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WHAT BUENOS AIRES IS DOING IN THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Results of "Grand Drive" for the Establishment of Numerous Agencies of Social Reform.

A WORKINGMEN'S UNIVERSITY ONE OF THE PROJECTS.

We sometimes look upon the South American Republics as lacking in the spirit of enterprise and initiative which distinguishes their sister Republic to the North. Some people imagine that the people of South America need a good deal of our vigor and "push" in order to come up to the standard of progressively democratic nations.

A little attention to some vast projects for social progress recently brought to a happy conclusion in the capital city of Argentina, will teach us how we may learn "up-to-date" methods from our Southern neighbors. This project was nothing less than the securing of a fund of \$10,000,000, for the general social welfare of the country.

Novelty of the Project.

The carrying out of such an undertaking on so vast a scale has never been attempted in our country. But in Argentina it was not only attempted, but brought to a happy conclusion. From a booklet which outlined directions for the teams conducting the "great drive", we learn that this unique enterprise was decreed by the Argentine Episcopate, organized by the Catholic Social Union of Argentina, and was at once highly recommended by the leaders of public opinion in the country. Participation in the work was not limited to Catholics but was open to "all men of good will."

Some of the Objects of the Undertaking.

The name under which this significant undertaking was launched, and by which it became known as the most "popular campaign" ever inaugurated by the people of the Republic, was "The Great National Collection for the Re-establishment and Promotion of Social Peace in Argentina." Some of the objects aimed at were the following:

1st. The securing of a larger measure of freedom for wage-earners, who are earnestly striving to improve their economic condition by peaceful and legitimate means. But they now wish to obtain this object without the interference of "agitators", who have heretofore taken the liberty to represent them, when such "representation" was opposed to the will and wish of the workers themselves.

2nd. The erection of a general office for social service, which should cooperate with, and make better known, the facilities of all existing centers of social service.

3rd. The establishment of a "Workingmen's University" for the spread of general culture and for the diffusion of knowledge on economic and technical subjects among the workers.

4th. The founding of cooperative rural savings banks, for advancing loans to farmers and for stopping the exploitation of small holders by usurers.

5th. A technical institute for women for instruction in economic and professional subjects suited to their ability.

6th. A Young People's Institute which, while enabling them to complete their education, would also provide needed social and cultural opportunities.

7th. The encouragement of existing agencies of similar purport, and the establishment of others according to need.

Some excellent comment is added concerning each of these objects, and their need is further explained. Thus, as regards the first purpose, it is observed that today the laboring man is frequently at the mercy of professional agitators, who turn labor unions into means of social, moral, economic and political disturbance. The worker's right to association in order to safeguard his interests is frequently denied, since he is often compelled to support by vote a political demagogue or advocate of the social revolution.

As regards the second—the establishment of a general office of social service—the promoters of the "Gran Collecta Nacional" say that it is not enough to do good in every way, but that it is necessary to find the most practical means to bring the service to those in need. Hence there will be a fine opportunity for an institution which will act as a center of information for all other agencies and will freely offer them data, statistics, and other items for the better prosecution of their work.

An Undertaking Supported by All the People.

It has already been stated that the "drive" for all these laudable purposes was advertised as a work of national interest and importance. In fact, the booklet of instructions for the "Collecta Nacional" contains a most powerful appeal to individuals of all classes of society to do all in their power to avert the impending social crisis. But this they can do only by subscribing to the extent of their ability to this "National Fund for Social Peace."

Prominent Part of the Clergy.

Though all without regard to creed or station were appealed to in this great work, the clergy and the Catholic people of Argentina, as might be expected, took the leading part. The "Union Popular Catolica Argentina" or "Catholic Social Union of Argentina" (modeled after the Volkverein of Catholic Germany) was foremost in promoting the work. For one of its principal objects, according to the first clause of its Constitution, is "to promote, organize and co-ordinate the Catholic forces of the Republic, under the direction of a National Council, for all moral, religious and social activities." The clergy alone contributed 170,000 pesos to the work.

How the Work Was Carried On.

The great drive was announced in all the theatres, and a weekly bulletin was published during the campaign, giving

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American Catholic Historical Association Formed at Cleveland.

An enthusiastic meeting of priests, Sisters and laypeople gathered Dec. 30, 1919, at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, for the purpose of founding an American Catholic Historical Association, upon the invitation of the Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., of the Catholic University. The Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas O'Reilly, D. D., opened the meeting with prayer, and addressed a few well-chosen words to the assembly. He emphasized the importance of the moment, the establishment of a Catholic organization with the purpose of fostering the study of the history of the grandest institution on earth, the Catholic Church, congratulating the city of Cleveland for being the place where this momentous act was to take place. He then introduced Dr. Guilday, after stating how many proofs of his ability this young professor had already given.

Dr. Guilday gave a lucid survey over the development of history during the past thirty or forty years. The year 1884 he said marked an epoch in the study and teaching of history in this country. In this year the American Historical Association was founded, which had brought on a much fairer treatment of all historical questions, those concerning the Church included. Its officers at any rate had never antagonized the recognition of the Catholic standpoint. In this year also was held the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore which among a thousand other important regulations enjoined upon the pastors to introduce the children into the knowledge of Church history.

About this time Leo XIII had opened the Vatican archives to the students of history, a fact which made possible the authentic representation of many subjects theretofore more or less shrouded in mystery. At that time also was founded the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia to promote the study of the local history of the Church in Eastern Pennsylvania. There are now other Catholic Historical societies under various names in St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago and New York, which are doing excellent work in their local spheres. But another one is needed, one that does not limit its endeavors to any state or part of state; but embraces the whole nation and the entire Catholic world and all questions in which the Catholic viewpoint is involved.

Next the chairman introduced Professor Jameson, a non-Catholic, one of the founders and past presidents of the American Historical Society, to whom Dr. Guilday had already alluded in terms of high esteem. Dr. Jameson stated that a Catholic organization was needed and its establishment would be welcomed with approbation by the older Society. Without the systematic cooperation of Catholics, he said, large fields of our national history would not receive the attention they deserve. He added that while the American Historical Society addresses itself naturally to the descendants of the Anglo-Saxons and German Lutherans, the Catholic Historical Association would be much more able to influence the countless descendants of the many other races that have sent their emigrants to our shores.

The election of officers resulted in the following: Lawrence Francis Flick, M. D., Philadelphia, President; Rev. Richard H. Tierney, S. J., New York, and Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., Washington, D. C., Vice-Presidents. Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, D. D., Cleveland, Treasurer; Rev. P. Guilday, Ph. D., Washington, Archivist; Carlton J. Hayes, New York, Secretary; Rev. Gilbert P. Jennings, Cleveland, is among the other members of the Executive Board.

After the election the Rev. Father Jennings rose and proposed that since the new American Catholic Association was now fully organized, the beginning might be made to fill its coffers, and he declared he would be the first to enter his name as a life member. Some twenty of those present followed his example. Thus auspiciously in every regard, the new Association was launched. Its management is in able hands. There is every reason to hope, that soon its fruits will appear in a wider interest for Catholic history in many quarters.

Constitution of the American Catholic Historical Association

1. The Name of this organization shall be The American Catholic Historical Association.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote study and research in the field of Catholic history.

3. Any person approved by the Executive Council may become a Member of this Association on payment of the annual dues of three dollars. On payment of fifty dollars, any person, with the approval of the Executive Council, may become a life member.

4. The officers of this Association shall be: a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Archivist. These officers shall be selected by ballot at the regular annual meeting of the Association.

5. There shall be constituted an Executive Council of eleven members, namely, the six officers mentioned in Section IV and five other members to be elected at the annual meeting.

6. The Executive Council shall have supreme management of all affairs and interests of the Association. It shall make arrangements for the annual meetings, and shall have power to regulate the publications of the Association. Five members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment has either been introduced at a previous meeting, or received the approval of the Executive Board.

CATHOLIC EDITORS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

Upon the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop William T. Russell, D. D., Secretary of the Administrative Committee, and Chairman of the Committee on Catholic Press and Literature of the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada will meet in Washington on January 23rd and 24th.

A "White Book" containing the correspondence which passed in 1917 between the Holy See and the British Government has been published in London.

The Catholic student enrollment of the Baltimore Archdiocese is about 30,000.

Late News of Ireland

CUNNAUGHT

Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin has made the following changes in Tuam archdiocese:—Rev. J. Tuffy, to be P. P., Knock; Rev. P. M'Loughlin, C. C., Dunmore, to P. P., Islandeady; Rev. A. O'Toole, C. C., Letterfrack, to C. C., Dunmore; Rev. W. Kelly, Glasgow, to C. C., Letterfrack; Rev. M. Hughes, to C. C., Milltown; Rev. P. Garvey, to C. C., Aughamore; Rev. J. Kilgariff, Aughamore, to C. C., Hollymount; Rev. J. Coyne, Hollymount, to C. C., Claremorris.

Rev. Father O'Rourke, C. C., Lower Drumreilly, has been elected by the Leitrim County Council, a member of the Ballinaloe Old Age Pensions Committee.

Mr. M. M. M'Grath has been elected chairman of the Carrick-on-Shannon Fairs and Markets Committee.

Rev. J. Moclair, C. C. Loughrea, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Loughrea Town Commissioners have adopted a resolution regretting the departure from Loughrea of Rev. T. Dunne, and congratulating him upon his promotion as P. P. of Kilsadnoo.

His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin, Archbishop of Tuam, has appointed Rev. Paul McLoughlin, C. C., Dunmore, County Galway, to be parish Priest of Islandeady in succession to Rev. J. J. Tuffy, P. P., appointed P. P. of Knock.

Over 600 laborers, factory hands and shop porters have been on strike in Ballina to enforce a 48-hour week and half-holiday.

LEINSTER

A memorial to Rev. H. O'Callaghan, P. P., has been decided on by Carlow-Graigu parishioners.

The Golden Jubilee of Rev. Mother Victoria was celebrated at the Loreto Convent, Wexford. Most Rev. Dr. Codd celebrating Pontifical Mass. The jubilarian was presented an illuminated address by the people, who gave an entertainment in the evening.

Cathal Brugha, F. D. E., is Bolton Street (Dublin) Technical Schools on "Irish Affairs," said that the sooner Irish people recognized that Ireland was a separate economic unit the better. On any occasion on which they banded together good results followed; the language movement and conscription were instances. Had the Irish people been so united at present, would the English Government have imposed such restrictions on export of Irish cattle as they had done?

Most Rev. Dr. Hoare officiated at the Mercy Convent, Longford, at the profession of Miss M. Creed (Sister Mary Joseph), daughter of the late Mr. Joseph P. Creed, 2 Brandon Terrace, Dublin.

MUNSTER

Most Rev. Dr. Hallinan paid a glowing tribute to the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Limerick, which had for a Fuel Fund Society distributed \$1,439 worth of coal among 1,153 families.

The Sydney Catholic Press records the death of James Moylan, farmer, Loen, a native of County Clare, who arrived in Australia 70 years ago, and was one of the pioneer Catholics of the Maitland district.

ULSTER

The Presentation Brothers have been granted permission by the Letterkenny Urban Council to plant sixteen memorial trees on Sentry Hill.

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Miss M. E. Taaffe, for 47 years matron of Monaghan County Asylum, has died.

\$250,000 Worth Secured by Knights For War Veterans

Approximately 150,000 soldiers, sailors and marines placed in jobs throughout the country during the war, and the nationwide employment of men which the Knights of Columbus established after the demobilization of E. F. and home veterans. The work of the Knights is carried on in all the States where the Knights have employment hubs and jobs for the men.

The lowest amount of the situation paid was \$100 with a high average of \$200. A number of jobs secured a recapitulation of \$100,000. All sorts of activities were introduced by the Knights to find jobs for the men involved in the employment of the Knights. The Knights talk with the employers and the workers to find a way to get the men back to work. The Knights are now working in the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan.

First Woman

William J. ... Knight of ... New York ... the work of ... established ... and civilians ... the opening of ... C. ... at the rate of ... Mr. McGinley ... summer ... three or four ... operation. Total ... now 100,000.

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