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Advice To Colleges.

An article from the late Thomas M. Mulry on the Ozanam Association appears in the Ozanam "Bulletin". Organized in 1908 the Association has already established nine club houses devoted to training to right character the boys of Catholic faith in the congested localities of New York City. Referring to this splendid work the great Vincentian wrote:

Let us always recollect that "God helps those who help themselves"; hence, we must expect no sympathy if we stand idly by with folded arms, weakly indifferent to all that goes on about us, allowing others to take our boys from us and providing them with that which it is the bounden duty of Catholics to furnish. Let us take care of our Catholic boys; let us provide them with that for which they naturally crave, and they will not be found elsewhere and eventually drifting away from the faith of their forefathers. That many of our young men in the past have fallen away from the faith through influences which might quite readily have been counteracted, is unquestionably most mortifying and heart-rendering. It will not suffice, however, for us simply to grieve over the past. If we are to effect any change we must, aided by the experience of the past, make such provisions for the future that history will not repeat itself.

Abundant recruits for this work, he believed, should go forth from our Catholic colleges and universities. "If they do not, then had these centers of education better change their curriculum." If they fail to teach practical self-sacrifice and to inculcate this spirit into the minds and hearts of their students "then the sooner they retire from business, the better for the cause of religion."

"Poor, Free of Charge."

Magnificent work has been accomplished by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis of St. Francis' Hospital, New York. Their hospital, as the medical staff of the institution states, "occupies the enviable position of one whose sole duty is the care of the sick poor." The sixth of their house rules expressly provides that "The poor will always be received free of charge. Those who are able will be expected to pay a moderate sum toward the support of the hospital." On May 1, 1865, one Sister and a postulant came from St. Peter's Hospital in Brooklyn to two totally empty and unfurnished houses obtained through a loan.

The Sisters had no means whatever, and no financial support, but simply willing hands and stout hearts, and that firm belief in a Divine Providence and confidence in the generosity of the

people, which have ever been the strong staff of these Sisters. The loaf of bread that the postulant brought was their sole food supply for the first day, and the empty straw tick that each carried, after being filled with straw by a friendly undertaker in the neighborhood, was the only furnishing for their humble quarters.

So the great work was begun, and in this spirit it has been carried on to the present day. Harboring 351 patients during the year 1865, the Sisters, after half a century of devoted labor; are able to show a record of 3,808 cases cared for in 1915, with 2,037 operations performed and 122,559 days' treatment given in that single year. Success has not lessened their love of poverty and simplicity. They are called "Sisters of the Poor" not merely because the sick poor have the first claim on their service, but "because they themselves are to be poor, alike in everything unto these." From the training school which is now to be established in the hospital, for the benefit of the younger Sisters, will go forth in time to come the highest type of the trained nurse. It is in such, as these that the charity of Christ, represently manifests itself within the Catholic Church.

"Troop H" has a warm spot in the hearts of the people of Rochester, likewise all the other companies gone forth to the Mexican frontier.

Under the pen-name of "Solomon Alechem", Solomon Rabinowitz, a Russian Jew from Kieff, charmed and cheered the Yiddish East side of New York.

His will was a fitting epilogue to his writings. Its last paragraph sums up his life work, and through it there breathes a gentle spirit of peace and resignation:

My last wish to my successors and my prayer to my children: To protect mother, to beautify her and to make her bitter life sweet, to heal her broken heart, not to weep for me on the contrary, think of me with joy; and the main thing: To live together in peace, to bear no hatred one for another, to help one another in bad times, to remember one another upon occasion in the family, to have pity on a poor man, and when circumstances permit, to pay my debts, should I have any. Children, carry with honor my hard-earned Jewish name, and may God in heaven come to your help Amen!

This is President Wilson's conception of a truly human man: a man in whom there is a just balance of the faculties, a catholic sympathy—no brawler, no fanatic, no pharisee; not too credulous in hope, not too desperate in purpose; warm, but not hasty; ardent and full of definite power, but not running about to be pleased and deceived by every new thing."

Many a respectable and staid newspaper these days appears in saffron coat through no fault of its own. The war has shut off the supply of the chemical used to bleach print, paper to the color we have been used to see. And as a matter of fact, the supply of paper of all sorts is becoming mighty scarce.

In the death of Judge Murphy this city loses an efficient official, and one that always had a kind word for everyone.

C. M. B. A.

The Policy Guarantee League of the C. M. B. A., will hold its next meeting at Holy Redeemer hall on Sunday, Aug. 13th.

Personal.

Miss Veronica Keller of 55 Oneida St., and Miss Mary Schost of 13 Borchard St., are spending their vacation with friends in Buffalo.

Irish Press and News Service.

**Great Britain Refuses Appeal of American Government.**

New York, Aug. 1.—Thomas Hughes Kelly and Joseph Smith remain on board the S. S. Philadelphia in Liverpool harbor, where the boat has been docked for nine days and must return to New York on the same ship Thursday. The British government declines to accede to the urgent requests of the American State Department, that the relief envoys be permitted to land in Ireland and distribute the relief money donated by generous Americans. This is the first case in this war where a relief committee was deported or refused landing. Acting Secretary of State Polk has made every effort to secure a rescinding of the British order, but all his requests have proved unavailing. In the House of Commons the government merely announced that one of the delegates was engaged in "business" that had met with the disapproval of the home government.

The Irish Relief Fund Committee consists of several hundred prominent Americans and is organized solely to relieve the sufferers in Ireland. The three American Cardinals and most of the Bishops are officers of the committee. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet is President. Thomas Hughes Kelly is not engaged in any business to which the British government can possibly object. He is a wealthy New York real estate owner, well known to the bankers.

The appeal for contributions was narrowed down to no class, but was presented to all Americans in the following words: To the Charitable People of America:

The terrible scourge of war which has devastated so many countries in Europe, has fallen with fury upon Ireland. At the present moment the Irish Capital and other cities and towns are largely in ruins. In the language of a Relief Committee headed by Rev. Richard Bowden, Administrator of the Dublin Pro-Cathedral, "300 were slain during the insurrection, 15 were executed by Courts-martial, 134 have been condemned to penal servitude, 2,650 were deported without trial and 400 await sentence by Courts-martial."

All these calamities have produced a suspension of industry and reduced to idleness practically the entire laboring population of Dublin and other places. Under any conditions the families of those who were killed or taken captive would be reduced to misery. But owing to the cessation of industry, those who might be expected to relieve them, are themselves rendered destitute and this distress grows every hour more acute, must end, unless some relief be afforded, in total starvation of many and grievous suffering by all that sorely afflicted populace.

To relieve the families of those massacred and slain, as well as those who are actually starving or in danger of starvation, a fund is being raised, and this Committee appeals to the whole body of the American people for contributions to aid this object, which is purely humanitarian and charitable.

Holy Family.

The funeral of Catharine Spahe was held Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. Otto Geiger officiated. She was a member of the L. C. B. A. Br. 188.

The boys of the lower grades will receive Holy Communion on Saturday morning.

Confessions were heard Thursday afternoon and evening in preparation of the first Friday. Devotions were held Friday evening.

Corpus Christi.

The requiem masses this week are for Very Rev. James F. O'Hare, V. G., James McDonnell and Kathryn Miller.

There will be a collection taken up at all the masses next Sunday for the war sufferers.

There will be a meeting of the Rosary Society next Sunday at 4 o'clock.

The Misses Arlene and Loretta Bohrer, of 97 Woodward street, are spending their vacation in the Adirondacks.

The next regular meeting of Branch 139, C. M. B. A., Council 40, C. R. & B. A. and Branch 251, L. C. B. A., will be held Tuesday evening, August 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCarthy, of North Union street, are in Atlantic City.

**Bishop Asks Aid For European Sufferers**

The following letter by Bishop Hickey was read in the churches last Sunday:

It is one of the consequences of war that even the nonbelligerents—the women and the children, the old and the incapacitated—are made to feel, and acutely, the hardships that follows it. Our conception of charity is to give to the needy one, independent of the ties of friendship or blood, for no man should be allowed to suffer if we have at hand the means to relieve him. In the present case, however, there is not only the common call to duty, but an appeal from those who are very near and dear to many of us. Among those whose need has been especially brought to our notice are the people of Poland, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Austria and Italy.

We have, therefore, determined to present to our clergy and laity a most urgent request for a collection to be taken up in all the churches of the diocese on a given Sunday, and for that purpose we now designate Sunday, August 6th, and we direct that the moneys then received be sent to the American Cardinals and most of the Bishops are officers of the committee. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet is President. Thomas Hughes Kelly is not engaged in any business to which the British government can possibly object. He is a wealthy New York real estate owner, well known to the bankers.

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