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A Little Girl and a Lovely Lady
Eighty years ago this month a little girl came home from the woods with the story that she had seen the Blessed Mother. She was a little French girl and her name was Bernadette Soubirous. From the 11th of February until July 16th the Blessed Virgin appeared to her eighteen times. On one occasion Bernadette asked her who she was, and she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Our Lady wanted a Church built on the spot where she had appeared. When the priest of the village doubted the story of little Bernadette, God's

Mother caused a spring of water to flow from the ground. Today a beautiful basilica stands on this spot and the spring still continues to spout forth water. We call it Lourdes. Each year thousands of people from all over the world flock to the shrine in southern France, seeking cures from all manner of diseases.
Next Friday, February 11, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. As little Bernadette, devoted to the Blessed Mother, the Queen of the Missions, we should strive to celebrate this day in some fitting manner. Perhaps it would be possible to go to Holy Mass, or even to receive Holy Communion. Surely every child should make a visit after school and offer their prayers in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and little Saint Bernadette.

Hear Italian Americans Lauded

Geneva K. C. Addressed By Fr. Hanna; Club Told of Eastern Rites

By FRANK J. CONROY, JR.
GENEVA About two hundred members of the Geneva Council Knights of Columbus and their guests attended the annual Italian Night Banquet Monday night, January 24, at the Masonic Hall.
Attorney M. Maurice Chacchia, chairman, following an entertainment program, introduced Rev. Edward J. Hanna of St. Francis Di. Assisi parish in Auburn who was the principal speaker. The former assistant at St. Francis Di. Assisi parish, this city, gave an interesting and informative address on the contribution of the Italian people to America and to the world.
Guests at the dinner included Mayor Charles F. Nieder, District Deputy Bernard Matthews of Watertown, Rev. William J. O'Brien, Rev. Ralph F. Nangle and Judge Thomas A. Kane.

session of the subject followed the address.
Guests of the Club were Rev. John Guy of Montezuma, formerly of St. Stephen's parish, and Rev. Daniel Frater of St. Stephen's parish, both of whom also addressed the group.
In the "Good Resolution" Ballot which featured the business meeting, members indicated their choices of spiritual, social and beneficial pursuits for the club's current year.
Miss Dorothy Tolin, chairman of the dinner, was assisted by the Misses Margaret Toney, Mary Mulcahy, Mary Lauer, Jane Hennessey, Ruth Hennessey, Margaret Maloney, Mary Riley, Margaret Riley, Jane Riley, and William Nolan, Jr. Paul Toney, Martin Cogan, and Thomas Maloney.

The next dinner meeting of the club is scheduled for Thursday, February 10.
Rosary Society To Hold Dinner
Under the auspices of the Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament parish, a baked Virginia ham dinner will be held Wednesday evening.
During the supper hour from 5 to 7:30 p. m. a string quartet will play, followed by an evening of entertainment in the auditorium.
Mrs. William F. Croston will act as general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Dwight C. Rockwood and the committees headed by the following:

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Holy Father's Birthday

Our Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father is nearly ready. Within a few days it will be sent on to Rome as our gift to the Holy Father on his birthday. You still have a little time to get your prayers and offerings included. If they haven't been sent yet, please do so immediately. Next week we can publish the number of prayers which we sent to Him.

Weekly Report

This week we have four schools tied for first place. Each of them contributed two adoptions apiece. At Holy Family, Auburn, the First Grade adopted a little Chinese baby, named Martin Joseph, and the Second Grade adopted John Francis, a Chinese boy. By the way, this is their second adoption. That is pretty fine work, don't you think?

The First Grade, East of Holy Rosary, Rochester, bought two babies. The boys, a little Chinese boy called Joseph, and the girls an Indian, named Mary. They named them after Mary and Joseph.

Look who's here again! Right! St. Andrew's, Rochester. This time it is two Indian babies, Edward Joseph Haesenuer from the Fourth Grade and Katherine. Thank you from the First Grade.

I also have the two following letters from St. Stanislaus, Rochester.
"Our grade has raised five dollars for a Chinese baby. We want him called Joseph."
"Third Grade Boys and Girls are sending you five dollars for an African baby. We would like to name him Joseph, after the Patron of our grade."

Fourth Grade Boys and Girls. The Third and Fourth Grades of Nazareth Grammar School have called for a little Japanese girl, naming her Agnes Cecilia.

And here's another old friend who has frequently appeared in this column.
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Triumph of Faith, Theme Of Play Here Starring Lytell

The story of "The First Legion" coming to The Auditorium February 18 and 19 with Bert Lytell in the leading role portrays the eventual triumph of faith.

So declared the Rev. John S. Randall, director of the Blackfriars Guild which is staging the production and surrounding Lytell with an all-Rochester cast.

Outlining the story of the play, Father Randall said:
The play opens in the study of the Jesuits where Father Sierra, a Spanish Jesuit, is cured of a serious ailment. He thinks his cure is a miracle and attributes it to the late Father Martin, founder of the house of studies.

Dr. Morrell who attends Father Sierra, agrees outwardly that the cure is a miracle but knows in his heart there is nothing miraculous about it at all. The doctor himself is an atheist. The role taken in our production by Joseph Shinn.

Eventually the story of Father Sierra's miraculous cure spreads and the house of studies first becomes a shrine as a movement starts to use the "miracle" to advance the cause of Father Martin.

Father Ahern, the role played by Lytell, doubts the authenticity of the miracle and is exceedingly

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