

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Catholic Events in 1918.

Jan. 12—According to a Vatican official the Pope, although "horrified at the constant widening of the sea of blood," welcomed America's entrance into the war as likely in the end to result in a more democratic peace agreement.

Jan. 16—United States government launched war against profanity at training camps.—A. O. H. publish army prayer and song book. Jan. 10—Rt. Rev. John S. Foley, bishop of Detroit, buried.—Bishop McDevitt, Harrisburg, Pa., gives handsome residence by the clergy. Jan. 24—Secretary of War Baker rescinded his order prohibiting erection of K. of C. huts at regular army posts. K. of C. had appealed to Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who interceded for them.

Jan. 28—Ed R. Stettinius, St. Louis, a Catholic, appointed director of war purchases.

Feb.—Rt. Rev. John Mark Gannon, D. D., consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Erie and titular bishop of Niopolis, in St. Peter's cathedral. Bishop Hoban officiated; Aux. Bishop McCort, of Philadelphia and Bishop McDevitt, of Harrisburg, assisted. Msgr. Shahan of Washington preached the sermon.

Baltimore Catholic Review protests at church closing order of fuel administration.—Cardinal Gibbons urges that school pupils support Red Cross.—K. of C. stage big Washington birthday celebrations all over country.—J. J. Egan bequeaths \$150,000 to Baltimore Catholic institutions.—J. L. Sullivan, a noted prize fighter, died a Catholic.—Archbishop Prendergast, Philadelphia, died February 26.—The new code of canon law directs parents give children names of Saints in Baptism.

March—Archbishop Prendergast buried on March 5th. Bishop Gannon represented Erie diocese; Bishop Canevin of Pittsburgh, preached funeral sermon.—John E. Redmond, Irish leader in British Parliament, died March 6th.—David Goldstein, convert, starts cross country talks from autovan on March 3d on Catholic Church.—Father Markert, S. V. D., Techny, Ill., publishes letter complaining that British government has wrecked African missions by interning priests.—Eight dioceses celebrate golden jubilee in March, they are Wilmington, Del.; Scranton, Pa.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Green Bay, Wis.; La Crosse, Wis.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Rochester, N.Y., and Columbus, O.—World's Catholic population estimated at 301,960,485 by official directory, Kennedy & Sons, N. Y.—Catholic Historical Society publishes record showing that United States was represented at the court of the Pope under seven different presidents from 1848 to 1867.—Pope Benedict in Easter message to the United States, through Associated Press, says in part: "Peace be unto you. Never has the world for which He sacrificed Himself needed to poignantly that message of peace as today."—Bishop Russell of Charleston, explains he cannot assist in Y. W. C. A. campaign because it calls itself Christian and yet does not recognize Catholics as being Christians.—New York city's Catholic war fund nets four million dollars.—Up to March 23 the German Catholic Central Society had distributed over 133,600 booklets for soldiers.—At the end of March the first contingent of K. of C. secretaries and voluntary chaplains reached France.—Archbishop Weber, general of the order of the Resurrectionist Fathers of the United States and Canada, died March 24th, near Chicago.—K. of C. of San Francisco gave to David Goldstein, a made-to-order Cadillac autovan to replace his Ford.

April—Msgr. Drumgoole issued complete statement setting forth object of the National Catholic War Council and its scope of work and method of organization.

May—The Catholic Register of Denver and the Catholic Register of Kansas City both exonerated George Creel of Senator Watson's charges on bigotry.—McAdoo holds train while calling on Archbishop Mundelein at Chicago.—New Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana Canonically erected third week of May.—Major Gen. J. W. McAndrews, Catholic, appointed chief of staff of American E. F. in France.—Pope succeeds in efforts for exchange of prisoners between France and Germany.—Rev. T. J. Walsh, Buffalo, appointed Bishop of Trenton.—St. Mary's College conducted by Christian Brothers, Oakland, California, destroyed by fire. Loss \$500,000.—Archbishop elect Dougherty makes farewell sermon at Buffalo, May 19th.

June—Frank Shuman, Tacony, Pa., converted to church on death-bed; was noted inventor.—McCrimack's concert for orphans in New York nets \$36,000.—Census shows that 47 per cent of the 27th (New York) Division is Catholic—13,071.—Diocese of San Juan, Porto Rico, celebrated 405th anniversary; the oldest in New World.—In last 384 years the church has canonized 86 saints and beatified 330. Of these 117 were Franciscans, 90 Jesuits, 59 Dominicans, 19 Augustinians.—Number of pupils in U. S. Catholic Parochial schools is now 1,593,407 which at low average of \$20 per pupil means annual saving to country of \$32,000,000.—Pope read Peace Mass at midnight June 23th.—Archbishop Keane dies in Dubuque, Ia., June 22, aged 79.

July—Four Sisters of Charity honored by the president of China for services rendered, says the Catholic Bulletin, Peking, China.—Fifteen hundred volunteers responded to the call for K. of C. war workers at front.—Catholic Federation of the U. S. A. starts crusade against vile movies and burlesque shows.—Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, Prefect of Sacred Heart Congregation of Rites and former Papal Delegate to U. S. died at Rome.—Pope succeeds in effecting exchange of prisoners between England and Germany.—Chas. M. Schwab, Catholic, appointed in charge of all U. S. shipbuilding.—Bishop Cusack, 58, died July 12 at Albany.—Cardinal Gibbons celebrated 84th anniversary July 23. July 20th six new Bishops named for U. S.: M. J. Gallagher, Detroit; T. J. Brady, Baker City; C. Byrne, Galveston; A. Drossaerts, San

Antonio; J. Jeanmard, Lafayette; T. J. Nicholas, Duluth.—K. of P. refused ex-nun Anna Lowry their hall. She sued but lost, July 11.

August—A. O. H. directors' meeting at Atlantic City express hope President Wilson will ask justice for Ireland.—St. Joseph church, New Lexington, O., celebrates 100th anniversary.—Vatican issues "White Book" showing efforts in war relief.—Catholic Order of Foresters meet in Duluth and vote \$2,500 to support Catholic newspapers.—K. of C. protests against separate drive for funds. Y. M. C. A. wanted our drive first. Protest sent to War Secretary Baker.—Bishop Hayes, Ordinary of U. S. chaplains, reports five hundred priests in service and that about one-third of the boys in army and navy are Catholic.—Aux. Bishop Lowney, Providence, R.I., died Aug. 21.—Joyce Kilmer, noted Catholic poet, age 31, dies on "Battlefield."—Very Rev. J. F. Hanselman appointed General of Jesuit Order in U.S.A.

September—Cardinal John M. Farley, New York, 76, died Sept. 17.—Bishop Aldering, Fort Wayne, celebrated fiftieth anniversary.—Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis, died at age of 84 years.—Rt. Rev. J. Chartrand becomes Bishop of Indianapolis. Four American priests go to China as missionaries.—Bishop Currier formerly of Matanzas, Cuba, died Sept. 23 near Baltimore.—Cardinal Farley buried Sept. 20; whole world represented in paying last respects.—Rev. B. P. O'Reilly, S. M., appointed provincial of Brothers of Mary, in charge of 40 schools and colleges. Archbishop John Ireland, St. Paul, died Sept. 23, being 80 years old.

October—Archbishop Ireland, buried Oct. 2; more than 75,000 people attend.—Rev. Father Barr, Zanesville, O., caused arrest of an alleged army officer, Wm. G. Gately, alias W. F. Powers, found to be swindler.—Columbus Day, Oct. 12, designated by president Wilson as Liberty Day.—Lizzie McCrosson, Philadelphia, helpless invalid for 50 years, died Sept. 14. For many years the Bread of Life was her only, but daily nourishment. Many believed her a saint and sought her prayers.—Apostolic delegate presents pallium on Archbishop Shaw and consecrates Bishop Jeanmard and Drossaerts at New Orleans, Oct. 28.—Delegates from six countries attend golden jubilee as Bishop, of Cardinal Gibbons. Pope expressed faith in President Wilson after latter had made known his fourteen points for a world peace treaty.—Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore, Msgr. Thomas, Washington, Archbishop Moeller, Archbishop Shaw, and many others either protested or criticized the drastic church closing edicts during the flu epidemic.—Marshal Foch asks the prayers of children for victory and peace.

November—Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State invites Cardinals throughout the world to attend religious ceremonies in Rome on the day peace was signed. Cardinal O'Connell pleads for freedom for Emerald Isle.—Bishop Keatings of England, pleads for Ireland while visiting at New York, Washington and Chicago.—Pope approves use of French language in church and school in Canada in addition to English.—Clarence Brown, Toledo, non-Catholic, bequeaths \$120,000 to Catholic institutions.—St. Alphonsus Society of St. Joseph's parish, celebrate golden jubilee Nov. 28th.—Bronze tablets with full text of 10 commandments put in court house, Pitts-

burgh, paid for by Catholics, Protestants and Jews.—Thos. Feigh, Chicago, bequeathed \$100,000 for a church dedicated to St. Thomas.

Al Smith, Catholic, elected governor of New York.—Catholic church property loss in Porto Rico by earthquake is \$1,000,000.—Catholic Press Association sent letter, asking appointment of Catholic Press Sunday, to all bishops.—Father Edw. Heinlein, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who had been hastily fined and banished from town was completely exonerated by higher court.—Paul Keith bequeaths residue of \$5,000,000 estate to Cardinal O'Connell.—K. of C. open employment bureaux everywhere, to aid returned soldiers.—Bishop Gallagher, Detroit, enthroned by Archbishop Moeller.—Archbishop Hanna and all his clergy petition President Wilson to champion freedom for Ireland.—Bishop Keating of England, touring U. S. A. pleads and predicts freedom for Ireland.

Dec.—Rt. Rev. Thos. Walsh raised to priesthood 19 young men in new St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y.—Pope Benedict asks world wide prayer for Peace parley.—Twenty-five thousand Irish-Americans of the city of New York adopt resolutions asking that the Irish be included in the list of self-determining peoples.—Cardinal Gibbons decorated by King Victor Emanuel as a Grand Knight of the Order of the Cross of Italy.—Bishop Peter J. Muldoon of the Archdiocese of Chicago is reported to have been appointed Archbishop of St. Paul, to succeed the late Archbishop Ireland.

As a result of seeing the consolation given to Catholic soldiers by receiving the last Sacraments fifty Protestant soldiers were converted on their death beds by Rev. Arthur F. Florack, a United States Army Chaplain at a New Jersey camp during the recent epidemic of influenza. Father Florack was assistant at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, before he volunteered for army service.—December eighth was a date of exceptional significance to Catholic Boston. In the first place it was the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady who is Patroness of the United States. Again it was the birthday of His Eminence, the Cardinal. Lastly it was dedication day for the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

THE RELEGATED NEGRO.

Problem of the Black, Ostracised Among his Own Countrymen. Special Duty of Catholics. In spite of the fact that we have, some fifty-odd years ago, liberated the Negro from slavery, we can not claim that we have solved the Negro problem. If any one dared to assert that we done so, contradiction would come from thousands of Whites and from hundreds of thousands of Negroes. Nor can we, in the face of our national efforts in behalf of the democratization of other nations, truthfully assert that we have successfully bestowed the blessings of democracy on the colored men and women of our own country. In view of these facts, additional weight must be added to a letter written by Helen B. Pendleton of Newark, N. J., and addressed to the Public, "A Journal of Democracy," of New York. The writer, "a Southern woman born and educated in Virginia," takes exception to certain statements made by a Mr. Bolton Smith and a Mr. James Weldon Johnson in

the "Public" regarding the American Negro in war-time. Taking up one of the statements made by Mr. Smith, the lady writes: "It is surprising to find that any thoughtful Southerner should take seriously the charge that has occasionally found voice in the newspapers, that German propaganda is responsible for unrest among the Negroes! If, here and there, such attempts have been made with some apparent success, it is of small moment in comparison with the deep feeling of unrest, the despair and resentment which have slowly seeped into the souls of great masses of colored folk. The war with Germany has nothing to do with it. The Civil War has a good deal, and it is as old as that and older."

Miss (or Mrs.) Pendleton thus properly designates the beginning and some of the phases of the question, she continues: "Everywhere he goes, the Negro is confronted with the fact that he belongs to the most unprivileged people in our country." She says it is not surprising that an occasional soap-box orator should make statements derogatory to the Negro; "what is more surprising, she writes, "is the fact that more white people are not willing to get really acquainted with the human being whose skin happens to be black, and see that the Negro's failings are human failings, shared by all weak and ignorant people alike, and that given education and opportunity he has a distinct contribution to make to this greatest of all experiments in Democracy, that we call America."

The writer deploras bitterly the absence of understanding of the Negro character among the white people. "It is my experience, alas! she continues, "that white people as a rule everywhere in our country do not believe in the Negro's capacity for education and progress. Fortunately, however, there is a large and growing group of people who do." Social workers, Miss Pendleton remarks with a show of optimism, "are rapidly multiplying, and it is their business to see that all sorts and conditions of people get acquainted with another. The present Secretary of War is a social worker and even the President of the United States comes dangerously near being one. It is through their kind of propaganda that the difficult and complex justice which we are aiming at now in the world will come.—And it must and will come to the Negro."

It would be difficult indeed, if not impossible, to controvert the statements of the correspondent of the Public. Essentially her contentions are irrefutable. Now, American Catholics have all the more reason to deplore this condition, because they should long ago have felt themselves impelled by charity to neutralize the causes which have led up to this condition. Moreover, had we, as Catholics, taken a proper amount of interest in the Negro in the past, his spiritual, his religious standing would now be vastly superior to what it is. It behooves us to face the Negro problem soon and seriously, not only by the support of the Negro missions but also by earnest efforts in behalf of our colored brethren in our own cities. The reproof expressed by Helen Pendleton is general, it is directed against Americans generally; but conscientious Catholics will read out of it a serious reproach for their particular indifference.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow

Married—At the Church of the Holy Family, Dublin, by the Rev. P. Flanagan, C. C., Francis, son of the late Robert Henderson, Dublin, to Josephine, daughter of the late John Brennan, Ballyharmon, Carlow.

Bagenalstown Hospital is filled with sufferers from the epidemic. The local doctor is laid up. Schools and business houses are closed, all the assistants being stricken. People were panic-stricken to owing to want of medical assistance and telegrams were despatched to Dublin for doctors.

Died—At Dublin, Thomas Featherston, late of Ballon.

Cork

Very Rev. Canon Lee, P. P., Newcastle W., has received an illuminated address and a gold and jeweled chalice from his late parishioners in Abbeyfeale.

The deaths have taken place of Rev. Thomas Power, P. P., Clahmore, of D. O'Leary, P. L. G., Cork, and of Mrs. Coughlan, Postmistress, Castlesconell, Yeobral Guardians and U. D. C. passed votes of sympathy with J. E. Farrell on the death of his wife, and with N. O'Callaghan, B. E., on the death of his brother, Fermoy Guardians and R. D. C. adjourned their meeting as a mark of respect to the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Kellerher.

Dublin

Sister Philomena, of the Epiphany, Little Sisters of the Poor, has died at St. Patrick's House, Kilmainham.

Kerry

Canon Timothy J. King, of the Diocese of Kerry, who was recently appointed Canon to Westminster Cathedral, was presented with a purse of £150 towards the purchase of Canonical robes. Dr. Jerome J. Reidy, a Newcastle-West man, who is Mayor of Poplar, made the presentation, and J. McVeagh, M. A., paid a high tribute to the recipient as priest and patriot.

Sligo

The sudden death of Rev. D. J. O'Grady, P. P., Bunninadden, has caused widespread grief throughout Achonry Diocese, where he was beloved by all. At a special meeting of the Bunninadden, U. I. L., a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of deceased.

Tipperary

Munster Agricultural Society passed a vote of sympathy with C. Ryan, Tipperary, on the death of his son, Lieut. C. Ryan.

Married—At the Church of the Sacred Heart, Templemore, Edward, only son of James McGrath Loughmore, to Katy, daughter of the late Daniel Meagher, George's street, Templemore.

Waterford

Rev. Father Fitzgerald, Adm., Waterford, has been appointed P. P. Ballyduff Upper, in room of the late N. Foley.

Died—At the Franciscan Convent, Waterford; Brother Bernard Widger, O. F. M.

Wicklow

Died—At Cadogan road, Fairview, Ambrose Atkinson, October 29 at Knocksink, Enniskerry, Christopher, son of the late Joseph Doyle, October 29; at Wicklow, Rev. Brother John Kearney, Interment at Rathnew. Also Brother Paulinus Shields. Both died of the influenza epidemic. The former was Superior of the De la Salle schools. At Train Terrace, Dublin, Michael, son of Thomas Whelan, Kilnacurragh.

Wexford

The death has occurred of E. G. Byrne, assistant clerk of New Ross Union.

C. B. of the C. V.