

Foreign Mission News

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An offering sent to Fr. Pinel, a missionary in Pondicherry, India, was put to a rather peculiar use. It seems that white ants had attacked the chapel, and in a short time had devoured the woodwork and rendered the building unsafe. When the little gift from America came to the poor missionary he at once had the wood replaced by metal, and now the chapel can resist an army of ants.

Fr. Cesaire Stern, a Franciscan apostle in Chefoo, East Shantung, finds conditions very bad among the Chinese of that district. One hundred and sixty orphans are charges of the mission and victims of the famine also are knocking daily at the door of the presbytery, begging for bread. "Without the help of Divine Providence the works of the station cannot be sustained."

Bishop Breyant, O. M. I., of Mackenzie states that he hopes there may be proof that the two priests massacred by the Eskimos two years ago were martyred, thus making another addition to the long list of Catholic martyrs. Be that as it may, after the manner of the Apostolate, two more priests are to take up the same work when men and resources permit. Such is the rule of our missionaries—neither hardship, disappointment or death turns them aside from the path when once it is marked out for the advance of the Faith.

Great Unrest In Chinese Empire.

The situation in Swatow is full of danger on account of political unrest. Bishop Rayssac says that Imperialists and Republicans are becoming more and more hostile to each other, and a return to brigandage will be the least of the evils to expect in case of civil war.

The Bishop thinks that the "stranger" will be in great danger if a conflict occurs, but hopes that the missionaries will not fare worse than in the preceding revolution. Local persecutions are always liable to be indulged in by petty rulers still opposed to Christianity, and then Chinese Catholics, as well as Europeans, fall victims to this return of ancient barbarism.

The Church Gets In Touch With the Mikado.

Bishop Berlioz thinks the Catholics have every reason to feel gratified at the reception accorded the representatives of the Church during the coronation of the Emperor. Archbishop Petre-lli, the Papal Envoy, was invited to lunch at the Royal palace and received a decoration of the first class. After this, mayors, pre-fects and other dignitaries loaded him with attentions.

The Archbishop of Tokio, Mgr. Rey, asked the Bishops of Nagasaki, Osaka, and Hakodate to meet that, as they are the envoys of the Holy Father whom they had a long conference. Thus, for the first time in its history the Church in Japan has come into immediate relations with the court of the Mikado.

Good News From West Africa.

The Echo of the Missions, published by the Lyons African Missionaries, is authority for the statement that an extraordinary movement toward conversion is taking place on the west coast of Africa.

At Benin, the chiefs of the Ijebu tribe, came in a body to demand missionaries from Mgr. Terria, the Vicar Apostolic. He could

only give them three priests instead of the thirty needed for their thirty settlements.

Protestant Evangelization In Porto Rico

Cooperation Of Denominations In Missionary Endeavor.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Protestant evangelization is endeavoring to extend itself in Porto Rico. Immediately at the close of the recent Panama Congress a regional conference of missionaries was held in that territory. All denominations engaging in work on the island were to be represented. An Evangelical Union resulted, composed of or to be composed of the evangelical denominations embraced in the Federation of Churches of Porto Rico and such other bodies as adhere to the Scriptures as the Word of God, to the scriptural doctrine of the Trinity, manifest the Spirit of Christ and seek to apply His principles to their lives and to society. So we are informed at least in the latest issue of "The Missionary Review of the World." (Vol. XXIX, No. 5, p. 326)

A Central Conference Committee of the Unions is to be formed "to consider the problems common to the evangelical bodies." Sub-committees are to be established also to carry out the work in detail. "The interchange of church members among various denominations was also urged, and a prompt enlistment of all evangelical Christians in the work and fellowship of the churches of their community, so that the essential unity of all believers may be magnified in service and Christian brotherhood."

Not alone is this union of forces to be affected between the various denominations, but the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association are to be likewise pressed into service. "It was recommended that the claims of the students of the University of Porto Rico be presented to the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., with the earnest request that they undertake the task of meeting the social and religious needs of the students, furnish dormitories, and minister in other ways to their well-being."

This evangelization is directed toward the goal of freeing Porto Rico from the yoke of Rome. That cannot be denied. To accomplish this purpose all the Evangelical Protestant denominations are to unite under the one banner of non-sectarianism for their work. Certainly we cannot reproach them entirely with the desire to spread the light of the Gospel, as they see it, to the people of that island. But we might well ask if it were not much better that they devote their energies to those of their own people in this country, whose greatly need their aid. The Rural New England, for example, could bear much improvement in this field, as Mr. Rollin Lynde Hart suggested in the Atlantic Monthly some time ago. We should advise that more attention be paid to these parts than to Latin-American countries, already getting along very well at it as they are.

It is well for Catholics incidentally to note the work which the Y. M. C. A. can do and does in its history the Church in Japan has come into immediate relations with the court of the Mikado. This stamps it as a purely Protestant organization. Certainly that should have been patent by now. And yet, yet some Catholics persist in viewing it as otherwise. It would be very beneficial to all if they would note this matter in Porto Rico and come to a proper appreciation of this fact. At the same time, it might be added, they should continue to endeavor to find a substitute for that organization in our cities and in other places. We can scarcely rest content with mere criticism of its work.

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News From Ireland

Carlow.
Died—After a tedious illness at his residence, Kilanure House, Tullow, County Carlow, Denis Healy. — At his residence, Bridge street, Tullow, John Donohoe, at an advanced old age.

Clare.
The death at his residence, Derryowen, County Clare, has occurred of Thomas De Blaquiere, J. P., fourth son of the late Mr. De Blaquiere, Fiddane, County Galway.

Cork.
Munster agricultural show was successfully concluded at Cork with awards of cups to the following: Viscount de Vesce, F. J. G. Gubbins, Knocklong, John Hillard, Killarney, and E. O'Connor, Castleisland. In the jumping competition first place went to J. Rohan and D. Ring.

Down.
At their weekly meeting the Letterkenny Guardians passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late John Storey, who for over forty years was clerk to the Union.

Dublin.
Stephen Murtagh, head of the firm of Messrs. Murtagh & Sons, 110 Mid Abbey street, whose death is regretted by a large circle of friends, was for over sixty years engaged in the corn trade.

The death is announced of Rev. Brother Joseph Clancy, O. D. C., who for over half a century was a member of the Carmelite Community at St. Joseph's Monastery, Clondalkin.

Sir Malachy Kelley, chief crown solicitor for Ireland since 1905, has died at his residence at Milltown, County Dublin, aged 64. He was knighted in 1912.

Kildare.
Died—April 4, at Duke street, Athy, Mary E., the dearly beloved wife of T. J. Brennan. — At Rathmore House, Ballintubbert, Athy, Mary, relict of Timothy Dunne.

Kilkenny.
A most successful course of lectures in domestic economy has just been brought to a close in Glenmore. The county instructor, Miss Mullaly, was the recipient of an address and testimonial from her pupils in grateful appreciation of her work.

Leitrim.
Died—At her residence, Michael's street, Kilkenny, Kathleen McGlynn, relict of P. J. McGlynn.

A very successful concert was given in Drumshambo by the pupils of the schools of the town in aid of the funds for the repairs of the schools of the parish.

Louth.
Died—Owen Clancy, late of Aughavancy, Killyclogher, County Leitrim who died at Liverpool.

Mayo.
To a memorial to the late Canon Rogers, P. P., V. F., £400 has been subscribed in Ardee.

The death has occurred at the Dominican Convent, Galway, of Sister Agnes McCullough, a native of Drogheda.

Monaghan.
Mr. Donlin, assistant teacher, Claremorris, has been awarded a special present of £10 by the Board of Education for efficiency in the teaching of Irish.

Tipperary.
Died—At his residence, Carraholly, Westport, Francis Mulholland, aged 75 years. — At his parents' residence, Ballybourke, Westport, Patrick O'Malley, aged 19 years.

Tipperary.
Died—At her residence, Donaghmoyny, Carrickmacross, Margaret Jane, beloved wife of Robert Topping, aged 66.

Sister Columbus, daughter of P. O'Keefe, Ormond hotel, Clonmel, and a member of an American community of Franciscan nuns, has taken up duty in the Leper colony, Molokai, Hawaiian Islands.

Monsignor Ryan has been re-elected chairman of the Tipperary Joint Technical committee, and Rev. J. D. Forde, rector of Cullen, vice-chairman.

Archbishop Speaks On Needs Of World

Heard at Dinner of Cathedral School Association.

"In one night the world has awakened to the horror of a revolution greater than history has ever known," said Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hanna, archbishop of San Francisco Tuesday evening at the seventeenth annual dinner of the Cathedral School Association. "If ever in the history of the world we needed men and women strong because of Catholic principles we need them now. The world is passing through the most vital period the church has ever known. Men have risen against God and Christ. The things of earth have been most intelligent in other ways; they have chained the forces of nature and made them do their bidding; but they have spoken of the rights of men, forgetting the rights of God."

"The men who think are saying, 'Where shall we turn? Our ideals, those of our fathers before us, have passed, and liberty seems at an end.'"

"And when the time comes that men know whether they may turn, we shall see Christ again, on the summit of the ages. While we feel that the world, in despair, turns to Christ, we must know that this is the time for a new and greater effort. We have in our power the healing of the nations."

"We must know the problems that vex humanity, and, through Jesus Christ, learn how to solve them. We must have in ourselves the heart of an apostle to do God's work. We must train, and we must train for this great thing in our schools. In our schools we must get this power and knowledge for healing."

Cathedral Hall was beautifully decorated with colors of the association, yellow, green and white. Archbishop Hanna sat at Bishop Thomas F. Hickey's right. Bishop Hickey spoke a parting word at the close of the dinner. Richard L. Whalen, president of the association, introduced the Archbishop with a word welcome to his "home town."

Mrs. Pearl Keenan O'Connell pleased in a soprano solo, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Keenan. The president gave a welcome to the incoming classes. Responses were made by James Sackett and Charles Anderson.

Open 5,000 Graves to Re-inter Bodies.

The work of re-intering 5,000 bodies from St. Mary's Cemetery, Albany, situated in the heart of the fashionable Pine Hills district was begun last Tuesday under the direction of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. This is said to be the largest re-interment of bodies that has taken place in years.

The old cemetery will give way to a park.

Successful Card Party.

The first annual Card Party of the combined Auxiliaries of the Knights of St. John of this city, was a great success. Guests' prizes were won by Mrs. J. Meintel and Mr. G. A. McNamara; Committee prizes were won by Louise Myers, Alice Cussick, William H. Rossenbach, Margaret Reinhardt, Rose Albright; Prizes for Five Hundred were won by the following: Mrs. Gruber, Mrs. P. Blaesser, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. E. W. Kaiser, Mrs. W. Blackwood, Mrs. Mawer and Messrs. P. Blaesser, Leo McNamara, Ray Fetznor and H. Doyle. Prizes for Pedro were awarded the following: Mrs. J. Welch, Mrs. John Wollensak, Mrs. E. Schafer, Mrs. Margaret Ochs, Mrs. Peter Clark, Mrs. H. Statt, Bertha Zapf, Mrs. Stenson, Margaret Cleary, Mary Finucane and Mrs. Seibert; and Messrs. William Hafner, Edward Bach, James Gaffney, Thomas Pickering, C. Statt, Stanley Walsh and W. Feeney.

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Our Question Box.

Have Protestant churches the marks of the true Church?

Protestant churches have not the marks of the true church, because: (1st) They are not one either in government and faith; (2nd) They are not holy, because their doctrines are founded on error; (3) They are not catholic or universal in time, place or doctrine. They have not existed in all ages nor in all places and their doctrines do not suit all classes; (4) They are not apostolic, for they were not established for hundreds of years after the Apostles and do not teach the same doctrines.

What duties does the priest perform in the confessional?

In the confessional the priest performs the duties (1) of judge, by listening to our self-accusations and passing sentence upon our guilt or innocence; (2) Of a father, by the good advice and encouragement he gives us; (3) of a teacher, by his instructions, and (4) of a physician, by discovering the afflictions of our soul and giving us the remedies wherewith to restore it to spiritual health.

Why should Catholics avoid mixed marriages?

Catholics should avoid mixed marriages: (1) Because they are displeasing to the church and cannot bring with them the full measure of God's grace and blessing; (2) because the children should have the good example of both parents in the practice of their religion; (3) because such marriages give rise to frequent disputes on religious questions between husband and wife and between their relatives; (4) because the one not a Catholic, disregarding the sacred character of the Sacrament, may claim a divorce and marry again, leaving the Catholic married and abandoned.

Why does God not always grant our prayers and does He hear our prayers, though He may not grant what we ask?

God does not always grant our prayers because we may not pray in the proper manner or that we may learn our dependence on Him, prove our confidence in Him and merit reward by our patience and perseverance in prayer. Prudent persons do not grant every request, why then, should God do so.

We have the assurance of Our Lord Himself that God always hears and rewards our prayers, though He may not grant what we ask; for Christ said: "Ask and it shall be given you" and "If you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it to you."

Reward For Crones

Banquet Guests Expect to Raise a Fund of \$10,000

A substantial reward is to be offered for the capture of Jean Crones, indicted on charges of conspiracy and attempted murder in connection with the poisoning of the soup at the Archbishop Mundein banquet. A country-wide search having failed to disclose the anarchist's hiding place, a committee of those who attended the banquet at the University Club have made plans to take up subscriptions from among all the guests present that night.

Charles Furthmann, who has been appointed by the committee to take charge of the fund, has traveled all over the country, running down every apparently authentic clew to Crones' whereabouts. The last heard of the anarchist, he was supposed to be hiding somewhere along the New England coast.

Appeals have been made to the various Chicago aldermen in an effort to induce the city to offer a reward, but no action has been taken," said Mr. Furthmann. "Now the guests themselves are going to raise a fund which, it is hoped, will total between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The committee believes a substantial reward will result in Crones being turned up by some member of the anarchist band."

Apostolic Delegate to Attend Knights of Columbus Convention.

Most Rev. John Bonzano, D. D., Archbishop of Mililene, and the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will be the guest of honor at the annual convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in Davenport, Iowa, on August 1, 2, 3.

His Excellency, Archbishop Bonzano, has just sent his acceptance of the invitation extended by Rt. Rev. James Davis, Bishop of Davenport, and Loras Council, under whose auspices the international convention of the Knights of Columbus is brought to Iowa this year.

Archbishop Bonzano, who makes his headquarters in Washington, D. C., as the official representative of Pope Benedict XV in the United States, declares that he will be present for the Fourth-Degree exemplification in Davenport on July 31, the day prior to the opening of the big convention. He will also deliver an address at the banquet which will follow the exemplification. As the guest of honor, he will be celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass, which will solemnly open the Convention August 1st.

Archbishop Bonzano has assured that in the Middle West, in the valley of the Mississippi, he will find a starting display of Catholicity. He will be given an affectionate greeting, and he will be paid every homage, both for himself and for the Holy Father whom he represents in this country.

What Are We Doing?

Bishop Dowling Urges Catholics to Fight Against Evils

An appeal to Catholic men to fight the forces of evil that threaten the land was made by Bishop Dowling of Des Moines, Ia., before a big congregation gathered in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Detroit.

"What are we Catholic men doing?" asked the Bishop.

"We keep to ourselves too much. Why don't we take a stand against existing evils, against divorce, against immorality?"

"The laity can do more than the clergy in this matter. Their voice is the voice of power. Now I know of no body of Catholic men that is better able to study and provide a program to meet our needs than you Knights of Columbus."

"I don't ask you to start a campaign to make America Catholic, but I do ask you to start a campaign to make this grand old Church of ours a thing of beauty and influence in the country. "It is beautiful in our hearts, it brings us into contact with Christ, our Lord. It is beautiful in its sacramental life, but we need to make it known and honored among our fellows, that all may see how holy its influence is, how beautiful its workings in our souls and to give it expression in adequate literature."

Irish Landlord

Most Hated of All Absentee Holders Is Dead.

Hubert George deBurgh Canning, second marquis of Clanricarde and owner of an estate of 57,000 acres in Ireland, died in London.

Lord Clanricarde, who was born in 1832, was the most hated of all absentee holders of large Irish estates.

In 1907 he opposed the Irish evicted tenants' bill and was bitterly attacked by members of the Irish party. He kept tenants from their homes for many years. He never married. The heir is his cousin, the Marquis of Sligo. If you need chairs caned, pianos tuned, toilet articles, flavoring extracts and brooms, telephone Stone 3533.