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Foreign Mission News

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"We are spectators to-day of one of those world-dramas which radically change the history of mankind. This world-drama is the modernizing of the pagan nations, a movement which involves a thousand million men, which embraces everything that makes up their culture, and which concerns in a striking degree, their religion. From the religious point of view, it is of such colossal import that a modern historian can rightly say, 'Never before has the Church found itself in the presence of a crisis so transcendently significant.' — Rev. H. Gill, S. J., in *The Hour of God in the Foreign Missions.*"

Word comes from Fr. Keiling, C. S. Sp., Prefect Apostolic of Upper Cimbebasia, that famine, such as never has been seen before, is raging throughout the district. The roads are lined with bodies of the dead, and the mission is besieged by throngs of creatures who resemble walking skeletons. Fr. Keiling has spent every cent he had in trying to relieve the wretched Blacks, but what he could do was put in the bucket. No rain has fallen for a year. Who will help?

Conversions Are Plentiful, Even If Money Is Not.

Not all is discouragement in the field afar. From Alfred Boty, B. F. M., in his distant Mongolian mission, comes these cheering words:

"Notwithstanding the terror and hardships of the times, our work here is progressing in a manner little less than marvelous. The priests from all parts of East Mongolia send in the best reports; at one post a hundred baptisms, at another a hundred and twenty, at a third a hundred and sixty, and all of grown persons. The baptisms of infants at the point of death have been equally numerous. How grateful we should be to see our efforts bearing fruit when we least expected it!"

Chance To Give A Memorial Chapel.

Persons thinking of giving a memorial chapel would do well to bestow their gift on Fr. J. Rossillon, P. F. M., who has been authorized by his Bishop, Mgr. Rayssac, to solicit help in building a little house of worship for the Christians of Loui Tchoua, Kwang Tong. The present chapel, a leaky hut with a table for an altar, depresses even the poor Chinese themselves and they are always saying: "Father, when will you give us a new chapel?"

It rests with some good people in this country to answer that question. A very modest building will meet all the needs of the post and give great happiness to the Christians.

The Gateway of African Missions.

Mombasa, which is situated on the coast of British East Africa, may be called the Gate of the East African Mission Field, and all it holds. The missionary who lands in its harbor has his eyes fixed on the goal of that "interior" that beckons him to the fulfillment of a grand apostolate. It makes the heart of the lover of the Missions beat quicker at the very thought of the high enterprises that have been begun in that East African port, as one brave pioneer after another has set forth from that landing place on voyages of discovery that have meant fresh conquests for the Faith in Darkest Africa. The very soil seems hallowed by the "beautiful feet" of those that

have gone from thence to carry the good tidings of the Gospel of Peace to the dusky peoples that still dwell in wistful hope of its coming.

The Sisters of Mercy

The remarkable growth of the Sisterhood of Mercy in the United States is unparalleled by any other Order of women. In the seventy-three years of their existence here they have built up a chain of schools and hospitals which girdle the country round.

To Bishop O'Connor, of Pittsburgh, belongs the honor of having brought these consecrated women to the United States. In September, 1843, Mother Mary Francis Warde (revered by her name) arrived from Ireland with seven Sisters, and opened the first house at Mount Mercy, Pittsburgh. Subsequently houses were opened at Loretto, Providence, Hartford, New Haven and Manchester. All these houses were under the care of Mother Warde. Meanwhile other pioneers were sent out from the motherhouse in Dublin. These opened convents and schools in Chicago and San Francisco. Within a short time new communities were established in Newport, Rochester, Buffalo and New York City.

In 1854, the second house of the Order was founded in Chicago under the direction of Sister Mary Agatha O'Brien. In 1846, Sisters from England founded the New York house, with Mother Mary Agnes O'Connor as superior. This convent is the American motherhouse of the Order in this country, though each house is independent of any other.

From the house in Manchester, N. H., opened in 1858, a new affiliation was made at the request of Bishop Wood of Philadelphia. This was in 1861. The first superior of the Philadelphia community was Mother Mary Patricia Waldron, who died only the other day, at the venerable age of 83.

The ten-day campaign in Pittsburgh for the orphans, realized, it is stated, \$100,000.

Catholic Notes of Interest.

St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, is sixty years in existence.

At his own expense, the Bishop of Natchez will renovate and enlarge the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy at MaComb, Miss.

At Thibodaux, La., the recent burning of St. Joseph's Church entailed a loss of \$70,000. It had works of art and was built seventy years ago.

The late John Deery, of Dubuque, Ia., left about \$42,500 to Dubuque College for students for the priesthood.

His Holiness, the Pope, characterizes the war as "the suicide of Europe."

C. M. B. A.

The Policy Guarantee League of the C. M. B. A. will hold a meeting at Holy Apostles hall on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at 2:30 o'clock. Every member of the order is especially invited to attend as business of importance will be transacted.

Shorthand and Typewriting.

Miss Shannon will be glad to give her best advice to those interested in the study of Shorthand, Typewriting, Correspondence, Business English and Spelling, any school day from 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M., and from 9 A. M. to 12 M. Saturday. Fall term to begin Tuesday, September 5, 532-534 Mercantile Building, Phone Stone 7810. — Adv.

Irish Press and News Service.

Bishop O'Dwyer Insists on Correct History.

Limerick, Ireland, August, 1916.

Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, opposes the attempt of the Government's Commissioners of Education to change the histories used in Irish Schools.

Referring to a pamphlet issued for use in the schools, Bishop O'Dwyer says:

"The pamphlet pretends to discuss patriotism, but that is only a blind. It is in reality a recruiting manifesto; and if any attempt is made to impose it upon the children of Ireland the Commissioners of National Education will probably meet with unexpected opposition.

"At this moment there is an angrier feeling in this country than I remember for many a day. Recent events in Dublin, the perfidy of the English Government on Home Rule, the dishonesty with which we were promised self-government as a consideration for supporting England in the war, so that our people were led to believe that in reality it was a war for Ireland, all that and a thousand other phases of the duplicity which has just been revealed in Parliament, have put the Irish people in a temper that will not brook the trifling of England's retainers, or accept lessons on Patriotism from them. 'Patriotism has been burned by centuries of wrong into the soul of Ireland. We drank in the love of Ireland with our mother's milk. The whole history of our country is one lesson in Patriotism. The Yellow Ford, Benburg, the Curlew Mountain, Limerick, Fontenoy, these are the memories that thrill the heart of every young Irishman, but the Commissioners of National Education have little to say upon these topics.

"Belgium, the Serbs, and Montenegro, and Mesopotamia, and Timbuctoo are to be made to work in the minds of our little children, but they are not to think or speak about their own country, her wrongs and sufferings or her national rights.

"There is not a word in this precious pamphlet about Grattan, or Emmet, or O'Connell, or Butt, or Parnell. The teacher who would speak of these within school hours would do so at the risk of dismissal; but they are to revert to the days of Whately, and teach their pupils to bless the goodness and the grace that made them happy English children.

"I need not point out to you, gentlemen, the absurdity of this latest attempt at political proselytism or its great danger. There are plenty of boys and girls in the schools who would not stand it."

Dublin Celebrates O'Donovan Rossa's Funeral Anniversary.

A large procession marched through the streets of Dublin headed by 50 young girls carrying the colors of the Irish Republic. It was a memorial procession to celebrate the first anniversary of the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa, whose body was brought from New York to Dublin and buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, August 1, 1915.

The police interrupted the procession on the ground that no permit had been issued, but the police seized the flags, which the crowds took from them. A number of young women, who led the procession, were arrested and have been held in custody pending the decision of the military authorities.

Mrs. O'Donovan Rossa died suddenly in New York on Thursday, August 17th, 1916. She was 70 years of age, a woman of fine culture, and a favored speaker. Mrs. Rossa was the daughter of a successful Cork business man, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Irwin, and was active in the Irish revolutionary movement.

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THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

(Special to the Catholic Journal.)

Cliff Haven, September 1, 1916.

Last Sunday was Founders' day at Cliff Haven. It was a day taken from the busy whirl of life to turn and wander down the vistas of the past and to give honor to those to whom we are indebted for present prosperity; — nay, not to give honor, for their own works give of them far louder, far sweeter voices than ever we could raise, but to honor ourselves by speaking of them, by telling of their deeds, their accomplishments, their victories, their struggles, their sacrifices, and their failures. Of the leaders of those early days there are but twelve left; the Rev. P. A. Halpin, Ph. D., the Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, the Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, Ph. D., the Rev. W. P. Gough, the Rev. John F. Mullaney, L. L. D., John H. Haaren, L. L. D., William J. Moran, the Hon. John B. Riley, John D. Crammins, and Thomas B. Fitzpatrick. Of these Father Halpin, Father McMahon, Father McMillan, Father Gough, Mr. Haaren, and Mr. Moran were present yesterday.

The ceremonies were opened with a Solemn Mass sung by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. P. Chidwick, D. D., president of the Summer School, assisted by the Rev. John L. Hickey, Dean of Ulster County, deacon, and the Rev. J. F. O'Hern, rector of the Cathedral of Rochester, subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, rector of the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, New York. Father McMahon chose for his text theparable of the leaven hid in the three measures of meal, and showed first how the Summer School has acted as the leaven in Catholic education, stretching forth its influence far and wide; — in all its ramifications and germinations; and second how it was incumbent on each of us as Catholic laymen, to be as leaven in the world around us helping by good example and true charity, to remove prejudice against the Church and striving to secure for Catholics the position they should hold and the influence they should wield. He closed with a splendid encomium on Warren E. Mosher, in whose mind was born the idea that blossomed forth into the Catholic Summer School. To Warren E. Mosher Catholics owe a debt that never can be paid, that never could be paid even had he not found in heaven the reward for his merits and the rest from his labors.

Would that we were all as Warren E. Mosher without the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy, to preach and practise not the leaven of the Sadducees, which is materialism, the leaven of the Herodians, which is arrogance and lust.

The Family Gathering in the evening took the form of a Founders' Day Reception. The Rt. Rev. John P. Chidwick, D. D., president, and appropriate addresses were made by the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, the Rev. P. A. Halpin, the Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Splaine, the Rev. John Talbot Smith, William T. Moran and the Rev. Bernard Bogan. Mgr. Chidwick also read a number of congratulatory letters from absent founders and pioneers, and Miss Mealia delighted with a soprano solo.

The lecture courses of the ninth week were of more than usual interest. James J. Walsh, D. D., LL. D. gave five morning courses on current scientific topics, treating of "Fabre, the Homer of the Insect-world," "Professor Hilgards and some American Catholic Scientists," "Cave men and their Arts," "The Myra and the First American Architecture and Sculpture," and "The whole evolution of Man." On Monday and Tuesday evenings the Rev. Martin P. Reid of Montreal gave two interesting lectures on "American Catholics and Some Canadian Landmarks," and on Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Helen Carey of Albany N. Y. gave dramatic recitals.

The Capuchins have now a site of four acres at the Catholic University.

In connection with the intellectual life at Cliff Haven a noteworthy experiment was tried this year. It has been occasionally said that the Catholic Summer School has deviated from its original and primary purpose i. e. the furtherance of Catholic education. This year it was decided to have three lectures each morning instead of one, as was the custom formerly, and there were some who wondered how popular this innovation would be. But no lure of the golf links nor the tennis courts, no call from the lake nor the woods nor the bridle-path kept seekers after knowledge from flocking in large numbers to the Auditorium; morning after morning splendid lectures were appreciated by good-sized audiences. All of which amply demonstrates that the Catholic Summer School has not degenerated into a mere vacation resort, but is still true to the noble aim and purpose of its founders.

Deep sorrow is felt at the Summer School at the death of the Rev. John T. Driscoll, S. T. L. of Watervliet, N. Y., who for many years has been one of its leaders.

FEDERATION ON MEXICO

At the American Federation of Catholic Societies and allied organizations convention, held in New York last week, nearly 20,000 delegates attended.

Suppression in many states of objectionable motion pictures and successful efforts for more stringent divorce laws, a cleaner stage and the control of indecent publications were among the principal activities of the commission on public morals, according to the annual report. Continuance of vigorous campaigns against what were termed "pernicious cults and philosophies," among which were included birth control, socialism and anarchy, was advocated.

To radicalism was attributed much of the present unrest in Mexico.

"Tons of anarchistic literature sent across the Rio Grande during the past five years, for which the radicals of the United States are said to have contributed as much as \$1,000 a month, have debauched many Mexicans," the report continued. "The pernicious propaganda spread until the bandit chiefs found themselves at the head of military mobs, bent upon hunting Christ from that so-called republic. Affected by other revolutionary factions, a savage minority has terrorized and demoralized a nation of 15,000,000 Christians."

A thrust at the "swaying attitude of our government" with respect to Mexico was made in the annual report of the German Catholic Central Verein.

The report containing the thrust at the administration, made public by Joseph Frey, president of the Verein, reads as follows:

"Our neighbor republic, unfortunately Mexico, cannot find quietude. Owing to the swaying attitude of our government the perpetrators of infamy and crime against the Catholic Church and her servants have taken hold of government there. We hope and pray that this poor country may soon be granted a just and peaceful government. I recommend the acceptance of appropriate resolutions expressing our opinion on this subject."

Fall Term at the R. B. I.

Will open next Tuesday, September 5, regardless of epidemics or strikes. The school has been in session all summer and will continue right along, closing only on Labor Day, September 4, which is a public holiday in Rochester. A postal card will bring our new catalogue in the next mail. You are invited to call and see the principal about your course. School offices open every day this week from 8:30 to 6 o'clock. R. B. I. Building, 172 Clinton avenue South. — Adv.

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News From Ireland

Carlow.
The death of H. Robertson, B. L. J. P., Huntington Castle, Clonega, County Carlow, is much regretted. He was formerly M. P. for South Hackney, and acted as high sheriff of Carlow in 1899. Deceased took a great interest in Irish history and archaeology, and also in social work.

Died — July 27, at his residence Croslow, Tullow, John Dawson, at an advanced age.

Clare.
Married — July 24, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, Limerick, by Rev. Father Carroll (with nuptial mass), John Rellihan, R. I. C. Kilmihil, Clare, to Mary, eldest daughter of Peter Duggan, merchant, Scariff, County Clare.

Cork.
Cork county technical committee, on the motion of Canon Barrett, passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P. P., Macroom. Miss O'Mahony, Knockpogue, was appointed county instructor of domestic economy.

Miss Lily Farrell, daughter of R. C. Farrell, North Main street, Youghal, has succumbed to burns as a result of her clothing catching fire.

Cork Guardians have unanimously appointed Mr. O'Sullivan apothecary for Queenstown hospital.

Dublin.
A verdict of "accidental drowning" was returned at an inquest held by the city coroner, Dr. L. Byrne, as to the death of T. Boyd, 35, of Coolytrath, The Ward, who was drowned while bathing at Clontarf.

The remains of the late T. Hall of Raheny were interred in Glasnevin. He was a well known member of the Irish turf and was associated with the late John James, and later with his brother, Fred.

Galway.
Married — July 11, at the church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, by the Rev. Father Carroll, Francis Joseph Meyrick, of Blackrock, County Dublin, to Marion, daughter of the late Launcelot Spencer Mangan, of Gort, County Galway.

Died — July 22, at the Bridge House, Tuam, County Galway, Rose Georgina Blake, widow of late Charles Henry Blake, of Tuam, and daughter of late Walter Blake, of Meelick, County Galway.

Kerry.
Died — On July 17, at his residence, Dingle, Michael McCarthy, merchant.

John Moriarty 27, a postman, was drowned in the River Black, near Scartaglin, Castleisland, while bathing.

Kildare.
F. Devere has been elected temporary clerk of County Kildare tuberculosis committee.

Died — July 29, at the residence of her son-in-law, Edward Flood, Clontarf House, Maynooth, Anna, relict of the late James Kennedy, Borris.

Louth.
A pretty marriage ceremony was recently celebrated in Drumilion Roman Catholic church. The bride was Miss Kathleen Gannon, daughter of Peter Gannon, Macnadhilla, Carrick-on-Shannon, and the groom was Martin Dowd, son of Thomas Dowd, Ardglass, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Tipperary.
The record in longevity in recent times in Ireland has been reached by Mrs. Cooke, who died recently at Rathenphelan, Clonsilla, Roscrea, at the great age of 124 years and 3 months.

The death has occurred of Miss Teresa Cleary, daughter of the late Dr. Cleary, Nenagh, and organist of St. Michael's church, Tipperary.

Wexford.
Among those just released from internment at Frongoch is J. McElvogue, Irish street, Duncannon.