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## Character of Anti-Catholic Lecturer Revealed

### Significant Disclosure Follows Death of William Black.

In Marshall, Texas, a few days ago William Black of Bellaire, Ohio, who claimed to be an expert of the Roman Catholic Church, an anti-Catholic lecturer, was killed as the result of a shooting affray between himself and several citizens of that town who had visited Black to request him to discontinue his attacks on Catholic womanhood. One of these men, a contractor, was also killed and another, a prominent banker, was fatally injured. A companion of Black's, named Hall, and two friends of the other dead man have been indicted for murder in the case, although Hall, in his testimony, admitted that he had fired the first shot and had killed the contractor who was dead before the others opened fire.

The important point in the matter as so far revealed has been the disclosure as to Black's conduct, which has followed as a result of his sudden death. At the time of the shooting a girl was shown to have been in Black's company, known as Sadie Black, and said to be an adopted daughter of the man. As a matter of fact, it has now been found that this girl had been "adopted" only a few days before the arrival of Black at Marshall, while he was delivering anti-Catholic lectures at Little Rock, Ark. The whole story is told in the Feb. 4 and 5 issue of the Little Rock Gazette.

"While on a recent visit to Little Rock," says the paper on the first named date, "Black, on last Saturday, January 29, was allowed by County Judge Joe Asher to adopt Sadie Pauline Black of Little Rock, a girl of 17, who has been under the supervision of the court and Miss Eric Chambers, county probation officer, since July 6, 1914. On that date Miss Chambers presented the girl in the Pulaski juvenile court and represented that she was a delinquent girl and characterized her as incorrigible. The parents of the girl, who are said to be deaf mutes, gave their consent to the recommendation of Miss Chambers that she be sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd, a Catholic institution in Hot Springs. This was done."

In the issue of Feb. 5th more light is thrown upon the matter in an interview with the girl's mother, Mrs. Thomas Allison, who, together with her husband, as stated in the paper of the day before, is a deaf mute. She declares in writing that Black represented himself as rich, saying that in adopting the girl he would make her his heir. On this representation the parents gave their consent to the adoption. When appearing before the Judge, "Black said he was the girl's cousin," thereby stating another falsehood. "Miss Allison," the paper adds, "is well known in 'Little Rock,' as she was for a long time an usher in a local moving picture theater. She is decidedly pretty and her bright auburn hair makes her rather striking in appearance."

So the facts in the case are told. This is the character of a man who has been traveling about the country, living off the superstition and credulity of his poor dupes, attacking the purity of Catholic women and stirring up the fires of religious hatred wherever he went. That one who could stoop to such a nefarious trade would be possessed of degrading qualities was to be supposed. The important thing is that the matter has been so badly exposed. It should serve as a lesson to Protestants in this country, teaching them that they should carefully scrutinize the past history and present actions of the men who are taking advantage of the present-day anti-Catholic propaganda to impose upon them. Them who are playing upon their fears and blindness today are of the same type as those itinerant rogues who assumed the role of preachers and converted sinners and "Huckleberry Finn" and reaped a golden harvest in the camp for Cashel.

## News From Ireland

The Ballycastle Board of Guardians have appointed Miss E. M. Nolan, of Ann street, Ballycastle to the position of matron of the workhouse.

Captain R. C. Orr, Somerset Light Infantry, a member of the legal profession at Ballymena, has been killed in action.

At a special meeting of the Belfast Harbor Board, David John Owen, assistant manager of the port and docks of Goole, was elected secretary in succession to W. A. Currie, resigned.

The deaths are announced of James Quinn, ex-D. C. Hancock, Middletown, brother of Rev. P. Quinn, C. C., Coalisland, and brother-in-law of Rev. O. McAleavey, P. P., Moneymore.

The late Alexander McCauley, stock broker, of Ringmeen, Queenstown, left estate valued at £346,403.

This is the third year in succession in which there will be no municipal contest in Fermoy.

The following deaths are announced: P. J. Hurley, soldier, Skibbereen, at South Hall, Cork. — Goodwin Young, B. L. Deceased was the eldest son of the late L. Young, of Leemount.

James Nicholson, porter on the Midland railway (N. C. C.) at Derry, was found dead in a room at the station. He had just come on duty, and a few minutes before the discovery appeared to be in his usual health.

W. A. Frizell, postal official, Portlaoine, has been appointed clerk of the local Town Commissioners and D. R. McIlreedy, town surveyor and rate collector.

The Cardonagh National Teachers' Association has decided to present their secretary, Thomas O'Doherty, late principal of St. Patrick's school, Cardonagh, with a testimonial on the occasion of his retirement.

A contest for the Letterkenny U. D. C. has been averted by the withdrawal of C. Carberry.

The Lord Lieutenant's reason for declaring void the recent election of C. P. S. at Warrenpoint was that magistrates voted "who were afterward found to be disqualified."

Michael Scanlan, a native of Kilmaley district, who was driver of the mail van running between Gort and Oranmore, Galway, was killed recently when the horse bolted and threw him from the van.

The county is to be represented on the Congested Districts Board by Sir Henry C. Grattan-Bellew, who has succeeded the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Mr. Harrison, district inspector R. I. C., has been transferred from Portumna to Belfast.

The parishioners presented an illuminated address to Rev. Father O'Keane, of Castleisland, on the occasion of his departure from the parish to take up his duty at Newtownsandes.

W. Whelan, of Castledermot, a soldier in the British army, was killed at the front some time ago.

The Ossory diocesan collection for the Belgian relief fund amounted to £1,340 odd.

The death has taken place of Mrs. Palmer, Drumkeeran.

The Mayor of Limerick (Alderman O'Donovan), presiding at the local Harbor Board meeting, extended a hearty welcome to Gerald Goodbody, elected to membership in succession to the late J. E. Goodbody.

J. O'Connor, C. O'Connor, J. Hickey, R. Lobb, L. Stewart, preachers and converted sinners and L. Walsh have been returned in "Huckleberry Finn" and reaped a golden harvest in the camp for Cashel.

## A Jesuit Opinion of Billy Sunday.

Billy Sunday is in Philadelphia, and as a consequence that usually placid city is in a ferment of religious excitement. Explain it as one will, his arrival has produced a marked impression. Conservative newspapers have devoted pages to his sermons, his habits, and his views on things in general.

"The citizens, though not noted for more than normal interest in their souls, have flocked by thousands to hear him talk; and on one occasion as many as two hundred reserves of the police force had to be called out to keep order, principally among those who found themselves denied an entrance to the auditorium. His appeal is to all classes; clergymen (not Catholic), university students, and men of evident distinction, all without distinction seem eager to hear him. His reception, however, in the City of Brotherly Love, though remarkable in itself, is not altogether unusual for Mr. Sunday. It is only a repetition of what has taken place in many other towns.

"His power seems to come, in part at least, from a transparent earnestness. No one who reads his sermons, and much less one who listens to them, can doubt the fact that he thinks he has a message, that he is profoundly convinced of it, and that he gives it expression with a directness and singleness of aim that scorn the beauty of language and even its ordinary conventions.

"He has, moreover, deeply religious convictions. He believes firmly in original sin, the divinity of Christ, the certainty of retribution, the existence of the devil and the necessity of prayer. What, perhaps, contributes to his power as much as anything else is his hatred for sham, his knowledge of human weakness, and his intense sympathy with his fellow-men.

"The second and perhaps the principal source of Mr. Sunday's power is the skill with which he appeals to the elemental emotions. Tears and smiles have ever been dear to the human race, and Mr. Sunday is no mean master of both of them.

"He makes those who listen to him laugh and weep. He sweeps the strings of their hearts, he stirs and aways their passions. He often awakens in their breasts fear and anger, shame and pride, hope and sympathy. He destroys and builds up self-respect. And the harrowing of their souls leaves in them a sense of righteousness and of a sort of peace. He knows the power of music, and he uses it in the beginning to put his audience into a sentimental and receptive mood, and later to intensify the impression that his words have made. And in the end he sends them away aglow with the pleasurable sensation that usually accompanies the play of deep emotion. If Mr. Sunday entertains and pleases, the reason is not far to seek. He has in him a touch of real eloquence, and he exercises it in the field that affords it ample scope, the field of sacred oratory."

(Rev. John H. Fisher, S. J., in America.)

**Knights of Columbus.**

A meeting of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly No. 178, Kts. of Columbus, will be held at the rooms, Triangle Building, Monday evening, Feb. 22, 1915. The meeting will be preceded by an informal dinner.

A finance committee, headed by Peter A. Vay, has been named by Rochester Council, Kts. of Columbus, to raise a fund for the erection of a clubhouse for the council. The committee expects to raise \$100,000. It is planned to make the clubhouse a fully equipped recreation and meeting place for the Knights.

Mgr. Dolet, Apostolic Delegate to Turkey, has been received in state by the Sultan Mehmed V.

London has an International Catholic Club.

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## Rules for Lent.

The following Lenten circular of Bishop Hickey, for the diocese of Rochester, was read in all the churches Sunday:

**Reverend and Dear Sir:** The holy season of Lent begins on the 17th of February. All the weeks of Lent are days of fasting on one meal with a moderate collation in the evening. All the days of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meat.

By dispensation, however, the use of flesh meat is allowed without restriction on Sundays and once-a-day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except on the Saturday of ember week and the Saturday of holy week. But the use of both meat and fish at the same meal is not allowed even on the Sundays of Lent.

The practice of taking a small piece of bread with a cup of tea, coffee, chocolate, or the like in the morning is permitted. Likewise, when the principal meal cannot be taken at mid-day, it is allowed to invert the order by taking the collation in the morning and the principal meal in the evening.

The use of eggs, milk, butter and cheese is allowed at the principal meal. By general custom in this country it is also tolerated at collation, provided the quantity prescribed by the fast be not exceeded. Lard and drippings may be used in preparing food.

The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under 21 years of age, the aged, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast without prejudice to their health.

Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are not bound by the restrictions of using meat only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation.

In churches where there is a resident pastor, there will be a sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday evening and the devotion of the stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Pastors in charge of two or more churches will give one sermon during the week in at least two churches.

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. Endeavor, therefore, to excite your parishioners to observe this holy season according to the intention of the church, and place every facility in their way for receiving the sacraments of penance and the eucharist.

Very sincerely in Christ,  
THOMAS,  
Bishop of Rochester.

The English Catholic Women's League has provided for 7000 Belgian refugees.

The first mass said in the great Quebec Cathedral was in 1650.

Two Irish nuns arrived in Jaffna, Ceylon, to labor in the Jaffna Convent school.

The priests and people of the diocese of Killaloe, Ireland, sent Cardinal Mercier over \$8,000 for the relief of the Belgians.

Mgr. Zonghi, president of the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics, Rome, has been elevated to the archiepiscopal dignity.

**Anti-Catholic Editor Arrested**

Wanted in Boston, Mass., where he has been indicted for criminal libel, Robert J. Long, editor of a weekly paper known as the American Citizen, the office of which is at No. 305 St. Paul street, was arrested this week by Detectives Andrews and Seiner, charged with being a fugitive from justice. The complaint in the case is John Doyle, 55 years old, of Cross St., Boston.

Wanted—Board with private family by man and wife March 1st.

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## Catholic in Turkey Protected By American Ambassador.

Fr. Marcellus A. A. keeps us in touch with the condition of a Catholic in Turkey. He himself is residing at the home of his order in Rome, where he was sent in a condition of over-fatigue resulting from the severe strain of the past few years. He speaks highly of the treatment accorded the nuns and priests in Turkey by the United States Ambassador.

"Our missions in Turkey are being protected during the present conflict of nations by the American Ambassador. To show how admirably he has acted, we have only to quote the words of one of our Sisters: 'The Ambassador of the United States has been for each and every one of us like a father and a mother.'"

"One of my companions here in Rome was enabled to leave Constantinople by the passport given him by the same gentleman. This father relation that the Turks went to the Sisters' school, took about one hundred and sixty dollars, and put the money in the building. The Ambassador forced the Turks to give up the money which he carried in person to the Sisters."

"The Adrianople mission, which I left when the war broke out, has been transplanted to Bulgaria. The little Bulgarian neighborhoods of the Slav rite have been crowded into St. Augustin's College at Philippopolis."

## Where A Few Stipends Will Mean a Great Deal.

On account of the great heat in India, a certain amount of space is needed around the dwellings in order to get a circulation of fresh air. Fr. J. Besseler, a Belgian missionary living at Valampoor, is trying to exist in a little one-room hut, so crowded by those of the natives that no air reaches him. This is a serious matter in a hot climate. Fr. Besseler was counting on friends in Holland and Belgium to help him build a modest dwelling, but such help is now out of the question.

In one of his stations where there are about three hundred Catholics, the people started a house for the missionary several years ago, but with all their saving they could not get as far as the roof. The walls, without a roof, do not improve during the rainy season, and there is danger of their becoming useless. If this house were finished Fr. Besseler could remain ten days each month in the village and visit the natives of that section, teaching the children their catechism and prayers, and instructing the elders in the principles of the truth.

Fr. Theophilus Witzel, O. F. M., has been presented by the Kaiser with the Iron Cross, in recognition of particular valor displayed on the battle-field.

Fr. Robert L. MacNeely, the American priest who among other missionary duties in Tarapaca, Iquique, Chile, has charge of the hospital, and the work among sailors, says he would be grateful for some Catholic papers or magazines. When he visits the English-speaking sick or the sailor boys they always say, "Any reading matter for us, Father?" Not much literature finds its way to Chile and our publications would be appreciated there.

The Baltimore Archdiocesan collection for the Catholic University will approximate \$3,500.

The total monetary receipts of the Cathedral of Crookston, Minn., last year were \$22,227.

The Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, Dr. Hanna, is now administering that Archdiocese.

The pioneer nuns in the United States are the Ursulines.

## Traces of Catholicism Found Among

The traces of a Catholicism are found in the great numbers of the people who, through the efforts of missionaries, have become a steady stream of converts.

That they are converts is shown by the fact that they are not only Catholics in name, but in fact. They are Catholics in heart, in mind, and in action. They are Catholics in their homes, in their schools, in their churches, and in their lives. They are Catholics in every sense of the word.

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