

Catholic Lay Activities.

Tasks For Catholic Laymen.

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Continued from last week.

Opportunities For Our Schools.

Education has not escaped the all pervading influence of the war. Even while the struggle was still in progress our colleges had introduced the S. A. T. C. with a view of preparing men for more efficient service in the army. Now the cry is heard to put our schools more in touch with the demands of modern life and to train students more thoroughly for work in the vast world of trade and finance, and commerce and industry.

An educated Catholic laity is the need of the hour. For teachers and students these times are exceptionally rich in promise. The teaching profession needs apostles. It avails nothing to say that we cannot compete with others, that we cannot keep up the pace set by other institutions. We have hung back too long. Our schools are confronted with the duty of preparing men for leadership. We must make headway or our chances for doing fine work for God, for promoting the cause of Christ, of truth, of Christian culture and progress, will be taken away from us.

Work for our College Graduates

Sometimes our Catholic people, especially the directors of societies and those occupying a position of trust, seek for the College man. For a particularly vicious piece of anti-Catholic bigotry appears in the local press, or a wandering preacher or lecturer unfolds his ancient repertoire of lectures against the "Corruptions of Rome" or the "horrors of the Confessional." But no one, it seems, cares to answer the blatant orator or the coarse screed. And yet a timely refutation would do a world of good. It would calm troubled minds, bring the truth to those in darkness, and, perhaps, even teach the bigot or renegade a timely lesson. The Catholic townspeople look around in vain for a champion. It is to be hoped that the larger place given to apologetic questions in our course of Christian Doctrine as well as the publication of recent books, like Fr. M. P. Hill's "The Catholic's Ready Answer" will enable our college men and editors to answer these disturbers of social peace and to refute their onslaughts upon Catholic faith and practice. And cannot our Catholic people see that works like the one just mentioned, as well as representative Catholic papers, be placed in our libraries?

Work for Catholic Women.

Sometimes our women are more energetic in such matters than the men. Have they a keener sense of justice or are they more alive to their opportunities for good? They have a new field of social activity open to them today. Our great spiritual leaders have been preaching this for many a day. Archbishop Faulhaber has spoken and written eloquently on the social apostolate of Catholic women in these times. He places before them models like Prisca and Tabitha, and Veronica and Lydia, who are mentioned in the New Testament. Prisca was a co-worker of St. Paul in his mission of making known the doctrine of Christ, and she is therefore a worthy patroness for those Catholic women who help in instructing children in the Christian Doc-

trine. Tabitha was "full of good works and almsdeeds." Veronica performed the kind service for the Master on His way to Golgotha. Lydia offered her house to the Apostle for the celebration of the Divine service. The "friendly visitor among the poor," the attendant upon the sick and the suffering, those who give time to the work of the altar-societies, find worthy models in these saintly women. And it is to such work that the "social apostolate" calls the Catholic woman of today. Margaret Fletcher and Virginia Crawford and Katherine Conway have given excellent advice to the Catholic woman and girl of our times and instructed them how to give service to the cause of Christ and of His Church by answering one of the manifold calls of the lay apostolate. Raising the General Standard of Living of our People.

A timely article appeared in "The National Weekly" for May 10th, 1919, on the troubles of "The Little White (Protestant) Church" and its struggle for existence in the present changed economic conditions of many of its adherents. The article intends to show that membership in these churches goes hand in hand with material prosperity. For we read (i. e. page 27): "Church membership in the country... is a badge of respectability, a distinction that goes with Sunday clothes and the ability to own a horse and drive it. It is not an honor designed for tenant farmers or hired men; at least the tenant farmers and hired men do not so consider it. In nineteen Ohio counties about 40 per cent of the farmers are tenants, but only about twenty per cent of the church membership is made up of them. The remainder consists of the settled, substantial members of the community who have earned the right to the good things of life, church membership included." Again, it was "discovered, that the more prosperous portion of the population is much the more likely to be in church. Arrange the families of a community in the order in which an income-tax collector arranges them, draw a line somewhere just above the middle of the list, and you'll have most of the church attendants above the line and a majority of the non-attendants below."

Now what is here stated to be true of the rural district and of non-Catholic churches, may to some extent be true also of our own people. We have, no doubt, all heard the excuse given by poor people, that they could not go to Mass on Sunday, "because they had no good clothes." What a fine incentive to help to elevate the economic standard of these people! Willing workers could, for instance, especially if these poor Catholics be immigrants and not yet fully adjusted to American conditions, try to obtain better employment for the father, or the older sons and daughters. Perhaps the mother is willing to do extra work if it be of a suitable kind. The children could be looked after and attempts made to find adequate housing facilities for the family. If better and more permanent results can be secured in such cases by co-operation with non-Catholic agencies, it would not always be unwise to do so. For as Virginia Crawford says in "Ideals of Charity": "More training for social work and a less parochial view of our obligations are what we need if we are to labour on terms of equality with our non-Catholic fellow-workers in these new fields of social endeavor." Much less would it be right

To be continued.

Catholic Short Notes

The New Orleans Ursulines, the oldest order in the country, has become affiliated with the order in Rome.

Several American Jesuits have gone to India to replace German Jesuits there.

The Dominican Order now owns the home of William Penn, of Pennsylvania.

In the late war, sixty-five American Chaplains are reported as having been killed and wounded.

It is computed that the Catholics of the United States contribute \$3,500,000 to domestic and foreign missions.

The Irish Historical Society of New York was bequeathed by the late Dr. Nagle a memorial building, a legacy of \$60,000, and his books relating to Ireland. The whole bequest is valued at \$250,000.

His Holiness the Pope has erected Langor into a Greek diocese. It is on the south coast of Italy. Population in Calabria and Sicily, 75,000.

Archbishop Harty of Cashel, Ireland, says: "The military domination of Ireland must cease at once, and the people of Ireland should be allowed to choose for themselves the government under which they are to live."

During the war 3,276 French ecclesiastics were killed.

Many thousand volumes of bound registers, taken to Paris by Napoleon and afterwards returned to the Vatican, are as yet uncatalogued and in unchronological order. All these are being arranged now.

The University of Bern has many foreign students.

The Church in the Philippine Islands needs rejuvenation. The islands are Catholics, but have no Catholic press, no Catholic schools, and an insufficient number of priests.

Lithuania is now represented at the Vatican.

The Church needs strengthening in Japan, where there are only 55 native Catholic priests to 1,570 native Protestant ministers. There we have 160 missionaries to 650 non-Catholic ones; our churches and chapels number 160, the non-Catholic 1,240.

The London Universe says: "If the British Catholic body will cultivate a sense for international Catholic interests rather than immerse itself in mere parochialism, it will find a high and fruitful mission open to it." These words may also be applied to the United States Catholic body.

On the solemn occasion of the canonization of Joan of Arc, there will most probably go to Rome great pilgrimages from France.

The pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Paris, went on foot to the Shrine of France at Orleans in fulfillment of a vow should France be victorious in the war.

Now approaching completion are the four great towers of the celebrated French shrine of Our Lady of Fourviers. These towers of the great Basilica typify the four cardinal virtues.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow

Carlow Guardians passed a vote of sympathy with Sister M. Baptist Kennedy on the death of her sister.

Cork

The death has occurred of Sister M. Scholastica Whelton of the Order of the Holy Family of Nazareth, aged 54. She was a native of Barryroe, Timoleague.

The death is announced of Mrs. W. Lane, widow of the late William Lane, Mount Vernon, Cork, aged 79.

Dublin

The death occurred at the Capuchin Friary, Church street, of Father Salvator (Cotrigan), O. S. F. C., in his 85th year. Father Salvator, a native of Dublin, entered the order in Italy at a time when no novitiate was allowed to be established in Ireland, and was ordained in Bologna in 1859. Returning to Ireland he labored until 1867 chiefly in Dublin and Cork, and the present graceful Gothic church in Church street is a lasting monument to his zeal.

Kerry

Rev. Eugene O'Sullivan, who recently died in San Francisco, was a son of Denis O'Sullivan, merchant, Lisleton, and brother of T. D. O'Sullivan, P. L. G., William street, Listowel. Father O'Sullivan was educated in Carlow College, where he was ordained.

Very Rev. J. Dalton, O. P., Tralee, has been transferred to Cork, and is replaced by Very Rev. Father Ayres, Cork.

Limerick

The profession took place at the Mercy Convent, Limerick, of Miss A. Sammon (Sister M. Emmanuel), daughter of the late Joseph Sammon, Macloon, Carrigrohric.

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The profession took place at the Convent of Mercy, Castletownbere, of Miss Mary B. Kearney (Sister M. Cecilia Joseph), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearney, Ballyhaunis, and cousin of Father Lyons, U. S. Mission, late of Carrick, Ballinlough.

The famous Shorthorn herd established at Coelcronan, Foxford, by the late Mrs. Perry Knox, Gore, were sold by public auction in Dublin and in spite of keen competition by English fanciers all the animals have been retained in Ireland. Prices ranged from 26 to 205 guineas, the average being 100 guineas per animal.

Tipperary

Married—At the Cathedral, Thurles, by the Right Rev. Innocent Ryan, Dean of Cashel, William, son of John O'Dwyer, Cahroe, Dundrum, to Bridget, daughter of the late John Fogarty, Tubberadora, Cashel.

Waterford

A committee has been formed in Four-Mile-Water, Waterford, to organize and present a testimonial to Father Power on his removal to Carrick-on-Suir.

Married—At the Church of the Holy Family, Dublin, by the Rev. P. Flanagan, C. C., Nathaniel A., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hand, Newton, Waterford, to Madeline M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Guarrini, Donrad terrace, Dublin.

Wexford

Rev. P. Parker, P. P., Cushentown, was presented by his former parishioners at Kilmysall with an illuminated address worded in Irish, of which he is a keen student. He is also an advocate of Esperanto.

Westmeath

Mrs. B. Benson, Coosan, Athlone, knocked down by a pony and trap in Athlone, died in the hospital.



The Second St. Patrick's Church, Dublin, Ireland.

THE CATHEDRAL CENTENNIAL

"Centenary Week" To Be Celebrated November 22-28

The members of St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Catholicity in these parts during next week. The Cathedral congregation is striving to make it various ways. One of these will consist in an offering of twenty-five thousand dollars of a total amounting to over fifty thousand. In order to do this Francis O'Hern, rector, says: "We must have the former parishioners and friends who, we feel, take a kindly interest in the Centennial Jubilee of the Catholic Church between Ulster and Cleveland. Our congregation is now comparatively small and we feel the burden of interest a heavy one. As these days through we are passing are epoch-making, especially in lifting the burden of nations, classes, and individuals, we not appeal confidently to your generous good hearts to us to lift our burden at this particular time of such moment? We know how much good will there be in the community at large just now and we know also of the sacrifices made by all classes of citizens because of their patriotism during the past five years. And now that the war is over and the reconstruction period at hand, our spirit will gladly be turned into the channel of religious welfare work, of which every community has a great need.

And so by helping us to lift our indebtedness, we are in a better position to carry on the important work of the religious life of this central section of the city which many possibilities along these lines. Once we are free of debt, or once it is lightened as much as possible, the which now go to pay the yearly interest can be turned towards making Cathedral Hall, with its many fine great Catholic social center where every need of a varied population may be looked after."

A tentative program for Cathedral "Centenary" is as follows: Monday evening, parish dinner; Cathedral 5 to 8 o'clock; Great Civic Gathering, Auditorium, 8 to 10 o'clock; Tuesday evening, Parish Dinner, report of workers; Home Night, 8 to 10 p. m. Wednesday morning, mass at 10 o'clock; evening, "Soldiers and Sailors Bazaar"—report of workers. Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—jubilee church services at 10 a. m., pontifical mass, and a sermon. Friday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, Mass for all the Faithful Departed of the parish; afternoon, children of the school, Cathedral Hall; evening, "School Night" 8 to 10 o'clock. Final Report of Workers.

Wednesday evening in the Cathedral, meeting of the jubilee workers for the Centenary, held with maximum attendance and unbounded enthusiasm as the returns were received by James G. Conroy, man. When the totals were computed it was found that \$3,678 had been subscribed during the past week, making a grand total of \$12,296.58 to date, against the goal of \$25,000 which the congregation has set.

The largest subscription reported was \$200. There were several \$100, the remainder being \$50. Following are the amounts: James P. B. Duffy, \$600; Frank N. Hanna, \$500; O'Sullivan, \$240; William V. Madden, \$200; O'Hern, \$200; Miss Alice Murphy, \$167; Mrs. J. J. Ward, \$137; Frederic C. Barry, \$125; Miss L. J. Miss Sarah Feeney, \$116; Miss May B. Benson, \$100; William Lusk, \$88; John E. Garrity, \$85; Daniel Barry, \$75; John Moore, \$55; John Rogan, \$40; Miss Edna, \$30; Moore, \$15; Patrick, Casey, \$10; etc.