

THE NEED OF RELIGIOUS TRAINING:

Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, On Important Phase of Education.

REMARKS CONCERNING BRITISH CONDITIONS HAVE BEARING ON AMERICAN SITUATION.

With the cause of public education in the foreground of discussion in many quarters, and with the future of our Catholic schools involved in the present controversy, an address recently delivered by Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, at Liverpool, gains special significance.

A few weeks ago he was opening a recreation hut at a camp in the North of England. A distinguished general asked him, "What has been the effect of the war on the religious disposition of the nation?" He (the Cardinal) replied that, as far as he could understand from the reports made to him by chaplains, there had been a real awakening of religious feeling, and many men had returned to the practice of religion who had given it up.

Religion in the Schools. Other examples of this lack of definite principle were to be seen in the limitation of the birth-rate, divorce, and the attack (as in London recently) on the inviolability of human life. On all those points there was a definite Christian tradition enforcing the voice of conscience and the Ten Commandments, and that tradition went contrary to what had been publicly advocated by important and no doubt conscientious persons according to their own lights.

Equal Privileges and Fair Play. He frankly admitted that it was impossible to get unity of feeling in this matter. The disruption of the sixteenth century would not have become so deep, so terrible, and, apparently, so irremediable were it not for the terrible German influence that intervened at that period.

This summary of the Cardinal's remarks emphasizes two points: the need of early religious training and the desirability of fair play and an agreeable understanding in the entire school question.

own schools and thus bear a double burden, should not be expected to make still greater sacrifices, such as the Smith and Towner bills would demand of them. And with Catholics, all citizens should be spared the burdens which these bills would impose on them.

Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven, N. Y.

CLIFF HAVEN, N. Y., JULY 10th. The feature of the week closing July 10 at Cliff Haven was the number and variety of its activities. Friday, July the Fourth, was marked by the closing lecture of the Rev. Charles H. Bruehl, D.D., of Overbrook Seminary, on Spiritism, by the final conference of the delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Federation of College Catholic Clubs, and by suitable patriotic exercises in the evening.

The morning lectures were given by the Rev. Robert Cairns, of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society, the Very Rev. John J. Donlan, Ph. D., the President of the Summer School, and the Rev. James H. Driscoll, D.D., D.C.L., V.F., pastor of St. John's Church, Plattsburg, N. Y.

At the closing meeting of the Federation of College Catholic Clubs, the delegates were addressed by Abbe Ernest Dimnet, of the College Stanislas, the Catholic University of Paris.

Another distinguished priest who addressed the delegates was the Rev. Thomas Langtry O'Neill, C.S.P., Chaplain of the University of California. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Prof. A. I. duPont Coleman, of the College or the City of New York; Vice President, Miss Margaret E. Moriarty of Simmons College; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Marie Bernholz of Barnard College; Editor of the Newnan Quarterly, the official bulletin of the Federation, John J. McCarthy of the University of Pennsylvania; and Chaplain General, Rev. John W. Keogh of the University of Pennsylvania.

The last Mass on Sunday was celebrated by the Rev. J. T. Daley of Toledo. The preacher was the Rev. Charles H. Bruehl, D.D., of Overbrook Seminary. Dr. Bruehl chose for his text the words of St. Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord, again I say to you rejoice", and pointed out that though we often take a sombre view of religion we should rather serve in joy and confidence.

Half An Hour With Pope Benedict XV.

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I stepped into the study of His Holiness the Pope, as any humble son of the Church might—a little nervous, but a mighty lot curious, with a great deal of reverence to balance the two. Archbishop Cerretti, the Pope's secretary, introduced Edward L. Hearn of New Rochelle, Overseas Commissioner for the Knights of Columbus, and myself, while Monsignor Tiberghien had the two of us under his wing.

My first impression was of a keen, alert personality. There is about Benedict XV some facial quality that gives immediate notice of the sheer brain-power of the man. He has deep set, snappy black eyes, which look at you intently and then move swiftly to read another face in the group.

The Pope spoke to us in French, rapidly at times, yet it was easy to follow him.

He surprised me with his knowledge of the names of men prominent in New York and other American cities. First of all he spoke of Archbishop Hayes, with what interest he had followed the career of New York's Archbishop, from the time when he was a parish priest up until the day when the Pope himself decided to appoint him to the most important Archdiocese in the new world.

His Holiness, I found, was most impressed with the future of America. He shared the astonishment of other keen students of times at the war effort this country had made, and he reported that he had heard nothing but words of praise for the American fighting man.

"I have met many of your young fighting men," said the Pope. "The Knights of Columbus secretaries bring them here for audience. They always impress me with their fine, vigorous youth."

His Holiness then went over certain documents I handed him giving detailed statistics concerning the war work of the Knights of Columbus. His keen eyes scanned each page, and as he read figures under various divisions he ejaculated "Bene!" and made running comments which showed that this was not the first time he had studied our undertaking.

It was when I had left Rome—when I met Monsignor Cerretti in Paris that he informed me that the Pope had designated me a Knight of St. Gregory and that Archbishop Hayes would bestow the Symbols of Knighthood upon me when I returned.

Special Convention Call

The Supreme President of the C. R. & B.A., has issued a call for a special convention of the Supreme Council of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association, to be held on Tuesday, August 12, 1919, at nine o'clock a. m., at The Hotel Rochester, in City of Rochester and State of New York, for the purpose of readjusting the rates of insurance charged upon our Beneficiary Certificates, and considering the advisability of having our Association, as a whole, enrolled with the National Service Life Society of Rochester, New York, and adopting such amendments to our Constitution as to legally carry into effect our enrollment with the said National Service Society of Rochester, New York, or to consider the advisability of being enrolled with any other Association or Company, or to have our Beneficiary Certificates underwritten by any other Association or Company legally permitted to enroll our membership or underwrite our Beneficiary Certificates, and to adopt such amendments to our Constitution or formulate such provisions for our Constitution as may be necessary to carry into effect our said enrollment or re-insurance.

Eight Young Women Received Into Order of Mercy

Eight young women were received into the Order of Mercy at impressive services in St. Mary's Church last Saturday morning at which Bishop Thomas F. Hickey presided. They were Magdeline Hogan of Charlotte, known in religion as Sister Mary Ruth; Margaret Leavy of Corning, as Sister Mary Robert; Anna Redmond of Rochester, as Sister Mary Cecelia; Teresa Lynch of Rochester, as Sister Mary Irma; Isabelle Schiltzer, Rochester, as Sister Mary Norbert; Louise Salerno, Clyde, as Sister Mary Dominick; Mary Konz of Naples, as Sister Mary Frederick; Virginia Coleman of Hornell, as Sister Mary Immaculate.

Assisting Bishop Hickey were Rev. Simon Fitzsimons, rector of St. Mary's Church, and Rev. J. E. Guilfoyle, assistant rector. Among the priests in the sanctuary were Rev. John Sellinger, who returned last week from France, and Rev. John Crowley of Auburn, who has been chaplain at Camp Dix and other army encampments.

Bishop Hickey addressed the aspirants on the sacredness of the step they were taking and the necessity for high faith and perfect submission.

Rev. John Sellinger Returns From France.

Rev. John Sellinger, formerly assistant pastor in Ithaca, has returned to his home, 11 Montrose St., after one year and five days service in France as chaplain attached to the First Division. Father Sellinger sailed from Hoboken June 22, 1918. Early in July he was assigned to this regular army division and served with it through all the heavy fighting until the armistice, after which he went into Germany and carried on his work in the leave area around Trier.

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Late News of Ireland

Cork. On the second anniversary of the death of the Venerable Archdeacon Hutch, Midleton, a requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Canon O'Connor, P. P., V. F. A. Celtic cross memorial has now been erected and completed over the grave.

The Queenstown U. D. Council, on the motion of the chairman, S. Moynihan, J. P., seconded by Mr. Hennessy, have unanimously passed a resolution congratulating the Most Rev. Dr. Browne on the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood, and paying a warm tribute to his lordship's many good works.

Cork plotters decided to ask the L. G. Board for fixity of tenure, as the scheme in the city had worked advantageously. Dublin.

John P. Fegan, aged 2 years and 8 months, who lived with his parents at Richmond Road, was stated, at an inquest held by Dr. Louis Byrne to have been trying to retrieve a ball from the Tolly when he fell in and was drowned. His 10 year old sister entered the water, but was unable to rescue him, and had to be pulled out herself. The coroner and jury expressed sympathy with the parents.

Tipperary. M. J. Geoghegan, manager, Leverage and Fry's Ltd., Galway, was presented with a volume of notes on his departure to fill up a position in Cadbury's, Ltd., Bourville.

E. O'Neill, Superintendent, Clonmel G. P. O., has resigned after 43 years' service. The interment took place at the Convent of Mercy, Nenagh, of Sister M. Alphonsus, daughter of M. Bourke, Aughey, Clonmel, and niece of Very Rev. Canon Bourke, P. P., V. G., Clonmel. There was a large attendance of clergy.

John O'Meara, D. C., Lorrha, Co. Tipperary, has died. He was the oldest member of the Tipperary Board of Guardians, and his death is regretted.

Catholic Short Notes

It is probable that the oldest Missal or Mass-book in the United States is the vellum quarto manuscript of the Morgan library, known as the "Dunsmuir Missal," in Latin but in Gaelic characters, Celtic form, 308 pages, and published prior to the 15th century.

When Cardinal Mercier arrives in this country, next October, he will be the guest of the Knights of Columbus.

It is stated that the records of the United States Consulate in Paris show that more than 100,000 of our soldiers have married French women.

By the will of the late Thomas O'Neill, of Baltimore, \$50,000 was devised the associated benefactors of Loyola Jesuit College, Maryland.

Near Calvary, about 110 feet is the Holy Sepulchre. It is a chapel 28x17 1/2 feet. The structure itself is 6 feet wide by 6 1/2 feet long. The stone on which the body of our Lord was laid is nearly six feet in length.

The first Polish Diet, opened at Warsaw, December 1845, was held in the Cathedral. The Archbishop of Warsaw officiated, presided by five bishops. Other and civic ceremonies followed.