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## BUSINESS REVIEW COLUMNS

### Bishop Announces High Honors For Five Priests

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The young man sent to the eternal city by the Bishops of America to prepare himself for the priesthood. Bishop McQuaid sent many students there; most of whom became leaders in the teaching and parochial activities of the growing Diocese of Rochester. Archbishop Hanna and Bishop O'Hern were students there. Monsignor Mesny, Monsignor Terlan, Doctor J. Emil Getoff, may be mentioned among the alumni of this famous school. Two young men are now preparing for ordination at the North American College for the Diocese of Rochester. Mr. McAniff and Mr. McNamara, the last to return from there was the Reverend C. Bernard Hanna, Assistant Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva. Doctor Goggin began his work of teaching at St. Bernard's Seminary about thirty years ago on his return from Rome, where he received the doctorate in Philosophy and Theology from his alma mater. Bishop O'Hern was the first to congratulate him Wednesday, on the well-deserved honor that has been conferred on him by the Holy Father.

Monsignor James J. Blosser—He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure's Seminary at Albany. He is the second priest in Elmira to receive the honor of elevation to the rank of a domestic prelate to the Supreme Pontiff. Msgr. Lee is the personal and official representative of Bishop O'Hern in looking after the churches of the Elmira district. He has been honored by his alma mater with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Monsignor Lee is the founder of the Elmira Catholic High School.

Monsignor Walter J. Lee, Dean of the Geneva Deanery, is a graduate of the Seminary of Our Lady of the Angels at Niagara University. He has served as Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Corning, Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, and has been Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva since shortly after the death of Monsignor Joseph W. Hendrick. He succeeded Msgr. Hendrick as Pastor first and later was made Dean also. He holds the title of Doctor of Laws from Niagara University. He has been a moving spirit in the development of the DeSales Institute, the Catholic High School for the city of Geneva and vicinity, securing the erection of its new building; he has also built a church, rectory and convent at St. Patrick in Corning, and a beautiful convent for the Sisters at Geneva.

First in Diocese  
For the first time in the history of the diocese one of the higher dignities conferred by the Pope, that of Protonotary Apostolic, has been conferred on a Rochester prelate; word came Wednesday of the elevation of Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley to this dignity. In the Roman court, the officials who care for public audiences are nearest to the Holy Father; they are called Protonotaries; there are four of them. They take precedence over all other notaries, and rank higher in the hierarchy than Domestic Prelates. Monsignor Hartley has been appointed an honorary notary apostolic in token of gratitude for the years in which he has served the Church in this diocese as a priest, as a teacher, as an adviser of Bishops and clergy, as Rector of the major seminary. The honor carries with it the privilege of wearing the episcopal rings and the white mitre at certain specified functions. The only prelate near here who has been raised to this dignity is the venerable Monsignor Baker, Pastor of the great shrine at Lackawanna, N. Y., in the diocese of Buffalo. Bishop O'Hern spoke feelingly of his joy at the new honor which has come to one who is so universally esteemed and respected for his learning and piety as Monsignor Hartley. Monsignor Hartley was Pro-Rector of the Seminary from its opening in 1893, was later made Rector, and continued in that office until advancing years led him to seek a less arduous field of the office. He has continued to teach occupying the chair of Pastoral Theology, and giving conferences to the students. He is frequently called on by the Bishop to prepare the matter for conferences of the clergy of the diocese.

Becomes Chancellor  
Bishop O'Hern announced also the appointment of a successor to the late Monsignor Nolan as Chancellor of the diocese, in the person of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Boppel, Pastor of St. Boniface Church. Monsignor Boppel has been close to the Bishop in his capacity of Consultant, and undertakes his new work on Saturday of this week. He will continue as Pastor of St. Boniface. The duty of the chancellor is to care for the records of activities at the Bishop's Chancery Office. Rochester has had two chancellors. Rt. Rev. Msgr. DeRegge who served from 1868 until his death in 1904; and Msgr. Michael J. Nolan, who died in 1931.

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Quality is inbuilt all Kalb shoes for children, and they conduct an extended wholesale business in this line. Shoe store dealers, and shoe repair shops make J. J. Kalb and Sons their headquarters for supplies, and during the three generations this company has been in existence it has won the confidence of a large number of customers throughout the city and vicinity.

### Fr. Washington at Lincoln Tomb



Rev. Richard Blackburn Washington (right), pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Hot Springs, Va., and a collateral descendant of George Washington, is shown laying a wreath on the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois, where he recently spoke at a Bicontinental Celebration sponsored by the Holy Name Society of the city. With him in the picture is Mr. Fay (left), the custodian of the tomb.

### "Miracles - - - A Fact"

Radio Talk Given by The Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, over Station WHAM During Rochester Catholic Hour—Sunday, Dec. 18.

A fact settles all arguments. Men may deny theories but no one can deny a fact. They tell a story about the famous American statesman, Daniel Webster. It seems that a suit for damages had been brought against a client of Webster's. The lawsuit concerned an accident in which the defendant was charged with having run down the plaintiff with his carriage. The opposing lawyer, as the story runs, was giving the jury a vivid picture of the injuries suffered by his client. In an impassioned climax he described dramatically how the heavy carriage wheel had almost crushed the life out of his client. As he finished and sat down, every eye was turned to Webster. The case seemed lost as he arose to speak. Instead of addressing the jury, Webster strode to the door of the courtroom, and in a moment came back balancing in his hand a small carriage wheel—a wheel so light that by the wildest stretch of the imagination it could not have inflicted the serious injuries claimed. Webster held the wheel up to the jury. "Gentlemen, this is the wheel in question." There was a roar of laughter; with it, Webster rested his case. All the effect that had been produced on the jury by the flowing words of the spell-binding lawyer, was lost in the face of the cold fact—the wheel in question.

Those who oppose miracles today, as did Webster's opponent, build up their case on fiction instead of fact. Ignoring facts they weave their theories about the impossibility of miracles. Today we are going to present the facts in the case. A clear presentation of the facts should settle the argument. For if we can prove but one miracle all the theories of Materialists and Rationalists against miracles and the supernatural collapse like a house of cards. Here is the miracle.

Presenting the Fact  
On February 16, 1867, a laborer by the name of Pierre de Rudder from the town of Jabbeke near Ostend, Belgium, had a leg crushed by the fall of a tree. The doctor found that the fracture of both bones, the tibia and fibula, just below the knee was a complete one. Complications soon set in, the injured leg became infected, and the different physicians called in to treat the patient without exception declared the diseased leg incurable. Each doctor advised the sick man to have the leg amputated. De Rudder, however, steadfastly refused. After a short period, a fragment of bone loosened in the wound and it became necessary to remove it with the result that the two extremities became separated by at least one inch. This situation continued for eight years causing the unfortunate man constant, and at times almost unbearable pain.

On April 7, 1875, Pierre accompanied by his wife, undertook a pilgrimage to the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, which had been established for some time at Oestacher, near Gand, and which had already become quite popular in Belgium. The trip, partly by rail and partly by team was a most distressing one. The poor cripple, dragging himself along on two crutches, finally reached the Grotto. After having taken a little of the water of Lourdes—for the Grotto is never without it, he circled the rustic sanctuary twice, praying continually, and then sat facing the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Suddenly he rose, and as one who has lost his mind and without any help whatsoever he went and knelt before the blessed statue. He was cured completely and instantaneously; he rose and walked easily without pain. Many witnesses were that at that very moment to certify that the bones had been reunited and to examine the two scars which indicated the position of the sores. This sudden recovery produced a tremendous sensation in Belgium and all Europe, as a matter of fact, commanding the attention of the medical faculties at the different universities. For a great number of free thinkers, including one of the physicians who

We have the records of Lourdes in particular to show that the age of miracles is not over, that miracles did not, as some claim, end with Christ. In different parts of the world God continues to impress upon the truth that nature's laws proceed from Him and are subject to Him, that God is still ruler of the world which He made.

A moment ago we mentioned Lourdes. This town, located in southern France, has been favored in a special way by Almighty God. It was near Lourdes in 1858 that Mary, the Mother of God, appeared not once, but eighteen different times to Bernadette Soubirous, a young girl of fourteen. It was during one of these visions that a spring of water appeared miraculously at the Grotto where these apparitions took place. This spring became famous as having miraculous powers of healing; although it was found by rigid test to have no medicinal qualities contained in it. People suffering from all sorts of ailments began to pour into Lourdes from all corners of Europe. Its fame has continued to grow until Lourdes today ranks as the most famous pilgrimage shrine in the world.

Over one million pilgrims visit the "hallowed spot" each year. Among these numbers may be found hundreds of doctors, of all creeds and nationalities who go to Lourdes to study the reported cures in the light of their medical knowledge and experience. One of the first places they visit is the Medical Bureau where the records of the cures are kept. This Bureau by its way is a permanent body of experts whose function it is to examine into the circumstances of the cures in their purely medical bearing. Its members welcome all qualified doctors and invite them to examine all the records. The visiting doctors may if they so desire personally question and examine patients miraculously cured.

Reveal Interesting Facts  
A close inspection of the records of the Medical Bureau of Lourdes reveals some interesting facts. It brings out the immense number of complete cures reported—over four thousand to date. It brings out also the remarkable variety of the diseases healed. The list in the record must very nearly exhaust the category of human ailments. Disease or ailment as well as functional, fractures, tumors and cancers, deafness and blindness are examples of ailments which have disappeared in the twinkling of an eye at this holy shrine. We notice, too, the exclusiveness of the records. Not all cures are recorded at the Bureau; those of nervous or slight disorders receive scanty or no mention at all in the records; what the doctors want most

of all are the cases which medicine is unable to heal. Therefore, only the extraordinary cases are cited and those which have been examined by the medical staff of the Bureau both before and after cures. A full account of the disease and treatment must be filed by the patient, together with the authorized physician's certificate, in order that in the event of a cure, the case may be put down as authentic. No case is pronounced a cure until after a year has passed.

The most remarkable feature of the Lourdes register is the instantaneous character of a large percentage of the cures. It has been no uncommon experience at the medical office to see men or women in the last stages of most virulent diseases go to the Grotto and return in a short while in a state of perfect health. Whatever success medicine, general or special, has had in curing diseases, however remarkable the feats performed by surgery in our day, instantaneous cures are, of course, unheard of. The physician or surgeon does his part of the work and leaves the rest to nature. But

nature requires a measurable time for the performance of its own task. At Lourdes there is frequently a second's duration between a shattered frame and perfect health.

What may be said in face of the evidence supplied by the records of the Medical Office of Lourdes? These records show that an immense number of diseases in the most ac-

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