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MISSION COUNTRIES.

WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW THEY ARE GOVERNED BY THE CHURCH.

The vast territory that comes under the jurisdiction of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith—The Missionaries.

The Catholic Church is governed by the supreme Pontiff, to whom, as successor of St. Peter, Christ has entrusted the welfare of His flock. Yet when we consider the great numbers of the faithful belonging to the Church of Christ, the extent of the territory over which they are scattered and the variety of changeable conditions that surround them in different countries it is evident that one man cannot attend to all the details of government.

In order to more effectively discharge the duties of supreme ruler of more than 250,000,000 every pope has called to his aid a number of wise and learned men, who, forming themselves into committees to deliberate on important matters, make resolutions concerning them and refer to the Pope for sanction. Before the sixteenth century such committees were formed as necessity or expediency required it, but in the sixteenth century they became permanent institutions chiefly by the decrees issued on the subject by Sixtus V.

These committees are called congregations. One of them is the congregation "de Propaganda Fide" of the Propagation of the Faith. Its very name indicates the object for which it was instituted. It has to spread the faith in those parts of the world in which it is not yet established, while the other congregations have for their object the preservation of the faith in the countries in which it has already taken firm root.

To more fully understand the working of the "propaganda" it is necessary to know that for administrative purposes the whole territory in which the Church displays her activity is divided into two parts. That part in which the hierarchy is fully established and in perfect working order to the full extent of the common law of the Church is called "provinces of the Apostolic See"; the other part, in which there is no hierarchy or where it is only imperfectly established, goes by the name of "mission countries." The mission countries are governed by the Pope through the propaganda and through it alone. The provinces of the Apostolic See are governed by means of the other congregations.

The territory subject to the propaganda comprises (1) in Europe: England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the Balkan peninsula, Greece, Gibraltar, Canada and part of Germany; (2) in Asia: Turkey in Asia, Persia, Arabia, India, with the exception of the province of Goa; Indo-China, the Malay peninsula, China, Korea and Japan; (3) the whole of Africa, with the exception of Algeria and some dioceses belonging to European provinces; (4) in America: Canada, the United States, the Antilles, Guiana and Patagonia; (5) Australia and all the islands of the Pacific, with the exception of the Philippines. All this vast expanse is entrusted to the care of this congregation.

The prefect of the propaganda has to appoint missionaries for every part of this territory. Many religious orders indeed offer their services voluntarily and take upon themselves the obligation of providing a certain number of missionaries for appointed districts; also missionary societies, like the Society of the Foreign Missions in France, the Mission House in St. Gall, Germany; the St. Joseph's Society of Mill Hill, founded by Cardinal Vaughan, help the prefect of the propaganda to furnish laborers for the extensive vineyard, yet in spite of the great numbers sent by the religious orders and the various societies there is always a want of men ready to devote themselves to the arduous work.

To increase their number the popes have founded in Rome a college connected with the propaganda, whose sole object is to educate young men from all parts of the world that they may carry the light of faith into the darkness of the gentiles. The visitor to Rome now meets with representatives of every race under heaven. He sees the red Indian of the American forests, the dark son of central Africa, the islander of the southern seas, the young Chinaman destined for one of the provinces of his emperor's Celestial Kingdom, the native of Korea, the child of the Arabian desert, the soft hearted Circassian, the swarthy Syrian and occasionally a fair haired son of Albion. Thousands of apostolic men have gone forth from the college to distant lands, and not a few of them have won the crown of martyrdom—Catholic Pioneer.

The Pope's One Extravagance. In all times and under all conditions our present Pontiff has been a student even from his boyhood, when he traveled so many miles daily to school. It is said by an old servant who had been with him many a long day both when he was curate and parish priest that the only extravagance the Pope ever committed in his life was that of wasting candles. Into the small hours he burned the lamp of knowledge, for

which one day the world was to be better.—Donahoe's Magazine.

New Canadian Cathedral. A magnificent cathedral is soon to be erected by Archbishop Langevin at St. Boniface, near Winnipeg, Canada, the estimated cost being \$750,000. The building will be 304 feet long and will be of French Romanesque architecture. In the basement of the chapel a receptacle will be prepared for the remains of the former Archbishops Provancher and Tache.

THE GOLDEN ROSE.

His Holiness Awards It to Princess Elizabeth of Belgium.

Pope Pius X. has conferred the Golden Rose upon Princess Elizabeth, wife of Prince Albert, heir presumptive to the Belgian throne.

The princess is not only a good wife and mother, but a noble woman and devout Catholic, which the Pope requires in her who shall win this wondrous token. She is also a skilled physician and one who puts her knowledge to use in the service of the poor in the Brussels hospitals. She cares medically also for her husband and children.

The Golden Rose is a mimic plant of pure gold, its stem and leaves superbly chased and strewn with sparkling diamond dust in imitation of the morning dew. It is set in a golden pot, embellished with the Papal arms, the exquisite case in which it is inclosed bearing, together with the Papal arms, those of the recipient. The plant consists of leaves, buds and flowers, and into the central flower the Pope poured rose balm on the occasion of blessing it.

This offering used to be worth intrinsically many thousands of dollars more than it is now. The splendid ruby which formerly adorned the central flower and the other precious stones with which it was studded have been dispensed with.

The first queen to receive the Golden Rose was Joanna of Sicily, who received it from Urban VI. Other royal ladies thus honored were Empress Josephine and Queen Isabella of Spain, Queen Sophie of Naples, Donna Isabella, the wife of Emperor Pedro of Brazil, Empress Elizabeth of Austria, the late queen of the Belgians, Empress Eugenie and the princess of Bulgaria.

IRISH SAINTS.

The Movement For the Canonization of St. Patrick.

One signal proof of the amended fortunes of Ireland is the steady progress of the Irish canonizations in Rome. For 700 years since St. Laurence O'Toole there was no Irish saint raised to an altar at least no Irish saint in Ireland. Now, through her bishops, her archbishops, her cardinals, a formal demand is made for the canonization of the throng of martyrs who consecrated by their blood every part of Ireland's soil, north, south, east and west, during the fierce persecutions of Elizabeth and Cromwell. Every county in Ireland had its abbey pillaged and monks massacred, and now this glorious army, most of whose names are lost to history, will be formally held up to the veneration of the whole world as favored citizens of heaven.

Oliver Plunkett heads the list. This venerable man was primate of Ireland, direct successor of St. Patrick in the See of Armagh, when in July, 1681, he was hanged, disemboweled, and quartered at Tyburn, London, on a charge of aiding and abetting conspiracy against the king of England's government in Ireland. Cardinal Moran has written a splendid life of Oliver Plunkett, and Archbishop Walsh of Dublin has aided very materially the cause of his beatification, which is expected soon. Cardinal Logue is working for it, and Cardinal Vannutelli is preparing a report of the case for the Congregation of Rites.—Exchange.

The Philippine Money. The Vatican has definitely settled the question of the division of the money, \$7,000,000, paid by the United States for the friars' lands in the Philippines, having decided that the interest on the amount shall be divided into three separate sums and be distributed yearly by the Vatican, one to the Philippine dioceses, according to their need; another to the institution erected by the religious orders in the Philippines, and the third to the orders, largely for their missions in the far east, and also to support the aged friars who were in the Philippines. Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal secretary of state, warmly urged a settlement on the above basis.

Bishop Spalding.

In the first interview given to the press in sixteen months Bishop Spalding of Peoria in speaking of the recent rumor that he might be appointed a cardinal said: "I have understood that my name was under consideration by the Pope, but I have had no official notification of such a fact. I am of the opinion that if another cardinal is appointed in America New York city will get the honor. I have also understood that Archbishop Ireland was under consideration. As for myself, I am satisfied to remain a bishop. A cardinal has little power over the church in his country, although the honor is very great." The bishop is greatly improved in health.

"FIRESIDE ANGELS."

Songs (Agnes Farquharson.)

"How'er it be, it seems to me 'Tis only noble to be good. Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood."

What is so elevating and ennobling as a sweet, loving mother about the household? She is always peace, comfort and goodness wherever a gentle, kind woman guides the actions and rules the daily life of a home and its occupants.

When the family gather about the evening fire, with all the children listening to the words of their parents, there is an almost heavenly peace felt by all who are there assembled. The mother smiles and encourages the innocent prattling of the sweet little children united there in happy contentment.

If a son grows to manhood and is inclined to be wayward, there always remains in him the good thoughts instilled by his gentle and patient mother, and sooner or later, he will return from his evil path and begin to live the life pointed out to him by his mother. If poverty and distress enter the home circle, there is that loving mother, who showers her pure affections on all, and thus lessens the weight of dreary life. Though worldly goods may be scarce, the mother has an abundant, overflowing amount of love and patience, which is always effective.

How sad and lonely are the motherless homes! Still there is that generation for the departed one, that always guides the domestic circle. When the days are dark and cloudy and things go contrary, there is always that solace and happiness in the consolation of a good, patient, loving mother.

What a bright, glorious place in heaven must be prepared for these beautiful fireside angels. Their mission on earth is so responsible that when they fill it properly, surely the reward in store for them must be great. The love that a mother spares to all who need it, is so intense and lasting, that it should always be regarded with the greatest reverence, and always should our prayers be for those loving fireside angels.

DANVILLE.

Sunday is the regular monthly communion day for the Rosary Altar and Scapular Society.

Rev. Father Byrne gave a very interesting talk to the members of the Children of Mary Society last Sunday afternoon.

The Sisters of St. Patrick's School are preparing a fine entertainment to be rendered at the commencement exercises in June.

School Commissioner Ralph J. Cranmer spent last week in looking after school interests in Nunda and Portage.

James M. Brogan, the energetic young manager of the Inter-Ocean Telephone Company is installing numerous 'phones daily. Manager Brogan will never be satisfied until every one uses the independent lines.

Miss Magdalena Marx, and Mr. Charles Robson will be married at St. Mary's Church Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a. m.

Rev. Father Krishel has been visiting in North East, Pa., Dunkirk and Buffalo.

Rev. Father Tergan officiated during the absence of Father Krishel. The collections taken up for the St. Francis church amounted to \$117.25 in St. Patrick's and \$100 in St. Mary's.

Edward Bacon's residence on Liberty Street, when completed with all the modern improvements, will be one of the finest residences in the village. Contractor D. B. Driscoll is doing the work.

The Seth N. Hedges Post have asked the Danville High School to furnish representatives from the school to give 10 minute orations on Memorial Day. The young men chosen by Principal E. J. Bonner are four of the ablest speakers in the N. H. S. They are Messrs. Harry Wilson, Harold Fowler, Robert Curry, and William Driscoll. The first prize is five dollars, the second prize three dollars.

Miss Carrie Wheaton is improving steadily under the skillful treatment of Dr. John H. Burke.

Mr. William H. Murphy, of Mt. Morris, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murphy last Sunday.

Railroad Notes.

On the occasion of the American Medical Association meeting to be held at Boston, June 5th to 8th, the New York Central will sell round trip tickets for \$10.10, good going June 1st to 6th inclusive, returning leaving Boston to June 18th inclusive. By a deposit in person by the original purchaser with the validating agent, not later than June 15th, and on payment of fee of \$1.00 at time of deposit, an extension of return limit may be obtained to leave Boston to July 15th inclusive. Apply at nearest ticket office for further particulars.

The New York Central will sell one day excursion tickets to Syracuse on Decoration Day, good going on all morning trains except those known as limiteds. The fare will be \$1.65 for the round trip. Tickets will not be good for checking baggage.

Knights of Columbus.

At the tenth annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus, held last week in Poughkeepsie the following were elected:

State Deputy, Dennis B. Lucey, of Ogdensburg; State Secretary, Nicholas Clarkin, of Richmond Hill; State Treasurer, Thomas D. Fitzgerald, of Albany.



DENNIS B. LUCEY,

Of Ogdensburg, who was re-elected State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

William E. Murray, of New York, State Advocate; State Wardens, Jas. Davis, of Ogdensburg, Rev. Thomas Shalen, of New York, was elected State Chaplain, as Rev. James E. Curry felt that he could not, in justice to himself, take the office again. The national delegates elected were: Robert Healy, of Plattsburgh; Chas. A. Weber, Brooklyn; Joseph F. Gleason, Bronx; Dr. William H. Stokes, Syracuse; Frank A. Gordon, Yonkers; Charles J. McCormack, Staten Island; M. A. Fitzpatrick, Olean; M. J. Rickard, New York.

The next convention will be held at Saratoga.

AUBURN, N. Y.

The funeral of James Leo Falley was held from the home of his parents in Baker Avenue on Wednesday morning at 8.30 with services at St. Mary's Church at 9 a. m. The death of this young man in his seventeenth year removes from the city one of the brightest of young minds. He was for two years employed as a clerk on the Lehigh Valley where he won the praise of his employers and the employees alike. He was of a cheerful, kind disposition and always having the good will of his friends. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in the city which showed the high esteem in which he was held.

The floral remembrances were beautiful and of many designs. The family will have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

The Knights of Columbus are working hard for the success of their minstrel show which is being put on for their benefit. The affair will be given in the Auditorium on next Friday night and should be a strong attraction. The best of talent are in the circle and the chorus is made up of the best singers of the city. The tickets are placed at the small price of fifty cents which suited the holder to a reserve seat. The affair is under the working management of James A. Hennessy.

The minstrel show that was proposed for Groton for the benefit of Father Dotan's church has been postponed and in its place a lecture will be given by Rev. Father McCorry who is well known in this city having conducted missions here. Father McCorry is usually well known in Groton where he gave a lecture last year that aroused the interests of the non-Catholics as well as the Catholics of the village. This lecture will take place in June.

The children of the different parochial schools are to take part in the Old Home week celebration. The orphan asylum will also take part in the mammoth street parade.

LIMA.

The Shamrock and Rose was presented to a full house at Brendan Hall, Saturday evening, May 12. The cast was well selected and all did themselves justice. Between the acts the most popular songs were rendered. Miss Annie Keenan acted as accompanist.

Much credit is due Miss Whelan, who trained the cast so successfully. A month's mind-high mass will be sung Wednesday for Patrick Maloney.

The prayers of the congregation were requested Sunday for Mrs. Eichenger, who is dangerously ill.

The following Rochester people spent Sunday with friends in town: The Misses Louise and Julia Lavary, Miss Ida Halpin, the Misses Florence and Mary Fahy and Miss May Quinn.

Courting Mother Goose.

Interesting Entertainment Given by Young People's Band.

On last Monday evening the Young People's Band gave a most interesting entertainment at St. Joseph's Hall. The musical comedy, "The Courting of Mother Goose," was given an able and adequate presentation. The critic realizes that in order to give impartial comment upon a performance of this kind one must put aside all thought of the motives which caused the presentation and judge simply by that which he has seen. The critic also knows that carping and criticisms are not naturally expected from one who pursues his vocation. Now, however, let the wisecracker be disappointed. Judging only by its merits the performance of last Monday evening was satisfying in every respect. The ladies who adapted the story and ran it into dramatic form certainly succeeded in providing the company of talented performers with a suitable, and at the same time unique vehicle to display their histrionic and musical abilities. They proved conclusively that a musical comedy, when well written and properly presented, instead of being repulsive to the refined mind, is indeed pleasing to it. Indeed such a performance is not a work of art. The critic wishes to congratulate the Misses Cunningham on their success in arranging the above mentioned play. As for the musical end of the affair competent judges have assured the critic that it was most excellent. The scenery and costumes were very beautiful and added greatly to the general pleasing effect. As the excellence of the performers was not only individual but impossible, the audience was large and appreciative and as a result not only was the performance agreeably received, but a large sum was added to the Catholic Hall fund. Briefly then, the critic has seen many professional companies who did worse and but few who did better than the amateurs who produced "The Courting of Mother Goose."

Let us hope that this bright and interesting drama of love in childhood's fairy realm will soon have another production. It was superbly done and deserves a repetition.

The persecution in France is proving that the country does not lack valiant women. At Lacroixville (Nievre) four women, of whom two were young girls, stopped the execution in the church after he had got through a hole broken in the door. He made it a point to shoot them with his revolver. Far from being intimidated, one of them said: "Shoot, then! Nowadays they kill women!" At St. Thomas d'Aquin, Paris, Mme. de Velins was arrested for manifesting against the inventory, the very day after her husband had been condemned to two years' prison for the same "offense." At Leda (Tarn), at the second unsuccessful attempt to take the inventory, a young girl, Mlle. C. had placed herself before the door of the church. Her companion struck her. As she did not yield, he said: "You will get your head put in a bag, and you will be prepared for that," she replied. "Yes, but you may get yourself killed." "One can only die once, and one cannot die better than in the leading one's church," was the reply. At Fougères, arrested the Count and Countess Saint-Aulaire each to one month's imprisonment for their protestation against the inventory at Saint-Hilaire-des-Landes. Their maids had the same sentence, but for them the sentence of imprisonment was remitted under the first offense act, the application of which is at the option of the magistrate.

CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were offered Sunday for Mrs. Harvey Chesbro (nee Heslop), Mrs. Wm. Casey, Mrs. Eleanor Keogh, of Rochester.

Appropriate badges were given to the children of the confirmation class at the hour of Sunday School last Sunday.

The Holy Name will give a card party at the Atwater Friday evening. The young ladies started \$10.00.

Several young ladies will accompany the Rochester Wednesday evening to see and hear the famous Irish litterateur, Dr. Douglas Hyde who speaks at Colonial Hall on the "Revival of the Gaelic Language."

The Requiem this week are Mrs. Mary Keane, Monday; John Whalen, Wednesday; Mrs. Bridget Penney, Friday.

The subscription for May amounts to \$630.35.

The Young Defenders will receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

Father Cullen, O. S. F., who with Father Smith gave a mission here fifteen years ago, will conduct a mission next week at Phenix.

In his Centennial sermon at Geneva last Sunday evening, Dean McDonald referred glowingly to the noble work of the early Missionaries among the Indians in this section 350 years ago.

BASE BALL.

The schedule for next week at Culver Field is as follows:

AROUND THE GLOBE.

As by rule, Father Martin, general of the Jesuits, died in a closed session, the title of his temporary successor, as of his vicar general. His obituary was given to be Father Martin.

Irish exchanges record the death of Right Rev. Mr. O'Leary, general of the Jesuits, who died in a closed session, the title of his temporary successor, as of his vicar general. His obituary was given to be Father Martin.

As the result of a lecture given by Father Martin, O. S. F., at Washington, D. C., given by Dr. Ford, twenty-five converts are expected. Some have already been received into the Church.

Rev. John B. Kling, O. S. F., pastor, and Rev. Joseph Weber, O. S. F., assistant of St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, will observe their jubilee on Sunday, June 10, and Sunday, June 17, respectively. They were ordained on June 11, 1872. Cardinal Gibbons.

Montague Meloy, in a recent lecture in University College, Dublin, on "Religious Indignation," said that the indignation cell was just by Rev. Dr. Chalmers, professor of physics in Maynooth College in 1858 and 1859.

Mrs. Provost Johnson, diocesan secretary during a period of three years to three successive archbishops of the See of Westminster—Archbishop Manning, Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop Bourne—has been appointed additional auxiliary bishop to the last named prelate.

The death is announced of Robert F. Clarke, one of the scholarly men among the Catholic clergy. Dr. Clarke was a learned and accomplished scholar and a devoted missionary. He was born in 1861 and died in 1931.

Very Rev. Patrick E. Moran, O. S. F., the pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, New York, has been appointed diocesan secretary of the Diocese of New Orleans.

As an indication of her piety and her love for her country, a young woman, who was a member of the Catholic League, offered to donate the cost of the building to be erected on the site of the old school building, valued at \$10,000.

"El Perro" ("The Dog") of Chile, has just published a book, "The Dog of Chile," which is a history of the dog in Chile, from the time of the discovery of the country to the present day. The book is written in Spanish and is a very interesting and valuable work.

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