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The Government Frank And Educational Propaganda.

United States Bureau Sending Out Private Matters.

Undue Emphasis on the Public Schools.

The government frank, granting the right to send matter through the mails without cost, is inseparably connected with the government itself. The opinions of the representatives of the people, expressed in the legislative halls, are sent broadcast in this way. The ideas of the various bureaus and departments on the subjects under their consideration and the reports of these bureaus on the same are conveyed to the people through this means. As to where this franking privilege should stop it is sometimes difficult to say; but it can be emphatically stated that the propaganda of private agencies should never be sent out in this manner with the indorsement of any governmental department or bureau. This gives to the opinions of that agency a great advantage over that of others in its field.

The United States Bureau of Education, connected with the Department of the Interior, has been granting the right to various private organizations to spread their ideas on education throughout the country under its official envelope and frank. A most striking instance was in the case of the National Kindergarten Association, a private association located at 250 Michigan Avenue, New York City, which advertises speakers and moving pictures and exhibits it own. Many of the suggestions of this association are no doubt good, but its undue emphasis of the public school certainly cannot be agreed to by thousands of American citizens. A private organization should not be allowed, moreover, to advertise its articles of rental or sale through government communications.

The Bureau also erred gravely in its co-operation with the recently formed National Americanization Committee. Posters were sent out signed jointly by the Bureau and this committee, printed in various languages, recommending among other things that the immigrant seek his source of education for America in the public schools. In the poster Uncle Sam was shown holding the immigrant's hand and pointing to the public school house.

The National Americanization Committee is, it is true, composed of well-known citizens of this country who have taken an especial interest in the immigration, but the views which they entertain are in direct opposition to those of a considerable portion of the American people, who see in the parochial school a much better and more secure means for the Americanization of the newcomer. It was certainly most improper for the Bureau to join with them in this recommendation in regard to the public school.

But more grievous than either of these cases was the action of the Bureau itself when, in its press letter of May 24 last, under the heading "Getting the Immigrant Child to School", it said as follows: "Unless these children come into contact with American life through the public school, they are likely to grow up ignorant of American institutions and thoroughly unfit for citizenship. The plan of sending the names of these immigrant children to county and city superintendents is a first step in the upbuilding of a domestic immigration policy by the United States Government." The last sentence was quoted as the idea of an employee of the government on the immigration problem. The part of the parochial school in the work for the immigrant is here entirely ignored and the officers of the public school systems are the ones to be informed of who and where the immigrant children are.

Can this thing, it may be asked, be allowed to continue? If asso-

ciations of the kind mentioned are allowed to distribute their matter broadcast by means of the franking privilege, where is the line in this regard to be drawn? Why could not associations championing the teaching of religion in the schools or upholding the advantages of a parochial school system be granted the same rights? Why should not organizations believing in doctrines even more radical than those inculcated in the public schools be allowed this thing?

And why should the Bureau be at such pains to stress as it does the work of the public schools and make no mention of other forms of educational endeavor? If the public school systems of this country, in no way connected with the Federal Government, have received the sanction of that government as its exclusive agencies of education, we have not been informed of that fact. The whole moral in the case is this, that the use of the official envelopes and franks of any bureau or department by a private organization should be stopped, and that the Bureau of Education should cease paying exclusive attention to the public school systems and take under its observations the activities of all other agencies intended for the training of the youth of the nation.

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Gaelic Entertainment.

Association Will Have Supper at Conservatory on New Years Eve.

The monthly entertainment of the Gaelic Literary and Musical Association arranged by Miss Marie Crehan and Miss Helen Mills was held at the Conservatory of Music on Friday evening, Dec. 10th, and was well attended and favorably received by the members and friends.

An interesting demonstration of the magical art was given by the Murz Brothers who also performed some astonishing and amusing feats in mental telepathy. A very good selection was rendered by Miss Dorothy M. Milan and a charming vocal solo by Miss Susan Rice, accompanied by Harry Sullivan, and Miss Ruth Elchorn evoked enthusiastic applause by a beautifully sympathetic interpretation of "The Rosary."

The ladies of the Association have arranged to entertain the gentlemen with specimens of their culinary skill when they welcome in the New Year on Friday night, Dec. 31st, at the Conservatory.

"Come Home"

For your Christmas Goose, Turkey, Ducks and Chickens. We will have an assortment to choose from that will not be matched in this city for price and quality.

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Send The Catholic Journal to your friends for Christmas.

Large Audience Greet Governor Walsh.

Bishop Hickey Reads Report.

David I. Walsh, governor of Massachusetts, was the principal speaker last Sunday night at a meeting of the Catholic Men's Charity League, in Convention hall. The hall was filled to capacity. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey read the annual report of the league after he had given a brief speech outlining the work, and Peter A. Vay, president, spoke. Mayor Edgerton introduced Governor Walsh who spoke on "The Progressive and Humane Movement in Government." After stating that he believed the work of charity belonged to the government, he said:

"The first burden then and obligation of the government is the protection of the only asset a government has, human life which the Almighty has given us. We have built hospitals, we have arrested disease in our modern, humane movement in government, and all for the conservation of the lives of men. And right here in Rochester you have organized a great movement to add to the happiness of your people, by driving out poverty from their midst. And I come hereto-night to bless you and your work. Yours is a service not only to God and church, but you are assisting the government of this city in performing its most important functions towards humanity.

"This league means better citizenship in this city, state and nation and every man and woman in it gives additional strength to our citizenship. I dare not estimate the sum of money which it contributed annually to the municipality, the state and the country, by the services of these men and women. For while we may honor the man who gives thousands to public charity, we must never forget that the greatest honor belongs to those who give their lives to charity and service."

A Summary of Bishop Hickey's Report follows:

Through the generosity of the Women's German Federated Societies the Charity Guild has had for the past year a paid visitor, whose report shows that in six months 333 families were visited, the average number of families visited each month being 82 and new families each month, 47. Calls were made in the homes and hospitals and in business places, making a total of 1,307 calls. Families of 14 different nationalities received attention. The causes of poverty were principally: sickness in 103 cases; lack of employment seventy-seven; death of wage earner, forty-two; insufficient wage, eleven; old age, nine; desertion, twenty-two; intemperance, nine; serving jail sentence, eight; and miscellaneous causes, fifty-two.

The expenses of the Guild from January 1st to December 1st, 1915 were \$8,249.95. Receipts for the same period, \$8,401.21; \$5,825 of this amount was contributed by the Catholic Men's Charity League.

At the office in the last eleven months, 585 families were brought to the notice of the Guild, 413 of whom were given aid. Rent was paid for 40 families and milk furnished to 140. Five hundred yards of new goods, 1,300 new garments and 30 layettes were given and 2,000 old garments furnished. Five hundred pairs of new shoes and 600 pairs of old ones were given out. About \$1,500 was spent for groceries. An average of 15 called daily, 3,199 telephone calls were received and 2,504 sent out.

In the department of physical relief conducted by the Sisters of St. Mary's hospital, 1,712 visits by nurses and nuns were made during the last eleven months.

The catechetical department which conducts Sunday schools on the east and west side of the river report a registration of 1,000 children at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows in Niagara St.; 189 at the Church of Mt. Carmel in Ontario street, and 500 at the Cathedral school. The work

of instructing the children is carried on by 67 volunteer teachers and 19 students from St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Department of Child Visitors, composed of forty women who do missionary work in visiting homes and encouraging children to attend Sunday school and adults to perform their religious duties, report a notable improvement in conditions since the work was taken up less than two years ago. The most recent extension of this work is that taken up by American and Italian men for the furtherance of religious work among the Italian people.

In the department of hospital literature about 225 women are visiting weekly in the hospitals and public institutions, bringing flowers, sweets and literature. During the Lenten season, the band of women interested in St. Mary's hospital visited, sewed and furnished the hospital with a number of pieces of linen.

The garment service department furnished about 1,000 new articles of clothing and bedding and cash to the amount of \$88.00 was donated to this department in lieu of garments. In the infants-layette department, 24 layettes were made.

In the Department of Sewing, classes in sewing and cooking have been conducted in three schools, the registration being: Mt. Carmel, 140; St. Anthony's, 50; Cathedral, 50. These classes are taught by about 25 volunteer teachers.

The Child Helpers' Department of the guild, organized for the purpose of working for the little poor children of the guild Christmas time, is planning a tree for the children for Thursday, December 23rd, at the Social hall of the Cathedral. This year a children's branch has been organized. About 50 children about 10 years of age will, through their mothers, join with the 200 older members of this department in gifts of a practical nature and toys and Christmas goodies.

Preventive and corrective work in police court have been carried on with a great measure of success by members of the guild, and a valuable work has been done by Rev. J. F. O'Hern, the chaplain at the jail.

Two summer schools were conducted by the guild in the vacation months, with a registration of about 250 children in each school, and 46 volunteer teachers. The schools proved a boon to the children in the congested districts and were very successful.

The success of this department depends entirely upon the co-operation of the individual, to whom waste material is of slight value, but who realizes that in the hands of the guild it is an incalculable power for good among the poor.

An industrial department has been organized recently with offices at 221-225 Andrews street. Here old clothing, furniture and similar articles are received, and employment sorting, repairing, mending and remodeling is given to the aged and disabled and widows in their homes, and also a test is afforded for those willing to apply for assistance but unwilling to work.

Fr. Robert MacNeely, who is known to us as an American missionary in Chile keeps us informed of the state of affairs there. Nitrate mines constitute the chief wealth of the district in which he labors. Formerly nitrate was in fair demand for agricultural purposes. Then the war brought a cessation of the steamers and the mines closed. Now nitrate is one of the materials needed to make powder, and constantly trade has revived. Many of the people who went to Peru in search of work have returned to the mines.

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Alumni of Mt. St. Mary's to Hold Dinner in New York City.

A unique dinner will be given at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, Tuesday evening, January 4, 1916, by the Chapter for New York City and Vicinity of the Alumni Association of Mt. St. Mary's College, of Emmittsburg, Md.

The members of the College Faculty will be the guests of honor.

The Mountaineers have always been noted for their unusual loyalty to the old college situated in the hills of Maryland. The Mountaineers for many years enjoyed the title "Mother of Bishops", so many of her sons being, among the early American Bishops. The New York Alumni feeling a desire to honor the faculty in an especial manner determined to have them as guests at the regular midwinter dinner. A date within the Christmas holiday season, was, therefore, determined upon, so that the attendance of the members of the Faculty would not interfere with the regular class-work at the College.

An attendance of 100 is expected. Mountaineers who have not received notices of the dinner should communicate with the Secretary, Frank L. Davine, 354 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GIFT FOR DANVILLE CHURCH

Societies of St. Patrick's Give \$200 Vestment Case.

Dansville, Dec. 13.—The women of the Rosary and Altar Societies of St. Patrick's Church have given a beautiful vestment case to the church. The gift is valued at \$200 and is made of quartered oak beautifully hand-carved, the work of Squires Brothers, of Dansville.

The case occupies the whole western side of the sacristy and consists of two upright compartments fitted with nickel-plated trays on which to hang the different colored chasubles, etc., and connected with a lower piece fitted with nine drawers for the linens.

Knights of Columbus.

Rochester Council meetings are held on the Second and Fourth Monday of each month. The next regular meeting will be held on December 27th.

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Weekly Church Calendar

Fourth Sunday of Advent.
Gospel, St. Luke iii. 1-16.

S. 19. Bl. Urban V., P. C.
M. 20. St. Christian, B. C.
T. 21. St. Thomas, Ap.
W. 22. St. Ischyron, M.
Th. 23. St. Victoria, V. M.
F. 24. SS. Thrasilla & E'liana, V. V.
S. 25. Christmas.

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St. Andrew's Church

The requiem masses for the week were for Mr. Herman Krebs and the deceased members of the Demer family.

Monday evening the C. M. B. A. held nomination and election of officers. The following were elected: President, Leo Hengstler; vice president, Wm. Richter; Sec'y, Henry Richter; Treasurer, James Lynch; Guard, Charles Miller; chancellor, Anthony Lampert; trustees, Frank Galen, Elmer Kunzer and Anthony Wendelgass.

Tuesday evening the L. C. B. A. held their regular semi-monthly meeting at which the nomination and election of officers took place. The following are to be in office for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Margaret Mattarn; 1st vice president, Miss Teresa Eckl; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Spiegel; Recorder, Miss Helen Wendelgass; assistant recorder, Mrs. Catherine Melsenahl; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Kleehammer; Financial Sec'y., Mrs. Fisher; marshal, Mrs. Davis; Guard, Miss Tillie Stroh.

An indoor baseball game will be held Wednesday evening, December 22nd between the St. Andrew's team and the St. Boniface team at St. Andrew's hall on Portland Ave. Admission 10 cents.

Sunday will be communion day for the St. Rita's Young Ladies' Sodality. All members are requested to receive in a body at the 7.30 o'clock mass. The two center aisles will be reserved.

Solely Family

Saturday morning the funeral of Mr. Stockmeister took place.

Sunday evening the meeting of the Christian Mother will take place.

The L. C. B. A. elected the following officers at their last meeting for 1916: President, Sophie Hoffman; 1st vice pres., Josephine Houben; 2nd vice president, Theresa J. Koch; Recorder, Gertrude Santee; assistant recorder, Catherine Henchen; Sec'y., Mary Huether; Treas., Mary Schur; Guard, Gertrude Frits; marshal, Rose Kohlmeier; trustees, Mary Lingl, Mary Pesh, Helen Gody and Catherine Kraus.

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