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FR. McARDLE SENDS A COMMUNICATION.

Sent to China four years ago, and placed in the Lazarist mission at Hu-Chow, Rev. Andrew McArdle writes to the National Office a short account of conditions in his district:

"The parish of Hu-Chow is in the diocese of West Che-Kiang, a diocese in the hands of the Vincentian Fathers under Bishop Faveau. C. M. It is fifteen years since this parish was opened up and the first pastor appointed. We now have about three thousand baptized Christians scattered over hundreds of square miles of territory. We have district chapels fully one hundred miles from the priests' residence in the city of Hu-Chow.

"The schools we have at present are mere holes! They may have served their purpose years ago when there were no Protestant schools and no Government schools. But things have changed. Here in the city of Hu Chow we have to reckon with two American Protestant missions with several splendid schools and colleges, and besides there are also native schools, where the horarium is pretty much the same as the home schools. If we are to keep pace with the Protestants in conversions we must have schools—good schools, and we must have a decent chapel. Unless we can get these we are working in vain so far as the city is concerned. It would almost be better to close up. The schools are all-important. Give us means to run good schools, and we shall have any number of conversions."

DESCENDENTS OF AFRICAN CHRISTIANS DWELL IN INDIA.

The Sidis are an interesting people of an African race, who have settled in Portuguese India, and who now form the flock of the missionaries of Alnaver. Fr. S. Cotta writes a few words concerning them:

"As the seed of our holy religion has been in the blood of the Sidis, their forefathers being converted by Portuguese missionaries three hundred years [ago], my work among them has been rather successful.

"At first the difficulty was to make them approach me, but now they are very familiar and understand the good they can derive from the priest. So a good number are now under instruction, but my great desire is to build a small school for the children. At present I teach them in my house—that is, the one room where I sit, eat and sleep. With about one hundred American dollars I would be able to build a small school-room for them.

"I do not know if ever this letter will reach its destination, but since I write it on the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart, I recommend it to Him and also my ardent desire of having a school-room for my poor little children. It is through them I get my biggest people. Of course we instruct and baptize the grown-up Sidis, but our hope is the little ones."

JUNE TO NOVEMBER IN CHINA

"From June to November," writes a missionary from Cheng-tu, China, "we have the rainy season, the hardest months for the missionary, who usually travels on horseback either because he cannot afford to be carried in a chair or because he does not care for that kind of sport. From November to May, the sky is glorious, even bluer than the blue sky of Southern France, and at night the stars shine with a marvelous brilliancy; but below the picture is sadly different.

The blue sky shines on many scenes of misery and want, and on pagan souls lost in spiritual darkness. Let us help the poor apostle to give the people around the light of faith that shall make the whole year bright.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow.

Carlow County Committee of Agriculture have passed a resolution of regret on the death of Very Rev. H. Cullen, P. P., Carlow-Graigue.

The death took place at his residence, Tuliow, of Patrick MacDonnell (native of Broomville, Ardattin), in his 77th year.

Died—At his residence, Mountneill, Rathviily, John Kehoe.—At Drumquin, Hacketstown, Carlow, Margaret (Maggie), wife of John Lyons.

Cork.

Rev. Thomas Tobin, President, St. Colman's College, Fermoy, lent the grounds for an aeridiraecht at which he also presided. Rev. Father O'Flynn, Cork, said that no one realized the force of the Irish language better than England. At the time of the Dublin rising, the people were following a parcel of bluffers, but now realized their nationhood. Let them give over shouting, and earnestly study the language, and so show themselves true followers of the men who died in Dublin. Liam de Rositei Cork, also spoke.

The Ford Motor Company have sent a donation of £250 to the Cork Industrial Development Association.

Kinsale U. D. C. passed a resolution congratulating Rev. T. O'Sullivan on his appointment as P. P. of Golden.

At the final examination for King's scholars Roger Kiely of Cullen, Millstreet, was awarded a cash prize of £10 for meritorious answering. He has also received a prize of £5 for answering Irish. He was prepared for the King's scholarship at Cullen.

Dublin.

W. Conarchy, J. P., died suddenly at his residence, Conarchy's Hotel, Parnell square, Dublin.

The death took place at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, of Mary F., wife of Patrick Morris, Haddington road. Dublin, and sister of Rev. Michael Meagher, Ackley, Iowa.

A short time ago Mrs. Catherine Casey, Quarry street, Thurles, drove with some friends to arrange for a grave for the burial of a neighbor. Returning at night she fell off the car near the town. She was placed on the car, but died before reaching home.

At a meeting in Thurles of Gaelic league branches of County Tipperary a county committee was formed and Rev. Matt Ryan, P. P., Knockavilla, was elected president; Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, St. Patrick's college, Thurles, vice president; F. O'Meara, Tipperary, treasurer; and Mr. Seumas O'Neill, Rockwell college, secretary. Mr. Seumas Malone, Irish teacher, was recommended for sanction as sub-organizer.

Miss Saunders, domestic science instructress, Clonmel Technical Institute, has resigned.

Most Rev. Dr. Kelly ordained Father Lamb, diocese of Cashel, at Skibbereen.

At the Convent of Mercy, Werneth Grange, Oldham, the religious profession took place of Miss Josie Kiely (Sister M. Annunziata), youngest daughter of Patrick Kiely, Rathkea, Tipperary.

J. Kelly, teller of the Munster and Leinster bank, Nenagh, has been transferred on promotion to the Clonmel branch. Mr. V. G. Garde, cashier, Provincial bank, Clonmel, has been promoted accountant at Skibbereen.

Died—P. McBride, draper, Thurles:—Daniel Callanan, Ballyhough.

Waterford.

Dungarvan U. C. have thanked Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty for his recent defence of the rights of Irishmen.

At Inch, James Cunningham, Knockniske, Clashmore, was married to Margaret (May) Fitzgerald, Ballydaniel, County Cork.

Died—Patrick Joseph Lyons, formerly of Ballymurphy, Tallow.—Mrs. Helen Kelly, nee Sherlock, Corrigmorna.—Edward J. Hay, 15 Henrietta street, Waterford.—W. Beggs, draper, Waterford.—Jerry Nevin, 13 St. John's avenue, Waterford.

SOME WEATHER SIGNS OF THE RECENT ELECTION.

Why Do We Not Employ The Tactics We Cannot But Admire?

It is an old tradition in American political life to accept the results of off-year elections as a sort of a weather sign for the greater campaigns to follow. From the off year results politicians usually take for themselves the obvious hints as expressed in the balloting of their communities.

While for us the elections just held have no such directly appealing lesson they have many things which should set us seriously to thinking. Nor must we content ourselves with mere thought.

The outstanding feature of the elections, no matter where held, is the enormous vote cast under the socialist standard. Whatever the causes, the immense increase stands registered. So in Chicago the vote, as roughly tabulated, gives to the socialists 77,000 votes; the mayoralty candidate in New York attracted 149,178 votes, an increase of 450 per cent. New York elected 7 members from the socialist rank to the State Assembly, an increase of 5; in Cleveland the vote, for the mayoralty candidate was, so the papers concede, more than double, en, two members of the city council elected are from the socialist ranks.

Now whether the great number of socialist votes is due to a spirit of protests against conditions as felt by the voters, or whether they represent so many converts to Socialism the fact remains that the Socialists have known to marshall under their standard a very largely increased army of voters. Thus strength and prestige is theirs as never before.

If this is not sufficient proof to those who belittle any efforts at meeting the menace of Socialism, that it is a real issue which will have to be reckoned with sooner or later, then what will convince such of the need of social action on our part?

For it is a direct call for social action on our part. Too long we have contented ourselves with a purely destructive activity of criticism, and this is not always intelligent, and of opposition. But how can we in fairness and sincerity reproach socialism with seeking to remedy conditions which we ourselves deplore, if we stop at mere deploring and do not seek to offer some reasonable and safe cure for our industrial and social evils? The time may come when we may find ourselves classed by the Socialists with those who not only condoned these evils but helped to perpetuate them by our indifference and scepticism.

Surely now when we have been so busied in trumpeting forth our patriotic devotion to our country we could well divert a little of this energy to the most patriotic of services that of seeking to establish our social order on a safe and well constructed Christian basis. For unless we do so those who have other remedies to offer will increase still more the number of those to whom their appeal is so sympathetic because so isolated and unique.

And as in so many things we can learn even in this matter of promoting social ideals and ideas from those whom we regard as opposed to us. In a most interesting article written for the Globe Democrat of St. Louis by H. E. Whiting on November 4 we are given an account of the methods of propaganda used in New York for the Socialist cause. Just as we regard our youth and their training essential for the success of our religious work so they, the Socialists, know that on the youth of today depends the voter of tomorrow. In this article we are told how "There are night schools, attended by hordes of boys and girls from 13 to 20 years of age, where instructors drill into their receptive brains the tenets of Socialism." And so too "There is an organization on the Eastside known as the Junior Young Peoples Socialistic League' composed of boys and girls from 13 to 16 years old. One

of the members of the League said: The boys and girls under 13 go to the Socialistic Sunday school where they are taught the doctrine, but the older children have regular meetings and are instructed in the principles of the movement'."

It is but common sense to learn from others where we can. Why is it that we overlook so splendid a chance in our schools to instruct our own children in practical Christian social principles, to make them realize that their lives are all part of a great social scheme where each is his brother's keeper?

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ROCHESTER ORCHESTRA

Mme. Schumann-Heink to be Soloist at Concert to Be Given next Monday.

Stories of the tender heart of Madame Schumann-Heink, who will sing with the Rochester Orchestra at its next concert in Convention Hall, on Monday evening, November 19, are many and widely circulated. The singer appeared at a concert not long ago before an audience that included a young girl who was a cripple. She had been brought to the hall in a wheel chair. At the close of the concert many admirers followed Schumann-Heink to her dressing room, and among them were the girl in the chair and her mother. In an instant the singer was aware of their presence and her big, motherly heart was touched. Leaving her friends, with whom she was talking, she hastened across the room to the crippled child and placed in her hands one of the large bouquets that had been presented during the recital.

Four of Madame Schumann-Heink's sons are in the service of the United States, the country they have been taught to love and her son-in-law has gone into the Aviation Corps. No war charity management has appealed for her in vain and she has sung for many relief funds, as well as for the soldiers. As a token of the esteem in which she is held by Uncle Sam's fighters, she has been made President of the Messidence, and into which he will of the Twenty-first Regiment at San Diego.

The programme for the concert will include the overture to "Iphigenia in Aulis," of Gluck, Tschaikovsky's "Pathetic" Symphony, and the "Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda." Madame Schumann Heink will sing a Wagner aria and a group of songs.

Gaelic Association Masquerade

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association will hold its sixth annual Masquerade and dance at the "Fitzhugh", 81 South Fitzhugh St., on Friday evening, November 23rd, and President D. C. Ryan hopes to have it the most successful of the many successful reunions of the organization.

The Board of Management is particularly anxious to interest the members in adopting for the occasion, as far as practicable, the old Irish costumes, the costumes of the nations in alliance with the United States in the present war will also be featured, and prizes awarded for the best representation of well known public personages.

Members of the Association will be enabled to procure tickets of admission for their friends, who will be allowed to mask, and will, for the occasion, be accorded all the privileges of membership.

Death

PEPPERS—Entered into rest Tuesday, November 6, 1917, at the family home, 29 Beacon street, Clara Jean Peppers. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peppers; one sister, Alice, and two brothers. Joseph and James Peppers. The funeral took place Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock from Corpus Christi Church. Interment was made in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES.

Domestic

—On December 21st, Archbishop Ireland will be 56 years a priest. Bishop Grace consecrated him Bishop December 21, 1875—forty years ago.

St. Rose's Priory in the diocese of Louisville, is about one hundred and nine years old. It is the oldest and first Dominican establishment in the United States. After a lapse of a few years, it has again become the sacred Novitiate of the Dominican Order.

In 1810 the State of Iowa had a population of 2,224,771. Of this year's population, it has a total of 263,431 Catholics in four dioceses, whose priests number 604, and churches, 585.

Of all our Catholic Universities Notre Dame is probably the most affected by the war. Thirty per cent of its students were of military age... that is, over 21 years old. Of that number one-third was graduated; another third was drafted. Many under 21 years volunteered. Of the clerical professors of the faculty 20 volunteered; a number of lay professors also.

On the site of a Drexel mansion in the environments of Philadelphia, will be built a new St. Vincent Orphanage for the Sisters of Charity, whose cost will be approximately five hundred thousand dollars. The site is a tract of about thirty-three acres.

In the burning of St. Joseph's Church at Libenthal, Kan., a loss of over $106,000 was sustained.

On Indian Hill, near Syracuse, N. Y., there was an Onondaga Indian village in which, in 1655, a red chapel was built and Mass said.

The Bishop of Rockford, Mgr. Muldoon, has purchased the Welsh mansion on Nationalavenue, Rockford, as an episcopal residence, and into which he will move next month.

The handsome $200,000 St. Peter Church at Mansfield, Ohio, was dedicated by Bishop Farrelly of Cleveland, on Sunday, the 16th inst.

At Fort Worth, Texas, Capt James H. Polk, nephew of the Confederate Gen. Leonidas Polk, who led the Confederate Armies at Shiloh, has been received into the Church.

A $200,000 Catholic high school building is to be erected in Chicago on Byron street.

Jacob Franciscus, of Belle Plains, Minn., is in his 102d year. Five of his daughters became nuns, three of whom are living.

An Episcopalian publication says: "The heroic devotion of Catholic priests under arms, fighting as fearless soldiers one hour and the next celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, or ministering to the dying, is one of the brightest pages of the dark record of the battlefields."

Foreign

The Belgian College of Our Lady of Peace has suffered, so far, no interruption because of the war.

In Australia a new diocese has been created under the name of Wagga Wagga.

A measure is now pending in Uruguay for the separation of Church and State.

Vestments presented to the Cathedral of Waterford about the year 1200, by Pope Innocent II, were recently exhibited in Ireland.

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CHARITY FUND GETS $75,333 IN EIGHT DAYS

Five hundred workers celebrated the end of their eight-day drive for $50,000 in the [Daily]. Powers tea room Monday night but were not quite prepared to hear that they had obtained more than half as much again though the band had played patriotic airs and popular songs while the throng sang and waited for the climax of the remarkable effort on behalf of the Catholic Charities Aid Association. It was a surprise that choked Bishop Thomas F. Hickey with emotion and filled every one present with pardonable pride as well as devout gratitude.

Rev. Dr. William E. Cowen read the list of donors who had given from $5 to $100 and then a gifts of the parochial schools and institutions which gave a total of $1,147.14, mainly from the several offerings and solicitations of the children. No gift called forth louder or more emphatic applause than the last named.

The following are the returns made for schools and institutions:

St. Ann's Home	$46.55
St. Augustine's school	3.61
St. Bridget's school	44.10
Blessed Sacrament school	112.10
St. Boniface's school	60.00
Holy Apostles' school	100.00
Holy Family school	207.00
Holy Rosary school	4.15
Holy Redeemer school	52.50
St. Joseph's school	53.50
St. Michael's school	42.00
St. Monica's school	4.15
Our Lady of Victory	4.15
Sacred Heart school	4.15
Cathedral Grammar school	42.00
Catholic High school	115.00
Nazareth Academy	42.00
Nazareth Hall	42.00
St. Mary's Orphan asylum	17.50
St. Patrick's Orphan asylum	4.15
Sacred Heart Convent	42.00

The acting chairman J. Adam Kreag, made the announcements and introduced various speakers among whom were J. G. Bishop, Rev. Mathias J. Hargather, who spoke in behalf of the clergy, John I. Keenan, for the trustees of the association, Frank J. Howe, for the leaders and captains, Eugene J. Dwyer, for the speakers, and Rt. Rev. Nelson H. Baker, V. G., of Buffalo, who brought greetings from the Catholics of the neighboring city.

Mr. Dwyer spoke in part as follows: "The cause which you have been engaged in during the past week, is a noble one, and the organization conducting it, a splendid one. Who is there among us that is not willing to make sacrifices for our spiritual mother, the church? By our efforts for charity, we have become better Catholics and necessarily better American citizens. Conscious by night that our work has been well done, reverently we raise our minds to the Giver of all good gifts, and ask His benediction on our country and our city, whose non-Catholic citizenship has also responded so nobly to our appeal."

The last speaker was Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, under whose leadership, the work of Catholic Charities has been developed during the past several years.

"It was a bold thing," the bishop said, "for us to expect to raise the sum of $50,000 in a week's work, and it could only be done from a knowledge of the workers and of the traditions which have been set in this diocese of Rochester.

"I am deeply grateful and thank the citizens of Rochester in behalf of the church, in behalf of our institutions, for the orphans, for the poor, for the aged, and for the sick—all of which will be your beneficiaries. I thank those beyond our church who have made us stronger and more encouraged by their generous contributions towards the sacred cause of Catholic charities."

Order of the Alhambra

An open meeting of the Order of the Alhambra will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20th. Vaudeville stunts will be held and served.