

## Catholic Missions and Missionaries.

### Non-Catholic Tribute To Their Work Among Native Races.

#### California and the Philippines.

Interest in the story of the early Catholic missions in this country is becoming more and more pronounced. The American people are beginning to realize that there is a beautiful and idealistic portion of their history which they have almost overlooked, a portion which can picture the most sublime deeds of heroism and around which there hangs a strange atmosphere of romance. The Panama-Pacific Exposition drew close attention to the far western land of sunshine. The Presidential election did not serve to withdraw that attention at all. The sweet-sounding, peculiar names of California's cities directed the public notice to their early history. And so we became alive to the existence of the missions. Works, Books were issued about them—not alone about those of California but likewise of New Mexico—from the popular booklet to the intensive study. On the legitimate stage and on the movie screen their story was depicted. "The Mission Play" pours the country for that purpose. "Ramo," the splendid novel of the author of "A Century of Dishonor", is shown in the moving pictures, to tell us the story of California's mission days.

The interest thus aroused should spur Catholics to a further knowledge of these institutions of their religion which played such a part in the winning of that far western land of civilization. There is a great work on that very subject written by a Franciscan, who today resides among the scenes of which he has told in print. It is Father Engelhardt's work on the "Missions and Missionaries of California". It is particularly interesting at the present time to note in the second volume of that treatise the tribute which is paid to the work of the Missionaries by a non-Catholic, the Russian Langsdorff, who accompanied the expedition of his countrymen to the Californian coast in 1806. In his "Voyages and Travels", published in London in 1813, he describes the work and value of the missions. "His narrative," Bancroft tells us, "is nothing but praise for the Franciscans". After telling in detail the regulations and manner of life at the missions, Langsdorff says: "When one thinks that in this way two or three monks (at a mission) take upon themselves a sort of voluntary exile from their country, only to spread the Christian religion and to civilize a wild and uncultivated race of men, to teach them husbandry and various useful arts, cherishing and instructing them as if they were their own children, providing them with dwellings, food and clothing, with every necessity for their subsistence, and maintaining the utmost order and regularity of conduct, when all these things, I say, are considered, one can sufficiently admire the zeal and activity which carries them through so arduous a task, or forbear wishing the most complete success to their undertakings." He speaks in admiration also of the order and discipline which these few monks and four or five soldiers can keep among a great number of these people.

### CLERICAL CHANGES

A number of changes in the clergy of the diocese have been announced. They were made necessary by the death of Rev. Ernest Zegan, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, in Perkinsville. The changes are as follows: Rev. Ferdinand Scheid, transferred from St. Pius Church, Cohocton, to Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville. Rev. John E. Gefell, transferred from the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, to St. Pius Church, Cohocton. Rev. Edward J. Eschrich, transferred from St. Peter and Paul's Church to the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, both in Rochester.

### Italian Church To Be Remodeled.

The Church of St. Anthony of Padua, at Lyell avenue and Frank street, is to be remodeled, beginning at once, at a cost of \$15,000. It will be of Lombard Romanesque style.

### Avon Theater

The feature attraction at the Avon Theater for the first three days of next week starting Monday, Dec. 11th is the Australian can sufficiently admire the zeal and activity which carries them through so arduous a task, or forbear wishing the most complete success to their undertakings." He speaks in admiration also of the order and discipline which these few monks and four or five soldiers can keep among a great number of these people.

### Weekly Church Calendar

Second Sunday of Advent.  
Gospel, St. Matt. xi. 2-10.  
S. 10. St. Melchisedech, P. M.  
M. 11. St. Damasus I., P. C.  
T. 12. Our Lady of Guadalupe.  
W. 13. St. Lucy, V. M.  
Th. 14. St. Nicasius, Abp., and Comp., M.M.  
F. 15. St. Florence, Ab.  
S. 16. St. Eusebius, B. M.

## A Mender of Hearts

"When I get big— I'm going to be a banker like Daddy and I'll have just loads of money, too, and the biggest house and automobiles and, and—everything."

"I'm not going to be any old banker; I'm going to be a nice doctor, like Doctor Talford. I'll have funny little pointed whiskers and I'll just shut my mouth up tight and look a hole through everybody, and walk along like I didn't have any bend in my knees," here Phil gave a very good imitation of Doctor Talford's stately tread.

"When I'm big— I'm going to have just piles of dolls," announced little Edna.

Mrs. Carral smiled fondly on the bright faces and then turned to a silent little lad standing at the window.

"And what is my biggest boy going to do when he grows up? Will he leave mother, too, and go off to be a banker like Frank?"

The boy turned round and came close to his mother. He was very unlike the others with his dreamy, gray eyes and soft brown hair.

"No, mother, dear, I'll never leave you. Banks don't suit me at all and I guess I couldn't even be a doctor like our Doctor Talford. He mends people when they get hurt. I'd love to do that but children always cry when it hurts them. Doctor Talford says you must bring yourself to look at these things 'professionally,' whatever that means. But oh! I know now, mother, I'll be a mender of hearts."

"How funny," laughed Edna. "Not much in it," remarked Frank with superior wisdom.

"I call it pretty soft," announced Phil sneeringly.

But Mrs. Carral only drew Lacey to her arms and rested her cheek on his soft hair.

"That's what you are, darling, and have been from the start—a mender of hearts. But tell me, son, how will you do it?"

"I don't just know, mother; I'll think it over. I can take my violin and play may be. Would that do?"

"Yes, yes, dear, and play a little now, for mother."

Lacey took his violin and began to play softly with the touch of an artist. And as he played on his beautiful eyes grew wistfully tender and his face shone with a strange brightness.

And then he sang— how sweetly! For Lacey had a wonderful voice. On and on he played, forgetful of all around, till a book-slipping from Mrs. Carral's fingers brought him back with a jolt.

She rose and with cheeks aflame and eyes bright, took his hands in hers.

"Why, Lacey, my precious lad, you are an artist. That was wonderful, dear, wonderful. Why, my boy, you are only twelve and yet you play better than any one I ever heard. We must give you every chance."

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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## News From Ireland

Miss Annie Breen (Sister M. Gabriell), daughter of J. Breen, Dublin road, Carlow, has been professed in St. Clare's convent, Newry.

A boy named John Cussen, in the employment of a farmer named Timothy Lane, was accidentally drowned in the River Funcheon.

James Condon, 50, of Skeheen, near Mitchelstown, was found dead. It is believed he succumbed to exposure.

Patrick J. Paul, late assistant organist of St. Peter and Paul's church, Cork, has been appointed to the charge of church music in St. Patrick's church, Newburgh.

D. F. Geany, Patriotic Academy, Mallow, son of E. Geany, of that town, secured sixth place in an examination for male clerkships recently held by the Gt. S. and W. railway.

Robert McGeagh, of Labby, near Draperstown, who was injured while trying a young horse in the plow a week ago, has died.

While playing soccer with the Celtic Swifts at Derry, Neal Barr collided with another player and dislocated his knee.

Letterkenny Old Age Pensions committee decided not to proceed with applications for additional allowances until the Treasury had made known their view as to providing for expenses in relation thereto.

Died—October 28, at his residence, Ballymanny, Banbridge, John McGivern, brother of the late Most Rev. Dr. McGivern, Lord Bishop of Down.

After requiem Mass at the chapel of the Sisters of Charity, Upper Gardiner Street, the remains were interred at the convent cemetery, Donnybrook, of Sister Mary Godfrey Dempsey. Deceased, was the daughter of the late James and Mrs. Dempsey, Upper Dorset street. The chief mourners were Mrs. Dempsey, Thomas Dempsey brother, and Mrs. Killeen.

Rev. Patrick McDonnell, recently ordained at All Hallows, Dublin, was presented with an address and a purse of sovereigns by the members of "The Club," Rathkeale, on the eve of his departure for Sydney.

Married—At St. Mary's Cathedral, Cape Town, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Sidney R. Welch, D. D., J. P., John Patrick Kelly, senior partner of "Kelly's," outfitters, Johannesburg, son of Patrick Kelly, J. P., The Foundry, Maryborough, Queens county, Ireland, to Christina, daughter of Patrick Strawley, esq., 12 Upper St. Brigid's road, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Died—October 29, at her residence, Knockmore, Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, wife of the late Patrick Rogers.

The Rev. J. Henaghan, C. C., prior to leaving Tuam for the China mission, was presented by the Total Abstinence society with an illuminated address and other souvenirs. The local branch of the I. N. F. and the Tuam Gaelic passed resolutions expressing regret at his departure.

Mr. P. J. Stack, Kilmenny, Lisfawel has been found dead as a result of burns received in his sleeping room.

Married—October 24, at St. Agatha's church, William street, by the Rev. Father Moriarty, C. C., John J. Deering, Dunluc terface, Drumcondra, to Teresa, daughter of the late William O'Brien, Cornhill, Birm.

At the last Carrick-on-Shannon butter market firkin butter sold from 172s. and 180s. per cwt, Eggs reached 23s. 6d. per 120. Considerable distress prevails through Leitrim on account of the recent storms and floods.

## Catholic News Notes

The present Cathedral of Baltimore, begun July 7, 1806, was consecrated on May 31, 1821.

It is generally believed that a consistory will be held next month.

But little religious intelligence reaches us from Austria and Germany.

It is stated that from 33 and 1-3rd per cent to 50 per cent of the enlisted men in the United States army and navy service are Catholics.

On the occasion of the golden anniversary of St. Mary's Hospital in Philadelphia, a splendid new addition to the Hospital was dedicated by the Bishop Auxiliary.

In San Jose, Cal., the Portuguese Catholics are building a church costing \$25,000.

"The Fatherland," New York, says: "Germany will never come to an understanding with England, until the fate of Ireland is settled. Germany will not give up Belgium unless England liberates Ireland."

The late Mrs. Ellen Soden, of Leavenworth, Kas., left \$30,000 for a memorial church of her son at Waldo, Kas.

Cancelled postage stamps, weighing 10,044 pounds, in 147 sacks, brought \$1,366 for the foreign missions.

It is contemplated to erect at Emmitsburg, Md., a statue to Robert Emmet at a cost of about \$15,000.

The Catholic orphanages of Denver have withdrawn from the "Denver Federation for Charity and Philanthropy."

There went out from Overbrook Seminary at Philadelphia this year 27 young priests.

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