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St. Thomas Mission, New Holland, Pickaway County 1882-c.1918

New Holland lies on the western edge of Perry Township in the southwest corner of Pickaway County. Through its entire history the Catholic mission there was part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The village came into the Diocese of Columbus only with the change of boundaries in 1944.

The Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad was built through New Holland in 1854, connecting with Washington Court House 9 miles to the west and Circleville 19 miles to the east. The village was in the center of a prosperous farming region and it shipped out large quantities of grain via the railroad. In 1900 the town had about 170 residences and 700 souls. By 1906 it had two grain elevators, a grist mill, and a canning plant, as well as a broom factory and a cement block maker.¹

Mission Beginnings

The pastor of St. Colman Parish in Washington Court House from 1880 to 1883 was Rev. Michael O'Donoghue. About Christmas, 1880, Bishop Elder (who had been named Coadjutor of Cincinnati in January, 1880) told Father O'Donoghue to attend to the Catholics at New Holland. This is known from a letter written by Father O'Donoghue on February 26, 1881. He said he offered Mass at New Holland on the last Sunday of every month for the eighteen Catholic families and a few single men.²

Property was purchased for the mission church on January 7, 1882, from Nathan H. and Martha I. Jones of Pickaway County. The price was \$350 for

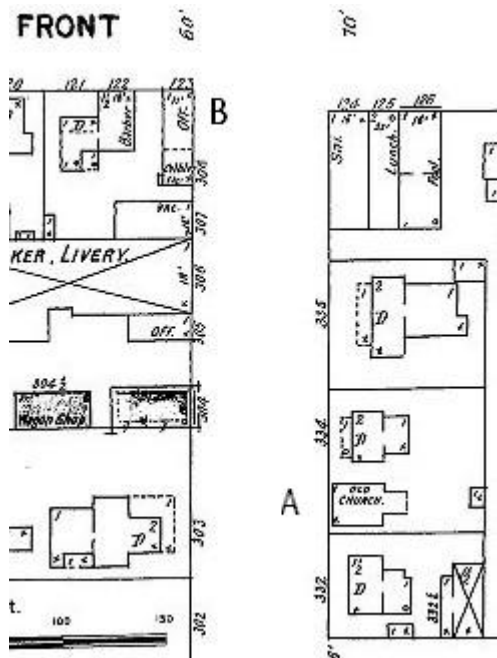
the lot, which measured 30' along the east side of the Chillicothe and New Holland Turnpike (Main Street) and was 40 feet deep.³ The deed, together with an earlier one for property in the area, makes it clear that the northern line of the lot was 187.3 feet south/southeast of the legal corner of the town.

The 1899, 1907, and 1915 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps all show the outline of the church. It sat right at the front of the lot, on the east side of Main Street, its north corner 175 feet south of Front Street. It was a frame building measuring about 23 feet wide by 26 feet deep, plus a the sanctuary of about 8 feet by 15 feet wide in the rear. The walls were twelve feet tall. In 1907 it had no lights and was heated by coal stoves.

Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Property deeds seem to indicated the presence in New Holland of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd from Columbus, but further investigation provides a different story.

On May 7, 1891, Evan S. Shipley of Pickaway County, for \$1 and other value received, transferred to the Order of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd of Columbus a small lot on the southwest corner of Main and Front streets in New Holland. This was just up the street from the mission church. The lot measured only 18 feet along Front and 28 feet along Main. A fire insurance map of 1899 shows a building of those dimensions standing there. Mr. Shipley gave the Sisters the buildings on the property, with the right to remove or alter them or part of them or to erect



Part of Main Street in New Holland from the 1899 fire insurance map (courtesy of the Columbus Metropolitan Library). "A" marks St. Thomas Church, "B" marks the property of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

other buildings. At his death the site was to become the property of the Sisters.⁴ But the Sisters have no record of any presence in New Holland. And, besides, New Holland was in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at that time and the presence of the Columbus Sisters, with no surviving correspondence to that effect in their archives or in diocesan archives, would be unusual.

Mr. Shipley died in the spring of 1899 and that June 16 Sister Mary Teresa Carroll, as President of The House of the Good Shepherd of Columbus, duly authorized by its Board of Trustees, sold the New Holland lot to Lee Shipley of Pickaway County. The name of the Sisters' legal entity had been misstated in the deed of 1891 and was corrected in a case in Common Pleas Court a few days before the date of this deed.⁵

It is in the Common Pleas Court case to change the name in the deed that the reason for the transfer of the property to the Sisters begins to appear. The case was filed by the Sisters against Lee Shipley,

Grant Shipley, Mary Shipley, Corilla Shipley, and other heirs of Evan Shipley, as well as Lee Shipley as Evan's Administrator.⁶ Corilla or Crilly Shipley, it turns out on further investigation, was a student of the Sisters at Good Shepherd Convent in Columbus. She was sent there by her father in 1887 at age 6; made her First Holy Communion in 1891; was confirmed as Beatrice Bernadine Shipley in 1893, and was returned to her sister, Mrs. Graham, in 1897.⁷ It must have been in payment for Corilla's tuition, room, and board, or in thanks for the care she received, or both, that Mr. Shipley deeded the lot to the Sisters. Whether they received any rent for the property while they owned it is not known, but they did receive \$500 as its price when they sold it in 1899.

Mission Story Continued

Subsequent pastors of St. Colman Parish and St. Thomas mission were:

- Rev. Jeremiah A. Murray, 1883-1887
- Rev. Edward P. Hickey, 1887-1889
- Rev. Adolph F. Sourd, 1889-1900
- Rev. Cornelius Scollan, 1900
- Rev. Michael J. Kelly, 1900-1904
- Rev. Francis P. Quinn, 1904-1908
- Rev. Thomas E. Fogarty, 1908-1941

The priest usually would come to the small church on Fridays to hear confessions and celebrate Mass.⁸ Beginning about 1890 and continuing until at least 1909, the most common day of the week on which baptisms were administered to members of the mission was Friday.⁹ Putting these two facts together, one can conclude that the baptisms were actually administered in St. Thomas Church, even though the records only state that New Holland was the residence of the parents.

There seems to have been a budding religious vocation at New Holland about 1900. Bishop Moeller of Columbus on Dec. 27, 1900 replied to a note from Rt. Rev. B. Menges, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. The abbot apparently had requested information about a man who had applied to the abbey. Moeller, who does not mention the man's name, could only tell him that

New Holland was in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and he would have to write to Archbishop Elder.¹⁰ The archdiocesan archives contain no record of any correspondence with Abbot Menges in this era¹¹, and likewise no information seems to have survived at the abbey. So we are in the dark as to the name of the applicant.

The mission was so small that it was virtually unknown. Bishop Moeller of Columbus, recently a priest of the Cincinnati Archdiocese, in 1900 mentioned to Abbot Menges that the priest of Washington C.H. “used to attend” New Holland. From this one might infer that by 1900 the priest no longer went there, but this is disproved by the sacramental records, listed below. And no Catholic church is mentioned in the Perry Township and New Holland section of VanCleaf’s 1906 history. But again, the sacramental records mention “the ch. in New Holland” in November of that very year. In the annual Catholic Directory the mission is mentioned only in the years 1916 through 1918, where its patron is given as St. Thomas.

End of the Mission

Lamott’s *History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati*, published in 1925, gives a list of mission churches in 1920 on pages 344-345. This list does

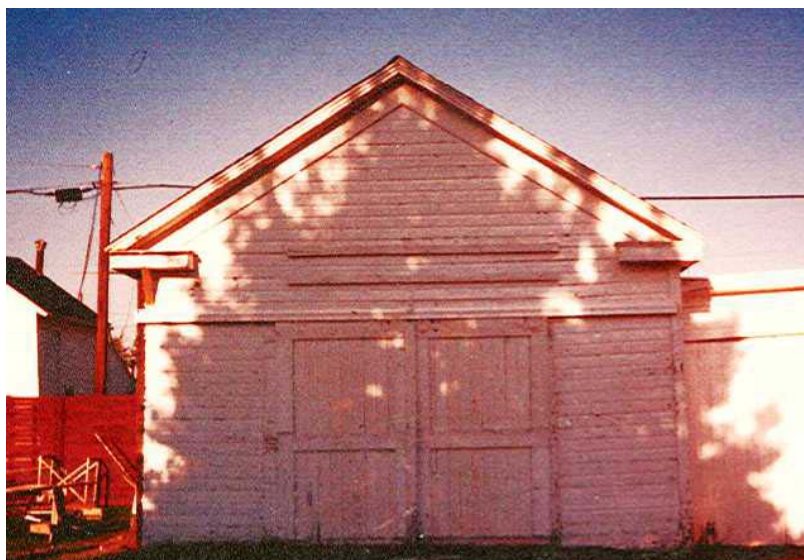
not mention New Holland. Given that the annual Catholic Directory often was a year or more behind the real world, the mission church probably was closed about 1918.

The property was sold in 1924, not by the Archbishop of Cincinnati but by a group of locals, namely Anna Cowgill, Mary McClain, James Kennedy, and Herb L. Louis, claiming to be all of the Roman Catholics residing in New Holland, O. They sold the property to Emma Kirkpatrick for \$1.00 on May 13, 1924.¹²

About 1977 Father Petry wrote in his history of St. Colman Parish in Washington Court House, based on local traditions, that the church building “was purchased by Richard Kirkpatrick’s father around 1920, and was moved from its original location near the sidewalk to the rear of the property where it now stands, now being used for storage.”

The 1925 fire insurance map shows the church site on the street to be empty. It shows a building directly to the east of the old site, on the alley, which must be the former church after being moved, but it is shown with a misleadingly small footprint. Roger Kirkpatrick provided the accompanying photograph of the church in its later role as garage, with a note that it was demolished in 2007.

The largest family that had been members of



*The former church as Kirkpatrick’s garage.
(Thanks to Roger Kirkpatrick of Washington C.H.)*



*Inscription on the old sanctuary lamp, St. Colman Church:
 “DONATED IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED
 SACRAMENT IN MEMORY OF John Collophy and FAMILY”*

St. Thomas Mission were the Collophys. John and Catherine (Fitzgerald) Collophy, natives of Ireland, had thirteen children. In 1880 they were farming land in Fayette County west of New Holland; in 1900 they were residing in the village and John was running a saloon; by 1910 their house was on the Circleville Pike not far east of Washington Court House. Baptisms of three of their children and two grandchildren are recorded at the mission between 1888 and 1902 and marriages of three of them in 1903 and 1906. In the sacristy of St. Colman of Cloyne Church in Washington C. H. is the base of a sanctuary lamp that is inscribed “In Memory of John Collophy and Family.” It seems unlikely that the Blessed Sacrament was ever reserved in St. Thomas Church, so this lamp probably was donated to St. Colman during the later part of the Collophys’ lives. It may not represent the mission of St. Thomas at New Holland directly, but it does represent the faith that was nourished there for about thirty-six years.

NOTES

Thanks to Msgr. George Schlegel for encouragement and assistance, as well as Rev. Jan Sullivan, pastor of St. Colman Parish, for providing the photo of the church as a garage and for showing

us the old sanctuary lamp.

- 1) VanCleaf, Aaron R., *History of Pickaway County, Ohio and Representative Citizens*; 1906
- 2) letter apparently in the Archives, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, mentioned in Father David Petry’s history of St. Colman Parish, written about 1977
- 3) Pickaway County Deed Record 60/106; see also 42/415
- 4) Pickaway County Deed Record 61/597
- 5) Pickaway County Deed Record 71/427
- 6) Pickaway County Common Pleas Appearance Docket 28/496, case 11444
- 7) microfilmed records of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Catholic Record Society
- 8) *Sesquicentennial Celebration*, New Holland, 1818-1968, page 6
- 9) Baptismal register, St. Colman Parish
- 10) Bishop Moeller, Letter Book 1, page 321, Archives, Diocese of Columbus
- 11) Thanks to Don Buske, Archivist of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, for searching for this and other information about the mission.
- 12) Pickaway County Deed Record 103/635

Baptisms of New Holland Residents 1883-1909

These were recorded by the pastors at St. Colman Church in Washington Court House. The first three records have the word “Holland” written above the name of each child.

1883

- Apr. 22 Mary, daughter of Michael Gallagher and Elizabeth Corrigan, born Feb? 16, 1883; spons. Daniel Hearn and Mary Hearn. J. A. Murray
- Aug. 26 John Francis, son of Thomas Cullen and Lizzie McCrone, born Aug. 8, 1883; spons. Peter McCrone and Mary Cullen. J. A. Murray

1884

Feb. 24 Bertha, daughter of Michael Smith and Mary Early, born — 3, 1884; spons. Early Barry and Hanna Smith. J. A. Murray

1887

- Mar. 27 Robert, born Jan. 26, son of Michael O'Brien of New Holland and Louise Ernest; spons. Richard Collopy and Mary Collopy. J. A. Murray
- May 28 William Garrett, born May 2, 1877, son of Gerhard Ahrens and Christina Neuneman of New Holland; spons. William Connor and Mary Shea. JAM
- May 28 Elizabeth, born May 13, daughter of Michael Gallagher and Elizabeth Corrigan of New Holland; spons. Martin Shea and Mrs. Jennings. JAM
- May 28 Mary, born Apr. 22, daughter of William Morris and Catherine Kennedy of New Holland; spons. Agnes Carrigan. JAM

1888

- May 20 Joseph, son of William Battles and Hanna Connors of New Holland; spons. James Bahan and Mary Hillery. Edward Hickey
- Oct. 31 Thomas Leo, born Oct. 12, son of John Collopy and Cathering Fitzgerald of New Holland; spons. John Collopy and Mary Helen Collopy. EH (Married Ethel Backenstoe in 1910)

1889

- Feb. 12 Francis, born Jan. 16, 1889, son of William Morris (non-Catholic) and Catherine Kennedy of New Holland; spons. James Mooney and Emma Mooney. EH
- Apr. 4 Charles, born Jan. 3, 1889, son of William Anderson (non-Catholic) and Anna Kerrigan of New Holland (“Waterloo”); spons. ——— Kerrigan and Helen Kerrigan. EH
- Apr. 4 Clara Honora, born Mar. 16, 1889, daughter of James H. Kennedy and Catherine Mouser (non-Catholic) of New Holland; spons. Lawrence Connors and Ann Connors. EH
- July 12 James Edward, born June 1, 1889, son of Michael Gallagher and Elizabeth Corrigan of

New Holland; spons. John Collopy and Catherine Collopy. EH (Married Esther Donners, 1917, in Kirby, Ohio)

1890

- Apr. 11 Matilda, born Mar. 25, daughter of Gerhard Arnolles? and Christina Vernman ; spons. Lawrence Connor and Mary Connor. A. F. Sourd [See May 28, 1887 above, where the names appear to be Ahrens and Neuneman.]
- June or July Monica Mable, daughter of John Collopy of New Holland; spons. Joseph Lang and Jane Long. AFS

1892

- Sept. 8 Thomas, born Aug. 30, son of William H. Anderson from Waterloo and Ann Kerrigan from New Holland; spons. Agnes Kerrigan. AFS

1893

- Oct. 13 Richard Edward, born Sept. 21, son of John Collopy from New Holland and Catherine Fitzgerald from Pickaway County; spons. Cornelius Collopy and Margaret Collopy. AFS
- Dec. 26 Charles Leo, born Nov. 5, son of Joseph Boshier and Elenor Messbarger of New Holland; spons. William Conner and M. Ellen Conner. AFS

1894

- Mar. 9 Florence Henrica McBean, born 1862, Methodist, of New Holland. AFS

1898

- Feb. 6 Mary Ann Gallagher, born Jan. 6, 1863, daughter of John Bryant from New Holland and Mary Carter from Pickaway County; spons. James Flynn and Nora Myers. AFS
- Aug. 12 Joseph Lawrence, born Aug. 4, son of William Morris and Catherine Kennedy of New Holland; spons. Ella Kennedy and Charles Kennedy (by proxy). AFS

1899

- Jan. 13 Paul Joseph, born Dec. 16, 1898, son of Cornelius Collopy from New Holland and Susan M. Hornbuckle from St. Joseph, Missouri; spons. John Collopy and Metta Lena Hornbuckle. AFS

1901

July 12 Margery Blanche, born Apr. 19, daughter of Thaddeus McLean and Blanche Gooley of New Holland; spons. James McLean and Mary Collopy. Michael J. Kelly

Oct. 11 Alice Catherine, born Sept. 5, daughter of Charles Morris (non-Catholic) and Margaret Collopy from New Holland; spons. John Collopy and wife. MJK

1902

Mar. 6 John Hardin, born Jan. 21, son of Cornelius Collopy and Susan Martha Hornbuckle of New Holland; spons. James and Bertha Collopy. MJK

1905

Jan. 13 at New Holland, Joseph Francis, born Sept. 23, 1904, son of James A. Kennedy and Mary "Holland" of New Holland; spons. Mary Kennedy and Thaddeus McLean. Fr. P. Quinn

1909

Feb. 1? at New Holland chapel, Mary Margaret, born Dec. 11, 1908, daughter of William Thaddeus McLean and Blanche Gooley (non-Catholic) of New Holland. T. E. Fogarty

Apr. 23 at New Holland chapel, Ellen Bertha, born Mar. 3, 1909, daughter of John Carl and Rose Shetton? of Williamsport; spons. John Shetton? and Soffia Carl. TEF

It is our policy not to make public baptismal records less than one hundred years old. Through the year 1926, the register includes only five more baptisms of children from New Holland. The family names of these are Scheiser, Helfrich, Borchers, and Lane.

Marriages of New Holland Residents 1888-1906

1888, Apr. 2 William Anderson (non-Catholic) from Waterloo to Anna Kerrigan from New Holland; witnesses Agnes Kerrigan and Caroline Anderson. Edward P. Hickey

1895, Feb. 26 William Thaddeus McLean of New Holland to Blanche Gooley of New Holland; wit. Bernard McLean and Mary

McLean. A. F. Sourd

1898, Aug. 10 John James (non-Catholic) of Waverly to Mary Connors of Hew Holland, daughter of William; wit. Mary Connors. AFS

1900, Oct. 31 Charles E. Morris (non-Catholic) to Margaret A. Collopy of New Holland; wit. John Collopy Jr. and Ethel Morris. Michael J. Kelly

1903, Nov. 11 in New Holland, James J. Flynn of Washington Court House to Mary Collopy of New Holland, daughter of John and Catherine Collopy; wit. P. E. Dempsey and Estella Collopy. Michael J. Kelly

1904, Jan. 15 Arthur Kennedy of New Holland to Masie Holland of New Holland (Johnsons Crossing). MJK

1906, Feb. 14 James Collopy of New Holland, son of John and Catherine, to Minnie Junk (non-Catholic) from Austin, Ross County; wit. Raymond Junk and Bertha Collopy. Fr. P. Quinn

1906, May 23 John Reay of Mt. Sterling (non-Catholic) to Estella Collopy of New Holland, daughter of John and Catherine; wit. Victor Davis and Ida Collopy. Fr. P. Quinn

1906, Nov. 27 "at the ch. in New Holland" Edward Connors of New Holland, son of William and Ellen, to Mary Helen Before from Lancaster; wit Laurence Connors and Margart Connors. Fr. P. Quinn

There are no further New Holland marriages in the register at St. Colman through 1927.

Deaths of New Holland Residents 1883-1935

The register of deaths and burials does not list residence, only birthplace, until 1908. Beginning in 1899 the two dates given are those of death and burial.

1883, May Smith child, born in "Holland"

1883, May Gallagher child, born in "Holland"

1885, May 12 Joseph son of Andrew Kennedy, died of lockjaw on May 11 at New Holland, age 7 years

1890, May? Margaret Kennedy, born New Holland, buried at St. Colman
 1891, Aug.? Cornelius Curran, born New Holland, age 81, buried at St. Colman
 1894, Sept. David Kirk, born New Holland, accident, buried at St. Colman
 1894, Oct. 8 John Shannahan, born in New Holland, accident, buried at St. Colman
 1899, Aug. 24-26 [blank] Nunnemaker, born New Holland, consumption, buried at St. Colman
 1909, Mar. 29-31 Ellen Connors of West New Holland, dropsy, buried at St. Colman
 1916, May 7-9 James Gallagher of New Holland, age 61, born in New Holland, buried at St. Colman
 1917, Aug. 28-[Sept.?] 4 John Owen Gallagher, born near Chilllicothe, buried at St. Colman
 1921, Jan. 21-24 William Connors of New

Holland, age 92, born Ireland, buried St. Colman
 1922, Dec. 28-30 Thomas MChain? of New Holland, buried in New Holland Cemetery
 1929, May 22-27 James H. Kennedy of New Holland, age 71, born New Holland, buried St. Colman
 1933, Aug. 14-16 William Miller, age 28 born in Indiana, died at the Huston Farm, New Holland in a farm accident, buried at St. Colman
 1934, Dec. 31- Jan. 2, 1935 Joseph Miller of New Holland, born in Indiana, age 63, buried at St. Colman
 1935, Aug. 18-26, Catherine Kennedy of New Holland, age 78, born in New Holland, died at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, buried at St. Colman
There are no other New Holland residents in the death register through 1942.

Abstracts from the *Catholic Telegraph*
 (Continued, from Vol. XXXVII, No. 11)

July 23, 1859
 Seminary receipts:

St. Mary's, Beaver	13.00
St. John's, Bellaire	14.25
St. Patrick's, Washington	5.85
Surrounding stations	6.90
Rev. Mr. Jacquet	10.00

Personal.

Rev. Dr. Rosecrans, President of Mt. St. Mary's of the West (Cincinnati), and Rev. Dr. Keogh, of Pittsburgh, are on a visit to the East. For two or three days this week they were the guests of their good friend and former associate in the Propaganda at Rome, Rev. Dr. Morrough, at St. Joseph's Seminary, Fordham. - *N. Y. Freeman*

July 30, 1859
Commencement at St. John's College, Fordham.
 The annual exercises took place on the 12th inst.

The following report from the *N. Y. Daily Times* does justice to the occasion...
 The address to the Graduating class was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rosecrans, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as follows: [The address is printed in full.]
 The Reverend President then conferred the degrees, five M.A. and eight B.A., including two students of the College of St. Francis Xavier in New York City.

Seminary receipts:
 St. Peter, Steubenville \$85.50

August 6, 1859
Episcopal Visitation Schedule
 St. Mary's, Chilllicothe, forenoon of Sunday, 14th August. St. Peter's, afternoon. On the same day, the Right Rev. Josue M. Young, Bishop of Erie, will administer Confirmation in St. Mary's, Lancaster; and, on the following day, festival of the Assumption B.V.M., bless the Corner-stone of the new church.

August 13, 1859

The editor of the *Zanesville Courier* deserves a cap and bells and the degree of A.S.S. for his leader of the 8th of August. What does he think of giving \$100,000 to the City Asylum, thoroughly, eminently Protestant, and more than \$100,000 to build and endow Protestant *Common Schools*—and half of this out of Catholic pockets, and then turn around and tax a Catholic Orphan Asylum, where three hundred orphans are kept from being a burden to the city? Publish this, Mr. *Courier*, in your next issue and tell us, in your own inimitable slang, if *even you* think it just.

Seminary receipts:

Our Lady of Good Hope, Good Hope	5 15
St. Joseph's, Berne, Fairfield co.	3 55
Sacred Heart, near Bremen	6 00
P. B. Ewing, Esq.	5 00
Rev. D. Winands	10 00

Receipts of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Beneficial Society:

W. S. Rosecrans, Cincinnati	\$5 00
W. O'Driscoll, Columbus	1 00

August 20, 1859

Episcopal Visitation.

On Sunday, 14th August, the Archbishop officiated at St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Chillicothe. Fifty-four, chiefly of the youth of the congregation of St. Mary's, and sixty-eight of St. Peter's, were confirmed. After Vespers and Benediction at St. Peter's, the Cemetery of the English-speaking Catholics was solemnly blessed. The good practice exists in the two congregations of Chillicothe, of using no carriages at funerals, and of saying the Rosary and other prayers for the departed while they accompany their mortal remains to the grave.

On Sunday evening, the Archbishop and Rev. Clergy visited, by request, the hospitable residence of General Worthington, one of the most beautiful sites in Ohio, and enjoyed a boat-ride on a large artificial lake, which, with a view to the health of the neighborhood, as well as for ornament, the General

formed of the waters of what was once a swamp. The choirs of the two Churches sang hymns on the moon-lit waters.

Monday morning, Feast of the Assumption, after Masses in the Churches and the chapel of Notre Dame, carriages to Circleville, rail-car to Lancaster, which place we reached at noon. The Right Rev. Bishop, J. M. Young, of Erie, had just finished a Solemn Pontifical Mass, assisted by the Rev. Pastor, Henry Lange, and Rev. Messrs. Edelin and Bokel, the former Prior of the Dominicans at St. Joseph's, and the latter Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Somerset. The day previous the Bishop confirmed forty-five persons. There was confirmation in the same Church, last year. The zealous Bishop preached on Sunday and Monday, and Rev. Mr. Bokel addressed the German portion of the congregation in their own tongue.

At three P.M., the Archbishop presided at Vespers. After Vespers, the Bishop of Erie, assisted by the clergymen already named, and Rev. Messrs. Lieb, Hemsteger and Duffy, blessed the Cornerstone of the new church, after which the Archbishop preached. At intervals during the ceremony, a band of music played some enlivening airs, and at its close, a military company discharged a volley of musketry, which took the assemblage pretty much by surprise. The worthy captain of the company, we understand, exhorts, occasionally, in the Methodist church.

The new church will be, from out to out, 152 by 70 ft. Height of walls, 39 ft. 6 in., of ceiling of principal aisle, 54 ft. The handsome sum of \$12,000 has been already subscribed by sixty-three names. It is not quite a score of years since the present church, a very respectable edifice, was erected. Lancaster deserves well of Religion and society by its generosity to the Orphans, the Seminary and the Church. Two natives of the city are now enrolled among the Alumni of the Diocesan preparatory Seminary. (To be continued)

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