

CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL.

Some of the Topics and Courses Being Arranged for the Coming Session At the Champlain Assembly.

CLIFF HAVEN, N. Y., April 19. The Catholic Summer School of America, which is permanently located here, on the historic shores of Lake Champlain, near Plattsburg, has plans for several new buildings, to be erected before the coming session, which, this year, will extend over a period of nine weeks, from July 6 to Sept. 5.

A special course in philosophical studies will be conducted by the Rev. F. P. Siegfried of St. Charles' Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., assisted by the Rev. Thomas O'Brien, S. J., St. Francis Xavier's College, New York City, and Dr. James Fox, from the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and special studies in literature will be in charge of Dr. Conde B. Pallen and the Rev. Hugh T. Henry.

Plans for a comprehensive treatment of the middle ages from different points of view have been arranged by the Rev. D. J. McMahon, D. D., of New York City. The object is to present historical research up to date, in six courses of lectures dealing with the popes, the rulers, the philosophers, the writers, saints and ages.

Some notable events in American history will be presented by Thomas A. Mullen, Boston, and other names on the list of speakers are: Hon. Thomas B. Connery, Commissioner of the New York Board of Education; James A. Rooney, editorial staff of "Brooklyn Eagle"; Thomas P. Garland, A. M., Harvard; J. Vincent Crowne, Ph. D., University of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C. S. P., of the Paulist Fathers, and Thomas Swift, editor of "The Union," Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. James J. Walsh will continue the course of study in biology, begun at a previous session, and the recent book by Professor Royce, of Harvard, treating of the world and the individual, will furnish subject matter for five lectures by the Rev. John T. Driscoll, S. T. L., whose writings on theological subjects have been favorably mentioned by Mr. W. H. Mallock, in the "Fortnightly Review."

The prospectus of the Champlain Assembly is being prepared by the secretary, Warren E. Mosher, No. 39 East Forty-second street, New York City, and it will contain detailed information about the social and athletic attractions of the coming session.

There will probably be a contest before the will is probated. The Ledger interviewed Mr. McCullen, who drew the will and who is joint executor with Archbishop Ryan, and he said that it was Colonel McKee's last testament, and that it was not the work of a day, but a thoroughly prepared paper. Mr. McCullen instanced Colonel McKee's business sagacity and the fact that he had accumulated a great fortune as an indication that he was thoroughly competent to make a will, and said that the aged colored man had long had a leaning toward the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Ryan, in company with returned home Thursday afternoon from Washington, D. C., where he had attended a meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University of America. To a Public Ledger reporter who applied him of the remarkable provisions contained in Colonel McKee's will, the Archbishop expressed great surprise. He said he had not known Colonel McKee.

"Was he a Catholic?" asked the Archbishop. When informed that the testator had attended the Presbyterian church the prelate's surprise seemed to increase. This is a most remarkable case. Its outcome will be watched with deep interest. Doubtless Colonel McKee's last testament will be strongly contested in the civil courts. Plenty of sane testators have been legally declared insane after their death. Before the shadows of death come, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of iniquity, and as good stewards administer on your own estate. Do not forget to devise something for your parish church or for charitable purposes.

Colonel McKee should have had the courage of his evident convictions and have professed his faith before men. After all, the most precious possession of man is the soul. What will a man give in exchange for it? Sometimes he sells it for a mess of pottage. To such the tears and lamentations worse come. "Every one who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father Who is in heaven."

The Casket says: "Catholics who do not support the Catholic paper which voices Catholic sentiment in their locality are very thoughtless in a very important matter, but those who take the paper and do not give for it are more than thoughtless. We give below the view of an exchange on the question of support to the Catholic press: 'Even the poorest Catholic paper does enough good as a standard bearer of faith in its locality to merit support. Even the poorest Catholic paper, too, prints in the course of a year enough instructive matter, to read by but one member of the family is worth the subscription price. We put the support of the Catholic paper to you as a public duty.'"

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1902

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday April 27 - Gospel, St. John xv 514. St. Ambrose, bishop and confessor. Monday 28 - St. Paul of the Cross, confessor. Tuesday 29 - St. Peter, martyr. Wednesday 30 - St. Catherine of Siena, virgin. Thursday May 1 - St. Philip and James, apostles. Friday 2 - St. Athanasius, bishop, confessor and doctor. Saturday 3 - St. Alexander, pope and martyr.

The Forty Hours.

The Forty Hours will be held this month at the following places: April 6 Palmyra, East Rush. Car and wagon. Cayuga St. John's, Elmira. St. Monica's, Rochester. April 13 St. Bridget's, Rochester. Newark Bath, Waverly. April 20 Caledonia, Geneva. Victor Homellville. April 27 Seneca Falls, Avon St. Mary's, Rochester. Moravia, Corning.

Five Minute Sermon.

Christ Promises the Comforter.

Our Divine Master in to-day's Gospel indicated what this sin was by which the Holy Ghost would convince the world by saying, "because they believed not in Me." In spite of all the proofs, the Jews did not acknowledge Jesus as the expected Messiah, and the Gentiles did not even think of Him, nor had they so far accepted His doctrine. The Jews therefore sinned by their incredulity, their obstinacy, and their injustice; and the sins were the cause of many others, especially that of hatred, of envy, and of murder. The Gentiles, on the other hand, were engulfed in the mire of their passions without knowing their miserable condition. But after the Holy Ghost had bestowed His gifts on the apostles the world would know the injustice of the Jews and the guilt of the Gentiles; then the whole world would be convinced that Christ was truly the Envoy sent by God, the Saviour of the world, the only One Who could lead us to eternal life.

First of all, we must take the word justice in its true sense. Justice consists in the rectitude of the mind, in the innocence of the heart, and in the integrity of morals. He who always thinks of God, as he is strictly bound to do, whose affections are well regulated, loving, desiring what is good, fearing and avoiding what is evil, he is, strictly speaking, a just man.

We should learn how great our sorrow ought to be when of our own accord we separate ourselves from Christ by sin; and learning how necessary the Holy Ghost was to the apostles, we should always invoke Him that He may also instruct us in the truths of the faith, and guide our steps on the way of evangelical perfection.

Unauthorized Appeal.

The following letter is self explanatory: Bishop's House, Lincoln, Neb., April 19th, 1902 Sir.

I am informed that a priest of this Diocese has issued an appeal to the Catholic Clergy and people of America, asking aid for his Mission, which he says covers a territory over three thousand square miles. The aforementioned appeal is unauthorized and should not be heeded. I beg you to make this known in the columns of your paper.

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DRAWING CLOSER TO MOTHER CHURCH.

It is becoming a matter of difficulty in some towns and cities to distinguish between the services at the Catholic churches and those at the Church of England places of worship, says the London Catholic Times.

A convert from the Church of England has sent us a little book entitled "Before the Altar," from which it is evident that to-day in some of the Anglican churches all the doctrines of our church except papal supremacy are freely taught. As our correspondent points out, the work teaches that priest and people should offer up the Mass or Holy Sacrifice and that the body and blood of our Lord is truly given by the priest and received by the faithful. It also exhorts those who are about to go to communion to prepare for it by confession to a priest, and to the two Protestant sacraments it adds five.

Our correspondent also informs us that at the Anglican Church of All Souls, Brighton, Masses are regularly celebrated by clergymen in vestments, who use incense. One of the ministers told him recently that Masses for the dead are celebrated in black vestments, and confessions are heard in the church. At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Brighton, the system is said to be pretty much the same. When our correspondent first visited Brighton, he went to the church, thinking it was a Catholic church. There are in the building several confessionals and various devotional objects pointing to belief in the Roman doctrines. Upon the steps leading to the Lord's table was a bell and upon the table a tabernacle. Those who frequent the church for private prayer bow toward the tabernacle and sign themselves with the cross.

The Church of England, our correspondent is convinced, is beginning to see the truth and to practice the doctrines she has so long scoffed at and derided. She sees the arms of the mother church open and stretched forth to welcome her, as they have ever been, and steadily she comes back, giving way now on one point and again on another.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.—Ex.

The President of the United States has placed Archbishop Ryan on the Board of Indian Commissioners. The appointment was due to His Grace, both for what he represents, and for what he is. No Catholic was a member of the Board till the selection of the worthy metropolitan. As there has been abundant sect distinction in the proceedings of the Commission, it is only fair to grant us some sort of representation. The archdiocese over which His Grace presides has already contributed upwards of \$400,000 for the spiritual enlightenment of the aborigines, and we have no reason to apprehend that its charity is exhausted. The Archbishop has himself rendered valuable service to the cause of the Catholic Indians, and has long discovered a special zeal for their spiritual welfare. His appointment to the national Board of Commissioners will enlarge the sphere of his opportunities and we are sure that he will make the best possible use of them.

Paulist Fathers of New York open a two weeks mission in St. Augustine's, Ossining, April 27th.

A retreat for the Catholic soldiers on Governor's Island will be held there next month.

A movement toward the Church exists among the Jews of Poson, Prussian Poland. A recent convert is a daughter of Professor Rosanes, grand-son of the famous Rabbi Akiba Benet.

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