

### Prompt Action Needed

#### Knights of Columbus Should Have Competent Publicity Bureau.

That wide-awake—and thoroughly non-Catholic—organization, the Y. M. C. A., is to be congratulated upon its ability to keep itself in the public eye. Since the beginning of the war the daily newspapers of this country have devoted columns of space to Y. M. C. A. war work, and among non-Catholics it is generally supposed that this is the only agency through which the moral welfare of the American soldiers is being taken care of, and that it stands supreme in the regard of the government. As an illustration we quote an Associated Press dispatch of Aug. 27th, which, in dealing with the fact that the Y. M. C. A. has ordered a million copies of the Bible to be distributed among the soldiers of the national army, says:

"Hereafter, in accordance with the action of President Wilson in designating the Y. M. C. A. as the authorized body through which all work for the moral improvement of the soldiers and sailors is to be carried on, it will have sole charge of the distribution of the Scriptures to the nation's armed forces."

This is, of course, absolutely false. The Y. M. C. A. has not been authorized as the body through which all work for the moral welfare of the soldiers and sailors is to be carried on. It has merely been designated as the medium of non-Catholic religious activity. The Catholic Church is represented by the Knights of Columbus, and this organization has exactly the same status as the Y. M. C. A. in the eyes of the war department and the government committee which has general supervision of welfare work in the army and navy. The reason why most of the credit is being given to the Y. M. C. A. is because that organization, utilizing business methods of the most up-to-date kind, does not believe in hiding its lights under a bushel. It has a publicity department in charge of expert newspaper men who know how to get information into the newspapers. They do not rely for results upon stray items in the religious press, but make the dailies, through special stories, the press associations and syndicates, their medium. The newspaper editors are glad to get this matter because it is live news, dealing with an important phase of that all-absorbing topic—war. They are not prejudiced against the Knights of Columbus or Catholic welfare work. They are merely ignorant of the fact that it exists, or at least that it is being done on a large scale.

Unfortunately, the general committee in charge of the welfare work which the Catholic Church is doing through its officially recognized channel, the Knights of Columbus, has not seemed to grasp the importance of keeping the public posted as to what is being accomplished. The Catholic people of this country know that a campaign was organized for raising the sum of \$1,000,000. They know that there was a generous response to this appeal, and occasionally they have seen in Catholic papers some reference to the work that is to be done. Their fund of information ends at that, for next to no news of Catholic operations has appeared in the daily papers, and only those Catholic papers which have taken unusual personal interest in the work, and have pieced together various bits of information secured from several sources, have been able to throw any light upon the subject.

When our people read that the Y. M. C. A. is in sole charge of the religious work in the army they begin to ask questions. Whether it is the laboring man who has contributed a dollar of his small store, or the well-to-do man of affairs who has donated \$500 to \$1,000 to the Catholic fund, they want to know why it is that they read so much about non-Catholic work, and never a line about that in which their interest is centered. We desire to assure our readers that the Catholic work, under

the direction of the Knights of Columbus committee, is progressing nicely, and while the Y. M. C. A. is occupying the center of the building or for ships taken over stage through the fact that it be- from Germany. Congress has appropriated for 150 new torpedo boat destroyers which will need the ages of 18 and 35 years who have not been called for the first draft Army are eligible.

### Food Saving Not Privation

#### Prepared for the Religious Press by its own Co-operating Representative in the Offices of Food Administration.

It is a mistake to think that true food conservation means privation, and that the United States Food Administration program is a program of privation. The frequently quoted words, "The American people should eat plenty, but wisely and without waste," give the true interpretation; it is not a campaign of privation that is being carried on, but a campaign of sanity that will increase real pleasure, not only in the days to come, but in the present.

One of the things that will come out of the campaign will be an appreciation of the fact that corn is an ideal food and that its use instead of wheat, at many meals, will be a source of pleasure as well as of profit. "We can be thankful for corn," wrote J. Russell Smith in Century for September. "Corn, Indian corn, the food that saved the Pilgrim Fathers in that first bleak winter in Massachusetts is at our disposal again. It is our rock of salvation. We feed millions of bushels of it to our animals every year. It is also good for man, and the peer of wheat in nutrition. It is one of the chief breadstuffs of many nations of people in the Balkans, Italy, Spain, Portugal, China and the United States."

Corn bread has the one great drawback of not being good when it is cold; but toasted corn pone is surprisingly good and no one is surprised at the excellence of well-made hot corn bread.

An editorial writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger waxed enthusiastic as he called attention to the pleasure to be found through the food administration program. "We eat too much white bread as it is," he said, "and neglect cornmeal, rice and similar substitutes. Cornmeal, in particular, may be cooked in a variety of appetizing ways. All do not like 'mush and milk,' but fried mush was once a highly popular dish, and both the baked cornmeal muffin and the Rhode Island johnny-cake have clamorous partisans. Rice, too, lends itself readily to culinary skill, and barley and other grains might well be used much more than they are at present. Indeed, it is hardly accurate to say that sacrifice is asked for; rather new gustatory pleasures are offered us."

Nearly all housewives know how to prepare one attractive dish from cornmeal. They can learn of other simple ways of using the rich meal by examining "Ten Lessons on Food Conservation," which will be sent to all who apply to the United States Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

### The Navy Is Not Filled To War Strength.

A great many young men seem to have gotten the idea that the Navy is enlisted up to full war strength. This idea was probably obtained from the fact that one or two of the Naval Training Stations were filled to capacity, and that it was necessary to hold certain enlisted men at their homes until there were vacancies at these Training Stations. Men that were under training at these stations have now been sent to sea and the capacities of the stations have also been increased so that they can now handle a large number of recruits. About 25,000 men are needed at once for the Navy. Machinists, cooks, bakers, Ap-

prentice seamen, firemen, musicians, etc., are badly needed. These men are needed for ships now being built or for ships taken over from Germany. Congress has appropriated for 150 new torpedo boat destroyers which will need the ages of 18 and 35 years who have not been called for the first draft Army are eligible.

### Blessing of the Graves

#### Ceremony To Take Place on Sunday, September 23rd.

The annual ceremony of the blessing of the graves in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery will be conducted by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey on Sunday, September 23rd. The Bishop will be assisted by the priests of the city and the students from St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries. The procession of priests and students headed by the Bishop, will leave the Seminary at three o'clock. If the weather is pleasant it is expected that at least twenty thousand Catholics who have friends or relatives buried in the cemetery will be present.

### The Irish.

Someone with a Celtic strain of blood and an aptitude for figures went to work the other day to discover what kind of men were enlisting in our armies. He found in the bodies that he examined there was a tremendous preponderance of men born in Ireland or descended from persons who came from Ireland. The percentage of recruits who could be traced directly or indirectly to the Emerald Isle in no instance that he found was less than 80 and in some cases it went above 90.

What's the explanation? One answer is that the Irish are the most responsive people on earth. This is true whether it be a frolic ora fracas that calls.

At Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, Mrs. H. Scully died at the age of 102 years.

Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, London, opened the new home for Catholic girls, especially for Serbian refugee girls, early last month. It is located at the Victoria Station.

Among the clubs of Catholic Boston, is the "Empty Stomach Club" an association for providing for starving children in mission lands.

The oldest college in South America was founded in Mexico in 1531; the oldest in North America is Laval College and University, in 1635. Both were Catholic foundations.

The Catholic Women's League of Boston has presented the Ninth Regiment with a field ambulance.

The Archbishop of Omaha, Mgr. Harty, has appointed two diocesan boards: a school board and a building board.

The Christian Brothers are doing salutary work in Indo-China. In Annam and Tongking they have several schools.

Miss E. M. McCarthy of Gibbs St., and Mary M. Knight of Plymouth Ave., entertained Mrs. J. Chase Lee, a former Rochesterian, now a concert player in New York, last Friday evening, at dinner and theater.

Henry P. Neun, Florist at No. 9 North street, will take orders for flowers and bouquets for the ceremony of the blessing of the graves and deliver them to you at very reasonable prices. Both phones.—Adv.

### Late News of Ireland

**Carlow.**  
Patrick Doyle, principal teacher, Rathnageera school, Bagenalstown, has been promoted.

**Clare.**  
Martin Neehan, ecclesiastical student, aged 20, was drowned while bathing at Golden Casino, Miltownmalboy. He was a son of Mr. Neehan, N. T., Killimer. Professor Murphy went to deceased's assistance, but getting into difficulties, was helped out by Father Considine, Mullagh.

**At St. Michael's, Limerick (with nuptial Mass), by the Rev. M. T. Meagher, C.S.Sp., Rockwell College (brother of the bride), John McGrath, eldest son of Bernard McGrath, Kilrush, was married to Ellen M. (Neill), fifth daughter of Patrick Meagher, Ballygarry, Limerick.**

**Clerical changes in Cloyne Diocese are Rev. D. O'Keefe to be C. C., Queenstown; Rev. H. Roche to be C. C., Doneraile; Rev. M. Rea to be C. C., Killavullen; Rev. J. Fouhy to be C. C., Aghada; Rev. J. Cowhey to be C. C., Newmarket; Rev. J. O'Donnell to be Chaplain, Macroom; Rev. Casey, Macroom, to be C. C., Ballindangan; Rev. John O'Brien to be C. C., Rockchapel.**

Canon Wigmore has been appointed president of the Provisional Committee of Mallow Sinn Fein Club.

**Donegal.**  
Rev. E. J. Quigley, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Bundoran, has been appointed P. P. of Ematrix, County Monaghan.

Rev. Philip O'Doherty, who died recently at Urney, Strabane, was a native of Carndonagh Parish. After his ordination he labored in Liverpool, Faughanvale, and Draperstown. From the latter place he went as C. C. to Urney, and retired from active work owing to ill-health about two years ago.

Miss Susan Murray (in religion Sister de la Passion, Convent S. H. Mary Bezier, France), youngest daughter of the late James Murray, J. P., Ballymahinch, died at Southampton and was buried in the Convent Cemetery there.

The death has taken place at the age of 24 years of Sarah, daughter of Rowland and Bridget Conway, of Legnegoppac, Strangford, and niece of the late Very Rev. George Conway, P. P., V. F.

By five votes to four the Lifford magistrates elected P. McAnaw, law clerk, Strabane, Petty Sessions Clerk, the defeated candidate being Cecil Keatly, son of the late Clerk.

**Dublin.**  
Married—Patrick John Fitzgerald Munden, M. S. A., Dublin, to Elizabeth Hammond Morewood, Ross-naree, Belgrave Park, Rathmines.—Kathleen Malone, Hillsboro, Lucan, to Patrick Barry, Ginnett's Park, Summerhill.

A meeting of Drumcollogher parishioners, presided over by Canon Begley, P. P., was held to arrange for a memorial to the late Rev. M. Byrne, P. P., and a committee was formed. G. Quaid being appointed treasurer, and J. D. Buckley, N. T., honorary secretary.

The late M. F. Hussey, Adare, Limerick, left estate, valued at £13,525, to his wife.

**Mayo.**  
Rev. L. Finnerty, B. D., C. C., has been transferred from Kilmore-Eriss to St. Muredach's College, Ballina; Rev. Father Feeney, C. C., Ballycrov, to Kilmore-Eriss.

On the Feast of St. Anne, the solemn profession took place at the Marist Convent, Richmond, London, of May (in religion Sister Bonaventure), eldest daughter of James Stenson, Charlestown.

**Tipperary.**  
J. P. Corcoran has obtained a B. A. degree in Dublin University. He is a son of Mrs. Corcoran, Clonakenny, Roscrea. The late Mrs. M. D. O'Brien, Fethard, left £42,798. Francis H. Wise left personal estate valued at £19,030.

### Foreign Mission News

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### TRUE LOVE FOR SOULS HAS NO BOUNDARY LINES.

Father Monsabre, a master of the spiritual life, was keenly alive to needs of the foreign missions. He realized that the love of God and souls has no boundary lines. "Let us then, both by our alms and prayers, help the soldiers of Christ," he wrote. "They have chosen the most perilous outposts of the Kingdom of God, and let us be their invisible angels, their comrades in the battle. The Church asks but little of us, a short prayer, a slender alms: But alms and prayer alike render us participants in the greatest of benefits, in the highest of glories, the conversion of souls and the spread of the reign of Jesus Christ."

Just now, when there is so much talk of preparedness, Catholics may learn a lesson and give aid and comfort to the missionaries who are on the firing line, not to destroy but save men and restore peace to the world.

### A CATHOLIC Y. M. C. A. IN CHINA.

Rev. Fr. Silvestri, O. F. M., has reason to be proud of his work among the young men of Northwestern Hupeh. In a long letter he describes the encouraging results of the present year: "The Catholic Society of Yunyang, in this year, 1917, has had the good fortune to found five branches in five great Christian centers, with a total membership, in round numbers, of some five hundred associates. "The principal center of the Society, with headquarters in Yunyang, has increased this year both in numbers and in prestige. At the annual election of officers, the local military commander and the civil prefect were present. Both addressed the members, highly praising the Society, especially for the assistance given to the poor. "Friends of this mission are, perhaps, aware that the Catholic Society had its origin in Tientsin some few years ago. Its object is to offset the Protestant 'Young Men's Christian Association,' and to assist Catholic propaganda amongst Catholics and pagans by means of newspapers, books, meetings, lectures, etc. The Catholic Society of Yunyang, with its branches, now includes somewhat less than two hundred pagans; by instruction and prayer we hope, sooner or later, to lead them into the Church. Even though this should not be realized, their presence in the Society is helping us greatly to solve many little questions between Christians and pagans, which are inevitable in this country.

"God's blessing upon our mission did not stop with the progress of the Catholic Society. The number of converts, indeed, has remained stationary, since, owing to lack of means, I was unable to open new missions, especially to where I have been repeatedly invited to do so. Nevertheless, the number of baptisms has increased from 472 in 1915 to 677 in the past year. This number does not include 38 adult pagans and 371 infants of pagan parentage, all baptized when in danger of death by my physician catechists. Of the infants, 225 are now undoubtedly in Heaven."

### GOOD NUNS IN AFRICA.

The house of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in Tunis, in which one hundred and fifty old people are sheltered, is situated, on the summit of a bright, sunny hill. No one knows what miracles are wrought in favor of these good Sisters, enabling them to provide for their poor, especially during these war times. They themselves marvel at it; because, as they are expressly forbidden to receive endowments, they must live from day to day.

St. Vincent de Paul would surely recognize them as his daughters, so devotedly do they love the poorest of the poor, whom they consider as their lords and masters, and so earnestly do they strive to cultivate the three flowers of his spiritual garden—simplicity, humility, charity!

### Catholic News Notes

#### Domestic.

In the Code of Canon Law, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the feast of St. Joseph, are again Holy days of Obligation.

Cardinal Falconio's Breviary was devised to Mgr. O'Brien of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Pope Pius X. gave it to the Cardinal.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Philadelphia is giving several hundred children vacations at Port Kennedy.

Rev. W. A. Nugent, of What Cheer, Iowa, has been appointed Chaplain at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

It is now three years since the great international Eucharistic Congress at Lourdes. The war followed hard upon that Congress.

On the grounds of the Loretto Heights Academy, Denver, the National School for Women's Service, preparing for war service, is encamped.

The recently dedicated Church of the Holy Ghost, at Dubuque, Ia., cost \$75,000.

Rev. Patrick Kirby, recently ordained at Youngstown, Ohio, is the fifth of six brothers to be ordained priests.

More than one hundred of the students of the Catholic University have entered the ranks of the Army and Navy.

The Catholic Women's Club, Evanston, Chicago, is working for the Navy and Red Cross.

The new Code of Canon Law, begun in 1904 and completed this year, is the monumental publication of the Church in this Twentieth Century.

A \$300,000 Catholic high school is to be built in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the consequences of war, is the bringing of the sick and wounded from the congested hospitals of France to the United States.

Archbishop Harty, Bishop of Omaha, has purchased a mansion as a preparatory seminary for theologians attending the Creighton University. It will be known as O'Connor Hall.

#### Foreign.

In Rome it is expected that the Blessed Margaret Alcoque will be canonized next May or June.

In Roumania, the war is telling heavily on Catholic institutions, the most of which are now military hospitals and the like.

Notwithstanding war, the celebrated Leipzig Fair or Messe, in Germany, this spring enjoyed a record-breaking attendance.

At Bourges, France, a new Confraternity for aviators has been erected under the protection of St. Christopher, Martyr.

Blessing of the graves will take place Sunday, the 23rd. Order your flowers and bouquets of H. E. Wilson, Florist, 88 Main street East.—Adv.

Women Can Prepare at the R. B. I. Night School for the great demand in business for women employees on account of the war. Term opens Monday evening, September 17. Adv.