of fecklessness, became a prominent element of the apostolate of the Redemptorists in North America. Their first concern, however, was to establish, wherever feasible, parochial schools, which are in a flourishing condition to this day.

The Redemptorists were established in Baltimore in 1840; in New York in 1842; in Philadelphia in 1843; in Buffalo in 1845; in Detroit and New Orleans in 1847, and in Cumberland, O., in 1849. In 1838 a German congregation was established here but the Fathers did not take permanent charge until 1841. In later years the Redemptorists have established foundations throughout Canada and in Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands and even in Brazil.

Established American Province. The American Province of the Redemptorists was established in 1860. Today there are two Redemptorist Provinces in the United States. The original province, that of Baltimore, established in 1860, has its headquarters at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, where the Provincial, the Very Rev. Andrew Kuhn, C.S.R., resides. This province is represented in the archdioceses of Baltimore, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and in the dioceses of Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago, Erie, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Rochester, Toledo, Trenton and St. Augustine; also in Ponce and San Juan, Porto Rico, and Combarba, Brazil. In this province there are thirty-one parishes and 400 priests.

# "The Humanist Movement" and Poetry Lectures Are Given at Cliff Haven

By FRANK F. KILGORE

Cliff Haven, N. Y.—Two series of lectures that constituted intellectual treatises, were presented this week at Cliff Haven. The morning course on "Poetry and Everyday Life" was given by Katherine Brey, Litt.D., of Philadelphia, well known poet and critic. The evening course on "The Humanist Movement" was given by the Rev. Francis Burke, S. J., Associate Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University, Washington. Dr. Burke has lectured many times at the Summer School. This series, somewhat different from the usual in its treatment of the subject, was given to a relatively uninitiated audience. Father Burke, in his initial visit, made a very definite impression in the minds of his auditors; his presentation of the very timely lectures on Humanism displayed an intimate knowledge of the movement and a sympathetic understanding of the mental states of many of its leaders.

The New Humanism. Father Burke, who has written in general publications on the New Humanism, dealt with his subject in four discussions: in his first lecture he presented a general survey of the origins, the content, and the significance of the New Humanism of Professor Irving Babbitt and Dr. Paul Elmer More. This was followed by a particular study, largely in disagreement of the aesthetic views of the movement, which has popularized it in the literary world. In his third discussion the lecturer studied the religious attitudes of Prof. Babbitt and of Dr. More. The concluding consideration presented a Catholic viewpoint upon the New Humanism, with a sketch of the deeper and wider answers which Catholicity can offer to their perplexities.

The New Humanism was welcomed by the lecturer in his opening talk as the first genuinely modern Weltanschauung to appear in the world. Father Burke contended that the prevalent mind of an age is not in prevailing but its emergent mind, emergent with positive views and giving promise of constructiveness. He pointed out that for fifty years past it has been the task of the Catholic Church to meet the challenge of the new age. French and British thought, as being taken by masters who have broken with the nineteenth century's romanticism and disintegration, is the challenge of the new age. Father Burke contended that the Catholic Church must meet the challenge of the new age, as being taken by masters who have broken with the nineteenth century's romanticism and disintegration, is the challenge of the new age.

As already stated, the Redemptorists were established in New York in 1842 and in the following year that organized the parish of the Most Holy Redeemer in East Third Street. In 1847 they established the Church of St. Alphonsus in West Broadway. In 1851 they were placed in charge of the parish of the Immaculate Conception at East 15th Street and Melrose Avenue, Bronx, and in the following year, 1852, they established the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in East 41st Street. In 1853 the Church of the Presentation at Port Ewen, near Esopus, was placed in charge of the Redemptorists.

Provincial in Brooklyn. The Redemptorist parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 41st Avenue and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, which has the largest church in the Brooklyn diocese, was organized in 1853. Attached to this church is the Provincial House of the Baltimore Province.

For a number of years after coming to America, the Redemptorists had to recruit their ranks from their brethren overseas. As this arrangement could not continue indefinitely, and as new phases of work were continually cropping up in the ever widening mission field, the Fathers saw that it was imperative to make

formation, in the present to modern conditions, with a view to the future. It is in this sense that the Redemptorists are today working for the future of the Church in America. The Redemptorists are today working for the future of the Church in America. The Redemptorists are today working for the future of the Church in America.

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**Priest Victim Of Sunstroke in Rome**  
Rome.—The Rev. Patrick Murphy, twenty-nine, of Ansonia, Conn., died Thursday last week on the beach at Ostia, fifteen miles south of Rome, a victim of sunstroke. He collapsed and died within a few minutes.

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