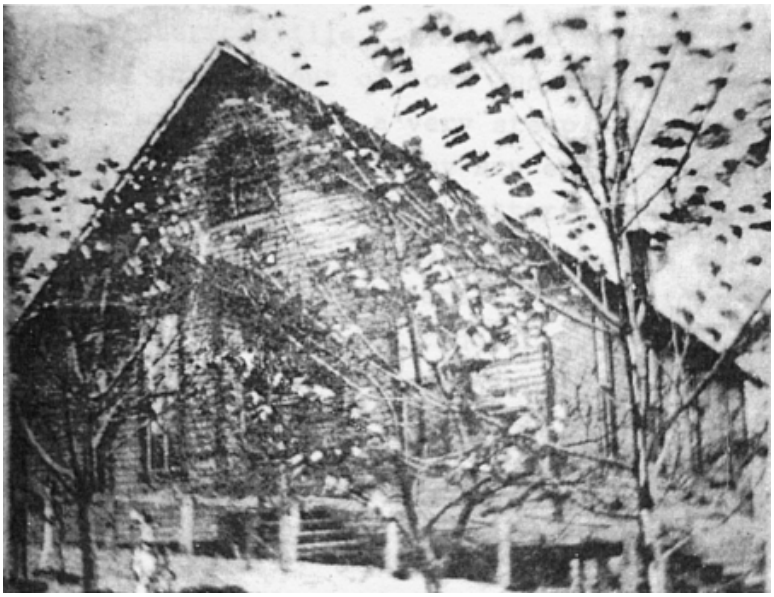
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This is, unfortunately, the only photograph we could find of St. Francis Church in Sherrodsville. If anybody has a better one, we will make room for it in a future issue.

Sacred Thirst and St. Francis Churches, Sherrodsville, Carroll County, 1883-1944

(Concluded, from Vol. XXXX, No. 8)

Diocesan priests, 1904-1912

On the following Monday, three days after blessing the church and the two cemeteries, Bishop Hartley returned care of the Klondike (Roswell or Vickers) parish and the Sherrodsville mission to diocesan clergy. As pastor he appointed newly ordained Father Bernard Vogel. This change had been considered for two years. Bishop Moeller on September 2, 1902 had remarked that Bolivar, New Philadelphia, and Canal Dover had been assigned to the Capuchins by Bishop Watterson with permission of the Holy See, but they also attended Sherrodsville without such permission. The next month he wrote to Father Paul at Canal Dover that a change was probably coming, for the rescript from Propaganda, dated October 13, 1886, did not include Sherrodsville.[17]

Father Vogel offered Mass every Sunday and holy day in both churches, on one Sunday high Mass in Roswell and low Mass in Sherrodsville and the following Sunday he reversed the order. He lived in Roswell. In his census report of July 1, 1905, Father Vogel reported 89 souls at the Sherrodsville mission, 51 speaking English, 27 German, 7 French, and 4

Italian. Of these, only eleven rented seats in the church. Ten did not make their Easter duty. Catechism was taught to the children every Sunday by two lay teachers.

Less than a year later, in March, 1906 Bishop Hartley told Father Vogel to prepare to leave Roswell because, "Those people I am afraid have not appreciated your devotion and sacrifice..." Father Vogel left on April 1, 1906. His replacement, Father John Von Ville, faced the same problem; the people of Roswell would not support him, so he moved to Sherrodsville. But the Roswell folks wanted Father Vogel back and promised to support him,[18] so he returned in mid-1907 and stayed until that November. "Since there no longer was a house in Roswell I lived in Sherrodsvile and had Roswell as a mission." He preached in Italian, Slavish and Polish and was beloved by the people. They would take him back and forth by buggy or sled. For a time he rented the Brown home, apparently in Roswell.[19]

The congregation held socials and festivals to raise money for their projects. In January, 1902, permission was given by Bishop Moeller for a festival. Another one (or perhaps the same one) was to be held that fall, that might help pay for the room addition to the church. An Ice Cream Festival was held in 1906. In February, 1907 the ladies of the Altar Society gave a supper, including ice cream and oysters.[20] In 1907 the "St. Francis Social and Dramatic Club" put on an entertainment that netted about $30 and the Altar Society put on a supper.

Although Father Vogel again left the congregation in November, 1907, he had already arranged for a week of lectures beginning Wednesday evening, December 11. The subjects were: Divorce and Race Suicide; Purgatory; Confession to the Priest; Shall we be led by the Bible?; Is one religion as good as another?; Christ's Christianity and Modern Christianity; and Why am I Catholic? No entrance fee was collected and a question box and special music were provided.[21]

Rev. John W. Byrne replaced Father Vogel but remained only two months.

Rev. John A. Mattes came in January 1908. Some say he lived in the garret above the servers' sacristy in Roswell, but others claimed he lived in Sherrodsville, traveling back and forth on bicycle or horseback. The Bishop addressed letters to him at Sherrodsville. He was there 4 1/2 years. Bishop Hartley visited again to administer Confirmation, according to *The Carroll Chronicle*, on Monday, May 9, 1910.[22] This visit is not recorded in the mission's register.

Struggles of the town

During these years the mining industry in the vicinity grew and again declined. In 1900 there was one mine, a mile east of Sherrodsville, with about 60 hands; this was Davis No. 3, owned by H. S. Odbert of Cleveland. Two more mines, designated Somers No. 2 and No. 3, operated by the Somers Mining Co. of Cleveland, opened by 1902 but that year Davis No. 3 closed. The mines were all idle for the greater part of 1903. In 1904 and 1905 three mines were operating, with employment at about 300. One of these, however, was two miles away from Sherrodsville and two of the three were closed for part of the latter year. By 1910 only the Somers No. 2 mine remained, with employment at 187 hands. Operations were suspended that March 31 because of the inability of the miners and the operators to agree on a pay scale. It remained closed the rest of the year, cripping the community. In Roswell, two-thirds of the parish members left to seek work elsewhere. In 1911 a labor agreement was reached, but the mine was abandoned. Then, on July 26, 1911, a fire swept through Sherrodsville's downtown, leaving 40 persons homeless. Up to that time it had been one of the most prosperous mining towns in that section of the state but it never recovered from this blow.[23] The population of the town dropped from 721 in 1910 to 377 in 1920.

Capuchins from 1912

St. Elizaberth at Roswell and St. Francis at Sherrodsville both came under the care of the Capuchins at Dover on the first Sunday of August, 1912. The first of these was Rev. Alphonse Hillenbrand, O.M.Cap., who lived at Dover and when in Sherrodsville took his meals at the Ledger

Pastors

Rev. H. B. Dues of Dover,1883-1884
Rev.Walter Ross of Bolivar, later of Marges, 1885-1886
Rev. T. J. Lane of Marges, 1886-1888
Rev. Walter Ross of Marges, 1888-1892
same, from Mingo Junction, 1893-1895
Rev. John Meade of Mingo Junction, 1897-1900
Rev. Peter Kemper, O.M.Cap. of Dover, c Dec. 1900-1901
Rev. Bernardine Kuhlmann, O. M. Cap. of Dover, by Oct. 1901-July 1904
Rev. Bernard Vogel of Roswell, July, 1904 to Apr. 1, 1906
Rev. John Ph. Vonville, April, 1906-June, 1907
Rev. Bernard Vogel again, June to November, 1907; living first in Sherrodsville and later in Roswell
Rev. John W. Byrne, two months
Rev. John A. Mattes, January, 1908, to July, 1912, of Sherrodsville, with mission at Roswell
Rev. Alphonse Hillebrand, O.M.Cap. of Dover, Aug., 1912-July 1918
Rev. Theodore Schillo, O.M.Cap. 1918-1920
Rev. Severin Scharl, O.M.Cap. of Roswell, 1920-1923
Rev. Angelus Seikel, O.M.Cap.,1923-1925
Rev. Anthony Burkart, O.M.Cap., 1925-1927
Rev. Bernardine Kuhlmann, O.M.Cap. of Roswell , July 1927 to July 1944

home. In July of 1918 he was succeeded by Rev. Theodore Schillo, O.M.Cap., who was newly ordained. Rev. Severin Scharl, O.M.Cap. came in July, 1920. In his time a residence for the priest was purchased in Roswell. Following his term, Rev. Angelus Seikel, O.M.Cap. came in July, 1923. He was a native of Tuscarawas County.[24]

During these years, St. Francis had from sixty to seventy-five members in about fifteen families. Most of them were English-speaking, but a few speaking Italian, Polish, Slovak, and Hungarian moved in with the opening of the Stadler mine, located within a mile of the town. Mass was offered in this era on the second Sunday of each month and on Easter and Christmas. The children, numbering in the low twenties, all attended the public school but were taught catechism two or three times each month by the pastor. In 1921 Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, better known as the Graymoor Sisters, came to Roswell to teach the parish school and they visited Sherrodsville to assist with the catechism classes there. They withdrew from Roswell in 1927. Lay people also helped with the classes. The only parish society was the ladies' Altar Society.[25]

Hard times arrived in 1924 when the Stadler mine closed. The congregation fell to twenty-five members that year and never recovered. There were only ten children of school age in 1923 and by 1935 there were none. Meanwhile, the parish at Roswell in 1925 numbered over six hundred. No pew rent was collected in Sherrodsville in 1925, the people being "very poor." That year, however, they did purchase a large iron stove for the church and seventy rods of wire was erected around the cemetery. Father Seikel was succeeded in July, 1925, by Rev. Anthony Burkart, O.M.Cap.

Fr. Bernardine Kuhlmann, O.M.Cap. took over the care of the mission for a second time in July, 1927, and served faithfully until the mission closed. He rode a bicycle from Roswell to Sherrodsville and back in the early days (in good weather, that is; he noted in the winter of 1928 that the roads were so miserable that he could not even get to Sherrodsville to have the committee sign the financial report). He continued the practice of offering Mass there on the second Sunday of each month. He was a gifted priest of many attainments. He wrote well in both English and German and preached eloquently in both languages. He worked, as well, with his hands and in his earlier days played the parts of both architect and laborer in the construction of churches. He was a simple, poverty-loving and observant friar.[26] The Catholic population of Sherrodsville hovered just below twenty during his years, while the parish at

Roswell numbered three hundred, and more in some years. Sherrodsville's total population held steady in the mid-300s. The Altar Society was discontinued but a Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament took its place to provide some community and devotion outside of Mass Sundays.[27]

Aldo Giumenti of Roswell (1911-1996) as a teenager started driving Father Bernardine in his car for his monthly visits to offer Mass at Sherrodsville. He was still doing this in 1944. At that time only three persons were attending the Mass and he asked Father Bernardine why he continued to attend St. Francis Church. Father replied that he would soon meet his Maker and did not want to have to say "I didn't do my job."[28] He retired that year, to become a quasi-assistant at Dover. When the Diocese of Steubenville was organized, the mission was assigned to the pastor at Malvern but it seems the pastor there never visited it. St Francis Church was closed and razed. The diocese still owns the property.

Guy Sciarini, who among his many skills was a carpenter, built a bell tower on the church at Wainwright about the time that St. Francis Church in Sherrodsville was razed. The Wainwright Catholics were told they could have the bell from St. Francis. The went to Sherrodsville and found it, in an empty lot half buried in the mud. They started to dig it up but were driven off by locals carrying shotguns. They later were able to move it to Wainwright. When the church at Wainwright was razed, the bell was placed in a corner of the parish hall, where it remained when Bishop Griffin donated the hall to the township—and as far as we know it still rests there.[29] The bell was inscribed: "IHS JUBILEE 1901 SHERRODSVILLE, OHIO AVE MARIA"

Names of a few Members

In addition to the sacramental registers and tombstones, the names of a few members of the congregation have been preserved in other records. Except as noted, these persons were members of the committee that assisted the pastors with mission finances (named in the annual financial reports filed with the diocese by the pastors):

James Coyne 1932
John Curran 1934 [an error for John Larue?]
Louis Daverio 1912-1923
Charles Brühl 1913
John Brühl 1905, 1913-1914
Joseph Bruhl 1905
Jakob Klein 1906-1910
John Larue 1933, 1935
George Ledger 1919-1922
John McCollin 1906
Mr. F. McGee, mentioned in a letter of 1901
Henry Molloy 1905, 1908-09, 1912-26
James Molloy 1929 and 1931
Thomas Malley 1932 [an error for Rawley?]
John Mullen 1928
John Ohere 1931
Thomas Rawley 1905-1908, 1910,1912-1924, 1928, 1929, 1933-1935
John Sweeney 1905, 1912-1918, 1925

It is notable that John Sweeney was a committee member as late as 1925, since it was at his house at Hazelton that Mass had been offered when the mission was first organized. He was a native of Wales, a coal miner, who had lived in Tuscarawas County before moving to Hazelton. He and his wife Mary had several children. He died in 1926.

NOTES

17) Archives, Diocese of Columbus (ADC), Sept. 2, 1902, Moeller to Rev. E. L. Fladung, Malvern. Oct. 8, 1902, Moeller to Rev. Paul, O.M.Cap., Canal Dover
18) ADC, Mar. 26, 1906 and June 22 and 25, 1907, Hartley to Rev. B. Vogel; Dec. 10 and 22, 1906 and June 25, 1907, Hartley to Rev. John Vonville.
19) Roswell St. Elizabeth golden jubilee booklet, 1951 p. 41
20) ADC, Jan. 5, 1902, Moeller to Rev. Bernardine [Kuhlman], O.M.Cap., Canal Dover. Sept. 11, 1902, Moeller to Rev. B. Kuhlmann, O.M.Cap., Canal Dover. *The Carroll Chronicle*, Feb. 8, 1907

21) *The Carroll Chronicle*, December 15, 1907
22) *The Carroll Chronicle*, May 6, 1910
23) *Reports of the Chief Inspector of Mines*, 1900-1911. Extracts from The New Philadelphia *Times-Reporter*, March 27, 1998
24) See biographical sketch of Father Seikel on pp 97-102 of *The History of Old Saint Peter's*. by V. Rev. John M. Lenhart, O.M.Cap. Roswell St. Elizabeth golden jubilee booklet, 1951 p. 41
25) Annual census reports, July 1, 1914, 1915, 1920, 1921, 1922, Archives, Diocese of Columbus
26) Roswell St. Elizabeth golden jubilee booklet, 1951, p 45-47
27) Parish census reports, 1924-1944
28) Story told by Msgr. George Schlegel, who knew Mr. Giumenti
29) Story told by Msgr. Schlegel

Sherrodsville Catholic Burials

Recorded at Sacred Heart in New Philadelphia:
1904, May 25 died Joseph Minichiello, son of Dante Minichiello, age 30 years, from Vickers [Roswell], buried May 27 in the Cemetery of St. Francis, Sheroddsville by Father Laurence Beck, O.M.Cap.

Recorded at St. Elizabeth in Roswell:
1948, Nov. 7 died Mary Negutt, age 84, from Sherrodsville, buried Nov. 9 in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Roswell. Rev. Julian Patterson
1953, Aug. 28 died Adelia Kathryn Armstrong, born Seymour, wife of John Armstrong, from Sherrodsville, buried Aug. 21 in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Roswell with permission of Rev. Varda of Carrollton; born Oct. 23, 1872 in Carrolltown, Pa. Matthew Gallenz, O.M.Cap.
1956, Aug. 13 died John S. Armstrong, age 79, from Sherrodsville, noncatholic, buried Aug. 16 at St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Roswell. Died in Carroll County Hospital. Gerald Koehler, O.M.Cap.

Sherrodsville Catholic Cemetery

This is the cemetery purchased in 1904, called Mt. Calvary or St. Francis Cemetery. Earlier graves were moved from the old cemetery, which most likely was on the eastern side of the church lot. It is located a hill on the north side of Antigua Road (County Road 11) approximately 1100 feet east of Green Street.

Tombstones were read in 1981 and 1984 by Sara Finnicum and Sara and Shirley Anderson and were published in *Carroll Cousins*, June, 1986. These were republished in *Carroll County Ohio Cemeteries 1811-1995* Vol. IV, by the Carroll County Genealogical Society.

They were read again on June 20, 2014. Rows were read out from the drive, designated here as A to C on the east and D to I on the west. Stones are numbered from north to south.

Row A- contains only a small, illegible stone

Row B
DA VERIO
(Mother) Sara died 1914
(Father) James died 1923
MOLLOY
Mary Catherine and Rose Ellen daughters of H. & M. Molloy
Mary Catherine Molloy born Oct. 6, 1883 died Dec. 19, 1902
Rose Ellen born Oct. 2, 1888 died June 26, 1890
MOLLOY James Ohio Pvt 362 Infantry 91 Div August 15, 1886 June 30, 1951

Row C
Felix McLaughlin died Aug. 1891 aged 59 y 11 mo. 25 d
Henry P. son of H. P. and Mary McLaughlin, died Oct. 25, 1903 aged 11 months 21 days

Row D
+ FURRICK June 11, 1909 Joseph F. Apr. 6, 1968

FURRICK
Marianna 1884-1938
Valentine 1875-1944
TRUMAN Frank A. Mar. 19, 1916 Dec. 26, 2010
Wayne Truman Mar. 24, 1909 - Nov. 13, 1922
Margaret Rawley 1876-1938
Thomas Rawley Aug. 30, 1868 - July 14, 1958

Row E
Mary daughter of J & M Shaney died ___ 20, 1854 aged 7 days [clearly the year is wrong]
Clarrisa Moran 1849-1911 [stone missing in 1994]
MALONEY Willie son of Wm. & Susie Maloney Mar. 30, 1901 May 6, 1906.

Row F
BRANNEN:
Patrick 1819-1894
Lucy E. 1884-1897
Winefred E. 1898-1899
Peter 1861-1913
Roseann Boylan 1891-1927
Mary "Polly" Brannen 1860-1925
MULDOON
(Mother) Margaret 1838-1906
Thomas 1862-1909
Harrie F. Hesling 1905-1906
William T. Sweeny, Nov. 11,1912-Jan. 31, 1915

Row G
William Dougherty 1859-1906
MULLEN
Mary 1877-1942
Charles 1874-19 [blank]

Row H
SVJEDA
Aloisie Nov. 11, 1865 Jan. 22, 1944
Charles Dec. 6, 1867 Jan. 6, 1957
Annie Swarder 1869-1907
Mary C. Dauer, wife of J. McGee 1875-1902
Mary Ellen (Mother) 1868-1904 MORAN

Row I
LEURQUIN
Blanch M. 1892-1894
Cosette N. 1905-1907
Margaret, daughter of Andrew & Mary Mullen Apr. 23, 1905-Apr. 30, 1906

Markers now missing:
Row F or G (not found in 1994 or 2014):
Frank Baransky (funeral home marker)

Row F (not found in 1994 or 2014):
Barbara Abel 1895-1905 (funeral home marker)

Row G or H (not found in 2014):
Nellie, daughter of Peter and Mary Ledger Apr. 5, 1909-Apr. 6, 1909

Abstracts from the *Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued from Vol. XXXX No. 7)

April 23, 1862

On Holy Thursday the Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecarns, and on Easter Sunday the sermon was preached by the same.

DIED.

ROBERT BARRETT died of pulmonary consumption at the residence of his parents on Clinton street, Cincinnati, on the 15th April, in his 22nd year. Deceased was a native of Zanesville in this State. With an elder brother, now under General Banks, he enlisted at the commencement of the war, in the service of his country. His death was doubtless the effect of exposure and hardship in going through the campaign in Western Virginia. He was frequently visited, the last weeks of his life by the Most Rev'd Archbishop, from whom, besides Holy Communion and Extreme Unction, he received Confirmation and the Scapular of the Blessed Virgin. He was perfectly

resigned to the divine will—and his last words were the invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus.

April 30, 1862

On Saturday the 26th Bishop Rosecrans conferred tonsure and minor orders on John Baptist Murray and others in the Chapel of Mt. St. Mary of the West.

GENERAL SHERMAN AND SURGEON HEWITT.

We published last week a brief notice of General Grant's report to the Secretary of War, to which a correspondent objects, and charges us with "injustice" because we did not give the report in full. ...We have already, on more than one occasion, proved our respect for General Sherman's reputation. Our Paper was the first to defend him when attached by some of the officers of the Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers. ...Our sin of injustice or omission consisted in not publishing the following tribute to General Sherman, which we now publish with much pleasure:

> "I feel it a duty, however, to a gallant and able officer, Brigadier-General W. T. Sherman, to make a special mention. He not only was with his command during the entore of the two days' action, but displayed great judgment and skill in the managgement of his men. Although severely wounded in the hand the first day, his place was never vacant. He was again wounded, and had three horses killed under him...."

Sympathy with Distress in Ireland.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO,
April 21st, 1862.

Most Rev. Archbishop:

Seconding the humane efforts manifested at this time in many parts of our country, a collection was made in this Church on Easter Sunday, for the benefit of the suffering poor of Ireland. The result which is, permit me to say it, quite creditable, we submit to you as our common Father, for its proper dispensation. The liberality of the St. Patrick's Benevolent Association, members of this congregation, is deserving of especial commendation. It is gratifying, Most Rev. Father, that in the saddest hour of our National existence, Catholic charity is true to its character of universal benevolence. Asking your blessing for ourselves and our faithful flock, we remain yours, in God, N. R. YOUNG, O.S.D.
F. J. DUNN, O.S.D.

May 7, 1862

Archbishop Purcell departed for Rome, yesterday.

Seminary Receipts — Mrs. Ewing, Lancaster $10.00

General Sherman.

LANCASTER, OHIO, May 3d, 1862.

Rev. Sir:—Late last evening I noticed your editorial in the *Catholic Telegraph* of April 30th. Surprised and indignant at the great injustice you have done me, I must request, not only your attention to my protestations, but their publication in your next week's paper.

You place me in a false and ridiculous position. You represent me as objecting to the publication of a "brief notice" of General Grant's report, and charging you with injustice, "because you did not give the report in full." Now, I *saw no "notice"* of the report, but I saw what purported to be "General Grant's official report of the battle," followed by the correspondence of the General and Beauregard, in reference to the rebels who had been left dead on the field.

You represent me again as accusing you of injustice "because you do not praise a person who deserves it," and you add, that your "particular sin of injustice or omission consists in not publishing the following tribute to General Sherman." You certainly could not have read my letter, or you would not be guilty of the injustice of so perverting its contents. I said your injustice consisted in giving "a *mutilated* copy of General Grant's report, *calling it* 'the official report of General Grant.'" I said that you "had a right to give extracts from the report, but *no* right to give a mutilated copy, calling it the official report, and without anything to indicate that it was but partial." I say so still.

Again: I do *not* complain that Surgeon Hewitt ["]has been shamefully slandered and charged with intemperance." I am too much accustomed to seeing the papers (political and religious) "bear false witness" against others, to take up the defense of every friend who is slandered—particularly where, by unsullied honor and a clear conscience, they are enabled to bear the slanders and "to live them down." I referred to the slanders against Dr. Hewitt, I gave you General Sherman's testimony that they *were* slanders, and I said that by publishing a full report, where it was *pretended* to be given, an act of justice would have been done him.

You say you have "already, on more than one occasion, proved your respect for General Sherman's *reputation*." General Sherman's *character* is the best safeguard and defense of his *reputation*, and to that, as hitherto, I henceforth trust it. The attack upon him last summer, by the flowery Poet of the N.Y. 69th—the self constituted critic of his Generals and superiors—was utterly unimportant, and the only defense against it in the *Telegraph*, might well be assumed to be a defence of the Editor's judgment, in allowing such silly charges to appear in his paper.

Having discourteously held me up to ridicule, misrepresented my statements, and *flung at* me the praises with which General Grant thought proper to "honor" my husband, you will allow me to say in conclusion that I addressed you before under a mistaken impression, that justice, patriotism and Catholic sympathy would prompt you to correct, in some polite way, what I *then* supposed was an act of prejudice on the part of your *Publisher*.

I must again request the publication of this, over my full signature.

Respectfully, your "correspondent,"

ELLEN EWING SHERMAN.

[The editor, Father Purcell, denies being conscious of writing anything deserving of such "personal abuse." He complains that part of the report was cut by the assistant editor, in order to place in the *Telegraph* late arriving news from Rome. There was plenty of room in this issue for a long response to Mrs. Sherman!]

May 14, 1862

Last Sunday Bishop Rosecrans administered the sacrament of confirmation at St. Joseph's, Cincinnati; and on the third Sunday after Easter at the Cathedral.

Sympathy with Distress in Ireland—Proceedings at Columbus, Ohio.

On last Tuesday evening, a number of the members of St. Patrick's (R.C.) Church, in this city, met together for the purpose of devising means to afford relief to the suffering poor in Ireland. The hand of famine is in many places laid heavily upon them by the iniquitous landlord system of their afflicted country and the entire indifference of wicked policy or a corrupt venal government. Appeal is there fore made to the charitable in behalf of an unfortunate people.

At the meeting alluded to, it was resolved that a subscription be taken up in St. Patrick's Church for this purpose, and that collectors be appointed to solicit subscriptions from any of our fellow citizens that may feel disposed to contribute to this object.

The following gentlemen were appointed collectors under the resolution:

1st Ward—James Joyce and Patrick Murphy.
2d Ward—Thomas Bergin and Michael Quealey.
3d Ward—John McNamee and John Joyce.
4th Ward—John Hunter and J. Conahan.
5th Ward—Messrs. Reinhard and Kronenbitter.
Franklinton—P. K. Fleming and M. Phelan.
State House—Capt. Turney.
Railroad—Patrick Dunne, Wm. Naughton, James Cooney, Patrick Fitzpatrick.
Piqua Railroad—M. Mara.

E. FITZGERALD, Pres't.
W. NAUGHTON, Sec'y.

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