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Deficiencies in Public School Equipment.

New York Unable To Educate Thousands of Children Properly.

The Public Service the Parochial School Performs.

The blindly prejudiced mind does not necessarily be illogical. It does not examine into facts, but wildly proclaims facts to be as its passion and imagination dictate. In no case is this more clearly shown than in that of Catholic education. For long the parochial school has been the target of the anti-Catholic forces in this country. It has been held up as proof of the desire of Catholicism to destroy the American ideal, supposedly represented in the public schools.

And yet, it is at last beginning to be realized that if the much denounced parochial schools, maintained by the private generosity of Catholic layfolk and the sacrifice of the religious orders, were not now in existence, the public school systems of our cities would be utterly unable to cope with the demands for the education of thousands of children made upon them. The parochial schools are thus in reality performing a great service to the people of this country.

The experience of New York City is splendid evidence of that fact. In the New York Call of September 14th we read that 800,000 children returned to the city schools at the close of the late vacation season. "So much were the schools too small to accommodate the vast numbers that at least 40,000 children will be placed on part time. This is because the new modern schools which the Board of Education asked for were not built this year because the city administration was bent on giving a business administration and did not dare to spend money that might raise taxes." Nine new buildings have indeed been erected for this year and the school board has sent in requests for eighteen more buildings at the expense of \$6,000,000 to the city, but so far this request has been ignored. If the construction is started at once, the overcrowding may be somewhat relieved three years from now, it is said. The chances are slim, however, that anything will come of the request.

An example of the defects in the public school equipment is given in the case of the Erasmus High School of Brooklyn, which was ordered closed at the last minute by the Fire Department. It had been a place of instruction for 129 years. "Over 140 boys and girls were turned away," reports the Call, "when the doors were locked by orders of the Fire Department."

And it is not merely in the buildings that the trouble of meeting present day conditions is found. The teaching staff is short of the number necessary for proper work. "Because funds were lacking, the teaching corps was found to be short 300 elementary teachers, 150 special teachers and high school teachers. This places the schools under a greater handicap than in any other year."

What a much greater handicap would these schools experience, if it were not for the fact that the parochial schools are educating thousands of Catholic children, without any assistance whatever from the state! It is a matter over which some of our high-minded "patriots" might ponder before ranting on the evils of the parochial schools and proposing a special taxation for these institutions. It is a fact which, emphasized as it has been from time to time, is deserving of continual reemphasis.

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Foreign Mission News

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For a nun to remain, twenty-five years in the apostolate, under the burning sun of Africa, is an unusual thing. Mother Basile, of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles, has gained this distinction, however, and has just celebrated her silver jubilee as a missionary in the difficult Gold Coast region. The Blacks were enthusiastic in the praise of their teacher on this occasion, saying that her name would go down from generation to generation in their families as a symbol of love and devotion. They also presented her with a magnificent gold chain and cross made by the Christians of the Cape Coast.

A Catholic writer says: "The best givers to the poor are the poor. The best supporters of the Church are the poor. The best witnesses for the divinity of the Church are the poor. 'Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'" Just at present there seem no "deserving poor" in such pressing need as the missionaries. Another six months of the war and some of the stations will have to be closed and the little flocks dispersed.

Catechists are missionary scouts, who sound and prepare the ground for the priest whose place they take in a great measure. They instruct the catechumens, settle local difficulties, preach to the pagans, baptizing the dying, and on Sundays preside over the assemblies in remote chapels of which they are the caretakers.

Their apostolate is as manifold as its meritorious and fruitful. In a word, they are the real acting force of the missionary. The usual cost of supporting a catechist is \$3 a month. Who will support a scout in the army of the Church?

Madame Duchene, founder of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart in America, said: "It is preferable to spend one's life cleaning the missionaries' boots than to be Queen of France or England."

Burmese Catholics.

From their love of gaiety the Burmese have sometimes been called "the Irish of the East." Following out the similarity, there are also some very good Catholics in Burma, and they have formed a society called the "Indian Catholic Association," which has just celebrated its second anniversary.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Rangoon, publishes a magazine, The Voice, which is a monthly record of mission work done in Burma. Its editor, Very Rev. E. Luce, Pro-Vicar of Southern Burma, recently died, and his loss is considered almost irreparable as far as The Voice is concerned. He not only founded the publication, but was its source of life. With so many missionaries away, and with thirty stations and 61,323 Catholics to provide for, it does not seem possible that a priest can be spared to fill Fr. Luce's place.

There is a Catholic church, or rather chapel, in Wenchow so old and unsanitary in condition that for four years running deaths among those in charge have occurred. The pagans have not been slow in drawing conclusions from this fact. They believe that bad luck clings to the place—possibly it is occupied by an evil spirit.

Under these circumstances a new building would not only save the lives of the missionaries, but many souls as well. The pagans will always be shy of the present building, but a bright and wholesome place of worship wherein the priests could enjoy the normal health and everybody be happy would give a new impetus to religion.

News From Ireland

Died.—At her residence, 4 Crawford street, Belfast, Annie, beloved wife of Harry Savage.

Married.—August 11, at St. Joseph's church, Berkeley road, Dublin [with nuptial Mass] by Rev. Joseph O'Callaghan, C. C., Patrick Baggot, J. P., Co. C., eldest son of the late Henry Baggot, Elm Grove, Cabra, County Dublin, to Harriet, eldest daughter of Michael J. Baggot, Granmore, Kildavin, County Carlow.

Rev. Charles Farrelly, a retired American priest, died recently at the residence of his sister, Mrs. McMahon, at Peterville, near Moynalty.

The death took place recently of Mrs. Wanhope, wife of the late John Wanhope, auctioneer. The funeral to Urker was largely attended.

Dr. G. H. Enright, of Six Mile Cross, County Clare, has been appointed certifying surgeon under the Factory and Workshops Act, in succession to Dr. J. H. Brennan (resigned) for the district of Six Mile Cross.

Died.—At Cragleigh, Endis, on August 13, Mary, the beloved wife of Michael McKey.

R. H. Greene, manager of the Queenstown branch of the bank of Ireland, has retired after many years' service. He is succeeded by T. F. Harkins, formerly of the Thurles branch of the bank.

A lad named Charles Kiely, who toppled into the river at Horgan's quay, Passage, during flood tide, was very pluckily rescued by William Murphy, son of Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of Passage.

At a late Letterkenny market pork sold at the local record price of 76s. per cwt.

Married.—At Glenswilly by the Rev. Hugh O'Gara, Adm., John Kelly, Faghakeen, Drumbologue, and Miss Rose Rodden, Castle-reegh, New Mills.

Died.—August 26, at Malin street, Carndonagh, Madge, wife of Denis Kelly.

At a weekly meeting recently of the Lisnakea Board of Guardians the resolution passed by the Limerick Borough Council protesting against the banishment of Irishmen was unanimously adopted.

The Clifden Guardians have appointed Dr. P. W. Freyer, Cleggan, County Galway, medical officer of Innishbofin Island. The appointment is subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Died.—August 14, at 1 Vernon Terrace, Rathgar, Mary Collins, formerly of Galway, aged 86 years.

Mrs. Martha Boyd, relict of James H. Boyd, founder of the well known Limerick house of J. and G. Boyd, has just passed away at the age of ninety-seven years.

Died.—August 25, at her residence, The Moor, Ardagh, County Longford, Anne, widow of the late John Hall.

A. G. Davis is being transferred from the Bank of Ireland, Galway, to Tullamore on promotion.

The annual pilgrimage to St. Bridgid's birthplace at Faughart, near Dundalk, brought an enormous concourse of people.

Thousands of the faithful paid the annual visit on Sunday, August 22, to the Shrine of Our Blessed Lady of Knock, County Mayo. Special trains were run from Ballinrobe, Sligo, Galway, Westport, Killala, and other centers. Many took part in the night vigil at the church.

"The Catholic Historical Review" for October.

When John Carroll was appointed first Bishop of Baltimore in 1789 there was no English-speaking Bishop nearer than London to consecrate him. Since he was a personal friend of the Welds, he accepted an invitation from Mr. Weld to receive episcopal consecration in the chapel at Lulworth Castle, in Dorsetshire. The editor of "The Catholic Historical Review" sent a skilled historical writer, Miss C. M. Antony, to the castle and to the Bishop of Clifton, in whose diocese the castle stands, to search among the archives for any letters or documents which so far have escaped the research worker. Miss Antony, whose excellent volumes on Dominican history are so well known to English readers, was fortunate in finding two unpublished letters, which appear in her article on Lulworth Castle in the October "Review," and she settles the question of the exact location of the chapel at the time of Dr. Carroll's consecration. Besides this excellent article, the Rev. Dr. Folk, C. S. C., of the University of Notre Dame, writes another interesting paper on the "Rise and Growth of Catholic Journalism in the United States." Miss Georgina Pell Curtis, an authority on questions of conversions, writes upon "Early Conversions in the United States from 1521 to 1830," and the Rev. Dr. Zwierlein, of Rochester Seminary, contributes an interesting article on "Catholic Beginnings in the Diocese of Rochester." Dr. Zwierlein is preparing a biography of the illustrious Bishop McQuaid, and this article is an introduction to the whole subject.

Gaelic Association Resumes Active Work For Season.

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association will open the season of 1915-16 at the Conservatory of Music on Friday evening, October 8, with a "Mock Trial" which has been arranged by D. C. Ryan, President of the Association, in collaboration with M. K. Fenelon. The "trial" will be an interesting and amusing entertainment, the part of the lawyers, "Ketchum and Skinnem" being taken by the two authors of the piece, the Judge, Jury and witnesses have several timely topical dialogues and the part of the "court officer" needs no comment when it is in the hands of Francis O'Byrne.

The committee of management has arranged for a special entertainment each month during the season and the reports from the Organization Committee indicate that the 1915-16 will be a most successful and prosperous one.

The members will receive instructions in dancing on the evenings when no dramatic work is given.

Weekly Church Calendar

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
Gospel, St. Matt. xxii. 1-14.
S. 3. St. Remigius, B. C.
M. 4. St. Francis of Assisi, C.
T. 5. St. Placidus and Comp.
M. M.
W. 6. St. Bruno, C.
Th. 7. St. Mark, P. C.
F. 8. St. Bridget of Sweden, W.
S. 9. St. Denys and Comp., M. M.

Advanced Classes

In the R. B. I. Evening School. Classes in English, Advertising, Psychology and Ethics start next week in the Evening School of the Rochester Business Institute. Psychology, Monday at 8 P. M. English, Thursday at 7.30 P. M. Ethics, Thursday, at 8 P. M. Advertising, Thursday at 8.30 P. M. Please make a note of these dates and get into these classes right at the beginning. Take up some work this winter that will increase your efficiency, broaden your knowledge and enlarge your vision. Rochester Business Institute. Adv.

Catholic News Notes.

DOMESTIC.

At Centerville, Ia., the Sisters of Mercy are building a \$60,000 hospital.

In the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Philadelphia, the Bishop-Auxiliary of that See confirmed 52 converts.

At Sheboygan, Wis., a handsome, large new St. Clement's Church has been dedicated.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, in Columbus, O., have just celebrated the golden jubilee of their foundation in that city.

The Bishop of Newark has dedicated the handsome \$200,000, costed Church of St. Henry, at Bayonne. It seats 1,200 persons.

A \$50,000 addition to the St. Coleta Institute for feeble-minded children, will be erected at Jefferson, Wis.

From Seattle comes intelligence that Mr. D. J. Casey, who is ill there at the age of 76 years, has nine sons in the holy priesthood.

A new St. Catherine's Home in Milwaukee, 90x175 feet, and costing \$70,000, will be erected.

The Brothers of the Christian Schools are negotiating for the purchase of a large mansion in the city of Utica, N. Y., for the purpose of establishing a Catholic high school.

Boston has a Guild of St. Camillus, comprising Catholic male nurses. Arrangements are in progress for the establishment of a Guild House and Registry for male nurses.

In Boston, Cardinal O'Connell opened a new St. Clement Home for women, and in Cincinnati, the Fenwick Club opened a hotel for Catholic young men.

FOREIGN.

In all Africa, there are two million Catholics.

In the Army are now 145 priests of the Archdiocese of Westminster, London.

Many ecclesiastical buildings in Rome are being put in readiness for wounded Italian soldiers.

Of the 133 Seminarists in Tübingen, 120 are now in the German Army.

Father Finn, British Navy Chaplain, was killed during the recent heavy fighting in the Dardanelles.

Constantine, the Emperor, and St. Helena, the Empress, placed over the gold lid of the tomb of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles, a cross of pure gold weighing one hundred and fifty pounds.

Adolph, Count of Berlechingen, a convert and Jesuit priest, died at the Kissingen Baths, Bavaria, at the age of 75 years.

Solomon's Temple of Jerusalem was built in the year 966 B. C.

In Spain and Holland, this year, there is a splendid manifestation of Catholic life—of faith and devotion.

The famous gilded horses over the portal of St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice, have been removed for safety, lest they be damaged by hostile aviators.

The recently elected Minister-General of the Franciscan Order, Father Crimino, is a celebrated Scriptural scholar.

GET MARRIED.

Advice Given to Reluctant and Confirmed Bachelors.

To all young men of twenty-five years, or thereabouts, who are single-free to marry, fit for marriage and able to support a wife, the Catholic Columbian advises: "Get married; get married in the fear of the Lord; get married just as soon as you have found a congenial mate and she will accept you."

"It is not good for man to be alone: It is not good for young men to waste their strength in vice."

"Marriage is honorable. It was planned by God. It was intended for the perpetuation of the human race."

"It brings its cares but it brings also its joys. It gives a man the heart's best love of a woman; it gives him children of his own blood; it gives him a home of his very own; it gives him the responsibilities of a husband and father; it makes a man of him; if there is a man in him to make."

"So, young man, get married. Choose the right kind of a wife, the good daughter of a good Catholic mother, and you will have more happiness, more peace, more prosperity, more success, more dignity, more contentment, more ambition to get on in the world, more friends, better health, longer life, and a better chance for eternal salvation than you will, ordinarily, if you remain a bachelor."

Bogus Priest Gets a Long Prison Term.

William Bell, 50 years old, of Eddystone, Pa., who masqueraded as a priest and victimized a number of persons from whom he collected money was sentenced to a term of 18 months in the county prison in Philadelphia by Judge Ralston in Quarter Session Court. Bell pleaded guilty to charges of false pretenses. He represented himself to be Father Gallagher of Villanova college, and claimed to be authorized to solicit funds for the institution.

Catholic University In Japan.

The Catholic University which is under construction by the Jesuits in Tokio, Japan, is about two-thirds completed. It will accommodate about five hundred students.

The first class of students, thirty in number, has already entered upon a preparatory course.

This little band is the nucleus of a student body that will, we are sure, in future years number thousands.

Blessing of Graves Postponed.

The inclement weather last Sunday led Bishop Thomas F. Hickey to postpone the solemn services of blessing the graves, which was to have taken place in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, until the afternoon of Sunday, October 10, at 2 o'clock.

The blessing of four new sections of the cemetery, on the east side, will also take place. During the last year work has been going on steadily, opening up two large areas of cemetery property and making them ready for burial plots.

The public will see for the first time the great transformation which has taken place on the east side, where the entire remainder of the cemetery property to the east, comprising a total of 34 acres, extending to the banks of the Genesee River, has been opened. Over three acres is taken up in roads and driveways, over three acres in ponds and outlets and about eighteen acres left for burial purposes. This will be made up of 32 sections, which will contain 2,866 lots, varying in size from three graves to thirty.

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