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A Great Catholic Scientist And His Work

Louis Pasteur's Faith And The Lesson Which It Teaches.

His Nation's Glory And Its Shame.

In the latest issue of the National Geographic Magazine (Vol. XXVIII, No. 5), in an article on "The World's Debt to France," we read the following: "It was he: Pasteur who established the germ theory of disease and through whom the wonderful miracles of saving human life that have characterized the past third of a century, have been wrought. The normal death rate of civilized countries before the days of Pasteur was about 30 per thousand of population. Today it is about 15 per thousand in the more progressive nations. Think what the saving of 15 lives a year for every thousand of population means when applied to half the earth! It means the averting of 12,000,000 deaths annually. It means more than 25,000,000 cases of illness avoided. It means health and happiness in 20,000,000 homes rather than disease and distress. Who can estimate the benefits to humanity of the wonderful discovery of Pasteur?" (p. 501.)

This accomplishment to which reference is thus made was the crowning achievement of the many brilliant works of a man who received more recognition perhaps than any scientist in his lifetime ever has, and yet who ever found in his studies and investigations, the deep and overwhelming proof of the Faith that was his. The fidelity of Louis Pasteur to the Catholic Church and his firm belief in God were but strengthened by the science into which he delved. "The more I know," he declared, in a phrase which has often been repeated, "the more nearly my faith that of the Breton peasant. Could I but know all I would have the faith of a Breton peasant woman."

Alas! how much is it to be regretted that the country from which Pasteur came has not heeded the example of its great son. The men in control of its destinies have systematically set about to destroy religion. Thirty-six years ago one of its false leaders pointed to "clericalism" as the enemy to be crushed, and a short time ago, at the end of a long series of unjust legislative acts, against the Church the man who but lately held its chief place of power proudly declared that "the lights had been put out in the heavens." In a pamphlet issued over a year ago by the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland the various measures passed against religion in this campaign are set forth in detail.

The glory of France has been her Catholic past, and that which still remains of it among the passants of Brittany. This is shown, inadvertently but none the less forcibly, in another article on "The Beauties of France" in the same magazine from which quotation has been made. Her shame has been the rejection of her Catholic traditions, her bitter warfare on the Church, and the acceptance of that false morality which has stamped her as the childless nation of Europe. Per time in the hour of her pain, defeat, and humiliation, she may finally decide to cast aside the "false prophets" who have misled her and to turn once more to the Church for the regeneration field of her children.

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1916 Feast Days.

- March 8, Ash Wednesday;
- April 2, Laetare Sunday;
- April 9, Passion Sunday;
- April 16, Palm Sunday;
- April 23, Easter Sunday;
- June 1, Ascension Day;
- June 11, Pentecost Sunday;
- June 18, Trinity Sunday;
- June 22, Corpus Christi;
- June 30, Feast of the Sacred Heart.
- Dec. 3, First Sunday of Advent.

News From Ireland Catholic News Notes

Cartow.
Died—At his residence, Monumental Stone and Marble Works, Royal Oak, Bagenalstown, Edmond, eldest son of the late Michael Brennan.

Clare.
Died—At family residence, Patrick, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan, Kilsart, County Clare—At his residence, Tulla, County Clare, Dr. M. C. Moloney, J. P., ex-medical officer Tulla workhouse.

Cork.
The death, aged 108, has occurred at his residence, Greenane, Kanturk, of Michael Nunan, cattle dealer.

The death of Michael J. Bannin, solicitor, which took place in Cork, removes one who was held in high esteem in Clonakilty, where he practiced in the '80's and '90's.

Derry.
Married—At Long Tower church, Derry, with nuptial mass by Rev. Walter O'Neill, C. C., Patrick McLaughlin, second son of William James McLaughlin, coach builder, formerly of Derry, to Ellen, only daughter of William McGarr, Anchor Hotel, Derry.

Died—At her residence, 161 Creggan road, Rosemount, Derry, Nellie, dearly beloved wife of Frank Cummins.—At Balmacool, Mary, eldest sister of the late Daniel Collins.

Down.
At the recent examination for clerks in the Provincial bank, Charles W. Lyons, son of Thomas Lyons, J. P., Bonny Glen, Inver, was successful and obtained the appointment.

Dublin.
It is officially announced that Daniel McCarron has been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, clerk of the crown and peace for County Down, in place of G. L. MacLaine, deceased.

Kerry.
Widespread sympathy is extended by his friends in Tralee to John Collins, merchant, Lower Castle street, on the death of his son, John, which occurred at Los Angeles, Cal.

Kilkenny.
Philip Walsh, Turkstown, Fiddown, County Kilkenny, rate collector for Carrick-on-Suir No. 3, as the Rural District, and income tax collector, fell dead as he was entering Carrick-on-Suir post office.

Limerick.
Died—At his residence Main street, Portarlington, James Galvin, late of Cushna House, Portarlington.

Louth.
The death has occurred of James Ryan, Bawnmore, Cashel, after a short illness. Deceased was a most respected and popular farmer, and was a generous contributor to every National and charitable purpose.

Waterford.
P. Galavan, first teller, National bank, Waterford, has been promoted to the sub-managership at Dungarvan. W. J. O'Brien has been appointed second teller at the Waterford branch.

Westmeath.
T. A. Collins, of the post office headquarters, Athlone, who was in temporary charge for some time at Carr, was the recipient of a handsome presentation from the Clara staff recently.

Mullingar District Council have congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield on their reinstatement in Cullen, N. S.

Wicklow.
Died—At his residence, Kildangan, Kinnegad, William Lyman, aged 75 years.

Wicklow.
Married—At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter, Arklow, by the Rev. P. Flavin, P. P., Patrick J. Hegarty, youngest son of John and Mary Hegarty, Kilgarvan, County Kerry, to Julia Mary, eldest daughter of James and Sarah Kelly, Parnell Terrace, Arklow.

The new St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, costing \$30,000, at Mason City, Ia., will be dedicated this month.

DOMESTIC

Trinity College, at Sioux City, will erect a new building to cost approximately \$100,000.

The Diocesan Music Commission of Cincinnati will issue a book on liturgical hymns and will establish a library for organists.

The Archbishop-elect of Chicago is but in his forty-fourth year; the Bishop-elect of Covington is beginning his sixty-seventh year.

The recently completed church of St. Mary of the Angels, at Olean, N. Y., cost \$125,000. Its altars cost \$12,000; its high altar, \$6,000, will be paid for by one dollar contributions.

Thirty thousand Mexican refugees or exiles are reported to be in El Paso, Texas.

The Catholic women of St. Paul, Minn., will have a \$28,000 chapel in the new Cathedral of St. Paul.

It is planned to erect a seminary to cost \$100,000 in the diocese of Spokane, Wash.

Six new churches are in course of erection in the diocese of Sioux City, Iowa.

In the diocese of Newark, N. J., there are 127 Catholic schools with an attendance of 53,559.

The Catholic Church Extension Society, Chicago, has done magnificent work in the ten years of its existence. It has donated to various and many dioceses, in that time, a sum amounting to \$97,765.44. In Mass intentions it has distributed \$235,518.

One of the works of art in the Philadelphia Cathedral is an ivory crucifix given to the saintly Bishop Neuman, and formerly in the Academy of Fine Arts, Genoa, Italy, and purchased by the Cosmopolitan Art Association of New York for \$10,000.

The Sacred Heart school at Hartford, Conn., has two large swimming pools with a professional swimming teacher.

A fund is being raised for the relief of the poor people of Mexico, through the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the United States. Among the contributors to it are Cardinal Gibbons, \$1,000; Cardinal O'Connell, \$1,000; Cardinal Farley, \$2,000.

The Cathedral of Columbus, Ohio, has been renovated and beautified at considerable expense; also the Cathedral of Louisville. Both are very handsome interiors.

The Automobile Show.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the executive committee of the Rochester Auto Trades Association to live up to the reputation which has been made by Rochester shows that they are completely ready at the hour for the admission of the public. Many details yet remain in order to get the Rochester show ready for the opening next Monday night at 7:30.

Every afternoon at 2 o'clock and evenings at eight o'clock the Park band and Dossbach's orchestra will render selections and it is promised that exceptional programs will be rendered.

Latest exhibits of motor cars are promoted by members. None but new cars, according to the rules which have been adopted by the executive committee, may be shown.

Automobile dealers have been besieged for tickets. Apparently there is a very great interest in the question of who will be the lucky winner of the six cylinder, seven passenger, 1916 model, automobile which is to be given country in away. "Who—" is likely to be 1791. Twenty priests constituted the beginning of many queries asked by interested persons near the prize car booth in building 5. Bishops constituted it.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society 148 Lexington Ave., New York City.

At the last Consistory Mgr. Augouard, Vicar Apostolic of Upper French Congo was made titular Archbishop of Cassiope. This is in recognition of his thirty-eight years' apostolate in Africa, during twenty-five of which he served as Vicar Apostolic.

Fr. Herbert J. Parker, S. J., a former professor at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., has been sent to Bombay, India, to help fill the vacancies in high schools and colleges caused by the internment of the German Jesuits. The latter have had charge of higher educational work in Bombay for fifty years.

There are two orders of colored Sisters in the United States: The Oblates of Divine Providence, and The Sisters of The Holy Family. They number about four hundred members.

Out in China there is a little chapel that holds 300 persons, while the congregation numbers over 3,000. The same state of affairs exists all over the mission world. The poor native huts which mark the beginning of apostolic effort among pagans soon become too small for any use, which explains the constant demands being made for new churches and chapels.

Fr. Cesaire Stern, O. F. M., a missionary in Fangtse, China, says:

"Thanks to the relative peace which reigns in China, conversions are multiplying in all parts of the country. The greatest aid to this movement is the schools, for the Chinese love education. In their growing desire for knowledge they are following the example set by the Japanese, whose methods of teaching they also wish to imitate."

In a corner of China called Linchow Fr. C. Poulhazan, P. F. M., has for four years been trying to build a chapel in honor of the Blessed Virgin. As he has not succeeded during the last 70 years, it is doubtful if he will do so in the lean years. However, he humbly presents his request for aid, and states that in return his Christians will pray fervently for their American benefactors.

What One Apostle Has To Contend With.

On the frontier of Tonkin there is a settlement of outlaws drawn from the provinces of Kwang-tong and Kwang Si. These brigands have sought to evade the civil laws of their own country in order that they may obey only their own wild instincts. A less hopeful spot for the foundation of a Catholic mission could hardly be imagined, but an intrepid priest has taken up his abode among the robbers and hopes to convert at least a few of them.

The name of this apostle is Fr. Grandpierre, P. F. M., and he has not only opened a hospital, but founded an asylum of the Holy Childhood, managed by native Sisters. This work is most necessary, as infanticide is much practiced in the district. By saving the babies and bringing them up as good Christians the seed will be sown and later on the pious maidens will become the founders of Catholic families.

So, in spite of difficulties apparently insurmountable, Fr. Grandpierre is making his way into the confidence of his wild flock, and he is far from being discouraged with results so far obtained, but at least he needs our prayers.

The first diocese synod in this country was that of Baltimore in 1791. Twenty priests constituted the first Provincial Council of Baltimore was held in 1829. Sixty bishops constituted it.

BISHOP APPOINTS COMMITTEE To Raise Funds for Repair of Burned Sisters of Mercy Convent.

A communication from Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, announced the appointment of a special committee of women to solicit funds in behalf of the Sisters of Mercy who suffered losses by fire a week ago, was read Sunday in all the churches of the Diocese of Rochester. The fund will go toward furnishing a convent that is about to be opened in Woodward street, which will care for the teachers of Mount Carmel school, and also will help to restore the mother house in South street.

The following women have been appointed:

- Chairman, Miss Esther Trant;
- secretary, Miss Cecilia Yawman;
- assistant treasurer, Miss Minnie Doud; Miss K. McNulty, Mrs. Thomas Doud, Mrs. F. A. Jaynes, Miss A. Wall, Miss E. Daly, Mrs. F. Talling, Mrs. F. Chandler, Mrs. C. T. Ward, Miss M. McCourt, Mrs. W. Connor, Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, Miss N. Burrows, Miss E. Lomb, Miss M. Dunn, Miss C. O'Brien, Mrs. Cora McParlin, Mrs. William Rosenbach, Miss C. Carey, Miss H. Kerp, Miss E. A. Sullivan, Miss M. Feeney, Miss A. FitzSimons, Miss M. Doran, Miss R. McIntyre, Miss N. O'Brien, Miss N. Fay, Mrs. John Hohner, Mrs. F. Davenport, and Miss M. Vohs.

Contributions may also be sent to Rev. E. A. Rawlinson, general treasurer, No. 72 Frank Street.

Menace Company on Trial.

Joplin, Mo., Jan. 11.—The Menace Publishing Company, of Aurora, Mo., and several of its officers were called into court here today for trial on charges of misusing the mails.

Indictments were returned against the corporation and Wilbur Phelps, Bruce M. Phelps, Theodore G. Walker, and Marvin Brown, alleged to be connected with the corporation, in Joplin, Mo., on January 13, 1915.

Six counts in the indictments were leveled at items alleged to have been distributed through the United States mails by the Menace Publishing Company. The seventh count concerned certain messages in a book entitled "The Pope, Chief of White Slavers: High Priest of Intrigue," of which the defendants were charged with being the distributors. The eighth count charged sending information through the mails as to where the book might be obtained.

Dinner St. Patrick's Night.

The Gaelic Society of Rochester is making plans for its annual St. Patrick's Night dinner which will be held at the Powers Hotel on March 17th. In the neighborhood of six hundred guests attended last year and plans for making it even more elaborate this year are under way. It is expected that speakers of national fame will be secured. Committees for the event will be appointed within a few days by William F. Love, president.

Trustees of the society are as follows: Municipal Court Judge Murphy, District Attorney Barrett, Chief of Police Quigley, Dr. Joseph R. Culklin, Postmaster Buckley, John P. Hagerty, Geo. E. Hawken, James Fee, James E. Ryan, Thomas T. Mooney, Election Commissioner Frank J. Collins, Frank G. Roseney and James Collins. R. Frank Quinn is treasurer.

Nazareth Gym Held Vaudeville

The Gymnasium Association of Nazareth Hall held its second annual vaudeville Friday night. Pupils of the school will give the first part of the program and the last part was presented by several well known local artists.

Mother Katharine Drexel has made three foundations this year.

Nun Makes an Affidavit on the Mexican Outrages

Priests And Nuns Have Been Shamefully Mistreated.

In connection with Mr. Tumulty's letter of Nov. 27th, dealing with the Mexican situation in which he declared that there was no official record of outrages committed against religions in Mexico—two affidavits have been made public, tending to establish the fact that mistreatment of nuns has been the customary procedure followed by Carranza forces. One of these affidavits was made by a Sister in the presence of five other nuns, with the signatures of two American army officers as witnesses, whose names will not be made public.

The head sister, Mother Ellen del Salvador, residing formerly in Queretaro, but driven out of there with the rest of the sisters by the constitutionalist authorities to Aguas Calientes, where they were again driven out by the governor of the state, Puentes, declared that she is herself stopping in Vera Cruz, because the sisters of the republic, whether cloistered or of simple teaching orders, have been obliged to leave their convents, and to take refuge in private homes, being exposed to all kinds of dangers, from which several of them could not save themselves; but almost all of the religious sisters were given only one-half hour to leave their convents, and the others were taken over to barracks or police stations, where their vow of chastity was exposed to danger; others were forced to serve the Mexican Red Cross under the pretext of taking care of sick or wounded, but instead were given hard manual labor, being treated more like slaves than anything else, obliging them to grind corn and wash clothes, and some even to live with soldiers as if already married to them.

"She declared furthermore that she has seen with her own eyes over twenty religious sisters kept in certain hospitals in Mexico City; and who had been violated and were about to bear children. There are many others who, through some feeling of revenge, have been stolen away."

"She states that she saw over 40 Catholic priests, who were obliged to leave the Spanish consulate, where they had taken refuge, after having been flogged heavily, treated badly either by words or cruel deeds, being shot in cages as if they were beasts."

"Other sisters who were present declared facts similar to the ones already mentioned."

Affidavit No. 2—"I personally saw and spoke with a number of nuns who were in the hospital and who had fled from the north, after having been outraged by revolutionists; there were 81 of these nuns in the institution. There was another hospital with more nuns, but I do not know the name of it. The nuns in the hospital near me were about to become mothers. That fact would be impossible for any one seeing them to ignore. In fact there condition was known all over the city of Mexico. Three or four children were born to these nuns while I was there. I learned from others that other nuns in the same condition had gone to their homes."

A. O. H. Officers Installed.

Officers of Division No. 1, A. O. H., were installed Thursday evening at No. 198 Main street west by P. J. Kelly, county president, assisted by County Secretary Ryan as follows: President, Thomas Mulcahy; vice-president, John J. Murphy; recording secretary, Timothy Hanley; financial secretary, Michael Hanley; treasurer, M. O'Connell. After the installation a program of entertainment was carried out. The division will hold a reception on January 27th.

The bell of the Cathedral of Lima, Peru, 825 years old, has been brought to San Francisco.