

A Trustworthy Guide.

Count De Maistre, Catholic Statesman and Author,

A Reliable Informant on Vital Facts Concerning Russia

The problem of Russia, the international relations as well as the domestic issues, political, religious, social and economic, is one of the most perplexing questions occupying the minds of statesmen as well as the general public.

It is a singular fact that no one has until now called attention to a reliable and a Catholic source, from which a proper understanding of the Russia in the past can be gained as well as of the Russia of our own day.

Guided by his knowledge of conditions, by his experience as a statesman and a student and by his deep religious conviction, de Maistre determined that a religious and moral awakening of the masses must necessarily be brought about.

The conserving and protecting power of the clergy, he writes in the memoir, no longer existed in Russia. Religion could still exert some influence on the mind of the Russian people but "none on the heart, where all wishes, and likewise, all crimes, have their origin."

De Maistre says that he had once remarked in a playful manner, that the wish of a Russian, if it could be confined, could blow up a fortress, and adds that this remark is based on truth.

Surely the developments of the last few years have proven the soundness of De Maistre's judgment. In fact, the Catholic Encyclopedia accords a sort of prophetic vision to the Savoyan statesman and author.

Why should not our own age hasten to learn necessary lessons from such a master?

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Brief Biography of Bishop Gallagher of Detroit.

The new Bishop of the Diocese of Detroit, the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., succeeded to the See of Grand Rapids on December 26, 1915, after having been named coadjutor to the late Bishop of that See, the Rt. Rev. H. J. Richter, D. D., on July 5, 1915.

Bishop Gallagher was at the time of his elevation to the episcopacy chaplain of the St. John's Orphan Home, and was Vicar General of the Grands Rapids diocese.

Bishop Gallagher is Michigan born, his birthplace having been Auburn, Bay county. He is 52 years old. He attended Assumption College at Sandwich, Ont., and later Munger College, Limerick, Ireland, where he was graduated in 1889.

K. of C. Records Unusual Growth

Order Has Substantially Passed 400,000 Membership Mark—Over Ten Per Cent With Colors.

(By K. of C. News Service)

Figures submitted in the report of William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, to the Order's Supreme Convention at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on August 6-7, show that the total membership of the Knights of Columbus up to June 30, 1915, was 416,255.

One does not have to delve very far to find the reasons for this unusual growth. From its inception the Knights of Columbus has been one of the most vigorous of all fraternal societies, both from the points of internal growth and external action.

Everywhere Catholic men have been stirred to a pride in the achievements of this comparatively young Catholic Order, and that pride has led to an examination of its claims to their interest and support.

A notable feature of the increase in membership is that of insurance members. As an organization offering its membership the soundest fraternal protection, the Knights of Columbus has long been known, and its conservative and at the same time progressive administration has built up a confidence attested by the highest rating from State insurance commissioners.

Nineteen new Councils of the K. of C. were instituted during the twelve months ended June 30, 1915.

It is estimated that fully ten per cent of the membership of the Knights of Columbus are in U. S. service, to say nothing of the hundreds of Canadian Knights in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

The work of recruiting eligible men for the K. of C. overseas service is rapidly progressing. Recently a review of a large party of secretaries destined for service at the Front was held in New York City, the local press speaking highly of the calibre of the men as indicated by their smart appearance.

Perhaps there is no organization more representative of every section of the country than that conducting the great K. of C. war relief work. The secretaries and chaplains engaged in the work come from all parts of the Union, and from all walks of life.

Religion Declared The Great Bulwark

Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., Sounds Keynote at the Annual Convention.

San Francisco.—The fifth annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association of the United States, which has just ended its deliberations, was in many ways, the most important ever held by this organization.

The keynote of the convention was sounded by Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., the Archbishop of San Francisco, in his address to the delegates. The Archbishop said in part: "Religion will be the great bulwark of our ideal democracy, religion provides and has provided ever for the betterment of the masses and for increasing the measure of man's happiness here below, while it always avails itself of the chance to fashion minds and hearts to things which are everlasting."

What, then, is your message to the American Nation in these awful days of ruin and bloodshed? What word of strengthening of hope and of consolation do you send forth from the city of St. Francis? Watchmen, what of the night, and the answer rings clear: With banners unfurled you call us to battle, to battle for God, to battle for Christ, to battle for truth, to battle for justice, to battle that our fellows may be truly free, to battle for the highest national ideals that have ever been set before a people.

More efficacious than the crash of cannon and the clang of arms will be the Christian teacher at whose feet we can learn the answer to the questions that vex our age and the cause of the desolation which has come upon us; more efficacious than camp or drill will be the Christian School wherein the children of our great republic will learn that there is a God in Heaven to whose behests they must bow and before whose judgment-seat they must stand.

The Christian school wherein they will know the great moral sanctions of the law, which is written upon our hearts and which God has revealed in clearer way unto the children of men; wherein they will con the council of Christ, and from His lips take their rule of life; wherein they may find that man is God's image and of more worth than all earth's possessions; wherein they will learn the love of their kind, and that mercy must ever season justice.

Rt. Rev. Thomas S. Shanahan, D. D., of Washington was re-elected president-general of the association. Other officers elected were: Honorary president-general, His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore; first vice-president-general, Dr. Edward A. Pace of Washington, D. C.; second vice-president-general, Rt. Rev. James A. Burns of Washington, D. C.; third vice-president-general, Rev. Peter C. Yorke of San Francisco; secretary-general, Rev. Francis W. Howard of Columbus, O.; treasurer-general, Rev. Francis S. Moran, Cleveland.

Foreign Mission News

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A GOOD CHOICE.

Rev. Father Allard, P. F. M., who looks after the Chinese who have migrated to India, says of one of the pupils in his school: "A pagan boy, about thirteen years old, has been for a long time worrying his family to allow him to become a Catholic. At last his parents said they had no objection whatever, as it was for him to see whether it was the right thing to do. Now that boy, instead of remaining home during the holidays, has asked and obtained permission to come back and live at the mission. He is here now, and I see him often in company with another boy [orphan and pagan] studying catechism instead of playing. Truly, schools are the great hope of the future, and give us great consolation; the harvest in the seed."

THE WORST FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

In the wilting heat of mid-summer days it is gratifying to our imaginations, at least, to think about Northern missions buried in their icy mantles.

Amid the drifts of the Canadian Northwest is a cluster of missions in charge of the Oblate Fathers, whose labors have been crowned with great success. The history of the wanderings of the early missionaries with their Indian tribes reads like a romance, and the flourishing centers of Catholicity of today are an evidence of their unflagging zeal and untiring devotion.

One of the oldest missionaries is a Father Desmarais, who writes from Athabasca Landing: "The winter is nearly over, and no one is sorry. We have had the severest stretch of weather that I ever experienced in my thirty-five years. I am still alive in spite of the cold and blizzards. Every other week I went on missions through wind and snow with the temperature from 40 to 60 degrees below zero."

"Many times on my way out or back I cried to God to come and help me. Sometimes, owing to the drifts, I could not see the road. During Lent I could not, as was my custom, visit the remote families, because of the snow-covered paths. I was able to arrange for 160 families to make their Easter duty, which was a great consolation for them and for me. I am holding my strength as well as I could expect, though my old frame is beginning to rattle."

ST. JOSEPH IS NEVER INVOKED IN VAIN.

The devotion of the boys of the Dighia Mission, Chotanagpur, whom their zealous missionary, Father A. Lakra, S. J., has taught to invoke St. Joseph on behalf of their badly-wanted new schools, have had a striking answer to their three-years' steady invocations, and at last Dighia Mission possesses a mission school which has delighted even that exacting and critical personage, H. M. Inspector himself, who qualifies the Dighia school as "well housed, well equipped and well staffed." Needless to say, devotion to St. Joseph will not, after this signal proof of his intercession, flag at Dighia Mission!

The veins that run through the vast, unlimited gold fields of our Catholic Missions are Love of God, of our Neighbor and Love of Ourselves. Work now, dig while you have the opportunity; do not idle away your precious time while others are succeeding in securing their eternal welfare! Your own happiness, the happiness of thousands and the greater honor and glory of God are inviting you to take a lively interest in the Missions. Heed the call! Refuse not the invitation! Let this be your motto: "With Hearts and Hands for Pagan Lands!"

The Catholic population of the Archdiocese of New York, is given at 1,325,000.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow.

An impressive Women's Day demonstration was held at Clonmel, County Carlow. Benediction was given by Rev. J. Mooney, P. P.

Died—June 20, at Dublin, Thomas Byrne, formerly National school teacher and postmaster at Clonmel. June 20, at Bloomfield House, Merrion, John J. Murphy, Funeral at Tullow.

Mitchelstown A. O. H. division have presented Rev. F. Flannery, C. C., with a massive loving-cup and a case of silver on his transfer to Midleton.

The Most Rev. Dr. Cohanal presided at the obsequies of the Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, P. P., V. E., in St. Patrick's Church, Bandon, and there were upwards of 160 priests present. The funeral took place to the adjoining cemetery, and was the largest seen in the town for half a century. All the shops were closed, and all the people joined in the last tribute to their devoted pastor.

In Cork there is a standing committee, headed by the Lord Mayor and the Catholic and Protestant Bishops, which has established a fund for the widows and orphans of men whose lives have been lost in the sinking of half a dozen of the fine Cork boats—the Bandon, Lismore, Ardmore, Kenmare, Inniscarra and Innishfallen.

Rev. Fabian Madden, C. P., who died at St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, at the age of 62, was a native of Dublin.

Miss Elizabeth Darcy, 44 Pembroke Road, left £9,088. She left £50 each to the Sisters of Mercy at Tuam, Newry, and Oughterard, and the Sisters of Charity at Sandymount.

The Challenge Shield for all-round proficiency in Irish in the Intermediate Schools, has been adjudged to the Dominican College, Eccles Street. The shield for National Schools has been awarded to St. Patrick's Drumcondra and St. Kevin's Blackpitts, is mentioned for particular excellence.

P. J. O'Neill presided at Dublin County Council when P. C. Cowan, who had been asked to value Kilmahinham Courthouse and site, sent in a report quoting £2,400. It was mentioned that Rev. W. Magill, P. P., wanted the premises for a school.

Died—June 18, at Tritonville road, Sandymount, Elizabeth, widow of late John Cullen, contractor, June 20, at Dublin, Rev. E. M. O'Callaghan, C. C.; St. Paul Arran Quay. June 18, at Church street, Skerries, Mrs. Mary White, interment at Holmpatrick.

Patrick Curran, a native of Cahirciveen, employed as a telegraphist at Valentia, has been drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

Ballylanders collected for the Defence Fund £237 4s. 6d. and Granagh, £176.

Married—June 10, at St. Andrew's, Westland row, by the Rev. P. Butler, C. C., assisted by the Rev. William Landers, C. C., Joseph Aloysius, son of Mrs. Nestor and the late Augustine Nestor, 28 O'Connell street, Limerick, to Florence, eldest daughter of Austin Kane, Wicklow street, Dublin.

To the National Defence Fund, Tullough contributed £267 17s.

James P. Caulfield, supervisor C. D. Board, was crushed between wagons at Claremorris, portion of a tree falling on him through the snapping of a windlass chain while forest timber was being unloaded.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Charles Wynn Power, Barrister-at-Law, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wynn Power, 23 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, and Minnie, only daughter of Joseph F. Quirke, solicitor, and Mrs. Quirke, Cregg Cottage, Carrick-on-Suir.