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## A Catholic Prince of the 17th Century, Champion of Religious Toleration

Rev. William Kratz, S. J., in the fifth chapter of his treatise entitled "The Landgrave Ernst of Hesse-Rheinfels and the German Jesuits" (just published), treats of him specifically as an exemplar of Catholic toleration. He points out the remarkable tolerance of this German prince who desired to permit and tolerate those professing opposite beliefs to dwell in peace under his rule. The author of this work contrasts this with the bigotry, the unwillingness and the refusal to do likewise on the part of Protestant rulers of those times, when it was a legal axiom generally admitted and professed that the sovereign could determine the religion of his subjects. Landgrave Ernst can be truly styled the champion of modern religious tolerance, since even among Catholics there was scarcely anyone before him who possessed so firm and clear a grasp of this principle and advocated the same with so much stress and tenacity. Let it suffice here to indicate merely a few of his views and principles.

In his "Discourse on the freedom of conscience and the exercise of various religious beliefs among Christians" he gives a clear and concise representation of the problem of religious toleration and with intent to influence his age practically and effectively he refuses objections and explains difficulties. As the fundamental principle for treating the believers of other denominations he lays down the following in a letter to the Jesuit Eusebius Truchsess: "Catholicism authoritatively must in every case and under all circumstances grant freedom of conscience and liberty also to hold divine services at least in private and family devotions." The advocates of coercive measures regarding religious belief and its practice he would have to bear in mind that it is rather inconsistent for Catholics to complain of England's "Penal Laws" and the tolerance of other Protestant governments and at the same time not to accord and warrant Non-Catholics freedom of conscience and liberty of religious practice in one's own country. He was reminiscent, he said, of how Pope Alexander VII. in an audience granted to him (the Landgrave) some twenty years prior, had corroborated and approved of the action of the Grand duke of Tuscany, who tolerated that religious Calvinistic services be held in Leghorn, it is true in a private dwelling, for the English and Dutch merchants. The Pontiff said that it was well for the Grand duke to act as he did since he thereby on the one hand preserved for his country the necessary trade whilst on the other he afforded Protestantism a further motive and an additional inducement to grant to the Catholics in their countries similar religious accommodations.

But this Landgrave, (born in 1623; died, 1693) was not a mere theorizer; on the contrary, his mode of action was well-suited to his words and what he preached he himself practiced in his own country. In an age when Protestant domestic servants who on the Sabbath performed work for their Jewish masters, were still excommunicated in Hesse, he composed a memorial writing directed against the oppression of the Jews. And as the most renowned convert of his day, Queen Christina of Sweden, he likewise condemned the forcible conversion of the French Huguenots. The assistance and the shelter afforded by him to many such refugees received the approbation of the Pope, Innocent XI moreover expressed his disapprobation concerning the ignominious and self-interested emulation in religious reform of the French King.

However, the views and the way of action of the Landgrave did not originate in any sort of indifference or self-contented lethargy; they sprang rather from the principle of Christian meek-

ness and forbearance. "Severe procedure," he said, "does not respond to Christian or political prudence. Among those in error it gives rise to distrust, animosity and vindictiveness; it goads and incites them moreover to form factions and causes revolts and civil wars, which are all attended with poless severe sin than heresy." Whatever bigoted Protestants or narrow-minded Catholics may have said against him, and even if his views regarding some particular questions were not always correct, still his broad liberality was not, as Father Kratz points out in his valuable monography, based on religious apathy or lackadaisical carelessness; but with all his soul and from firm conviction he has devoted to the cause of that religion which he had made his own in virtue of his free choice and after many and serious internal struggles and removals of doubts.

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## Japanese Trappists Learn Something of War.

The war has taken a toll even from the Trappist monastery at Tshibetau, Japan. Our old friend, Fr. Le Couteur, writes that they were expecting an addition to their number in the persons of three or four European priests, but instead of finding the silence and seclusion of the monastery, the latter are now on the battlefield. "God protect them!" says Fr. Couteur, "and send them to us safe and sound."

Now are the European Trappists the only ones to learn something of strife and bloodshed. Two Japanese Brothers were called to fight in the battle at Shin-tao. Shot and shell fell around them on all sides, but Providence allowed them to return to their monastic life.

One of these Japanese Brothers is of a remarkable sanctity, and it has now been well proven that the native monk can not only endure the severe and trying rule of the Cistercian Order, but also attain a great spirituality. Those who have been accepted during the past few years give perfect satisfaction.

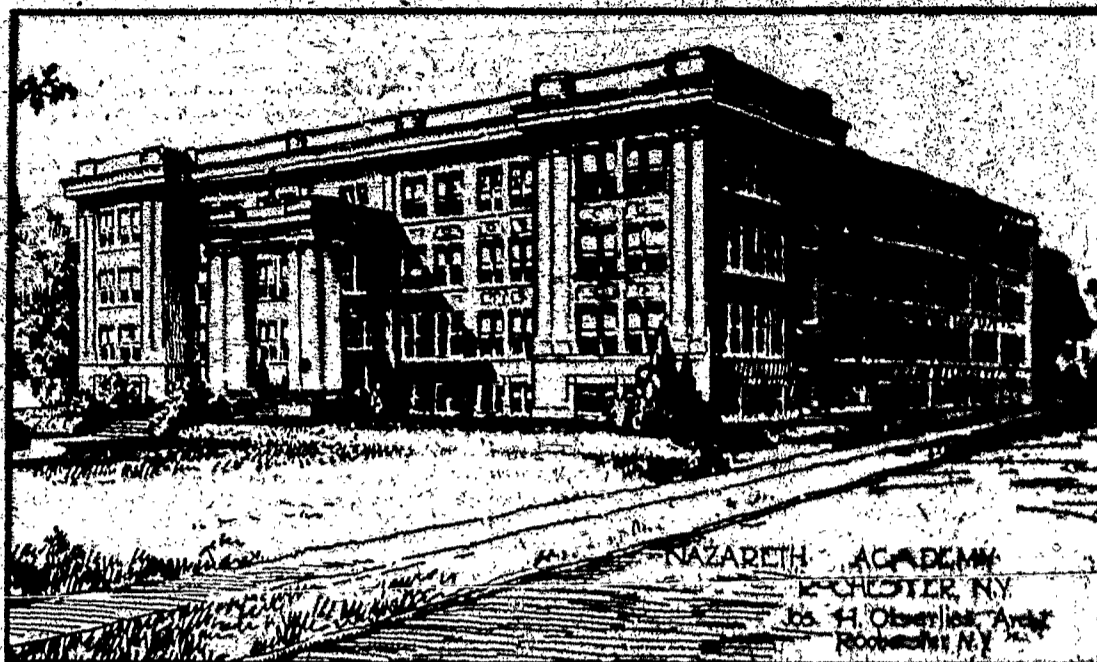
## A Call For Women Helpers in the Mission World.

This extract from the magazine published by the Josephite Missionaries may find a response in the hearts of some Catholic women interested in mission work:

"There must be young ladies scattered here and there throughout this land of ours, heavily burdened with the cares and anxieties of the world, who are convinced that all is vanity save to love God and to serve Him alone, and who long to escape to some bowyer of peace, where cares cease to trouble and the weary are at rest.

Fr. Grandpierre, P. F. M., has been forty years a missionary in Kwang Tong, China. At last his health gave out and he went back to France for a rest. But his days of usefulness are not over, for he has returned to the mission which again the task of saving souls.

## ARCHITECTS, DRAWING OF NEW NAZARETH ACADEMY TO BE CREATED IN LAKE AVENUE



Ground was broken this week on the old Purcell property in Lake Avenue, in preparation for the construction of the new Nazareth Academy building, which, it is estimated, will cost \$175,000. Gorsline & Swan are the contractors and Joseph H. Oberlies is the architect, and Michael Davin the carpenter.

It is expected that the new building, which will not only take

the place of the present academy on Jay Street but will serve as a Catholic High School for girls, will be ready for occupancy this fall. The structure will be three stories in height, with basement, and will be absolutely fireproof. Construction will be of gray trestle brick, with Medina pink stone trimmings.

The building will contain 50 classrooms, and off the main en-

trance will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,500. In connection with the auditorium will be a stage 72 feet long and 24 feet in depth, which will be fully equipped.

The new structure will be 170 feet across the front and will be built in two wings. One wing will have a depth of 140 feet, while the other will have a depth of 200 feet.

## Father of Rev. Mgr. J. J. Hartley, Instantly Killed.

Fairport, April 13.—Edmund Hartley was struck and instantly killed by a local car on the Rochester, Syracuse & Eastern trolley road at Hartley's private crossing a few feet north of Stop 15 shortly before 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Hartley had been across the tracks to see his son, William, who was plowing in a nearby field and when he returned, it is said, evidently did not see or hear the approaching car and walked on the tracks directly in front of it. A rather deep cut in the driveway obscures the view of the tracks on either side. The unfortunate man was hurled about seventy-five feet. The body was found on the west side of the tracks near the fence, with one leg broken, his hips broken and face bruised. Undertaker Relyea was summoned from this village and took charge of the remains.

The car was the local one here at 1:50 P. M. and was in charge of Motorman Frank Emmel, of Syracuse.

Mr. Hartley, who is 79 years old, leaves three sons, Rev. Monsignor J. J. Hartley, head of St. Bernard's Seminary; William, who lives on the farm just south of Fairport, and Philip, of this village; two daughters, Mrs. M. Marvin, of Adrian, Mich., and Margaret, who lives on the farm.

A new St. Gregory Church will be erected in Brooklyn, N. Y., at a cost of \$150,000.

Bishop Schinner, of Spokane, Wash., is casting about for a suitable location in his diocese for a Catholic colony.

The Polish Catholics of Chicago have opened a settlement house.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston represents a total outlay up to this time of \$381,889.48.

The new church of St. John the Baptist in Bancroft, Ia., will cost \$65,000.

The noted chime of bells of the old Cathedral of Buffalo, N. Y., has been transferred to the new Cathedral. The chime consists of forty-three bells, which were exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1887.

The State of New York has approximately 2,885,824 Catholics.

## Girls Being Sold to Procure Food.

It is not often a letter comes to us from China without recording a flood. Every river in that country seems to wander where it listeth—to the great detriment of the rice fields.

Fr. P. Yung, a native priest, is a new correspondent, but his subject is an old one. He is located at Kailchow-Chi, and he complains that the Yellow River has been inundating the district for a year. But let him speak for himself:

"I pass over in allience the many miseries that have befallen us—fields devastated, whole villages ruined, countless families reduced to poverty. All that is bad enough, but a greater misfortune exists: the poor pagan peasants are selling their daughters. Tiny girls, even, are disposed of for the price of something to eat. Happily no Christian has as yet succumbed to temptation.

"To save a few of these children I have taken them under my protection. Thus far about eighty have been disposed of. Those who are old enough, give in marriage to worthy Christian youths. The younger ones must eat the bread of Christian charity, and it is this bread I am asking Catholics in America to provide. My charges are very capable and can do all sorts of embroidery and make faces. They would be glad to receive orders for their work, and I am sure it will give satisfaction.

Last year the Catholic Humane Bureau of San Francisco expended \$70,189 in charitable works, among which was the founding of a free clinic at St. Mary's Hospital.

In his address to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Chicago, Archbishop Quigley said that it was his hope that there would be a vast increase in the number of new conferences and members in Chicago during this year.

The churches of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia contributed to the Belgian sufferers \$14,144.11.

The late Count Mair, of Chicago, bequeathed \$20,000 to Catholic charities.

Thirty-five hundred men attended the Men's Mission in the Cathedral of Boston.

The Catholic employees of the St. Xavier's Church, Cincinnati, for four weeks was an unprecedented success. It is estimated that 36,000 men and women attended it, a. m. on Sundays and holy days. The Jesuits conducted it.

## John McCormack

To Be Heard at Convention Hall

The announcement that John McCormack, one of the most popular singers who has ever lived in America, is to fill a return engagement at Convention Hall, Tuesday evening, April 20th, has created such a general interest among the music loving people of Rochester and vicinity, that the management will be taxed to accommodate all those who desire to hear him. The advance sale of tickets has been unusually heavy, and the tickets have been opened at Gibbons & Stone, and small orders may be addressed to Mr. James E. Furlong, care of Gibbons & Stone, and those who desire to hear Mr. McCormack in concert should apply early for their accommodations.

Since John McCormack appeared on the musical horizon, there has been a remarkable revival of interest in Irish music. At one time it was a very rare experience to find a group of Irish songsters recital program, now it is very rare to find a program without them. Something more remarkable still, perhaps, is the number of "Irish Tenors," "Irish Baritones" and "Irish Sopranos" who have made their appearance in the last few years. Before the advent of McCormack it was more fashionable to Anglicize or Italianize the old Celtic names.

It is a matter of record that prior to the time John McCormack was engaged by Oscar Hammerstein to sing at the Old Manhattan Opera House, he was offered an engagement by another American organization provided he assumed the name of McCormack. McCormack's answer came swift and sure: "You'll engage me under the name given me by my father and mother, or not at all."

## Weekly Church Calendar

Second Sunday after Easter.  
Gospel, St. John x., 11-17.  
St. 18 St. Apollonia, M.  
St. 19 St. Leo IX., P. C.  
St. 20 St. James, C.  
St. 21 St. Anselm, B. C. D.  
St. 22 St. Soter & Catus, PP., MM.  
St. 23 St. George, M.  
St. 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, M.

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## News From Ireland

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Dr. Thomas McLaughlin, dean of the University of Dublin, has been elected to the post of Archbishop of Dublin.

Mr. John McCann, a member of the House of Commons, has been elected to the post of Member of Parliament for the constituency of Dublin.

Mount Rev. Dr. Walsh, a member of the House of Bishops, has been elected to the post of Archbishop of Dublin.

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William Harvey, who has been elected to the post of Member of Parliament for the constituency of Dublin, has been elected to the post of Member of Parliament for the constituency of Dublin.

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On March 5, at the Wood College, the late James O'Connell, a member of the House of Commons, died at the age of 109.

A number of anti-slavery posters recently posted up in the streets of Dublin were torn down by the police.

A bronze medal for life-saving has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society to Donald MacFarlane, a member of the House of Commons, for saving the life of a young girl.

Re. Rev. Mgr. Denis Ryan, P. S. J., was present at a meeting of the local branch of the Town Tenants' League, which was held at the residence of Mrs. Kennedy, Rock Abbey, on the 10th inst. The landlord is Mr. Hamilton, of Malahide.

A delegation from the Students' address committee recently presented an illuminated address to the Most Rev. Dr. Henry O'Connell, Bishop of Clogher, and Bishop of Clogher.

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Send in your names.