

Knights of Columbus Victory Convention

Meeting in New York August 6-7 characterized by enthusiasm throughout—Addresses by Three Bishops—Campaign for Millions to be Launched.

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With an extremely warm welcome from the city of New York, the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus was held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6 and 7—Wednesday, August 7, being the hottest day in the recorded meteorological history of the great cosmopolis. Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the United States and the Island possessions, from Canada, Cuba and Mexico attended, making the gathering thoroughly representative, not only of American Catholicity but of America's public opinion.

His Eminence Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, who was to have presided at the solemn High Mass held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, was unable, through illness, to do so. But he sent a cordial letter of welcome to the Convention and of Godspeed for the Order's work. Rev. Bernard J. O'Reilly, chaplain of the New York State Council, sang the Mass—the celebrated St. Patrick's Cathedral Easter Mass—and Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral, delivered the address of welcome.

Bishop Russell Gave Sermon

Bishop Russell of Charleston, a member of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic War Council delivered the Convention sermon, discoursing eloquently on the duties of true knighthood at the present hour.

"Yours is a holy vocation," said the Bishop, "as holy as that which prompted the knightly orders of old to take up the cause of Christ."

Thus the keynote of the convention—greater service for God and country—was struck at the convention Mass.

Promptly on the seating of the delegates in the large convention hall the business of the convention was begun, after the invocation of God's blessing by the Supreme Chaplain.

Bishop Patrick J. Hayes, Bishop in Ordinary of the American Military and Naval Forces, was escorted into the convention, where, in the name of His Eminence Cardinal Farley and the people of the New York Archdiocese, he presented the Order with a check for \$3,000,000, the Knights of Columbus portion of the huge sum raised in the great Catholic war drive held in New York City and other points in the Archdiocese in the early Spring of this year.

Bishop Hayes Presents \$3,000,000 Check

Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty accepted the check in behalf of the Order, acknowledging, in a short and comprehensive speech, the Order's indebtedness to those who had so generously supported its work, and consecrating the largess to the fullest measure of benefit for the boys at the camps and at the front.

The delegates, as was to be expected, received the reports of the Supreme officers and of Chairman Mulligan of the Committee on War Activities, with the utmost enthusiasm, and most cordial was the applause which attended the Supreme Knight in the course of his address. When the Supreme Knight declared that, if need be, the Order would supply thousands of buildings and secretaries and hundreds of volunteer chaplains, the hall rang with a rallying endorsement from the delegates.

The Supreme Secretary's report, in conjunction with the reports of the Supreme Advocate and the Supreme Physician demonstrated to the Convention that the Order's affairs were in a flourishing condition, especially with regard to the great increase in membership, and Chairman Mulligan's report of the status of affairs under the administration of the Committee on War Activities was a source of profound satisfaction.

Gift From the D. of I.

An interesting sequence to the gift from New York Archdiocese, presented to the Supreme Knight by Bishop Hayes, was the presentation by Mrs. Genevieve Walsh, Supreme Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, and a special committee of that organization, of a check for \$18,000, an instalment of the fund the D. of I. are raising for the Knights of Columbus War Fund.

Bishops Muldoon and Russell, representing the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic War Council, addressed the convention, giving an exposition of the arrangement according to which the next great drive for funds under the auspices of the National Catholic War Council will be conducted. Their addresses constituted one of the cardinal features of the convention and the delegates heard them with the utmost interest.

One announcement of the utmost importance, made by Chairman Mulligan during the course of the convention, was that stating the position of the Knights of Columbus as willing to participate in the mooted joint drive for all Governmentally authorized organizations engaged in war relief work.

"Joe" Scott Stirrs Convention

When Brother Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles, fresh from the battle-front in France, where—and also in the English training camps—he had been making a special survey for the Committee on War Activities—appeared before the convention, great expectancy was aroused in his address. And this was well satisfied, for Bro. Scott delivered a characteristically virile account of what he had seen at the front, of the splendid esprit de corps existing between the American and Allied troops. He reported that the great need was for relief work for our men in the fighting zone. "For God's sake, for humanity's sake, for our soldiers' sake, for our beloved Order's sake," he declared, "speed up our war relief work, and then speed it up even more!" Bro. Scott dwelt upon his survey of the situation in Great Britain, and while he found plenty of opportunity for service there for the Order, he expressed that the most urgent need of assistance was for the men at the front.

As Bro. Scott had thrilled the delegates with his address on that evening of the first day of the convention, so other distinguished speakers held their closest interest, and aroused them to high enthusiasm on the second day.

Foreign Mission News

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EVEN PAGANS LIKE TO ASSIST AT CHURCH PROCESSIONS.

Perhaps nothing emphasizes the progress of Christianity in China, and the great liberty the Church now enjoys there than the freedom with which public religious processions are held.

Rev. Joseph M. Gerrenton, O. F. M., says that in the district of Pingtu, Shantung, the feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated with great splendor in his mission. There were two repositories for the Blessed Sacrament and a long procession. Not only do Christians assist, but pagans come for miles around to see the sight. They bring their children, arrive the day before and camp out patiently until the hour of the ceremony arrives. Indeed, these occasions are getting to be regarded as events to be looked forward to and the attitude of all is reverent.

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THE BEST WAY OF REMEMBERING THE DEAD.

More and more Catholics, we are glad to notice, are beginning to realize the folly of covering the poor lifeless remains of their dear ones with expensive floral offerings. These are being replaced by Spiritual Bouquets, Prayers, Communion, Masses, and how grateful the Poor Souls in Purgatory must be for these beautiful, fragrant blossoms!

The poor missionaries, too, are benefited by the Mass stipends, especially in these war times when it means such a struggle to keep the various mission works going.

Therefore, we beg our Promoters, especially, and all our other friends to use their influence when they hear of collections being taken up for flowers for the dead to have this money converted into Mass stipends, thus affording the greatest possible relief to the departed soul and at the same time enabling the missionary, who receives the stipends, to carry on our Lord's work—the saving of souls.

SOUTH KAFFA.

This Prefecture Apostolic, erected in 1913, upon territory detached from the Vicariate of Gallas, was confided to the Turin Missionaries. But up to the present time they were not able to take possession of it. A letter received from the Prefect Apostolic states that the obstacles have now been removed.

"The Ethiopian Government has accorded us permission to begin our work in Kaffa. The long and serious difficulties were, no doubt, smoothed away by the intervention of Divine Providence. My priests are now on their way to till this new soil, and I trust it may bear abundant fruit."

Many a prayer for those sitting in the darkness of paganism is wafted up to the thrones of mercy from the hearts of little Catholic boys and girls the world over who daily receive the Holy Eucharist, says The Christian Family. Who can say how many times the Immaculate Lamb of God is offered up from their innocent hearts for the pagans and for those working among them, the missionary Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, who labor in the distant harvest fields of the Lord? Such zeal for the spread of our holy Faith, such love for their little pagan brothers and sisters, shows that the spirit of Jesus Christ is working in their souls.

Many of our missions are in charge of Prefects Apostolic. According to the new Code of Canon Law, these Prefects Apostolic are raised to the dignity of Prototonaries and enjoy the titles and honors attached to the position. They wear the purple and are called by the title of Monsignor.

In the Gold Coast, Africa, are only 13 priests; more are needed.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow.

Died—June 20, at Bloomfield House, Marrion, John G. Murphy, funeral from Holy Rosary Church, Tullow.

Deep sorrow has been caused by the death of Canon O'Callaghan, P. P., Charleville, brother of the late Rev. T. M. O'Callaghan, who took a very active part in politics over fifteen years ago, and also brother of Cors O'Callaghan, Co. C., Millstreet. He had been administrator at Fermoy before being made parish priest of Charleville.

Cork Corporation has conferred the freedom of the city on Very Rev. Father Thomas, O. S. F. C.

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Miss Eily C. Campbell, fifth daughter of J. H. Campbell, J. P., Town Clerk, Queenstown, has received the white veil at Loretta Abbey, Rathfarnham.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Sheehan, of Elkton, U. S., who has died, was born at Bantry in 1855, and went to America 38 years ago. He was a brother of the late Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan.

Mrs. G. B. Horgan, wife of a well known Cork solicitor, has been awarded by the King of the Belgians the Medaille de la Reine Elizabeth for services rendered to Belgian refugees.

The ceremony of consecrating the Irish Vigilance Association to the Sacred Heart was performed at 39 North Great George street by Rev. Berthold Melleady, O. D. C.

At the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity, Gloucester street, the profession has taken place of Sister Mary of St. Dominic, daughter of the late Michael Galvin, Carysfort avenue, Blackrock.

The parishioners of Glenbeigh passed a resolution regretting the departure from their parish of Rev. J. Lynch, C. C., and congratulating the people of Brooma, to which parish he is transferred. J. G. Evans, Co. C., presided.

The following were successful in a concursus at St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney: J. Buckley, Kingwilliamstown; N. Browne, Molahiffe; D. M. O'Sullivan, Tuosist; A. Molyneux, Listowel, and J. Brosnan, Abbeydorney.

Married—June 24, at St. Michael's Church, Limerick, by the Rev. Father O'Carroll, C. C., Thomas G. O'Reilly, second youngest son of the late Thomas O'Reilly, second youngest son of the late Thomas O'Reilly, Richmond street, to Mary E., daughter of the late Louis Sommerfeld, Derryhaven, Kenagh.

In South Mayo the new register shows 20,000 names, an increase of 150 p. c. on the old register.

Very Rev. Canon Keveney and P. Higgins, J. P., have been re-elected chairman and vice chairman of Mayo Asylum Committee.

Rev. James McGrath, son of the late Thomas McGrath, Carrigatoher, Nenagh, was ordained at Kenrick Seminary.

County Tipperary electorate has been increased from 30,000 to 65,000.

Died—June 20, at Barnagore, Nenagh, Harora, widow of the late Michael Ryan, funeral from Killeen to Killina, June 24, at Templemore, Anthony Maher, aged 73.

In the St. John of God Convent, Wexford, Most Rev. Dr. Codd professed Miss Ellen Condren (in religion Sister Mary Celine), daughter of E. Condren, Currans-town, Arklow.

The Right Honorable Frederick Wrench has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Wicklow.

Died—June 26, at Grace Dieu Villa, Waterford, Pat. Heneberry.

National Conference Of Catholic Charities.

Preparations for the holding of the fifth biennial meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at the Catholic University, Washington, September 15 to 18, are approaching completion. All of those in attendance at the Conference will live on the University grounds at a cost not to exceed \$2.25 per day. Those who expect to attend the Conference are urged to send their names and make reservations at the earliest possible date. This is asked in order that adequate preparations for the comfort and convenience of those in attendance may be made in advance of the meeting.

At all of the General and Special meetings of the Conference the bearing of war conditions on relief problems will be discussed. It is hoped thereby to bring to expression the new policies that are appearing in Catholic relief work in view of the extraordinary conditions created by the war. Since, however, distinctive Catholic effort in war work has assumed vast proportions, arrangements have been made with the National Catholic War Council to devote some sessions of the Conference to addresses by representatives of the Council on aims and organization in Catholic War Work. In this manner all who are present at the Conference will gain an insight into Catholic War Work as a whole, in addition to the advantage of discussing relief problems.

Indications point to a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Conference. Interest in relief problems has been stimulated as never before by war conditions. The problem of maintaining membership, enthusiasm and activity in Catholic relief organizations in face of the extraordinary demands made by the war has engaged the attention of leaders throughout the country. The approaching sessions of the National Conference take on, as a result, unaccustomed importance. Reservations for one hundred delegates have been made already although the meeting of the Conference will not occur until September 15.

The Superior Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States will hold sessions during the days of the Conference. Two General Meetings of all of the members of the Society present will be held also. There will be three meetings of the newly created national Committee of Diocesan Directors of Charity. The Committee on Women's Activities which was formed at the 1916 meeting of the Conference will hold two sessions as is the custom with all of the Committees of the Conference. All Catholics who are interested in relief work of any kind may attend the sessions of the Conference and take active part in its deliberations.

The tentative program of the Conference has been distributed widely throughout the country. The definite program will not be published until the time of the meeting.

Inquiries concerning membership in the Conference, reservations for room and board, and details of the sessions may be directed to the Secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

The Pro-Cathedral of Winona, Minn., rejoices in the complete lifting of the debt that impended over it.

Dr. Egan, late Minister to Denmark, says that after eleven years' absence from our country, he notices, on his return, enormous changes and one of the most marked is the growing spirit of reverence for higher things.

Mr. George L. Duval, of New York, contributed \$50,000 for the founding of the "chair of the Immaculate Conception" in the Catholic University of America.

St. Joseph's House of Industry, in Baltimore, has a thrift garden with monetary prospects.

Interesting Notes Of Catholic Affairs.

The Bishop of Covington laid the corner stone for a splendid mother-house of the Sisters of Divine Providence, at Melbourne, Ky. The cost of the edifice will be about \$250,000.

At the low estimate of \$20 per pupil, the parochial schools of the Church in the United States save about \$32,000,000.

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Chicago, have been bequeathed \$241,000.

Bishop Muldoon informed the directory meeting of the Knights of Columbus that the Archbishops of this country "stand right behind the Knights in all their war work."

Bishop Lawler, of Lead, S. Dak., has been Bishop of that See two years. So loved and esteemed is he that people of all creeds recently assembled in the Cathedral auditorium, together with the civil authorities, to do him honor.

Naval Chaplain William A. Maguire, who at the outbreak of the war was in American College, Louvain, student, has been recommended for congressional commendation. He is from Montclair, N. J.

Japan has honored Father Mark J. McNeal, S. J., a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, and through him our country, by appointing him to the chair of English literature in the Imperial University of Tokyo.

In Denver, the St. Rosa Home of the Franciscan Sisters, which is a home for working girls, to which also non-Catholics are admitted, is to have a large new annex, fully equipped with all modern conveniences. The old St. Rosa Home, now about nine years in existence, has become too small for the now 150 girls.

Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, has 300 representatives in the war.

Ninety-three per cent of the French Jesuits have been cited for bravery at the front.

The Beda College in Rome is for the training of English converts from Protestantism for the priesthood.

The Franciscan Sisters are a blessing in China. There they conduct workrooms, teaching young girls embroidery, which art the Chinese are passionately fond of. They have also more than a thousand babies in their care in Sianfu and Shensi.

In the Pro-Cathedral of Dublin, at the close of the Irish Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, 4,000 received Holy Communion.

In connection with the Vatican Missing Soldiers' Bureau, His Holiness the Pope receives, it is said, a total of 2,000 letters a day.

Christianity is increasing in the Sunda Islands in the Dutch East Indies.

In Tananarive, Africa, Catholic missionaries have been laboring for more than fifty years.

The King of England decorated the Jesuit Father Henry Day for recent services.

A magnificent Catholic land is Spain. It has nine Archdioceses or provinces. That of Burgos has 1,220 parishes. The Archdiocese of Santiago is of Apostolic origin and date. It has 738 parishes and the Apostolic Shrine of St. James at Compostela. The Archdiocese of Granada has 182 parishes; Seville has 279 parishes; Valencia has 313 parishes; Toledo, 442 parishes; Valladolid, 93 parishes.