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When Evangelization Is Not Evangelization.

The Innocent Little Plan of The Pan-Protestant Congress.

What Some Episcopalian Lead- ers Think.

On February 10th to 20th of next year a "Congress for Christian Work in Latin America" is to be held in the city of Panama. The Protestant denominations who are conducting proselytization work in the southern American countries with the view of winning these peoples from the darkness of Romanism are the sponsors for the meeting. With the same beautiful spirit of innocence which has marked their previous activities in Latin America, the official call declares that "it shall be the purpose of the Panama Congress to recognize all the elements of truth and goodness in any form of religious faith. Its approach to the people shall be neither critical nor antagonistic, but inspired by the teachings and example of Christ and that charity which thinketh not evil and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." And the invitation is extended to "all communions or organizations which accept Jesus Christ as Divine Saviour and Lord, and the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the Revealed Word of God, and whose purpose is to make the will of Christ prevail in Latin America."

Of course, needless to say, the "will of Christ" does not now prevail in Latin America, shackled as it is by the chains of the Roman monster. Not at all surprising is it, therefore, to read that the Catholic Bishop of Panama, when he learned that the President of the Republic had granted the use of the National Theater to the "missionaries" issued a pastoral letter forbidding his people under pain of mortal sin from attending the sessions of the Congress. And yet, the well-known periodical, "The Outlook," under the gentle guidance of the Rev. Lyman Abbott, thinks that this "letter of the Bishop of Panama is both ignorant and virulent" for "this Congress, instead of being sectarian or an invasion of another country for purposes of proselytism, is a broad, generous, catholic attempt to cement still further the growing unity between Americans of all nations." (Vol. III, No. 9, Oct. 27, 1915, p. 454.)

The real purposes of the meeting are better understood by other men conversant with affairs in the Latin American countries. It seems almost impossible, in fact, that any intelligent person should imagine that a gathering of Protestant missionaries such as the present one, should be for the disinterested "broad, generous, catholic" object that the editor of the Outlook declares it to be. Mr. Barrett of the Pan-American Union has been quoted as condemning the Congress; and the determination on the part of a faction in the Episcopalian Church to send a delegation to the meeting has caused a split in that body. These men realize what the result of the Congress will be. Mr. Barrett thinks it will injure our trade by the antagonisms it will create. The Episcopalian members of the Board of Missions who resigned because of the action of their organization in the matter, particularly the Bishop of Fond du Lac, declare it to be a "congress which has for its purpose the evangelizing of Roman Catholic countries" and designate it "as a firebrand," coming "into the tentative negotiations toward closer harmony between the various branches of Christianity." (New York Evening Post, Oct. 27, 1915, p. 14.)

The fact of the matter is that this Pan-Protestant Congress is nothing more nor less than one of those peculiar, hypocritical schemes which Protestant evangelists and missionaries in South America have been concocting for many years. It is an effort for evangelization pure and simple carried on under the guise of

more closely uniting the peoples of the American continents and of studying conditions in Latin America. It is encouraging to know that all non-Catholic ministers and laymen have not been deceived as to the real objects of this assemblage. That some have lent their voice and support to it is not a very favorable reflection upon their mental acumen or their moral standards.
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ARCHBISHOP HANNA.

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, in a recent address, referred to the new Catholic Archbishop in these words: "When the Exposition opened its gates to the world on February 20, it was Archbishop Hanna who said the opening prayer. When our unemployed problem demanded solution two years ago, he headed the citizens' committee that provided relief. He is serving, by appointment of the Governor, as vice-president of the Immigration Committee. He is a director of the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. He is a director of the Society for Benefiting Girls. He is vice-president of the Travelers' Aid Society, and president of the Youth's Directory. He is ever ready to give unselfish service. It is the keynote of his character. He is an indefatigable worker, and yet always a man of buoyant spirits, good nature, and democratic disposition. I said that San Francisco's history was linked with the name of Archbishop Hanna, and that the destiny of our Catholic diocese of San Francisco is in such noble and able hands."

Catholic News Notes

The Church in the United States is divided into fourteen ecclesiastical provinces.

As a memorial to his patents, Archbishop Kennedy, rector of the American College in Rome, has donated a beautiful and costly altar, which will be placed in the new St. Matthew's Church, Conshohocken, Pa., the cornerstone of which was laid recently.

St. Leo's parish school in Chicago cost \$90,000.

At Burlington, Ia., on its highest street, is St. John's Church with a spire 165 feet high. Lightning struck the spire, tearing a hole six feet in diameter through the church. Its reconstruction will cost about \$10,000.

The estimated cost of the Kuntz tuberculosis hospital, to be under charge of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, at Dayton, O., is \$500,000.

Troubles Never Come Singly.

An unkind fate seems to pursue Fr. Louis Asseray, P. F. M., who finds his field of action in Qui Nhan, Annam. The full share of poverty and distress incident to the war had been apportioned out to him, and they seemed enough; but another blow was to come. Fr. Asseray has several posts under his care, and to his great distress he learned a short time ago that one of his principal stations had been completely wiped out by fire. The mission buildings and forty dwellings occupied by Christians were destroyed. The poor little orphans were driven from their shelter and besides their lives saved nothing but a clock. The pharmacy and library were burned and of all the treasures collected during many painful years not a trace remains. Almost anything will be acceptable to this missionary during his task of rebuilding the post. Old altar linen or a few worn vestments discarded by more fortunate priests would be of great use.

Convention of Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

International Body to Hold Second Annual Meeting in Chicago on November 26, 27, and 28th.

The second annual convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, which will occur in Chicago on November 26, 27 and 28, promises to be an event of unusual interest and importance.

The organization meeting held in New York city in November last, when the movement was enthusiastically received by clergy and laity throughout the country, marked a new era in Catholic higher educational development. The Federation was especially advocated and formally endorsed by His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, and has received the encouragement and sanction of Cardinal Farley, Cardinal O'Connell, as well as the warm approval of Archbishops and Bishops throughout the United States and Canada. The various alumnae associations have continued to affiliate and the Federation has grown steadily in membership and influence. Cardinal Gibbons has become honorary president and the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D.D., S.T.D., of the Catholic University of America, has been appointed active director, with the Very Rev. Edward A. Pace, Ph.D., LL.D., S. T. D., as his assistant.

The coming convention will be known as the constitutional convention, as it is called primarily for the purpose of adopting a constitution. The proposed constitution is the result of a year's deliberation and work on the part of the permanent organization committee, of which Mrs. James J. Sheeran is chairman. The constitution has been duly approved by members of the legal profession and of the clergy and will be presented to the convention for consideration and adoption.

The convention will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Randolph Clark street, Chicago, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 26, 27 and 28. Excellent hotel arrangements have been made and special rates secured for those attending the convention, and a splendid and interesting programme has been planned by the entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Byrne, president of St. Francis Xavier Alumnae Association of Chicago. Already the convention promises to surpass in enthusiasm and numbers that of November last. Prominent Chicago clergy will participate in the opening session, on Friday evening, November 26, which will take the form of a reception to delegates and friends.

Among those who are actively interested and who will deliver addresses during the convention days are the Very Rev. Edward A. Pace, Ph.D., LL. D., S. T. D., of Washington, D. C., the Right Rev. Mgr. Francis C. Kelly, P. A., D. D., of Chicago, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society; the Rev. Richard H. Tierney, S. J., of New York City; the Rev. John L. Belford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Rev. Thomas Burke, C. S. P., of Chicago.

In order to facilitate arrangements, the various alumnae associations throughout the country will receive, through their respective delegates, guest cards for hotel accommodations. Applications for these cards, with enclosure of self-addressed and stamped envelope should be made by delegates to Mrs. Charles Byrne, 3832 Washington boulevard, Chicago.

For the further convenience and accommodation of visitors the Pennsylvania Railroad has been nominated as the "official" route. Special rates have been secured and a time-table selected. The Philadelphia train will leave North Philadelphia station on November 25 at 7.06 P. M., and will arrive in Chicago at 2 P. M. the following day.

Full details of train schedule and railroad rates may be obtained in Philadelphia from the governor of Pennsylvania Alumnae Associations, Miss Lida Dougherty, 1532 Green street.

Delaware associations may obtain information from Miss Sara Malloy, 1920 Delaware avenue, Wilmington, Del.; Maryland associations from Mrs. F. Scrivener, 105 East Lafayette avenue, Baltimore, Md.; New York associations from Miss Cecile Lorenzo, 280 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; New Jersey associations, Mrs. G. H. Somer, 120 West State St., Trenton, N. J., or in any instance from local representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad (for Philadelphia, Mr. F. B. Bartz, 1433 Chestnut street).

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by
The Propagation of the Faith Society
348 Lexington Ave., New York City.

A hundred years ago Australia and New Zealand had no missionaries and few Catholics. Today both have grown so rapidly as to rival the most flourishing parts of the Church in civilized lands.

It is estimated that there are now 70,000 Catholics in Japan. Descendants of the ancient Christians number about 40,000; the remainder are converts made by recent apostles. Members of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, Dominicans, Franciscans, Marianists, Trappists and the Fathers of the Divine Word are engaged in this difficult field as are many nuns, who work among the women, children, lepers and sick.

Bishop Munagorri, O. P., of Central Tonkin, is in great distress on account of the suffering in store for his people. From now until next June there is every prospect of a horrible famine. This is caused by floods that destroyed the crops—an all too frequent occurrence in China.

Coronation of Japan's Emperor.

The ceremonies of the coronation of the Japanese Emperor took place Wednesday.

The term Coronation is an analogy, for the ceremony, unlike that held in western countries, does not consist in placing an hereditary crown upon the head of the ruler, but takes the form of an announcement by the Emperor to the Imperial ancestral divinities of the fact of his succession to the Imperial rule; of his coming to the possession of the Sacred Treasures, and of his accession to the "Takamikura" or Imperial Throne specially constructed for the occasion. It is from this Throne that His Imperial Majesty will proclaim his reign. The act of proclamation is equivalent to the actual coronation of a western monarch.

The rites belonging to the occasion are entirely superstitious, and a missionary, writing about them, says he finds it inconceivable that a people so well instructed and so highly civilized as the Japanese can cling to such gross and time-worn absurdities.

Bishop Vincent Sage, of South Manchuria, China, is only in his 36th year.

Bulgaria has a population of about 4,750,000. The king is a Catholic.

Religious conditions in France are not promising and persecution is again commencing.

The Bishop of Meath says that Ireland spends annually in drink \$65,000,000.

The French priest prisoners of war in Germany are allowed to say Mass daily, and to give retreats to their fellow prisoners.

Within the brief period of sixteen months, thirteen Cardinals have passed away.

Catholic House For Girls' About to Open.

The first meeting of the incorporators of the St. Elizabeth Guild House, Inc., was held in the directors' room of the Lincoln National Bank Tuesday to perfect the organization. A constitution was submitted and adopted, and J. Adam Kragg, Peter A. Vay and Joseph H. Weis, committee to draft by-laws, submitted their report, which was adopted.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Bishop Hickey; vice-president, Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran, vicar-general, and Rev. Dietrich Laurenz, M. R.; secretary, Mrs. Katherine L. Sheldon; treasurer, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern. The president appointed the following committee: Finance, J. Adam Kragg, Peter A. Vay, Joseph H. Weis, John Connors, Michael H. Shea; House, Mrs. Mary A. Murray, Mrs. Elizabeth Elber, Miss Cecilia M. Yawman; Legal and Medical Aid, Mrs. Margaret Culkin, Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, Mrs. Elizabeth Elber; Admissions to the House, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, Rev. Jacob F. Staub and Mrs. Katherine L. Sheldon.

Bishop Hickey decided to the Guild House, which was obtained for that purpose and which has been remodeled and put in first-class condition for the reception of any who may desire the accommodation of such a place. The scope and plan of the work was discussed at considerable length and all seemed enthusiastic in the belief that the house was going to be a wonderful success for Rochester. The furnishings for the rooms have been donated largely by persons interested in the Guild.

Applications are now being received by Mrs. Mary Nier, the matron in charge, and she expects to be able to receive girls next Monday.

"BLESSÉ THOMAS MORE."

Rev. Otto Geiger, of Holy Family parish delivered a lecture before the Winthrop study circle Friday evening in Holy Redeemer hall, Hudson and Clifford avenues. His subject was "Blesséd Thomas More."

Thomas More was chancellor of England under Henry VIII, and Father Geiger told of the incidents that led to the difference between the King and the "keeper of his conscience," as the chancellor is commonly called, and which led finally to the beheading of More.

The circle has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Stanley Lane; first vice-president, Ambrose Sanders; secretary, Catherine Ender; treasurer, Agnes Mulligan. Rev. Francis G. Kunz is spiritual director of the Study Circle.

DINNERS SUCCESSFUL.

Cathedral Women Expect to Pay Off Floating Indebtedness.

Nearly a thousand persons attended the twinned dinners given by the women of the Cathedral parish Tuesday and many remained for the evening to watch indoor baseball and basketball games in the auditorium of Cathedral hall. The dinner was one of the most successful given by the women and a large sum of money will be turned into the fund to pay off the floating indebtedness of the parish. A number of out-of-town priests were present at night.

The Men's Circle of the Cathedral will give an entertainment in the hall Friday evening, Nov. 19th and Monday evening, Nov. 22nd. The women will hold a card social Christmas bazaar will be held by the school children December 9, 10 and 11th.

When the Italian army set out for the frontiers of Austria, the number of priests, friars and seminarians in the ranks was 13,575. Of this number 745 priests were in the capacity of chaplains with rank as captains or lieutenants.

News From Ireland

Edmond McNeill, who died recently at the age of 94, was 6 feet 7 inches in height. He owned land in Ballycasheen, County Antrim, and claimed descent from the Highland clan of McNeill.

After nearly 50 years' service, David Moore has resigned the assistant secretaryship of the Belfast Harbor Board.

At Armagh Petty Sessions, James Williamson, K. C., was sworn in as Justice of the Peace for County Armagh. Mr. Williamson is a native of the Primate's City, and practiced as a solicitor there for several years before going to the Bar.

Very Rev. Mgr. Burke, V. F., the devoted and beloved parish priest of Baginbrow, has found it necessary to have a new roof put on Ballinakilla R. C. church. The church, which is undoubtedly a real architectural gem, stands in probably one of the most picturesque districts in the County Carlow.

James Hannigan, ex-chairman of the Coothill Guardians, has died very suddenly. The death is also announced of Laurence Sullivan, Ballinborough, a member of the East Cavan Executive, U. I. L.

Widespread regret is felt at the death of Sister Mary Clement Corcoran at the Convent of Mary Ennis. The deceased religious was formerly of Roscrea, and was a sister of Rev. Father M. J. Corcoran, C. C. Neneagh.

The death, in her 104th year, has occurred at Ballinamagna, Clonoe, six miles from Midleton, of Catherine Gards. Deceased never married.

The Cork Pipe and Irish Dance club is being reformed, with Very Rev. Dr. Hennessy, as president.

Miss Susan McMillin, daughter of B. McMillin, merchant, Donegal, has received the degree of Bachelor of Commerce in the National University, Dublin. She is one of three ladies in the United Kingdom holding the distinction.

Father Hanly, C. C., presided at a meeting in the Lucan schools when Father John F. Norton was presented with an address and presentation by the people of the native town.

The Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Keown and the local clergy, blessed the bell of the girls' new intermediate school, Ballyvaughan. The schools, which will shortly be completed, make a handsome addition to the religious and scholastic buildings in and around the convent grounds.

After a lingering illness the death has occurred of Mrs. E. Enright, Listowel. The deceased was the widow of Maurice Enright, B. A., formerly teacher of St. Michael's College, Listowel, and now of Jeffrey Institute, Tralee.

J. A. Hobson, Petty Sessions clerk for CastleConnell, Down, and Limerick Liberties, has resigned owing to ill-health.

They are showing some splendid potatoes in Mayo this year. Mrs. McAndrews of Erris, shows tubers weighing over 3 pounds each. Richard Murphy, of Ballytown, showed one at 2 pounds 11 ounces. Richard Murphy of Ballyhametown, has a grand quantity of Flounders, making an average weight of 2 pounds 4 ounces.

Miss S. McCormick, principal teacher of Carney Girls' school, County Sligo, has been promoted to first grade.

Died.—At the residence of his brother-in-law, Bernard Dwyer, at Avallagh, Clough, Charles J. Henry.