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Around the Globe

Catholic News Many From Places

The Knights of Columbus at Portland, Ore., have raised \$12,000 for a school for Italian children.

The Pope's blessing, inscribed in Latin on vellum, has been forwarded by Bishop Gabriels to Miss Agnes Valley, who has charge of the clinical ward in the Middletown State Hospital.

The march of the distinguished into the Church continues. A granddaughter of General John C. Fremont was recently received into the Catholic Church in Paris, where her father is an attaché of the American Embassy.

Rev. John March, rector of the Cathedral, Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, has been chosen Bishop of Harbor Grace, succeeding Bishop Ronald McDonald, who recently resigned owing to ill health and advancing years. Bishop March is the second native of Newfoundland to be advanced to the episcopate, the first being Most Rev. M. F. Howley, now Archbishop of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Dr. Maurice Francis Egan of the Catholic University has been appointed to succeed Secretary Bonaparte as a member of the United States Indian Commission. Dr. Egan is a close friend of President Roosevelt and was the personal choice of the latter for the responsible and honorary position vacated by Mr. Bonaparte.

A list of the Catholic undergraduates who recently took high honors at Oxford University shows more than half with unmistakably Irish names. Two are Jesuit scholars. Nearly all on the list made their classical course at Catholic colleges. Of the eighteen Catholic candidates who have successfully passed the intermediate examination in arts and sciences recently held by the University of London, nearly all are Irish, and all are from Catholic schools. Nine of the eighteen are convent girls.

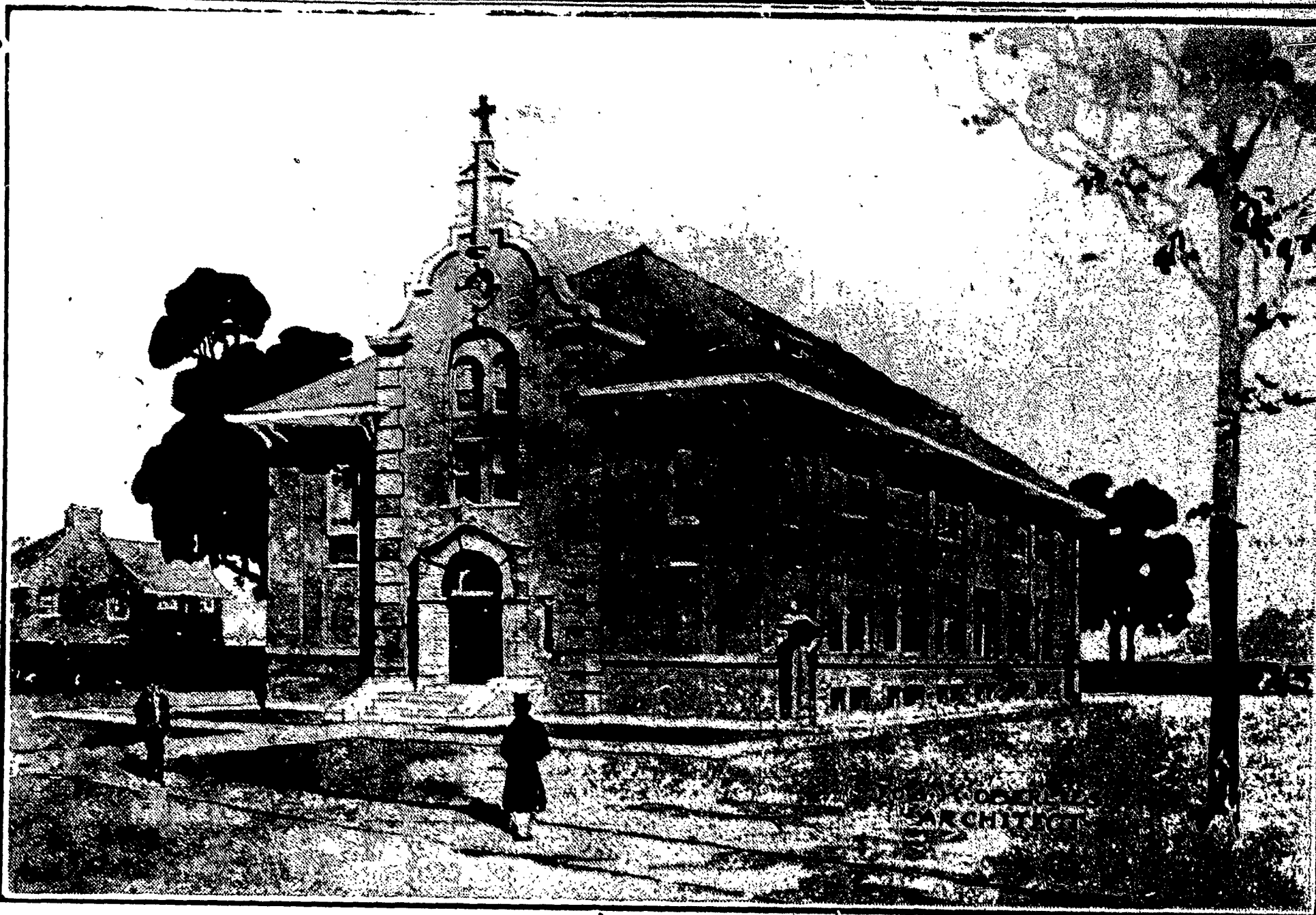
The Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of the victims of the Chilean earthquake must have been a very impressive thing down in Santiago. The Archbishop pontificated, and the Apostolic Delegate and an immense multitude of people attended. Other distinguished attendants were the President of the Republic of Chile, his cabinet ministers, the ministers of France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Ecuador, Bolivia, Mexico and the United States, the Bishop of Ancud, the Judge of the Supreme Court and a number of other high personages. The columns of the church were draped in black and so were the statues.

The Catholic Aid Society in Buffalo lead in the movement for a new home to be devoted to the care of homeless girls who come to the city in search of work and are unsuccessful in finding it. The formal opening of the home, which will be known as the St. Elizabeth's Home for Friendless Girls, took place on October 15. A matron is in charge and the home will be open day and night. All friendless girls, regardless of sect or creed, will be taken care of during the night and an effort made to find them employment.

At a meeting of the Calvert Memorial Committee at the Hotel Remont, Baltimore, it was announced that the \$5,000 necessary for the erection of the monument has been subscribed. The monument will be erected in honor of Lord Baltimore. It is the intention of the committee to have it placed in the St. Paul Street plaza. The City Council will be asked for this permission and will also be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay for the base of the monument. Because of the historical importance of the monument, the committee believes it should be placed in the center of the city, where it will be daily viewed by thousands of persons.

On occasion of the Feast of the Madonna of the Elm, in the church of this name, in Tirreni, Italy, Commendatore Ferdinando De Lucia, in fulfillment of a vow, sang "The Prayer of Stradella." More than five thousand persons came to hear the great tenor with the expressive and harmonious voice. The throng, which had listened to him in religious silence, gave a warm ovation outside the church. The action of the Commendatore De Lucia may be compared with that of Leoncavallo after the Calabrian earthquake a year ago. The "Ave Maria" in question, composed in behalf of his stricken native province by the musician, and dedicated to the Pope, has now been sung.

The London press gave currency the other day to a report from Rome stating that the Italian Minister of Public Worship, Signor Gallo, had issued a secret circular against the Jesuits, and that the British Ambassador had thought fit to interfere in the matter. Signor Gallo has since officially denied having had any intention of disturbing the existing status of the Jesuits in Italy or of interfering with them.



St. Augustine's New Church

Courtesy of The Post Express

Ground has already been broken for the new church of St. Augustine's parish which is to be erected at the corner of Chili Avenue and Hobart Street. The building will be a combination school and church, and the estimated cost of the building with the furniture is \$35,000. Work is being rushed and it is planned to have the church ready for dedication on Easter Sunday. Rev. John H. O'Brien has recently been ap-

pointed rector of the congregation. The building will be 56 feet by 114 and the first floor will be devoted to the school. There will be six large school rooms with detached toilets in the rear. Special attention has been paid to the lighting and ventilation of these rooms, the most modern and up-to-date ideas being used, and indeed, this feature will be one of special note throughout the building.

The second floor will be devoted to a chapel or church auditorium which will be approached by four large staircases, two in the front from the right and left and two in the rear the same way. The seating capacity of the auditorium will be 650. The building will be constructed of mottled buff clay brick with white Medina stone trimmings. The Renaissance style of architecture will be used and it is expected when the building is

finished it will be one of the handsomest Catholic churches in the city. Special attention has been paid to the groupings of the windows with the result that the church and school will have an unusual amount of sunlight. The architect is Joseph H. Oberlies. Plans are already under consideration for the dedication of the church but no definite announcement is expected until they mature a little more.

Washington Letter

(Special to The Journal.)

According to reports received at the Department of Commerce and Labor the closing quarter of the year opens with business in most satisfactory condition. The only drawbacks to the universal prosperity are the inability of the railroads to cope with their enormous traffic, and the shortage of labor in manufacturing, the building trades, and in railroad extension. The country is, in fact, embarrassed with its riches of production and industry. More men are needed to handle the output, to house the increasing population, and to provide for its needs.

The railroad earnings in the third week of September were 13.26 per cent greater than during the same period last year. The railroads, both East and West, are striving to increase their equipments and extend their lines. They find it difficult to procure rails, bridge steel and cars. They are in trouble over car shortage and accumulated freight. Passenger travel is heavier than ever before, and the car shops are far behind with orders. Here, as elsewhere, the labor supply is deficient. The steel mills have raised the price of light rails, and orders are pouring in for 100,000 delivery. The cotton, wheat and corn crops of 1906 are exerting a powerful influence in the business world. Foreign demands are heavy, the wheat shipments this season being more than twice as large as last, even with a shortage of cars. Cotton prices are stronger as a result of the storm and the tendency of planters to hold their crop. The corn crop is now secure, and will be larger probably than the big yield of last year. In consequence of these conditions, the railroads are reporting heavy earnings, merchants are laying in heavy stocks, factories are trying to keep up with rush orders, and farm values as a rule are increasing. One of the striking features of Western railroading is the heavy travel of home-seekers into Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico, Idaho, and other sections where irrigation or dry farming and cheap lands are strong attractions. The pilgrimages of home-builders into the West foretell greater yields of staple crops when the new lands come under cultivation.

Taken as a whole, the prosperity of the United States is one of the marvels of the world, and there is every reason to expect that it will continue indefinitely. To this general prosperity may prob-

ably be attributed the unprecedented extension of the Catholic parochial school system. In many sections of the country which I visited within the last month new buildings for school purposes are springing up. These buildings show a considerable advance in style and adaptability, and a provident outlook for possible future needs. In the schools already in existence the great majority of the pastors report an increasing enrollment of pupils. The didactic methods show more system and uniformity, and a general disposition is manifest in all states to work in harmony in accordance with well-defined plans. The older parochial schools in the larger cities have forged ahead and have passed the public schools in every detail of school work. Catholic high schools are springing up in all the larger cities, and the only question now to be solved is how long the Catholic citizens of the country will be compelled to pay a double tax for school purposes. This question should be agitated and brought before the people in some state where it is possible to try its effectiveness. In the state of Rhode Island, for instance, the Catholic population amounts to at least 65 per cent of the population. With a united effort some plan might be devised that would meet with the approval of a majority of the voters of that enterprising little state. If this system of allowing a per capita to schools other than public schools be once successfully put in operation in one state its extension to other states would follow as a matter of course.

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CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were offered Sunday for the repose of the soul of Patrick M. Breen, who was buried Thursday.

The monthly collection for the school will be taken up next Sunday.

The Young Ladies and Children of Mary will receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

The Rosary card party netted about \$25. The evening proved unpropitious on account of rain.

The October collection for reducing the debt of the church was the best of the present series, amounting to \$953.50.

The banns of marriage were published last Sunday for John O'Shaughnessy of Gorham and Catherine O'Brien of Main Street, Canandaigua.

After reading the long list of perfect pupils, last Sunday, the pastor cited the views of a prominent business man in New York, a non-Catholic, who spoke

highly of the parochial schools in imparting a thorough knowledge of the important three R's.

The local clergy are in attendance at the Forty Hours in Phelps.

Father Dougherty is in Pittsburg today, attending the consecration of the new million dollar cathedral.

Rev. C. F. O'Loughlin of Phelps is having a handsome central cement cross made for his new cemetery, recently consecrated. The surveying and plotting of the cemetery is the work of our local artist, John Handrahan.

Baptized last Sunday, little Lawrence McDonald of Fort Hill Avenue.

AUBURN, N. Y.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, opened their new home to their friends this week. The new home is more striking than the old one which was destroyed by fire in March. The handsome new council chambers are beautiful and is finished off in a color scheme of red. The ante room to the council chambers is an administration room and a ladies' reception room. The latter room is one of the finest appointed rooms in the city and was much admired by those attending the opening. The club house which adjoins the council chambers is about about the same arrangement as the old one, with the exception of an increased billiard room and an addition of an assembly hall, which will be used for little social events by the Knights and their friends. During the evening an orchestra rendered music and dancing was enjoyed by those wishing to take part.

It was announced that on Wednesday evening a Halloween party will be given to the members only and their wives and lady friends. The council is at present in the highest point of success and many applications are coming in from some of the younger Catholic men of the city for membership.

The Italian Catholic people of the city are working hard for the success of their fair which will be held in Lyceum Hall next month. The proceeds of the fair will go towards the building fund for a church of their own, to be presided over by a priest of their native tongue.

The Sunday evening Vesper services at St. Mary's Church are attracting large congregations. Heretofore these services were held in the afternoon, which time was inconvenient to the parishioners of the church.

The several churches of the city are rehearsing their Christmas music, which this year promises to eclipse anything

ever given in the city. The choirs are being strengthened by additional singers and the singing is the best ever heard in the churches.

The opera, Little Tycoon, under the direction of James A. Hennessey, is progressing nicely and a finished production will be given by his competent company. Mr. Hennessey will take his company to Ithaca, Geneva and several other places.

DANVILLE

The Celtic Literary Society met in O'Connell Hall Sunday evening and re-organized. Following are the officers elected: President, James M. Brogan; vice-president, Mrs. George Lindsay; secretary, Elizabeth Z. Maloney; treasurer, Alice M. Rowan; advisory board, Mrs. George Lindsay, Misses Matilda Barrett and Alice M. Rowan. All the young people in St. Patrick's interested in the study of Irish poetry and prose are urged to join.

At the annual election of officers in the Children of Mary, following were the officers chosen: President, Miss Kathryn L. Perry; vice-president, Miss Margaret Maloney; secretary, Miss Rose Rowan; treasurer, Miss Mary Bacon. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the annals of the society.

The report of the Seminary collection was read at St. Patrick's last Sunday. The amount received was \$178. Rev. Father Dunn is exceedingly well pleased with the amount handed in by the zealous solicitors.

Sunday is Groveland Sunday. Mass at Groveland at 8 a. m., at Danville at 10:30.

Sparta Center School opens October 29th. Miss Katherine A. Driscoll, teacher.

Mrs. Godfrey of the St. Vincent De Paul Mission, New York City, is in Danville engaged in selecting homes for the orphan children.

D. E. Driscoll and family went to Hornell last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Margaret Driscoll.

James M. Brogan attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Rose Joyce, in Portage last week.

William E. Driscoll has accepted a position in Corry, Pa.

The Rosary Society is to hold a series of card parties during the winter months for the social and financial betterment of the society.

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Five Minute Sermon

The King's Account.

From this Gospel we should learn how great is the goodness of God, and how willingly He forgives him who sincerely confesses his sins and firmly resolves to amend his life. David and Magdalen are very eloquent examples of this.

The servant who refused to live pithy on his fellow-servant is a figure of those Christians who refused to forgive their neighbor, while they themselves dare hope to obtain, or have even previously obtained, the forgiveness of their sins, which are far more grievous.

Let us learn from this how angry the Lord will be with us if we exact satisfaction, knowing that He has strictly commanded us to forgive our neighbor from our heart, and that He has repeatedly assured us that we shall be treated by Him in the same manner as we have treated others.

The Divine Teacher said this is the parable to let us know that whosoever does not entirely forgive enemies will be sentenced to the torments of hell.

We should learn from this Gospel to acknowledge before God our great debts, that is, our sins, with sincerity and humility of heart. Secondly, we are to learn to have a firm purpose of making good our great debt as far as we can with the assistance of divine grace, by repentance, by receiving the holy sacraments, and by other good works. Lastly, we are to learn to be ready to pardon those who have offended us, and to fear the punishments with which God has threatened vindictive men.

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